

**Lesotho & Garden Route 13 Días (2011)
(Accommodated)**



Price: ZAR 11,950 (1.250€ cambio Zar/Eur a 26/05/2011)

Local Payment: N/A

Single Supplement: ZAR 1,740 (180€ cambio Zar/Eur a 26/05/2011)

Length: 13 days, 12 nights

Meals: B x 12, L x 12, D x 10

Start Point: Durban

End Point: Cape Town

Accommodation: Two per Room/Permanent Tent

INTRODUCCIÓN:

Con el optimismo provocado por el fin del Apartheid, que ha transformado a Sudáfrica en una sociedad relevante, los viajeros acuden a un país que estuvo vedado durante la mayor parte del siglo XX. La violencia política parece pertenecer al pasado, y la población alberga el deseo de construir una nación de y para todos. Es el momento perfecto para visitarla.

Al igual que las demás ciudades sudafricanas, Ciudad del Cabo es ambivalente, europea y africana, una mixtura de ambos mundos. Pero indiscutiblemente es una de las ciudades más bellas del continente. Ciudad del Cabo, el asentamiento más antiguo de Sudáfrica, está dominada por el monte Mesa, de 1.000 m y cima plana, y a escasa distancia pueden realizarse excursiones, visitar los viñedos y bañarse en las playas. Tiene fama de ser una ciudad abierta y de ambiente relajado, y tal vez la más segura de África para los visitantes.

Durban es una urbe subtropical en la provincia nororiental de KwaZulu/Natal. Este importante puerto de mediados del siglo XIX acoge la mayor concentración de población de origen indio de la nación. En la actualidad, es conocida por su animada vida nocturna. El clima y el agua, gracias a la corriente de las Agujas, resultan agradables durante todo el año; las extensas playas atraen a gran cantidad de surfistas.

La Garden Route (Ruta de los Jardines) discurre por un precioso tramo de costa en la provincia del Cabo Occidental. La estrecha llanura costera contiene una gran extensión boscosa, bordeada por lagunas que se extienden tras una barrera de dunas y playas de arena blanca. La Garden Route cuenta con zonas de bosque autóctono (con cladrastis lutea gigantes y flores silvestres), así como con plantaciones de eucaliptos y pinos. Goza además de un clima agradable durante todo el año.

La imponente Drakensberg (montaña del Dragón) es un macizo de basalto que marca la frontera con Lesoto. Aunque se sabe que está habitada desde hace miles de años (cuenta con numerosos enclaves con pinturas san). Gran parte de la cordillera está integrada en diversos parques nacionales, de los cuales el más espectacular es el Royal Natal National Park. La frontera sur del mismo está formada por el Anfiteatro, un acantilado de 8 km que, si visto desde abajo resulta imponente, más aún desde arriba. La zona cuenta con magníficos senderos de interés natural.

ITINERARIO:

Day 1/2 Ukhahlamba Drakensberg Park

After meeting your guides and group we leave behind the beautiful beaches of KwaZulu Natal and travel inland to the Ukhahlamba Drakensberg or Royal Natal National Park, part of the huge, and incredibly scenic, Drakensberg escarpment. The Drakensberg is South Africa's highest mountain range with peaks at over 3000 metres. Hiking is the most popular activity here and your guides will take you on a lovely hike if you are not already busy with optional activities, such as horse riding, which can be a very satisfying way to explore this mountainous area. Optional Activities: Abseiling, Horse Riding, Hiking.

Meals: Breakfast x1, Lunch x2, Dinner x2

Day 3/4 Lesotho - Malealea

It's a visually impressive drive up to the Lesotho border, where the popular pony trekking excursion (optional) requires an early morning start. Before we depart there is an included visit to the local village and primary school. On the overnight trek Lesotho villagers will guide you along remote trails where there are spectacular views. You can also remain at the lodge and relax, or experience a shorter ride. Optional Activities: Pony Trekking Excursion, Hiking, Village market.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5/6 South Africa - Hogsback

Leaving the 'Kingdom in the Skies' behind we travel south to the picturesque Hogsback Valley that some claim to be an inspiration for JRR Tolkien who spent time here as a child. You can choose to relax, or join our guide in a hike to the Swallow Falls, Bridal Veil Falls or Madonna and Child Falls, or even all 3! Optional Activities: Horse riding, Mountain biking.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Addo Elephant National Park

This unique Eastern Cape Park is home to one of the densest concentration of African elephants on earth as well as boasting the 'Big Seven'(elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo, leopard, southern right whale and great white shark) as Addo is a land and marine park. Optional Activities: Night Game Drive with SANP and Horse Riding

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8/9 Tsitsikamma National Park

After a final early morning game drive we bid farewell to the elephants, take a quick stop at Port Elizabeth's airport and arrive in the afternoon at Tsitsikamma National Park. The name means 'place of abundant water' and it does not disappoint, with its indigenous forests and dramatic coastline. This area is home to the famous multi-day Otter Trail hike and your guide will accompany you on the very first section of it should you wish to participate. Optional Activities: Bungee Jumping (highest in the world), Treetop Canopy Tour, Hiking

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Keurbooms River - Knysna

It is a short distance to Keurbooms River, near Plettenberg Bay, where our accommodation is set on the river and within walking distance of a secluded beach. In the afternoon you can choose between remaining to relax at the hotel or taking a short excursion in to nearby Knysna to explore and later enjoy dinner at one of the lovely local restaurants.

Optional Activities: Knysna Lagoon Cruise, Dinner Out.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 11 Oudtshoorn

Today we travel through the Outeniqua Mountains towards Oudtshoorn where we visit the world-famous Cango Caves. On the way we have the option to go on the power van that runs the old coastal railway track between Knysna and George. The caves contain spectacular halls and grand limestone formations, and a local guide will tell you all about the cave system, which extends for over 4km.

Optional Activities: Outeniqua Power Van excursion

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 Stellenbosch Wine Route

We take a scenic drive to Stellenbosch taking in some of Route 62 and a possible stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, not a sex shop at all, but a rather interesting country pub... Stellenbosch forms the heart of the Western Cape's wine region and second oldest European settlement in the Western Province. As this is the last night on tour we head to a local restaurant for dinner. Optional Activity: Ostrich Farm Visit, Dinner Out.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 13 Cape Town

After a leisurely breakfast, we stop at The Spier Wine Estate to taste some of South Africa's finest wines. We also visit the Cheetah Breeding Project to meet these beautiful animals up close and finally the tour ends in Cape Town.

Meals: Breakfast

END OF SERVICES

