

South Africa - Safari to South Africa

Cape Town, The Garden Route and Kapama Game Reserve

Daily Itinerary

Day One

Arrive at Cape Town

Welkom! Upon exiting customs, you will be met by an **Adventures by Disney** representative who will escort you to your transfer vehicle. Relax as the driver assists with your luggage and takes you to the Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel.

Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel

Unwind from your journey as your Adventure Guide checks you into this spacious, sophisticated, full-service hotel. Your Adventure Guide can make suggestions for exploring Cape Town on your own.

On Your Own in Cape Town

This afternoon explore Cape Town, the Mother City of Africa that rests beneath the majestic Table Mountain on the edge of sandy white beaches and shimmering azure waves. Roam the picturesque Victoria & Alfred Waterfront as its pathways wind past the city's vibrant cafés and historic sites.

Meal Included: None

Day Two

Breakfast and Orientation

Say "*Goeie môre!*" to greet your fellow adventurers in Afrikaans during an exclusive breakfast and then enjoy an entertaining orientation at the hotel with your Adventure Guides.

Table Mountain Aerial Cableway and Nature Walk*

Weather permitting, ride a motor coach to the lower station of the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway and take an exciting ride to the towering mountain top. Breathtaking views swell beneath and beyond your cable car as you sail skyward to the upper station. Once you regain your footing, enjoy a privately guided nature walk along a series of paved walkways through the Fynbos, one of the world's largest floral kingdoms. Catch fantastic views of Cape Town and Table Bay below.

Lunch and Shopping at Greenmarket Square

After descending the great mountain, board a motor coach to Greenmarket Square, an extremely popular flea market nestled in the business district of Cape Town. Satisfy your appetite at The Famous Butchers Grill, where you can choose one of the restaurant's famous meat dishes or a tasty vegetarian plate from a set menu.

After lunch, wander the cobblestone grounds as you discover vivid hand-painted fabrics, intriguing wood carvings and other crafts from all over Africa, including Malawi, Zimbabwe and Kenya. A host of jugglers, drummers and buskers enliven the square with their mesmerizing spectacles and contagious rhythms.

City Walking Tour or Visit to Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

Pick your own late afternoon activity. Take a guided walking tour of the Greenmarket Square and the surrounding historical sites, return to the hotel on a shuttle, or visit the striking architecture of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

Welcome Dinner at Castle of Good Hope

Meet your fellow adventurers and ask "*Wat is u naam?*" as you enjoy a three-course meal from a set menu in this elegant 17th-century castle famous for its collection of historic artworks and military museum.

Evening Entertainment

Greet the Cape Town Minstrels at the Castle entrance as they entertain you with traditional songs and dance. After dinner, follow the drummers and dancers outside as their rhythms and movements weave a joyous spell over the crowd.

*If weather precludes access to Table Mountain, Guests visit the magnificent Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens instead.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Three

Cape Point

Catch dramatic glimpses of the Twelve Apostles Mountains and other stunning coastal views on the scenic drive to Cape Point. Then sail up the slope of Cape Point in a Flying Dutchman funicular, an environmentally friendly train. In your wake view the magnificent, rugged Cape Point promontory and the aquamarine waters glistening beyond. When you reach the top, join your fellow adventurers for a short, privately guided hike that offers an excellent vantage point for seasonal whale watching. Take your pick of either a ride down in the funicular or an easy stroll back.

Cape of Good Hope

Next, board a motor coach to the Cape of Hope for a brief photo stop. Immerse yourself in the extraordinary scenery that greeted the 15th-century Portuguese explorers, Bernal Dias and Vasco da Gama.

Lunch at the Seaforth Restaurant

Savor fresh seafood and other options from a set menu at this restaurant with a spectacular view of the seaside. The restaurant is located in the picturesque Simon's Town, a village brimming with history and wildlife.

