

Tour Itinerary

Day 01 Zurich / Geneva - Gstaad

Arrive at Zurich/Geneva Airport. Come out from airport and take train from Train station located opposite to both Airports

Arrive Gstaad, Walk or Transfer on own to Hotel

You can travel by taxi as well - Appx time Taken by taxi - 2hrs

Check/in at hotel & Relax

Overnight at hotel in Gstaad

Day 02 Hot Air Ballooning (Gstaad)

7 am Pick up from the hotel for a scenic Hot Air Ballooning flight. The participant will receive a Diploma & a Certificate with a glass of Champagne.

10 am Return to hotel, breakfast in hotel. Time to relax.

12:56 pm Dep Gstaad by train – Arv Montbovon 1:30 pm OR

1:37 pm Dep Gstaad by train – Arv Montbovon 2:20 pm

Walk to Church 5 min (This church was used in DDLJ's famous scene with SRK & Kajol)
Return from Montbovon at 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm by train

Day free at leisure to relax in Hotel .

5:30 pm Pick up from the hotel for a Horse Carriage ride. Drive 30 min to Sannen. There shall be a 30 min Champagne break and then return to Gstaad 30 min. Ends at 12:30 pm app.

Walk on the Gstaad promenade

Explore Gstaad promenade or return to hotel.

Overnight at Hotel in Gstaad.

Day 03 Gstaad – Glacier 3000

Breakfast at hotel

11:15 am Dep Gstaad by Bus using swiss Pass – Arv 11:48 am Col Du Pillon

Exchange voucher for Glacier 3000 cable car tickets, and continue by cable car to 10,000 ft above sea level. You will have enough time to enjoy on snow, Husky Dog Sledge included. Lunch on own.

3:45 pm Decent by cable car
4:16 pm Dep Col Du Pillon – arv Gstaad

Overnight at Hotel in Gstaad

Day 04 Gstaad - Interlaken

Breakfast in hotel

Transfer or walk on own to Gstaad Train Station to take train to Interlaken – Appx Travel Time – 2 hrs

You can travel by taxi as well - Appx time taken by taxi - 2.5 hrs - 3hrs

Dep Gstaad by train – Arv Zweisimmen.
Dep Zweisimmen – Arv Interlaken Ost

Arrive Interlaken. Walk or Transfer on own to Hotel in Interlaken

Check/in & Relax at Hotel. Day is free at Leisure

Overnight at hotel in Interlaken

Day 05 Interlaken – Jungfrau - Interlaken

08:00 Breakfast at hotel

Walk to Interlaken station. **Use Swiss Pass**

Excursion to Jungfrauoch Top Of Europe at 11,333 ft by train.

Show Swiss Card at Jungfrauoch counter in the railway station & take the original tickets (After every 1 hr you can find the below connections. It's your choice you can take any train).

09:57 hrs Take train from Interlaken; Arv Lauterbrunnen 10:25 hrs– change train
10:37 hrs Take train from Lauterbrunnrn; Arv Kline Schidegg 11:20 hrs – change Train
11:30 hrs Take train from Kline Schidegg; arrive Jungfrau 12:22 hrs

Enjoy Jungfrauoch Top of Europe, with Ice Palace.

Return as and when you like.

15:45 hrs Depart from Jungfrau; Arrv Kliene Scheidegg at 16:30 hrs
16:47 hrs Depart Kliene Scheidegg; Arrv Lauterbrunnen 17:45 hrs – change train
17:50 hrs Depart Lauterbrunnrn; Arrive Interlaken at 18:15 hrs

Overnight stay at Hotel in Interlaken

Day 06 Interlaken – Adventure Activity

Breakfast at Hotel

Experience the most exciting 30 mins. flight of your life time. Take a Paragliding flight with professional pilot from Jungfrau down to heart of Interlaken. 20 Mins. duration depends on wind condition.

Adventure Activities to be enjoyed (Summer) – **Paragliding (2hrs); Canyoning (4hrs) River Rafting (4hrs); Hand Gliding with transfer (2hrs)**

Adventure Activities to be enjoyed (Winter) – **Sledding (Day-3hrs) (Night- 4hrs) Grindelwald indoor Rope Park (3 hrs)**

Back to hotel on own (Except tours with transfers mentioned)

Overnight at Hotel in Interlaken

Day 07 Interlaken - Luzern

Breakfast at hotel.

