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## ❖ WALVIS BAY, NAMIBIA

### WAL-006 SEAL & PELICAN CRUISE

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$49.00

**Retail Price:** \$205.00



**Date:** December 15, 2023 12:00 PM

**Date:** December 16, 2023 08:30 AM

Applaud the splendid natural beauty of Southern Africa's western coast during this dolphin and seal cruise on the Walvis Bay Lagoon. Travel along a littoral road to the historic jetty at Swakopmund and board an open-air boat for a three-hour cruise in the renowned Walvis Bay Lagoon, declared a Wetland of International Importance as it is one of the most significant ecological sites along Southern Africa's western coast. You'll learn that the lagoon is well-known for its native bird species and vast array of intra-African and Palaearctic migrants, and find the water is usually very calm yet teeming with avian and marine life. Continue on to Pelican Point, a sand spit separating Walvis Bay from the Atlantic Ocean, where you'll likely encounter a large Cape fur seal colony, and watch for schools of heavyside and bottlenose dolphins that often swim alongside the boat. Keep a sharp lookout for white-chinned petrels, Wilson's storm petrels, cape gannets, pelicans and cormorants. During your cruise, you'll savor a delicious repast of fresh oysters, sparkling wine, soft drinks and a selection of open-faced sandwiches, a perfect accompaniment to your outdoor adventure.

- Embark an open-air boat for an in-depth exploration of the famed Walvis Bay Lagoon.
  - Survey the lagoon's protected wetland, known for its plethora of avian species and marine life.
  - Spy a large colony of Cape fur seals at sandy Pelican Point.
  - Thrill to schools of heavyside and bottlenose dolphins trailing beside your boat.
  - Search for white-chinned petrels, Wilson's storm petrels or cape gannets amid a flurry of countless pelicans and cormorants.
  - Relish a tasty meal of fresh oysters, open-faced sandwiches, soft drinks and sparkling wine as you cruise.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. •Wear a windbreaker or warm jacket. •Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately three hours of boating on open water. The tour is not recommended for guests with mobility concerns or guests who utilize a wheelchair. There is a drastic change between high and low tide, which may make it difficult to embark and/or disembark the boat, and the weather can be windy and cold at times. Operation of this tour is entirely dependent upon prevailing weather conditions. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed. Participants must be at least 21 years of age to be served alcoholic beverages. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public."

### WAL-009 LIVING DESERT BY OFF-ROAD VEHICLE

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$179.00

**Retail Price:** \$339.00



**Date:** December 15, 2023 12:15 PM

**Date:** December 16, 2023 07:30 AM

Discover the unique denizens of the world's oldest desert during this off-road adventure in the Namib Desert. Settle in for a vista-filled drive in an off-road vehicle to the eerily beautiful Namib Desert. Upon arrival, you'll be led by an expert guide through seemingly lifeless landscapes in search of indigenous species and learn how they adapt to the inhospitable environment. Perhaps see creatures like the sidewinding adder, the Palmetto gecko, the sand-diving lizard, the Namaqua chameleon and various other diminutive beetles, lizards and geckos that live and survive in the torrid desert conditions. You'll conclude your tour with a stop at Sundowner Dune to take in spectacular views over the Atlantic Ocean and enjoy refreshing orange juice and savory snacks. During your return along a scenic coastal road, contemplate the nearly ineffable beauty of the bewitching Namib and its resilient tenants.

- Board an off-road vehicle for an exhilarating outing into the breathtaking Namib Desert.
  - Search the barren landscape for indigenous species that have adapted to the challenging environment.
  - Stay alert for glimpses of the Palmetto gecko, sand-diving lizards or Namaqua chameleons.
  - Revitalize with orange juice and savory snacks at Sundowner Dune.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. •Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour involves off-road travel over bumpy, uneven and dusty gravel roads. It is not recommended for guests with mobility concerns or guests who utilize a wheelchair, unless they remain seated inside the vehicles at the various photo stops. The tour is not recommended for guests with dust allergies. Each vehicle will accommodate three to ten guests. Travel time to the Namib Desert is approximately 45 minutes by coach in each direction. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

