

PIRKKO & TROYTOURS, INC.

15-Day EXTENSIVE SOUTH AFRICA TOUR \$5,568

DAY 1 – Victoria Falls - Zambia

Depart from the Johannesburg International Airport on a 2-hour flight to Livingstone, on the Zambian side of the Victoria Falls. At the Livingstone Airport you will be met and **transferred** to your hotel. The hotel is within easy walking distance of the Falls, to which you have unlimited access.

Accommodation: Zambezi Sun Hotel

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 – Victoria Falls - Zambia

A full day to spend at the Victoria Falls, where you can witness the greatest mass of falling water on earth as it plunges down a sheer rock face, spraying its mystical mist hundreds of meters in the air. A final highlight today is a romantic sundowner cruise on the mighty Zambezi River.

Accommodation: Zambezi Sun Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 3 – Gauteng Province - Johannesburg

The morning is at leisure, after which you are **transferred** to the Livingstone Airport for your flight back to Johannesburg. On arrival at OR Tambo International Airport you take the complementary airport shuttle to your hotel where the evening is spent.

Accommodation: Peermont Metcourt Suites at Emperors Palace

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 – Mpumalanga Province - Kruger National Park Border

An early departure from Johannesburg as we travel east towards the Mpumalanga Province and visit the many attractions along the "Panorama Route", including God's Window, the Bourke's Luck Potholes and the viewpoint over the Blyde River Canyon at the Three Rondavels. In the afternoon we descend the eastern escarpment and travel through the warm "lowveld" to a beautiful game lodge, just a short distance from the Kruger National Park. A final highlight today is a specially prepared dinner enjoyed around the campfire. (weather permitting)

Accommodation: Hongonyi Game Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 5 – Mpumalanga Province - Kruger National Park Border

We depart before dawn and travel the short distance to the nearest entrance gate to the Kruger National Park. Once inside the Park, excitement will mount as we start seeing some of the numerous animals that inhabit this magnificent wildlife sanctuary. Breakfast packs will be provided by the lodge, which we will enjoy at a picnic spot inside the Kruger Park. We spend virtually the entire day travelling inside the Kruger Park, only leaving the Park in the late afternoon and returning to our lodge for a well deserved break before dinner is served.

Accommodation: Hongonyi Game Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 6 – Limpopo Province / Mpumalanga Province – Private Game Lodge

An early wake-up call as we join a guided bush walk, led by an armed ranger, who will identify spoor and droppings and share with you some of the fascinating secrets of the bush. If you are lucky you may come across big game on foot - a truly

exhilarating experience. We return to Hongonyi for a late breakfast before travelling to the nearby Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre for a visit and a guided tour. The centre is actively involved in the breeding of highly endangered and vulnerable species such as Cheetah and Wild Dog, with the aim to eventually releasing these beautiful and rare animals back into the wild where they belong. This afternoon we travel to an exclusive lodge in a nearby private game reserve. Later this afternoon an exhilarating game drive in specially adapted open 4X4 vehicles is undertaken. At dusk sundowners are enjoyed deep in the bush, after which the drive continues, making use of spotlights to search for nocturnal animals. A final highlight today is a specially prepared dinner at the game lodge.

Accommodation: Private Game Lodge

Inclusive of all meals & game-viewing activities

We make use of a number of smaller and more intimate game lodges in one of the private game reserves that lie directly west of the Kruger National Park. The specific game lodge used will depend on availability, but should be one of the following: Jackalberry Game Lodge, Chapungu Luxury Tented Lodge, Royal Legend Safari Lodge, Nkorho Bush Lodge, Kapama River Lodge, Kapama Buffalo Camp, Simbavati River Lodge, Gomo Gomo Game Lodge

DAY 7 – Mpumalanga/Limpopo Province - Private Game Reserve

An early wake up call signals the start of yet another exciting day in Big Five territory. You depart on an early morning safari in open 4x4 vehicles after which you return to the lodge for a late breakfast. After breakfast you can embark on a guided bush walk with an armed ranger, who will identify spoor and droppings and share with you some of the fascinating secrets of the bush. If you are lucky you may come across big game on foot - a truly exhilarating experience. This evening another safari in open 4x4 vehicles is undertaken, followed by a scrumptious South African dinner.