Boulders Beach African Penguins

After lunch, take a short walk to the beachfront of Simonstown whose most famous residents are the enormously charming African penguins! Spend a few moments delighting in the antics of these adorable birds as they wade and waddle on the white sand beach surrounded by granite boulders and the blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Dinner at GOLD Restaurant

Return to Cape Town for an exquisite dinner at the opulent GOLD Restaurant. Before dining, get in the groove with an interactive drumming class! Then explore the gleaming Gold of Africa Museum and discover over 1000 years of legend, history and artistry wrapped in the mystical wisdom of African proverbs. After the museum, revel in the lively flavors of modern African cuisine eaten with traditional Cape Malay flat breads. Courses are served in a special sequence chosen by the chef. After dinner, celebrate the energy of Africa as the masks and music of the Malian puppeteers draw you into the story of humankind's connectedness with the spirit world.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Four

Interactive Cooking Class in Historic Stellenbosch

After breakfast at the hotel with your fellow adventurers, board a motor coach for a 90-minute drive to Stellenbosch, the heart and soul of Cape Dutch wine country, for a hands-on cooking class at the Institute of Culinary Arts. Learn to prepare *Koeksuster*, an Afrikaans pastry akin to deep-fried fritters dipped in orange-scented syrup. Devour your fresh creations as you sip Rooibos tea – a famous Afrikaans combination!

Bike or Ride to Spier Winery

Choose your mode of locomotion as you make your way past verdant vineyards to the award-winning Spier Winery.

Lunch at Moyo

Set among Bedouin tents and garden gazebos, this unusual restaurant is the perfect setting to sate your "nomadic" appetite with a hearty buffet of pan-African cuisine. Experience Moyo to the fullest as you have your face painted and marvel at the vibrant voices of Third World Bunfight as they push African art to its limits.

Wine Tasting

Adventurers have their choice of activities in the afternoon. Enjoy a wine tasting at Spier's formidable facilities while Junior Adventurers learn about the ancient art of falconry at the Eagle Encounter.

Dinner On Your Own

Take your pick of casual and fine dining establishments. Be sure to ask your Adventure Guide for dining recommendations, as Cape Town offers an amazing range of restaurants that appeal to all kinds of tastes.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day Five

Depart Cape Town

Rise and shine with an early breakfast at the hotel before you say *totsiens* to Cape Town and start the 3-hour motor coach ride up the gorgeous Garden Route to Hermanus.

Whale Watching in Hermanus

The coach will stop for a half-hour walk along the cliffs in Hermanus, the world's best land-based whale watching spot. From July to November, listen for the sound of the Whale Crier's kelp horn as he directs you towards the latest whale whereabouts.

Pizza Lunch at Roosje van De Kaap

In a quaint, immaculately maintained Georgian house, enjoy some of this charming restaurant's salads and gourmet, wood-fired pizzas. Then resume your travels and arrive in the late afternoon at the tranquil seaside town of George in beautiful Western Cape Province.

Check in at Protea King George Hotel

Relax at the hotel reception with beverage refreshments and salty snacks as your Adventure Guides check you in to this sophisticated hotel located next to the fairway of the George golf course with striking views of the Outeniqua Mountain Range.

Junior Adventurer's Dinner and Disney Movie

Adults enjoy a relaxing dinner at the hotel or they may join the Junior Adventurers at their exclusive dining experience, followed by a viewing of a Disney movie.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Six

Breakfast and Depart for Oudtshoorn

After breakfast at the hotel, board the motor coach for an hour as you head over the Outeniqua Mountains for the Safari Ostrich Farm near Oudtshoorn.

Safari Ostrich Farm

Originally built to supply the insatiable demand for the ostrich feathers that adorned Victorian ladies' hats, this show farm features these amazing birds at every stage of growth. Visit the Manor House, a gorgeous, historic sandstone house built from the wealth of the booming Victorian business. Next, check out the breeding camp where you can see birds of various ages, test the strength of an ostrich egg by standing on it, and then interact with two grown ostriches. Afterwards, see the breeding museum and savor a delectable lunch from a set menu. Curious what ostrich tastes like? Try a healthy, flavorful ostrich steak!

