



WELCOME TO SOUTH AFRICA 12 Night South Africa package

Your Self Drive adventure will comprise of a relaxing journey spread out over 12 nights allowing you the opportunity to taste 1st class wines in the Cape winelands, See the big 5 on safari, View whales by boat in Hermanus and enjoy the city life of Cape Town.

SOUTH AFRICA Situated at the southern tip of Africa, South Africa is 1 233 404km² in size and is edged on three sides by nearly 3 000km of coastline, with the warm Indian Ocean to the east and the colder Atlantic Ocean to the west. The country is bordered in the north by Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, and also encloses two independent countries, the kingdoms of Lesotho and Swaziland.

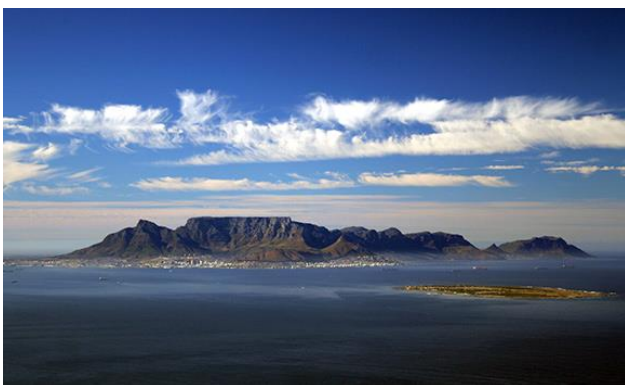
The tourism industry is well established with an exciting sector of emerging entrepreneurs. The country is strong on adventure, sport, nature and wildlife, and is a pioneer and global leader in responsible tourism.

THE GARDEN ROUTE is a stretch of the south-eastern coast of South Africa which extends from Mossel Bay in the Western Cape to the Storms River in the Eastern Cape. The name comes from the verdant and ecologically diverse vegetation encountered here and the numerous lagoons and lakes dotted along the coast. It includes towns such as Knysna, Plettenberg Bay and Nature's Valley; with George, the Garden Route's largest city and main administrative center.

It has an oceanic climate, with mild to warm summers, and mild to cool winters. It has the mildest climate in South Africa and the second mildest climate in the world, after Hawaii, according to the Guinness Book of Records. Temperatures rarely fall below 10°C in winter and rarely climb beyond 28°C in summer. Rain occurs year-round, with a slight peak in the spring months, brought by the humid sea-winds from the Indian Ocean rising and releasing their precipitation along the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma Mountains just inland of the coast.

The Route is sandwiched between the aforementioned mountains and the Indian Ocean. The Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma indigenous forests are a unique mixture of Cape Fynbos and Temperate Forest and offer hiking trails and eco-tourism activities. Nearly 300 species of bird life are to be found in a variety of habitats ranging from fynbos to forest to wetlands.

Ten nature reserves embrace the varied ecosystems of the area as well as unique marine reserves, home to soft coral reefs, dolphins, seals and a host of other marine life. Various bays along the Garden Route are nurseries to the endangered Southern Right Whale which come there to calve in the winter and spring (July to December).



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

DAY 1

- Depart Norway

DAY 2

- On arrival at Cape Town Airport, Please make your way to the AVIS car rental counter and collect your rental vehicle. The AVIS rental desk is just outside the terminal, through the tunnel.
- Self-drive to the quaint wine town of Robertson.
 - *Known as the "small town with a big heart", you will be surprised by the warm welcome which awaits you in this quaint country town. Situated in the shadow of the majestic Langeberg Mountains with the Breede River as its lifeblood, Robertson is the western gateway to The Heart of Route 62, only 1 ½ hours leisurely drive from Cape Town.*

With 150 years of history, Robertson has grown into one of the most attractive Cape Winelands towns. Victorian buildings, jacaranda-lined streets, rose boarded vineyards, columns of red and yellow cannas as well as bright bougainvilleas all form the back drop to this delightful town.

Our region may be best known for its wines but the variety of attractions, activities, accommodation, and culinary delights on offer - combined with spectacular scenery and the warm hospitality of the people, makes it a superb getaway. No matter what time of year and no matter whom the visitor, Robertson ensures visitors an unforgettable stay.

- Check in and evening enjoyed at leisure
- Overnight Excelsior Manor Guest House, Standard room, BB
www.excelsior.co.za



DAY 3 + 4

- Breakfast enjoyed at the hotel.
- Day at leisure in Robertson.
- Included: 1 hour Boat ride and Wine tasting at Viljoensdrift Estate.
- Overnight Excelsior Manor Guest House, Standard room, BB

DAY 5

- Breakfast enjoyed at the hotel. Check out and settle any extras.
- Drive to Buffelsdrift Game Lodge for your Safari experience.
- Check in and freshen up.
- Depart on a late afternoon game drive in an open vehicle with an experienced ranger.
- Return to the lodge for dinner.
- Overnight at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge, Luxury rooms, DBB basis including morning and evening activity.
www.buffelsdrift.com/



DAY 6

- Early morning game drive returning to the lodge for breakfast.
- Day at leisure in the African bush.
- Late afternoon elephant feeding experience.
- Return to the lodge for dinner.
- Overnight at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge, Luxury rooms, DBB basis including morning and evening activity.

