# 9 Days South Africa Wildlife Encounters & Scenic Marvels





Prepare to be captivated by the captivating allure of Cape Town and the untamed splendor of Kruger National Park on this exceptional South African tour. Immerse yourself in a melting pot of culture, nature, and architectural marvels, with the iconic Table Mountain as the city's majestic centerpiece. Enjoy scenic drives, breathtaking vistas, towering mountains, exquisite cuisine, world-class wines, and vibrant neighborhoods. Journey from urban sophistication to the charming serenity of the Cape Winelands, including the picturesque Franschhoek, celebrated as the country's food and wine capital, nestled in what is arguably the world's most beautiful wine valley. For a change of pace and landscape, venture to Kruger National Park, the quintessential safari destination, boasting the illustrious Big Five, over 500 avian species, a rich array of reptiles, mammals, archaeological treasures, and a breathtaking diversity of flora. Explore the textured plains and bushy terrain where the iconic Big Five roam, reveling in the South African bush's wildlife and natural allure that is utterly irresistible. This extraordinary journey brings together the finest of South Africa's premier destinations—Cape Town and Kruger National Park—promising an unforgettable experience that beckons you to return for more.

3 nights Cape Town | 2 nights Cape Winelands | 4 nights Kruger National Park

#### Day 1 - Cape Town

Experience a captivating tour of Cape Town, beholding the majestic Table Mountain or the iconic flat-topped expanse of Signal Hill. Explore the historic Greenmarket Square, a venerable marketplace steeped in the city's heritage. Stroll through the Company Gardens, a testament to the legacy of Dutch settlers dating back to 1652. Traverse past notable landmarks including the Houses of Parliament, Castle of Good Hope, and the historic Slave Lodge, once a residence for thousands of individuals enslaved under the Dutch East India Company's rule. Immerse yourself in the traditional Malay Quarter, renowned for its vibrant, centuries-old colorful houses. Delight in a momentous pause to witness the firing of the noonday gun from Signal Hill, an iconic Cape Town ritual steeped in history.

#### Day 2 | 3 - Cape Town

Explore the Cape Peninsula, starting with Clifton's secluded beaches and Camp's Bay's sidewalk cafés. Visit Hout Bay's scenic beach, drive through Chapman's Peak, and discover Cape Point's rich flora and fauna. Witness the playful penguin colony in Simon's Town and opt for an additional ferry ride to Robben Island for the historic tour led by former inmates. For extra adventure, consider shark cage diving, a thrilling opportunity to safely swim alongside sharks in South Africa's waters, enclosed within a submerged cage for an electrifying and unforgettable experience.

### Day 4 - Cape Winelands

Stroll through the picturesque town of Franschhoek, nestled within a valley embraced by towering mountains. Uncover the rich history as you trace the footsteps of the French Huguenots who settled here in 1688, cultivating the thriving viticulture cherished today. Explore the remarkable Huguenot Memorial and adjacent museum, immersing yourself in the heritage, complemented by the town's serene gardens. Delve into an array of esteemed wine estates, savoring the finest wines, and indulge in dining experiences at some of the world's most renowned restaurants, all within this charming locale.

#### Day 5 - Cape Winelands

Embark on a delightful day starting at the Spice Route Winery, an indulgent haven for wine, beer, and chocolate aficionados. Immerse yourself in a captivating glass-blowing showcase before venturing to Le Bonheur Crocodile Farm for an insightful tour of their crocodile ponds. Conclude your adventure at Spier Wine Estate, where wine tasting coincides with a visit to the Eagle Encounter birds of prey rehabilitation center, offering interactions with Africa's majestic raptors and owls. For added excitement, opt for an extra adventure at an additional cost! Combine wine tasting with an exhilarating horseback ride through scenic wine estates or explore the town's winding trails on a mountain bike, pausing along the way to soak in the breathtaking vistas. It's a day packed with diverse experiences, perfect for both enthusiasts and adventurers alike.

#### Day 6 - Kruger National Park

The globally acclaimed Kruger National Park stands as South Africa's largest game reserve, spanning nearly two million hectares (five million acres) of abundant wildlife territory, extending 350 kilometers (220 miles) from north to south. Hosting an impressive biodiversity, the park boasts 507 bird species, 147 mammals, 114 reptiles, 34 amphibians, 49 fish species, and an extensive array of 336 tree varieties. Within its expansive grounds lie ancient bushman rock paintings and grand archaeological sites, adding to its historical richness. Adjacent to this vast natural expanse, several private wildlife reserves, such as &BEYOND Ngala Private Game Reserve, share unbounded frontiers, allowing wildlife to traverse freely across these diverse habitats. This unique interconnectedness facilitates an uninterrupted natural habitat, fostering an environment where wildlife thrives without hindrance.

## Day 7 | 8 - Kruger National Park

Join thrilling game drives twice a day to explore the bush and spot the Big Five and many other fascinating animals. Before each drive, talk to your experienced ranger and tracker about the animals you'd like to see—they'll do their best to find them for you. You can also go on a walk to learn more about animal tracks, plants, bugs, and birds, or try a Specialist Walking Safari customized just for you.

#### Day 9 - O.R Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg

(The next day after breakfast, travel back to Ngala Airstrip by road, then catch a flight from there to O.R Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, where your adventure ends.

#### Inclusions

Welcome and assistance service at Cape Town International Airport Accommodation and inclusions as per the itinerary All scheduled flight and road transport as mentioned in the itinerary Emergency medical evacuation insurance Administration Fee