### WAL-012 SANDWICH HARBOUR

**Duration:** 4.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$179.00

**Retail Price:** \$339.00



**Date:** December 15, 2023 12:15 PM

**Date:** December 16, 2023 08:00 AM

Explore the Sandwich Harbour area in a 4x4 vehicle that can negotiate vastly different, otherwise inaccessible terrains. As an introduction to the natural wonders, you will first stop at Walvis Lagoon, which attracts a remarkable variety of seabirds and thousands of pink flamingoes. The species that you see will depend on the season, as many of the birds are migratory. You will then travel south through Namib-Naukluft Park, a hauntingly beautiful arid landscape with towering sand dunes. A natural tidal lagoon rims the coast, whose sparse vegetation stabilizes the dunes, which would otherwise shift dramatically. If the tides and ocean swells permit, you will drive to the lagoon along the beach. If not, you will travel entirely across the surrounding dunes, some of which rise more than 200 feet above sea level. Either way, you can expect to see a massive number of water birds, including cormorants, terns and waders.

- Ride in a 4x4 vehicle through protected natural areas that would be inaccessible otherwise.
- View a staggeringly high number of seabirds, including flamingoes in season.
- Drive along the beach that rims remote Sandwich Harbour or across the surrounding sand dunes.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, guests with mobility concerns and guests who have had recent back or neck injuries.



Seated Tour



Light Activity



Moderate



Strenuous



Meal Included



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WAL-005 SWAKOPMUND SIGHTSEEING

Duration: 5.00 Hrs    Tour Price: \$79.00

Retail Price: \$229.00



Date: December 15, 2023 12:30 PM

Date: December 16, 2023 08:00 AM

Explore Swakopmund's colonial past during this orientation tour that includes a visit to the Walvis Bay Lagoon. Journey along the scenic coast to the mouth of the Swakop River and find Swakopmund, an enchanting seaside resort that resembles a Bavarian village. You'll see the town's colonial past reflected in the early 19th-century art nouveau architecture found on many appealing buildings that have been declared national monuments. Discover the neo-Baroque German Evangelical Lutheran Church and the elegant historic Railway Station, which is now the Swakopmund Hotel's reception area. After passing the town's historic jetty, you'll walk to the Karakulia Weavers where Karakul sheep wool is spun, dyed and woven into rugs and wall hangings. Explore the Kristall Gallery, which displays crystals weighing up to 14 tons, and appreciate free time at the Brauhaus Gallery, a town center shopping arcade. En route back to Walvis Bay, you'll pause for photos at Dune 7, the highest sand dune in the area, then make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains, declared a Wetland of International Importance, and marvel at its rich marine life and myriad bird species.

- Uncover early 19th-century art nouveau architecture in Swakopmund, a seaside resort town that evokes a Bavarian village.
  - See the lovely neo-Baroque German Evangelical Lutheran Church and the ornate former Railway Station.
  - View the town's beloved jetty and the Karakulia Weavers, where sheep wool is made into rugs and wall hangings.
  - Study crystals up to 14 tons at the Kristall Gallery and browse the shops in the Brauhaus Gallery.
  - Capture dramatic photos at the commanding Dune 7, the area's tallest sand dune.
  - Observe the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains, recognized internationally for its environmental importance.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. •Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

The tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. On days when the Kristall Gallery is closed, a visit to Karakulia Weavers will be substituted. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

WAL-008 TREASURES OF THE NAMIB DESERT BY OFF-ROAD VEHICLE

Duration: 5.00 Hrs    Tour Price: \$179.00

Retail Price: \$339.00



Date: December 15, 2023 12:30 PM

Date: December 16, 2023 07:30 AM

Experience the treasures of the Namib Desert during this memorable off-road expedition that includes a stop at the renowned Walvis Bay Lagoon. Board your off-road vehicle for a drive to the Namib-Naukluft National Park, which encompasses the Naukluft Mountain Range and part of the Namib, one of the world's oldest deserts and site of the world's highest and most vividly colored sand dunes. As you explore the unique plant life and terrain of this arid region, you'll discover Moon Landscape, a vastly eroded valley that is reminiscent of the lunar surface due to the wind's effect on the rock formations and sand. You'll proceed to the Welwitschia Valley, where thousands of bizarre welwitschia plants are scattered about. After stopping to view these distinctive specimens as well as a variety of interesting lichens, you'll continue to a scenic location for a refreshment of orange juice and savory snacks. Pause for photos at Dune 7, the highest sand dune in the area, then make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains, declared a Wetland of International Importance for its abundance of marine life, pelicans and a wealth of other avian species.