Mossel Bay

Ride the motor coach for one hour to stunning Mossel Bay. The former capital of South Africa, this coastal village is surrounded by the sapphire waters of the Indian Ocean. Visit the Dias Museum and its gardens of refreshing flora. Before returning to the hotel, consider the option of first touring the Outeniqua Railway Museum that houses a brilliant collection of 13 antique steam locomotives.

Dinner at The Kingfisher Seafood Restaurant

Gather with your fellow Adventurers for a delicious taste of the sea at this restaurant. Select from a limited menu of seafood delights, including vegetarian and meat dishes.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Seven

Breakfast and Depart for Knysna

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your Adventure Guides check you out of your lodgings, and embark on an excursion along the renowned scenic Garden Route to the extraordinary region of Knysna.

Stroll the Garden of Eden

Wander in awe of this ancient forest where great dense plumes of emerald leaves, and towering trees sheathed with moss conjure images of ancient paradise. In this privately guided tour, learn about the history of the indigenous forest and ongoing conservation efforts to preserve this natural haven.

Monkeyland, Birds of Eden and Lunch at Bramon Wine Estate

Lemurs, gibbons, capuchins and more! Experience the thrill of Monkeyland, the world's first primate sanctuary where myriad species roam free in a natural, high-canopy forest. Take a guided walking safari through this whimsical habitat as the monkeys chatter, forage and carry on with their daily routines all around you.

Then venture next door to the Birds of Eden sanctuary where a large collection of bird species flies free under the netted dome. Delight in the bustle of colorful wings and listen to the bright bird calls echoing through the rich foliage on a privately guided tour. Afterwards, enjoy a Mediterranean lunch at the exquisite Bramon Wine Estate overlooking the vineyards and an elephant sanctuary.

Arrive in Knysna

Board the motor coach with your fellow adventurers for an hour ride to Knysna, a lush coastal town nestled between the Indian Ocean and the Outeniqua Mountains. Sit back as Adventure Guides check you into the Protea Hotel Knysna Quays, a waterfront hotel overlooking the cobalt blue currents lapping at its pier. Enjoy the afternoon on your own as you either sip a drink at the poolside or stroll the famous quays.

Dinner at 34° South

After a 5-minute walk from the hotel, Adventurers arrive at the hip 34° South Restaurant, named after Knysna's latitude from the equator. Choose from a set menu of South African meat and vegetarian dishes, including seafood caught right at the doorstep!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Eight

Featherbed Nature Reserve

Eat breakfast at the hotel before a short walk to the pier to board a ferry that takes you across the Knysna Lagoon to the spectacular Featherbed Nature Reserve. Marvel at the scenery as you travel to the mountain top in a 4-wheel-drive "Unimog" an offroad vehicle commonly used in jungles. Admire the aquamarine Gateway to the Indian Ocean below as you breathe in the salty sea breezes. Guests have a choice of a gentle hike back down the mountain or a ride back in the Unimog.

Lunch at Featherbed Food Forest Restaurant

Indulge in a buffet lunch of delicious South African dishes out on the restaurant deck under the generous shade of the Milkwood trees.

Afternoon and Dinner On Your Own in Knysna Quays

Soak up the sun on the short ferry ride back to the Knysna Quays, where on your own you can explore the unique waterfront shops, admire the artwork at the local galleries or relax in one of the many cafés. The night is also yours to indulge in the Knysna cuisine and entertainment. Try a meal of the famous fresh oysters and locally brewed beer for the true Knysna experience!

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day Nine

Fly to Kapama

Time to depart the seaside beauty of Knysna for safari country. Lunch is served on the plane as you fly from George to Johannesburg. From there, fly to Hoedspruit before you ride 20 minutes in safari 4x4 vehicles to the Kapama River Lodge near Kruger National Park.

