



SOUTH AFRICA

April 7 - 28, 2026

South Africa contains multitudes—of people, landscapes, wildlife, cultures, and more. With three weeks to explore, you'll travel through the highlights of “mother city” Cape Town, located where two oceans collide. Visit the beach towns of the Wild Coast, experience the animal sanctuaries as well as the wild safari at Kruger National Park, and traverse highs and lows from the Drakensberg Mountains to the Cango Caves. Along the way, you'll gain insight into the country's complex history and ecosystems. Visit Johannesburg, the capital city of South Africa known as the “City of Gold”.

DAY 1 • • •

Arrive at Cape Town International Airport and transfer to the hotel. Spend some time acclimatizing to the new time difference. Orientation and welcome dinner where you will sample South African cuisines. *Sleep in Cape Town for 5 nights.*

DAY 2 • • •

Head downtown and learn about its architecture of buildings built under French, German and Dutch influences in Malay Quarter & Bo Kaap district. Check out the Castle of Good Hope. Stop by a flea market and have lunch. Grab a coffee or tea at a deaf-owned cafe. Visit a museum and learn how a community was affected between the years of 1989 to 1994.

DAY 3 • • •

Take the morning ferry to Robben Island to visit the prison where former president Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 27 years. Around mid-day, enjoy the charming Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. End your day by taking a cable car to the top of Table Mountain and enjoy stunning views of the city and its surrounding area.

DAY 4 • • •

Enjoy a full day touring the Cape Peninsula area including a morning boat ride to visit a colony of seals. See Chapman's Peak. Check out Cape Point Lighthouse. View the adorable African penguins at a beach. Watch out for crazy baboons. Dine at Simonstown.

DAY 5 • • •

Get ready to drive and 'chill' in the beautiful Cape Winelands. Visit a winery or two for some tastings. Have a sunset dinner and bid farewell to Cape Town before heading east tomorrow.

DAY 5 • • •

Oudtshoorn. A long early morning drive to Oudtshoorn. Spend the afternoon at an amazing safari ostrich farm. Watch ostriches in a race! If lucky, you might be able to ride on an ostrich for 5 seconds! Swing by a victorian-style museum displaying the history of the ostrich feather boom. Check in at the hotel. *Stay in Oudtshoorn for 2 nights.*



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DAY 6 ••••

Get up before the sun goes up! Go to a meerkat colony and watch them get out of their burrows at sunrise. Return to the hotel for breakfast. All afternoon, we head to explore the HUGE Cango Caves down under.

DAY 7 ••••

Drive on the Garden Route toward Plettenberg Bay. Stop by the town, George, briefly. Visit the Knysna Head and enjoy the views. Walk the trails inside an amazing garden at a national park. Enter an elephant sanctuary when you can walk with the elephants on a trail for up to 1 hour. Go to the Point for an incredible coastal view. Arrive in Plettenberg. *Overnight in Plettenberg.*

DAY 8 ••••

Ready to fly like a bird? Then, we will visit the world's largest bird sanctuary with over 3,500 birds. Check out Bloukrans Bridge, home to one of the world's best bungee jumps of 216 meters! Dare to jump? Finally, arrive inside the Tsitsikamma National Park and walk about 1 mile to a fun hanging bridge that crosses the waters. The view is awesome. Check in at the hotel at Jeffreys Bay. *Overnight in Jeffreys Bay.*

DAY 9 ••••

Head EARLY to Gqeberha, also known as Port Elizabeth, for your 1.5 hours domestic flight to Durban Airport. Arrive in Durban. View the 1000 hills from atop. Ride on the 100 years old steam train for 1 hour. *Overnight in Pietermaritzburg.*

DAY 10 ••••

Again, head EARLY to Underberg and hope on 4x4 trucks to ride to the top of Sani Pass inside the landlocked country, Lesotho. Have snacks and drinks at the world's highest pub. Ride back down. *Overnight in Underberg.*

DAY 11 ••••

Drive to Cathedral Peak & Giant's Castle which are part of the gorgeous Drakensberg mountain range. Enjoy the views while winding down at a hotel. *Overnight in Cathedral Park.*

DAY 12 ••••

Visit another country, Eswatini, also known as Swaziland, with a long 6 hours drive. Check into a hotel inside a wildlife sanctuary park. *3 nights in Eswatini.*

DAY 13 ••••

Enjoy a whole day inside the wildlife sanctuary park. See a variety of mammals, aviary, amphibians, etc.

DAY 14 ••••

Visit a rhino reserve park. Check out the glass factory and a Swazi cultural village.

DAY 15 ••••

Drive and enter inside Kruger National Park. View the wild animals. Sleep at a safari lodge. *2 nights in Kruger National Park.*

DAY 16 ••••

Another whole day exploring other regions inside the park and view the wild animals.



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DAY 17 . . .

Another morning game drive. Check out of the lodge and drive to view God's Window from atop. Continue and arrive in Sandton near Johannesburg. *5 nights in Sandton near Johannesburg.*

DAY 18 . . .

Head to Pretoria to quickly see the Union Buildings and Voortrekker Monument. Then, visit a cheetah center. Watch a cheetah run at full speed. Pose for a photo with a cheetah! After lunch, we will explore the fascinating museum on the origins of humans as well as a cave where humans dwelled in.

DAY 19 . . .

Visit a deaf center to meet local Deaf members as well as learn basic SASL with their instructor. After lunch, go inside a former prison, now a museum called Constitution Hill. Learn the history of the power struggles in South Africa.

DAY 20 . . .

Tour at a deaf school where we will meet Deaf students. After lunch, we will explore the Soweto district on foot with a local Deaf guide.

DAY 21 . . .

Be moved at the Apartheid Museum all morning. After lunch, we will have fun going down the mine shaft that is 75 meters below and learn more about the gold and its mining history. Enjoy our farewell dinner.

DAY 22 . . .

Depart for Johannesburg International Airport.



TOUR INFORMATION

TOUR PRICE: \$7,600

- The tour price is based on per person for a double occupancy room.
- **\$500** non-refundable deposit per person is required to guarantee space.
- 50% of the balance is required 9 months before the first day of the tour.
- 100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.
- Group size: 12 people.
- Number of days: 22.
- Itinerary and price are subject to change.

TOUR MANAGER: Darren Frazier • darren@handson.travel • 253-257-1650 (VP)

TOUR LEADERS: Darren Frazier & Alex Simmons

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 21 nights in mostly 4-star accommodations.
- 23 meals: Breakfast (21), Dinner (2)
- Services of a deaf group leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf guides.
- All transportation expenses.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Most tips, except for your Tour Manager.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 discount per person on your next regular tour.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- Domestic and/or international airfares.
 - One-way flight from Port Elizabeth to Durban (approximately \$100+)
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses.
- Any COVID-19 related tests.
- Travel insurance.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Tour begins in Cape Town and ends in Johannesburg.
- Tour will be confirmed when we meet the minimum number of participants.
- When the tour is confirmed, additional deposits/payments may be required.



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- There will be limited airport pick up and drop off windows at the start and end of the tour.
- Early/late arrivals and early/late departures outside of pick up or drop off windows are not included.
- Substantial amount of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary.
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