- See the rugged mountains, shifting dunes and vibrant colors of beguiling Namib-Naukluft National Park.
  - Gaze in awe at a lunar-like topography carved out by the wind at Moon Landscape.
  - Study the uniquely unattractive welwitschia plant, found only in the Namib Desert.
  - Appreciate a relaxing stop for savory snacks and orange juice.
  - Capture dramatic photos at the commanding Dune 7, the area's tallest sand dune.
  - Observe the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains, recognized internationally for its environmental importance.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. •Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour involves off-road travel over bumpy, uneven and dusty gravel roads. It is not recommended for guests with mobility concerns or guests who utilize a wheelchair, unless they remain seated inside the vehicles during the photo stops. The tour is not recommended for guests with dust allergies. Each vehicle will accommodate three to ten guests. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

WAL-011 SWAKOPMUND TOWNSHIP TOUR

Duration: 4.50 Hrs    Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$159.00



Date: December 15, 2023 12:30 PM

Date: December 16, 2023 08:30 AM

Delve into the daily bustle of Walvis Bay on a visit to a working-class residential district during this rewarding tour. Travel a coastal road to Mondesa Township, which was established in the early 1950s to provide housing for Owambo, Damara and Herero people working in the city of Swakopmund. You'll find that this district, just a brief distance from Swakopmund's center, reveals a radically different world from the tourist center, providing you with an invaluable opportunity for personal growth by interacting with the friendly families who reside there. Observe the inhabitants' daily life during an approximately three-hour customized tour that engages you in the resident's everyday activities, and learn some of the region's history to assist you in bridging the cultural gap and achieving increased understanding. Take in a fascinating demonstration on the preparation of the cereal grain mahangu, taste unusual but delicious food and enjoy the dancing of the local children. In addition to benefitting from your immersion into a much different way of life, you'll feel gratified that a portion of your visitor's fee is contributed to a community fund that honors and supports the district's citizens.

- Visit Mondesa Township, a culturally diverse district of Swakopmund built to house the city's workers.
  - Meet the resident families, a priceless opportunity to grasp a culture likely entirely different from your own.
  - Further your knowledge of the township's history to better understand life in Mondesa.
  - Sample flavorful local dishes and watch the preparation of a cereal grain known as mahangu.
  - Applaud the joyous dancing of the district's children.
  - Appreciate that a portion of your fee supports Mondesa's citizens.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. •Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour must be booked at least ten days prior to the sailing date. Once booked, it is non-refundable. All interaction with the community should be conducted in a non-intrusive manner, respecting the inhabitants' privacy at all times. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.



### WAL-013 PELICAN POINT KAYAKING & DUNE DRIVE

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$109.00

Retail Price: \$259.00



Date: December 15, 2023 12:30 PM

Date: December 16, 2023 08:15 AM

Cruise across Walvis Bay in a catamaran for a kayaking adventure from Pelican Point and return in a 4x4 vehicle that's ideal for negotiating the salt pans and sand dunes. While cruising, you will enjoy spectacular views of Walvis Bay and the surrounding natural areas. As you will notice even before disembarking, long slender Pelican Point is a haven for wildlife. Thousands of Cape fur seals frolic in the sea and along the coast, bottlenose and Heaviside's dolphins often breach the water's surface and seabirds are seemingly everywhere, especially pelicans, cormorants and petrels. Chances are, you will be treated to an even closer look at the bountiful marine life and wildlife while kayaking through the typically calm waters. A different sort of adventure awaits once you hop in the 4x4 vehicle and race off across the salt pans, along Donkey Bay and up into the sand dunes. The views along the way will be absolutely magnificent.

- Enjoy a scenic cruise aboard a catamaran across Walvis Bay to Pelican Point.
- Kayak off Pelican Point, a thin finger of land that enormous numbers of seals and seabirds inhabit.
- Look for bottlenose and Heaviside's dolphins, often swimming right next to your kayak.
- Ride across the surrounding salt pans, along the coast and into the dunes in a 4x4 vehicle.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, guests with mobility concerns and guests who have had recent back or neck injuries.

### WAL-GL2 GL-LIFE OF THE NAMIB PEOPLE

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$179.00

Retail Price: \$339.00



Date: December 15, 2023 12:45 PM

Date: December 16, 2023 08:45 AM

Gain insight into local life by driving into the Namib Desert in a 4x4 vehicle to a village of indigenous Topnaars and on to a seaside city that the Germans colonized on the edge of the arid terrain. While enjoying a cup of mint tea in a family home in the inland village, you will learn about the Topnaar culture and how the people rely on the protein-rich !nara melon – the fruit's odd spelling with an exclamation point denotes its pronunciation with a tongue click. You will discover more about the incredibly versatile melon at a factory that processes it for vitamins, cosmetics, sunscreens and vinaigrettes. A historical perspective of the desert awaits you in Swakopmund, a resort city wedged between Namibia's rust-red dunes and the sea. The guide will describe the city's founding in 1892 as you explore the oldest building and climb to the top of Woermann Tower for a panoramic 360° view. Shopping follows.

- Visit a desert village and interact with the indigenous Topnaar people that live there.
- Learn about the Topnaar culture while enjoying a cup of mint tea in a village home.
- Recognize how critically important the !nara melon is to the Topnaars' survival.
- View historical architecture in Swakopmund that reflects the city's colonial years.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties or those in wheelchairs. Guests are advised to leave their valuables on board the ship. Order of sites visited may vary. The vehicles drive over gravel roads which can be bumpy at times. This tour is therefore not recommended for guests with back problems.

### WAL-010 BIRDING TOUR

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$169.00



Date: December 15, 2023 01:00 PM

Date: December 16, 2023 08:00 AM

Thrill to sightings of a profusion of bird species during this tour to the rich feeding grounds of the Walvis Bay Lagoon and salt mine. Journey to the ecologically indispensable Walvis Bay Lagoon, declared a Wetland of International Importance, and begin your quest to identify the wide variety of shore birds and waders who congregate there, including sandpipers, plovers, pelicans and herons, depending upon the season. You'll enter the sedimentation pans of the expansive Walvis Bay Salt Holdings, the largest producer of solar sea salt in sub-Saharan Africa, and enjoy a close-up view of the many resident birds, perhaps even seeing phalaropes, grebes and terns, including the rare Damara tern. Travel farther along the beach to Pelican Point and discover a large Cape fur seal colony, along with osprey and exotic African black oystercatchers. Depending upon the weather and time of day, you'll possibly glimpse the dune or sabota lark and perhaps recognize an Orange River white-eye on your return through the enthralling Kuiseb River delta, a fabulous site in which to round out your unforgettable bird-watching foray.

- Catalogue sightings of numerous waders and shore birds at the nutrient-rich Walvis Bay Lagoon.
- See a plethora of avian species, such as sandpipers, plovers, herons and pelicans.
- Visit the Walvis Bay Salt mine to look for phalaropes, grebes and terns.
- Spy osprey and African black oystercatchers at Pelican Point, home to a Cape fur seal colony.
- Keep watch at the Kuiseb River delta for an Orange River white-eye and a dune or sabota lark.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. • Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This specialized tour is recommended only for birding enthusiasts. The tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. One set of binoculars and a birding book will accompany each vehicle. Wildlife sightings, although likely, are not guaranteed. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.



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Light Activity



Moderate



Strenuous



Meal Included

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## WAL-016 MOON LANDSCAPE & WELWITSCHIA

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$199.00



Date: December 15, 2023 01:00 PM

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Marvel at a vast national park that is distinguished by massive sand dunes and otherworldly terrain during a tour of a remarkable desert environment. Settle in for an approximately 30-minute drive to Dune 7, the region's largest sand dune, and perhaps find sand-boarders and skiers zipping down its slope. Continuing on, you'll enter the Namib-Naukluft National Park, which includes part of the Namib Desert and is the country's largest nature preserve, and notice its striking rusty-hued sand dunes, whose colors vary due to the iron in the sand oxidizing to a darker shade as the dunes age. In spite of the seemingly harsh conditions, find flora and fauna thriving here, such as the raggedy welwitschia, which resembles wilted lettuce and produces only two leaves in its up to 500-year lifetime. You'll journey to Moon Landscape, a vastly eroded valley that is reminiscent of the lunar surface. Discover that even though the environment appears to be barren, it supports a complex ecosystem of lichens and shrubs subsisting on the occasional moisture provided by sea fog that rolls in from as far as 20 miles away. You'll wonder at nature's incredible adaptability during this fascinating excursion.

- Stand in awe at Dune 7, a massive sand dune enjoyed by sand-boarders and skiers.
- Experience the Namib-Naukluft National Park, a striking natural preserve that includes part of the Namib Desert.
- Discern the age of a sand dune from the depth of its rust color, due to oxidation through the years.
- Wonder at the hardiness of the flora and fauna that thrive in the arid desert conditions.
- Examine the unappealing welwitschia plant, which resembles wilted lettuce and lives up to five centuries.
- Contemplate a lunar-like topography carved out by the wind at Moon Landscape.

•Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. •Carry bottled water, as you may require hydration. •Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes limited walking, mainly at the guest's discretion during stops. The tour is not recommended for guests with mobility concerns or guests who utilize a wheelchair, unless they remain seated inside the vehicles during the photo stops. The tour is not recommended for guests with dust allergies. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

## WAL-GG1 SWAKOPMUND AND BEACH CLEAN-UP

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$139.00

Retail Price: \$289.00



Date: December 16, 2023 08:30 AM

Gain a historical perspective of Swakopmund before helping the town overcome its ecological challenges by joining a beach clean-up. As the guide describes the area's colonial founding and early years, you will have the opportunity to climb Woermann Tower for a sweeping view of the downtown. Swakopmund is wedged between Namibia's rust-red coastal dunes and the sea, two wildly different settings. You will see many of the creatures that inhabit these waters at the National Marine Aquarium, the only such attraction in Namibia. The cold Benguela Current brushes the coast, attracting marine life such as fur seals and Heaviside's dolphin, perhaps the least-known of all cetaceans because it is endemic to the Benguela ecosystem. The current also carries trash, particularly discarded plastic, that endangers the marine life that mistakenly ingests it. You may choose to drive or bicycle to the beach in need of clean-up and join the effort to remove trash that has washed up.

- View the historical architecture in Swakopmund that reflects the town's colonial years .
- Browse the National Marine Aquarium, which holds marine life endemic to the region .
- Help clean up a beach where plastic trash accumulates that could be harmful to marine life .
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

This tour includes significant amount of walking / standing for numerous hours. This is a physical activity and guests will be actively engaged in beach cleanup. The surfaces will be wet, uneven and sandy at times. Therefore, it is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. Guests might get dirty. Although safety is taken seriously, it is advised to leave items of a valuable nature on the ship.

## WAL-GG2 TOPNAAR SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE VISIT

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$139.00

Retail Price: \$289.00



Date: December 16, 2023 08:30 AM

Interact with the indigenous Topnaar people in a desert village and then join them in removing trash from a dry riverbed nearby. Despite the harsh conditions, the Topnaars have lived in the area for centuries by herding cattle, gardening and feasting on melons that surprisingly grow naturally in the bone-dry terrain. You will learn about the extraordinary Topnaar culture while enjoying mint tea with a family in their home. Most possessions are communal, except for the melon bushes that each family owns. The protein-rich fruit, known as !nara—with an exclamation point to denote its pronunciation with a tongue click—is that essential to the Topnaars' survival. The nearby Kuiseb River is also critically important, although it flows intermittently and often dries up before reaching the sea. To help keep the riverbed clean, you and several villagers will remove some of the trash that may have washed downstream when the river was active.

- Visit a desert village and interact with the indigenous Topnaar people that live there .
- Learn about the Topnaar culture while enjoying a cup of mint tea in one of their homes .
- Recognize how critically important the !nara melon is to the Topnaars' survival .
- Join the Topnaars to clean trash from a riverbed .
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking / standing for approximate 2 hours. The surfaces will be wet, uneven and sandy at times. Therefore, it is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. Although safety is taken seriously, it is advised to leave items of a valuable nature on the ship.