Check Into Kapama River Lodge

Take a brief tour of the property as your Adventure Guides check you into this lodge. A light lunch is available from the buffet in the Siyatla Lounge, where massive leadwood tree trunks and an open-beamed thatched roof complete the warm African interior.

Evening Game Drive and Dinner

Pile into a safari vehicle with a ranger and tracker for an exclusive bush safari after sunset in Big Five Country, home to lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo. With a spotlight, the tracker scans the horizon for the luminous glint of nocturnal eyes. Return to the lodge for "sundowner" refreshments as you watch the sun set.

For dinner, be whisked away to a sumptuous bush buffet, where you can savor exotic dishes or more familiar fare served with fresh African vegetables like sweet potatoes baked in the skin, spiced zulu cabbage and steamed gem squash.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Ten

Morning Game Drive*

Rise and shine at 5:30 a.m. for tea, coffee and "rusks" (traditional African biscuits) before an exclusive safari at first light, when the big cats are returning from a night of hunting. Witness the regal stride of an adult lion or an elephant herd foraging in the wilds. When you return to the lodge for breakfast, watch for troops of "talkative" vervet monkeys and striped nyala antelope who live around the lodge.

Bead Workshop and Archery

Take your pick of activities for the morning or do both! Learn traditional and modern beading techniques from a local weaver who deftly demonstrates her expert skills in the craft. Next, nock an arrow and aim true as you study the ancient art of archery in the lodge's dry riverbed with a local expert. Afterwards, return to the lodge for another delicious bush buffet lunch.

Snakes and Insects Presentation

Join a leading reptile expert for a fascinating and informative 1-hour presentation with live critters from his Khamai Reptile Park. Prepare to have your preconceptions of reptiles and other crawling creatures blown away!

Buffet Dinner and Bush Pizzas

Adults dine at their leisure around the crackling fire as they enjoy the buffet in the cozy Rhino Boma dining room.

Meanwhile Junior Adventurers join the Adventure Guides and chef to make their own wood-fired "Bush Pizzas."

Kids Night in the "Snake Pit"

Junior Adventurers enjoy a special treat as they "coil up" in the Snake Pit Lounge with popcorn and watch a Disney movie. Adults can slither in and join them or enjoy a quiet evening to themselves at the lodge.

* Game drives minimum age is 6 (with ages 6-12 at discretion of driver).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Eleven

Morning Game Drive and Time On Your Own

Rise at 5:30 a.m. to join another exclusive safari as your skilled ranger and tracker seek more thrilling Big Five game, as well as giraffes, baboons and an abundance of bird life. After breakfast back at the lodge, the rest of the morning is yours.

Bush Walk and Talk

Pile into the safari vehicles with the Junior Adventurers and head to the local "dam" (Afrikaans for "watering hole") for a series of hands-on demonstrations taught by the rangers. Learn how to make ropes, set snares and find edible plants. With the Poo Patrol, discover how to identify various types of animal dung, an important skill in the tracker's trade. Classes end with a short hike for ages 8 and up around the perimeter of the dam as the ranger discusses the indigenous plant and animal life.

Evening Safari

Venture out to the bush on an evening game drive with your tracker and ranger to catch sight of both beasts and birds. Raise a final glass to the glorious Drakensberg Mountains as they darken in the wake of the setting sun.

Farewell Dinner

Gather with your fellow adventurers for an African farewell *feesfiring* as you enjoy an outdoor BBQ known in Afrikaans as a *braai*. Choose the choicest meats and side dishes from a superb mixed grill buffet as Nyani performers big and small delight you with traditional dancing, drumming and singing that will capture your heart.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day Twelve

Optional Game Drive* and Breakfast

If you wish, meet at 5:30 a.m. for your last chance to meet the majestic morning game on safari before meeting up for a last breakfast in South Africa with your newfound friends.

Lunch and Transfer to Airport

After a light buffet lunch, board pre-arranged transportation to the airport. Fly from Hoedspruit to Johannesburg and say "*Vaarwel*" until you return again!

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Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch