



Traverse the famous Garden Route of South Africa. See the sights, experience a Safari and enjoy wonderful food and wine along the way.

## DAY 1 – CAPE TOWN – BOTLIERSKOP

As you depart the city of Cape Town, you'll make your way towards Grabouw and the scenic Sir Lowry's Pass. You'll travel through Riversdale and Swellendam, the third oldest settlement in South Africa. Continue onto Mossel Bay for a brief orientation drive, before continuing to Botlierskop. Situated between the magnificent **Outeniqua Mountains** and unspoiled beaches of the Indian Ocean, you will find **Botlierskop Private Game Reserve**. You'll be shown to your air-conditioned **tented suites**, each with private wooden deck and views of the river or mountains. The tented suites are elegantly decorated with four-poster beds. The en-suite bathrooms have deep oval baths and refreshing outdoor showers. Relax and enjoy **luncheon** before taking some **time at leisure**. Botlierskop is an ideal venue for those who have not been on Safari before. Late afternoon you'll depart on your **dusk game drive**, where you will enjoy **sundowner drinks** amongst the elephants. At Botlierskop, you'll have the opportunity to see rhinoceros, lions, buffalo, giraffe and zebra who reside within the 100 hectare enclosure. Reflect on the day's adventures over **dinner** back at the resort.

## DAY 2 – THE PLETTENBERG HOTEL

Take an early morning game drive with your ranger before returning to the lodge for a leisurely **breakfast** and a little time to relax before you continue along the Garden Route. Your journey takes you onto to Knysna, a charming holiday resort town, located on the edge of a picturesque lagoon. The mouth of the lagoon is guarded by two promontories, known as the 'Knysna Heads'. **Luncheon** will be served at a local restaurant in Knysna, before you make your way onto **Plettenberg Bay**, nominated as one of Africa's leading beach destinations for 3 years in a row. Check into the **Plettenberg Hotel** a five star boutique hotel built on a rocky headland with breathtaking views of the sea, mountains and miles of golden sand. You'll have the afternoon to spend at your leisure. Relax on the terrace and gaze out over the bay where whales and dolphins are often spotted or for the more adventurous there are numerous activities, which can be purchased separately. A delicious three course **dinner** will be served in the evening to complete your Plettenberg experience.

## DAY 3 – PORT ELIZABETH

Enjoy the Plettenberg hospitality once more as you take **breakfast** overlooking the ocean. After checking out, you'll continue along the national road across the Groot River and Bloukrans Passes. You'll stop at Tsitsikamma National Park where you'll pay a visit to the 'Big Tree' an impressive yellowwood, estimated to be between 600 and 800 years old, before enjoying a **light luncheon** at a local restaurant. The final leg of your overland journey takes you past the Tsitsikamma Mountains and onto Port Elizabeth, where you'll re-join the ship in time for dinner on board.

**Note:** The booking deadline for this tour is 24th November 2017. Bookings taken after this time will be on a request basis only. There is a strict minimum and maximum participation. Please ensure you book the correct tour code for the accommodation you require (double = CPT806, single = CPT807). Prices shown on your overland excursions record are per person, not per room. This tour will depart from Cape Town on 27th January and return in Port Elizabeth on 29th January. Please check your embarkation/disembarkation ports prior to booking this overland tour. Once your booking is confirmed, any cancellation made after bookings close will incur a 100% cancellation fee. Please check your embarkation/disembarkation dates carefully before booking this overland.

This excursion is physically demanding. Game drives cover uneven terrain. Be prepared for early morning starts, lengthy days and climatic changes. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed. Meal times are generally leisurely affairs as fresh dishes take time to prepare. This is an inclusive excursion programme. No refunds will be given for any unused portion. The contents and order of activities are subject to change in conjunction with local conditions.

**Environmental:** part of the joy of this overland is the opportunity to go off the beaten track and to obtain a privileged insight into the cultural and natural environment. Please respect the cultures, traditions and ecology of the places visited with environmentally responsible behaviour.

**The fare includes:** transport by coach sightseeing, meals and accommodation as stated. Two local drinks per person with meals (soft drinks, beer and wine) and selected drinks during game drives. Additional drinks and premium brands and champagnes will be charged for.

**The fare does not include:** items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, gratuities, room service, doctors fees, prescriptions, medication and travel insurance. There may be alternative activities offered from the lodge or hotel, these are to be at guests' own cost and are offered independently of this excursion. As this overland tour involves leaving the ship and re-joining in another port, your visa requirements may vary dependent on your nationality and the duration of your stay. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in receipt of the correct documentation; we recommend you check on the applicable government website for visa and entry requirements.

**What to pack:** please remember your passport, which must have two blank pages, it is recommended that you place post-it notes on these two blank pages to prevent them being stamped during your voyage. Warmer clothes for early mornings and evenings are recommended whilst protection from the sun is required during the day.

**Malaria:** The Eastern Cape is registered as Malaria free; however guests are advised to seek advice from a Travel Medicine Clinic prior to travelling.