DAY 7

- Early morning game drive returning to the lodge for breakfast.
- Check out and drive to the Whale capital of South Africa, Hermanus.
 - Beautiful Hermanus is a South African seaside town that's a popular whale-watching site. An initial visit to the Old Harbour Museum will acquaint you with the area's rich fishing history and impress you with a massive exhibit of a whale skeleton. With dozens of area vineyards, Hermanus is a great base for a guided wine tasting tour.
- Check in and evening enjoyed at leisure
- Overnight at Harbour House Hotel, Classic room, BB basis.
www.harbourhousehotel.co.za/



DAY 8 + 9

- Breakfast enjoyed at the hotel
- Days at leisure to explore Hermanus.
- Entrance fees included: Boat based whale watching tour . Experience an up close and personal encounter with the 'gentle giants' of the ocean that promises to be an 'experience to be treasured'.
- Overnight at Harbour House Hotel, Classic room, BB basis.

DAY 10

- Breakfast enjoyed at the Lodge
- Check out and head to the mother city of Cape Town.
- Check in and evening at leisure
- Overnight at Villa Lutzi Guest House, Superior room, BB
www.villalutzi.com/



DAY 11 - 13

- Breakfast enjoyed at the guest house daily.
- Days at leisure to explore the mother city of Cape Town. (Own account)
- Some optional tour ideas include (All at extra cost) - The Cable Car at Table Mountain and a ferry ride and guided tour of Robben Island, Cape Point Tour.
 - At first sight **Cape Town** seems to be quite small and neatly arranged. The reason for this is because of the massive "Table Mountain" that surrounds the town center and seems to hold it like a bowl. Accordingly the terrain between mountain and harbour is called the City Bowl. Here lies some of the oldest parts like Oranjezicht, Tamboerskloof, Gardens and the Bo Kaap (Malay Quarters). The closer they are to Table Mountain, the steeper plots become. In the City Bowl there are, besides shops and offices, a number of tourist attractions like, for instance, the Castle of Good Hope, City Hall, the park of Company's Garden, the Parliament and many museums. All these attractions can be reached on foot.
 - Cape Town lies on the 34th latitude south, which makes it climatically comparable to Casablanca and Los Angeles. It is, nevertheless, considerably cooler in Cape Town, because of the Atlantic Ocean west of the city and the cold Benguela current which brings water temperatures down a fair bit. The water on the eastern side of the city is much warmer though, where the influence of the Indian Ocean is noticeable. Because the warm Agulhas current turns south at Cape Agulhas, the water is sub tropically warm only north of Cape Agulhas.
 - The nicest beaches on the Atlantic side are in Camps Bay, Clifton, Llandudno, Hout Bay, Noordhoek and Kommetjie. Milnerton, Table View and Bloubergstrand also have wide and long sandy beaches. However, the wind often blows strongly there. The most attractive beaches on the Indian side are in Simon's Town, Fish Hoek and Muizenberg. The beaches further east, in the Strandfontein area, should be avoided for safety reasons. Only in Strand (near Somerset-West) is it safe again. Beautiful beaches and warmer water can be found on the Overberg coast, especially in Hermanus, De Hoop and Arniston
 - Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden stretches along the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. It was founded in 1913 by the botanist Henry Pearson. Because of its different altitude, this area is suitable as a biotope for a great variety of the plants of Southern Africa. More than 6000 plant species can be found in an area of 530 ha. A web of hiking trails provides wonderful scenic walks through the indigenous Fynbos vegetation. The best time to visit is during the early spring months August and September, when the flowers are blooming
- Overnight at Villa Lutzi Guest House, Superior room, BB



DAY 14

- Breakfast enjoyed at the hotel.
- Check out and settle any extras.
- Drive to Cape Town Airport, Return your rental vehicle and check in for your outbound flight.
- Depart South Africa

DAY 15

- Arrival Norway

END OF SERVICES

Pris per person fra kr. 12 000,-

INCLUDED:

- Accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily
- 13 Days car rental (VW polo Hatch or similar) Premium Cover insurance
- dinners and 2 x game activities daily at Buffelsdrift
- Boat ride and wine tasting at Viljoensdrift in Robertson
- Boat based whale watching in Hermanus.
- Current South African taxes,
- 24/7 local assistance.

EXLUDED:

- Fly kommer i tillegg
- All drinks
- Additional meals not mentioned
- Airport portorage, Gratuities, Additional tours and entrance fees not mentioned,
- Items of a person nature