Accommodation: Private Game Lodge

Inclusive of all meals & game-viewing activities

DAY 8 – Western Cape Province – Cape Town

After a final open vehicle game drive and a late breakfast, you are collected from the lodge and transferred to Hoedspruit or Nelspruit airport for a domestic flight to OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg.

From the Johannesburg Airport you connect with a domestic flight to Cape Town. Upon your arrival at the Cape Town Airport you will be met and **transferred** to your hotel, ideally situated at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

Accommodation: City Lodge, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The City Lodge Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is an excellent 3-star hotel, well located at the entrance to the V&A Waterfront. However, there are numerous other hotels in Cape Town, any of which could be used as an alternative to the City Lodge. Should you wish to be accommodated at any other hotel of your choice please let us know and we will send you an amended quote.

DAY 9 – Western Cape Province – Cape Town

After breakfast we undertake an orientation walk through the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, led by your tour guide. We

then depart on **Cape Town City, Table Mountain and Blouberg Beach Tour**. This tour incorporates some of the most interesting and historical sights of Cape Town, unforgettable views from the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway, and the summit of Table Mountain itself. The tour ends with a visit to Blouberg Beach which offers outstanding photographic opportunities of Cape Town City, the Cape Town Waterfront and Table Mountain across Table Bay.

Includes:

- Table Mountain – weather permitting (otherwise Signal Hill)
- Scenic City tour passing the Houses of Parliament, the City Hall & the Castle of Good Hope
- "Bo-Kaap" (traditional Malay Quarter)
- Green Market Square
- District Six
- Blouberg Beach

Please note:

As the operation of the Table Mountain Aerial Cable Way weather-dependent, the Cable Car Fare is for your own account and is payable at the ticket office.

You are requested to be ready for pick-up at 09:00, and will be back at the hotel at approximately 17:30.

Accommodation: City Lodge Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 – Western Cape Province – Cape Town

Today you undertake a **full day Cape Point Tour**.

On the program today is a drive to Cape Point, where traditionally the two oceans, the Atlantic and the Indian meet. On our drive along the rugged and scenic Atlantic coast, you will begin to understand why Sir Francis Drake described this as "the most beautiful Cape in whole the circumference of the globe", but also why at times the Portuguese name of the "Cape of Storms", could be as appropriate. We also visit Boulder's Beach, home of one of the very rare African Penguin colonies on the African coast. The tour ends with a visit to the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden which is world-renowned for the beauty and diversity of the Cape flora it displays, and for the magnificence of its setting against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain.

Includes:

- Clifton & Camps Bay beach views
- Picturesque Chapman's Peak Drive
- Cape Point & nature reserve
- The Cape of Good Hope
- Fish Hoek
- Simon's Town
- Penguin colony at Boulder's Beach
- Kirstenbosch botanical gardens

Please note:

For those who do not feel up to the stiff walk to the view site at Cape Point, there is an electrically powered funicular railway, the only one of its kind in the world. The cost of the funicular is included.

You are requested to be ready for pick-up at 08:30, and will be back at the hotel at approximately 17:30.

Accommodation: City Lodge Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11 – Western Cape Province – Cape Town

This morning you are collected for a **full day** tour of the magnificent **Cape Winelands**.

The picturesque towns of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch, in the heart of South Africa's wine producing areas, will be visited today. Apart from magnificent scenery, these towns have

much to offer and one thing that may not be missed is a visit to a few of the many wine estates, where some of South Africa's best wines can be sampled.

Includes:

Paarl

- An informative drive through the town of Paarl
- A cellar tour with wine tasting
- The Afrikaans Language Monument, the world's only monument dedicated to a language

Franschhoek

- A visit to a wine estate with wine tasting
- The village of Franschhoek
- The Huguenot Memorial

Stellenbosch

- The Helshoogte Mountain Pass
- City tour of Stellenbosch with some free time to explore on foot
- A visit to a wine estate with wine tasting

You are requested to be ready for pick-up at 08:30, and will be back at the hotel at approximately 17:30.