Check/out from hotel.

10.30 hrs Travel to Luzern by Train. Travel Time – 2hrs

Taxi which will take appx 2 hrs 15 mins – 21 hrs 30 hrs

Check/in at Hotel in Luzern

Day is free at leisure. You can roam around Luzern city. Have Lunch at one of the restaurant. You can have lunch at any Indian Restaurant.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Luzern

Day 08 Luzern – Mt. Titlis

Breakfast at hotel

Walk to Luzern Train Station **Use Swiss Pass**

Train Dep from Luzern at 10:06 hrs

Arv Engelberg 10:53 hrs, 10 min walk to Mt. Titlis cable car station.

Optional: Since, Cable car station is appx 800 mtrs from Engelberg Train station, you can enjoy Horse Carriage Ride with Champagne. In this 1 hrs tour, you will be picked up from Engleberg Train Station by Horse Carriage with 'Welcome Champagne' visit to the cheese factory and shop delicious Swiss Cheese (stay for 30 mins). After this you will be drop at Cable car station from where you can continue for Mt. Titlis

Show the Swiss card at the ticket counter & take the original excursion ticket
Travel by next cable car to Mt. Titlis

Enjoy Titlis – Ice Palace & Ice Flyer etc. Various snow activities available, some at extra charge. You may also take a ride in TROTTI BIKE while descending to Engelberg

Come back to Luzern as when you like

In the evening visit world largest watch store “**BUCHERER**”
Overnight hotel stay in Luzern

Day 09 Luzern - Zurich Depart

Breakfast at hotel
Check/out from Hotel
Take Taxi from Luzern to Geneva /Zurich Airport

Garden Route

Duration: 11 Days **Route:** Cape Town to Johannesburg **Style:** Overland Tours



Lesotho, South Africa

The scenic stretch of the coastline, the Garden Route, is a truly beautiful area. During this thrilling expedition there is time to discover the dramatic landscapes, waterfalls and indigenous forests of the Tsitsikamma wilderness area of the Garden Route National Park, then delve into the underground wonderland of the Cango Caves, enjoy a safari at Addo Elephant National Park before travelling through the mountainous Kingdom of Lesotho and the Drakensberg mountains.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 to 1 - Arrive Cape Town

The first day of your tour is simply an arrival day with no pre-organised activities. In order to allow time to relax and see some of the sights you may wish to add pre tour accommodation. On arrival please ask at the reception for information on when the pre departure meeting will be held.

Cape Town is the second-most populous city in South Africa and the so-called 'mother city' of the 'rainbow nation'. Situated on the south western tip of Africa and set between the Atlantic Ocean and the iconic Table Mountain, Cape Town is recognised as one of the most beautiful cities on Earth.

There are several amazing sightseeing opportunities to enjoy in Cape Town. You can tackle a trek up Table Mountain or take the cable car to the top for spectacular views of the city. If you have a good head for heights

you can enjoy the scenery looking over Camps Bay then rather than taking the cable car, abseil 112 metres down again, but obviously this option is not one for the faint hearted!

The V&A (Victoria & Albert) Waterfront is the very epitome of African chic and offers a unique shopping and entertainment environment where you can soak up the cosmopolitan vibe of the city. There are around 400 stores with everything from designer fashion to contemporary African handcrafts plus about 80 bars and restaurants. Be sure to sample some of South Africa's famous wines with dinner and sit back with a hot cup of rooibos herbal tea afterwards.

A must-see during your stay in Cape Town is Robben Island where former South African President and Nobel Laureate Nelson Mandela was incarcerated among other political prisoners. Once a blight on the nation's history, the island is now seen as a national symbol of triumph over adversity and has been recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

Just 60 kilometres away from the centre of Cape Town you can visit Cape Point, which is part of the Table Mountain National Park. The peninsula is a largely unspoilt wilderness and home to several species of antelope, including the eland, as well as many beautiful plants species. There are two lighthouses on Cape Point which can be reached by a funicular known affectionately as the Flying Dutchman.