Accommodation: City Lodge Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12 – Western Cape Province - Oudtshoorn

You are collected from your hotel for the start of the Garden Route leg of your tour.

The route passes over the Du Toit's Kloof Mountain Pass to Worcester and Robertson and then via one of South Africa's most scenic routes, the well known "Route 62" from Montagu via Barrydale and Calitzdorp to Oudtshoorn.

Includes:

- The Du Toit's Kloof mountain pass and tunnel
- The interesting and historic towns of Worcester, Robertson, Montagu, Barrydale and Calitzdorp
- Oudtshoorn - ostrich capital of the world
- Guided tour of the awe-inspiring Cango Caves

You are requested to be ready for pick-up at 08:00

Accommodation: La Plume Guest Farm

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13 – Western Cape Province - Knysna

The day starts with a visit to an ostrich farm where, through interesting talks and demonstrations by experts, you will get to know more about these fascinating birds. Our route then continues to Mosselbay, George and Wilderness to Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route.

Includes:

- Guided tour of an Ostrich farm
- The Diaz Museum in Mosselbay and the famous "Post Office Tree" where early sailors left mail for homebound ships to Europe
- Scenic coastal drive between George and Knysna

Accommodation: Bradach Manor

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 14 – Western Cape Province - Knysna

A full day is spent exploring the Garden Route between Knysna and the Tsitsikamma forest, before returning to Knysna in the late afternoon for a romantic boat cruise on the Knysna Lagoon.

Includes:

- Plettenberg Bay
- Monkeyland, the world's first free-roaming multi-specie primate sanctuary
- Garden of Eden, one of the most lush and beautiful parts of the Knysna forest
- The Big Tree

- Dizzying view from the Paul Sauer Bridge over the Storms River
- A cruise on the Knysna Lagoon to the Knysna Heads
- Knysna Waterfront

Accommodation: Bradach Manor

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15 – End of Tour

An early departure from Knysna as we travel via Swellendam to the most southern point of Africa at Cape Agulhas. The route continues via the famous whale watching town of Hermanus,

before ending back in Cape Town after four fabulous days exploring the beautiful Garden Route!

Includes:

- Swellendam, the 3rd oldest town in South Africa
- The southernmost tip of the African continent, where the Indian and Atlantic oceans meet
- Whale watching at Walker Bay in Hermanus (seasonal)
- The scenic coastal route past the villages of Kleinmond, Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay

Arrival in Cape Town at approximately 18:00

Meals: Breakfast

END OF TOUR

Tour information:

Departs

Every Friday - see departure dates below

Start location

OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg

Departure time

+/-10:30

End location

Cape Town International Airport (or any other location in Cape Town)

Drop-off time

2011 Departure dates

Depending on your flight

2010 Departure dates

Nov	Dec
5	3
12	10
19	17
26	24
	31

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
7	4	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7
14	11	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	14
21	18	18	15	20	17	15	19	16	21
28	25	25	22	27	24	22	26	23	28
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Private group departures: any date, minimum of 6 participants

Individual departures: any date, no minimum number of participants, tour price on request

Tour Cost

US\$ 5,568.00 per person on Twin Sharing

The tour price includes

- 14 Nights accommodation in a specially selected safari lodges, guest houses and hotels as described in the program
- Meals as indicated in the program
- All transport in air-conditioned or open game-viewing vehicles
- All excursions, sightseeing and game viewing activities as described in the program
- All entry fees, park fees and conservation levies as described in the program
- The services of a qualified and registered tour guide/driver
- Return flights – OR Tambo International, Johannesburg/Livingstone
- SA departure taxes on the above flights
- Return airport transfers in Livingstone & Cape Town
- Sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River
- US\$25 per person Zambian departure tax
- One way flight from Hoedspruit/Nelspruit to OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg
- One way flight from OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg to Cape Town

The tour price does not include

- Meals not specified
- Drinks, gratuities, telephone calls & other items of a personal nature
- International & domestic flights not mentioned under "Includes"
- Zambia Visa Fees

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