Day 2 to 5 - Oudtshoorn – Tsitsikamma – Addo Elephant National Park – Hogsback

Enjoy the views as we hit the road and head out along the Garden Route to Oudtshoorn, known as the ostrich capital of South Africa, where you will have the opportunity to visit one of the area's many ostrich farms. We will also have time to discover the spectacular limestone formations of the famous Cango Caves. Also known as Klein Karoo, the caves are a network of tunnels and chambers under a limestone ridge in the foothills of the Swartberg Mountains. Inside the Cango Caves you will find the finest dripstone caverns, with vast halls decorated by magnificent stalactites hanging from the ceiling and columns of stalagmites growing from the floor. In the evening you can try the local ostrich cooked on the 'braai', otherwise known as a barbeque.

Tsitsikamma National Park, located within the Garden Route National Park, is situated on the hilltop overlooking the point where the Storms River and Indian Ocean meet in a turbulent crashing of surf. The park encompasses a marine reserve made up of 80 kilometres of coastline, including scenic walks, a small beach and the famous Storms River suspension bridge which spans the river mouth. The park is known for its abundance of indigenous plants, ancient yellowwood trees and magnificent fynbos plants, as well as prolific birdlife. Keep an eye out for dolphins in the surf and the southern right whale that may be seen migrating along the coastline. You can stretch your legs on a short hike to a viewpoint or a nearby waterfall, so remember to take your swimming suit on a hot day. On the way to the park you will have the chance to have a go at the highest bridge bungee jump in the world – if you dare!

Addo Elephant National Park is an elephant reserve situated close to Port Elizabeth in South Africa and features some of the most beautiful dunes on the country's coastline. The original elephant section of the park was designated in 1931, when only eleven elephants remained in the area. Today this finely tuned ecosystem is sanctuary to over 450 elephants, Cape buffalo, endangered black rhino, a variety of antelope species, Burchell's zebra and warthog. Reptiles include lizards, chameleons, geckos, skinks, tortoise and snakes and there are also plenty of frogs and toads. Keep your eyes peeled for the unique flightless dung beetle which is found almost exclusively in Addo and has right of way on the roads, as you will see on signs within the park. Depending on our travel times we should get the chance to do an afternoon and an early morning game drive before heading on.

Located in the Eastern Cape, Hogsback is often, and mistakenly, said to be the inspiration for JRR Tolkien's Mirkwood Forest in *The Lord of the Rings*. The village of Hogsback sits on the slopes of the Amatole Mountains above the Tyume Valley in a region dominated by three peaks, one of which is suggested to resemble a hog's back from a certain angle. We have an afternoon here to explore the surrounding forest where there is a rich variety of birdlife to see, such as Cape parrots, lourie and eagles. You may also hear the chattering of

samango monkeys in the canopy overhead. Several rivers flow out of the mountains and create small but spectacular waterfalls such as Madonna and Child, Swallowtail and Kettlespout.

Day 6 to 10 - Lesotho – Drakensberg – Johannesburg

Entering the kingdom of Lesotho, we make our way through this mountainous country to Malealea, situated in a remote part of Western Lesotho that is breathtaking in its beauty. This is a chance to experience the traditional Basotho way of life in the 'Kingdom in the Sky', the only country in the world to be entirely 1,000 metres above sea level. No visit to Lesotho would be complete without a pony trek and from our base at the lodge in Malealea there are ample opportunities to explore the landscape on the back of a sturdy pony. There is also the option to walk to get to know the rolling valleys and mountain trails on foot. During your stay you'll no doubt come to understand the resilience and friendliness of the Basotho people and enjoy the tranquillity of their lands.

Although rare, it can snow in these parts and during the winter months it is always cold so please remember to pack your winter best if you're travelling during this season.

It is a long drive today and we will pass through some spectacular mountain scenery. Leaving the lodge we drive through small farm holdings and towns with dramatic peaks in the background. Making our way back into South Africa and into the province of FreeState we drive through the stunning Golden Gate National Park, with its orange and yellow sandstone cliffs and grasses, and the chance to spot eland, zebra and wildebeest. The Drakensberg Park of South Africa, or uKhahlamba (the Barrier of Spears), is a 200 kilometre long mountainous wonderland and World Heritage site. The mountains also form a barrier separating KwaZulu-Natal province and Lesotho. We will have two nights camping in this picturesque landscape with the famous Amphitheatre in the distance on our way to Johannesburg. During a free day in Drakensberg you can explore the area on foot or on rented mountain bikes from the campsite. The campsite also organises an excursion up to the Amphitheatre, which is a long and tough but rewarding hike.

Day 11 to 11 - Depart Johannesburg

We stay just outside of Johannesburg in Pretoria where you can see the Voortrekker Monument and Fort Skanskop. From our accommodation you can take day trips into Johannesburg and the surrounding areas.

The dynamic and cosmopolitan city of Johannesburg is the economic and cultural heart of South Africa with a population of about 2.5 million people. Walking down the street you may hear local people speaking any of the 11 official languages of the city. There are many award winning restaurants, open air eateries and trendy bars to choose from, and plenty of nightclubs to enjoy in the evenings. In your free time you can explore diverse and fascinating museums devoted to subjects as diverse as apartheid, Nelson Mandela, gold, beer and traditional African medicine. There are also plenty of other options, including the Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens, or you could meet the healers at the Mai Mai market, or even have a drink in the world's deepest pub located in a mine shaft. You may also choose to visit the Soweto Township on a professional guided tour.

Your adventure of a lifetime comes to an end today. If you have a late flight or have lengthened your stay by adding post tour accommodation you will have more time to explore the sights.

The itinerary listed above is to be used as a guide only. Occasionally we may need to update this document and it may be different to the information printed in our current brochure. Tour leaders may need to make adjustments due to unforeseen circumstances during the tour. It is very important that you visit our website and review a copy of this dossier as close as possible to your departure date in case of changes that may affect your plans. Any last minute changes may also be posted in the latest news section of our website.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day	Activity	Country	Meals
Day	Cape Town	South Africa	

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Day 2	Oudtshoorn		LD
Day 3	Tsitsikamma		BLD
Day 4	Addo Elephant NP		BLD
Day 5	Hogsback		BLD
Day 6	Lesotho	Lesotho	BLD
Day 7	Lesotho		BLD
Day 8	Drakensberg	South Africa	BLD
Day 9	Drakensberg	South Africa	BLD
Day 10	Johannesburg		BLD
Day 11	Johannesburg		B

(B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner included)

Trip Overview:

An active adventure that offers a chance to see the wildlife of South Africa's finest game reserves and national parks, as well as exploring its fantastic scenery on foot and by canoe.

You travel through South Africa & Swaziland, combining cultural and wildlife experiences. The tour starts with an introduction to South Africa's most famous township, Soweto, before heading out into the wilderness. Once on the road you'll stop at a Zulu village and experience activities such as hiking, kayaking and rafting before arriving at Kruger National Park for unbelievable wildlife watching. If you need to wind down after all this, add the 3 day unaccompanied extension to beautiful Cape Town with its great beaches, scenic wine country. You could even climb the impressive Table Mountain for wonderful views of the surrounding area

Day

1

Fly to South Africa

Fly to Johannesburg and transfer to the hotel.

Day

2



Johannesburg; Soweto township tour

After your flight, you transfer (approx. 30 minutes) to your first night's accommodation and check in. Johannesburg lies at the centre of the Witwatersrand, literally meaning 'ridge of white waters'. It was on this ridge that the world's richest gold fields were discovered little more than 100 years ago. Jo'burg or E'Goli 'the City of Gold' is the heart of the emergent nation of South Africa, and is one of several burgeoning cities that point to the future for South Africa. Please meet your tour leader in the hotel reception at 12.00. This afternoon you head out on a township tour of Soweto - an exciting opportunity to get an insight into contemporary life in South Africa, and to learn about the history of one of South Africa's best known townships.

Riviona Road Lodge (AAA) – 1 night

Please make sure that if you explore Johannesburg on your own that you take advice of where it is safe to walk, especially in the evening. There have been isolated attempts of robbery in recent times and although unpredictable the risk of these can be minimised by taking local advice.

Day

3/4



Mkuzi Game Reserve

You depart Johannesburg at 06:30am today and travel to the heart of KwaZulu Natal. Your first camp of the trip is in the Mkuzi Game Reserve itself, a last safe haven for the endangered black rhino (approx. 7 hours drive). Explore the reserve on game drives and visit a hide overlooking one of the waterholes to watch the game come down to drink. The reserve is dominated by the Lebombo Mountain escarpment and the landscape is mainly thick bush or thornveld and open savannah.

Camping (CS) - 2 nights (Bx1 Lx2 Dx2)

550kms, +/- 7.5 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch.

Day

5/6



Kosi Bay

First you'll visit an authentic Zulu village with a local community guide to learn more about the proud Zulu culture. Travelling northeast to the coast brings you to the remote and beautiful Kosi Bay Nature Reserve. The benefit of the location means that the wildlife experience is on two very diverse fronts. Kosi Bay contains picturesque jungle with wild fig trees, monkey orange and grazing areas for hippo as well as a mangrove and coral reef teeming with aquatic life. Kayaking in the mangrove and snorkelling over the coral reef are included.

Amangwane Tented Lodge (CC) - 2 nights (Bx2, Lx2, Dx2)

180kms +/- 2 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing.

Day

7/8



Swaziland; HP

Driving north (350 km) you reach the small landlocked kingdom of Swaziland today and Hlane National Park. The name Hlane means 'wilderness' and here you'll go on a game drive with a local guide in classic bushveld country, on the lookout for elephant, white rhino, giraffe, kudu, zebra and more.

Camping (CS) - 2 nights (Bx2, Lx2, Dx2).

350kms +/- 6 hours, excluding border formalities and stops for sightseeing.

Day

9/10



Kruger NP

Crossing back into South Africa, your journey takes you to Kruger National Park (120 km) and some of the finest game viewing in Africa. On arrival, head out for an afternoon game drive in search of the 'big five' – lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino and elephant. You'll also embark on 2 epic game drives the following day (game drives last approx. 2 hours each).

Camping (CS) - 2 nights - Swimming Pool (Bx2, Dx2)

170kms +/-2.5 hours, excluding border formalities and lunch stop + 3 x 2 hour game drives.

Day

11/12



Graskop

Today walk the Blyde River Canyon, one of the largest canyons on earth, en route to Graskop. One of South Africa's most spectacular attractions, the canyon is a great place for a walking tour. The sheer sided walls of the canyon rise over 2,000 metres and the vegetation varies widely from dry, rocky sections to rainforest depending on the altitude. The following day is free for exhilarating white water rafting on the Sabi River. This is however, an optional activity at extra cost. Alternatively, you can choose to embark on a tree top canopy tour (additional charge) or enjoy the countryside on some self guided hiking trails.

Mogodi Lodge (AAA) - 2 bedroom flats - 2 nights - Swimming Pool (Bx2, Lx2, Dx2)

150kms +/-2 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing.

White water rafting - Sabi River

The Sabie River provides 20 rapids (grade 2-3) with areas of scenic vegetation and outstanding wildlife viewing. This 8km route is yielding to the novice, yet accommodating to he thrill seeker within all of us. Swimming, bum sliding and wave surfing with a boogie board at "Lions Rock". Minimum age 12.

Please note tours are dependent on the water level.

Day

13/14

Kruger National Park

Keep your eyes open as you cruise the savannah searching for 'the big five' on several game drives. At the look out from God's Window you'll feel like you can see forever over an unbelievable landscape and you won't have to ask how it got its name!

Blyde River Canyon

This 30km long canyon is one of South Africa's most spectacular scenic wonders. Explore its rugged, breathtaking landscape on foot - the best way to appreciate its sheer scale and size.

Kosi Bay Nature Reserve

Canoe through dense mangrove and snorkel over coral reef at this wonderful, coastal reserve. Near the border with Mozambique, this reserve enjoys a remote and picturesque location.

Our Kruger & Beyond trip is just one of our many Africa Family tours.

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