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Light Activity



Moderate



Strenuous



Meal Included



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## ❖ PORT ELIZABETH, SOUTH AFRICA

### PTE-009 KWANTU PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$199.00

**Retail Price:** \$349.00



**Date:** December 19, 2023 09:30 AM

Meander through the extraordinary Kwantu Private Game Reserve and view South Africa's most archetypal animals in their natural environment as well as various predators being rehabilitated. Enjoy an approximately 90-minute scenic drive inland to Sidbury, a historic village in the midst of an ecologically diverse area considered frontier country. Upon arrival, you'll be treated to refreshments before meeting your park ranger and boarding your open-air 4x4 vehicle, which offers unobstructed views ideal for photography. In the surrounding bush, catch sight of zebras, giraffes, wildebeests and the iconic Big Five, comprising the lion, African elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros. You might also come across playful vervet monkeys, warthogs digging for roots or a solitary blue duiker at the edge of a clearing, with the ranger pointing out the various animals and explaining their habits in detail. After your magical game drive, pause at the reserve's rehabilitation center, where injured, orphaned and even poisoned wildlife are cared for. While visiting, you may see white lion cubs and cheetahs, and also learn about the breeding program for endangered tigers. As an enjoyable finale, relish a nourishing buffet lunch at the main lodge while viewing a rousing performance by Xhosa dancers and singers.

- Explore the Kwantu Private Game Reserve in search of wild animals during a 4x4 vehicle game drive.
- Enjoy unobstructed vistas and photo opportunities from your open-air vehicle.
- Watch for African elephants, rhinoceros, leopards, Cape buffalo and lions, collectively known as the Big Five.
- Find shy blue duikers, industrious warthogs and spirited vervet monkeys with the assistance of your ranger.
- Tour the reserve's rehabilitation center for injured, ill, endangered and orphaned predators.
- Experience the terrific dancers and singers of the Xhosa people during a buffet lunch at the main lodge.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate, lightweight or light-colored clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a windbreaker.
- Carry bottled water, as you may require hydration.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, binoculars and sunscreen.

This tour is mostly panoramic and includes over six hours of combined travel. The tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or guests with mobility concerns. Guests must be able to enter and exit the 4x4 vehicle with limited assistance. Tour vehicles travel on gravel and bumpy roads; tour is not recommended for pregnant women and guests with back, hip and/or neck problems. For safety reasons, no children under the age of six years old are allowed in the open-air vehicles. No food may be taken into the reserve in the open vehicles. Guests are not permitted to use cellular phones, smoke, speak loudly or stand up during the game drives, as this will disturb the animals.. Wildlife sightings, while likely, cannot be guaranteed.

### PTE-012 SCHOTIA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

**Duration:** 8.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$299.00

**Retail Price:** \$479.00



**Date:** December 19, 2023 09:30 AM

Look for iconic African animals on a lengthy game drive through Schotia Private Game Reserve, a sanctuary adjacent to Addo Elephant National Park. The same family has owned and operated Schotia reserve since 1933, and it is renowned for being the first reserve where lions hunt on their own, rather than being fed. Traveling through the bush in an open-air 4x4 vehicle offers countless opportunities to observe lions, hippos, rhinos, giraffes and elephants. Seeing them up close in their natural habitats is an extraordinary experience, especially since the animals are accustomed to being around people and are undisturbed by the presence of humans. There isn't a fence between Schotia and the national park so the animals freely roam between the properties, which increases your chances of seeing a huge variety of animals. You can also expect to catch sight of smaller creatures such as monkeys, crocodiles and birds, as more than 150 avian species live in Schotia.

- Drive through a privately owned game reserve that has been in the same family since 1933.
- Look for elephants, lions and African plains animals, which are abundant in the reserve.
- Expect to see plenty of smaller animals, as well, including countless species of birds.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs; or those with walking difficulties. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Not recommended for guests with back & neck problems. For safety reasons, no children under the age of 6 years allowed on the open vehicles. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

### PTE-GG1 SUSTAINABLE FARMING & CRAFTING

**Duration:** 3.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$109.00

**Retail Price:** \$259.00



**Date:** December 19, 2023 09:30 AM

Join some of the residents of Walmer Township for a bit of light gardening and to see how they turn recycled materials into handicrafts. The oldest township in Port Elizabeth, Walmer was originally farm land and sections of it are being re-purposed for crops once again. Your host will show around one of the organic gardens that now flourishes on a former landfill. Feel free to pitch in and help maintain the sustainable gardens as you learn how they support the community, promote a healthier lifestyle and teach Walmer's youth agricultural skills that can be life-changing. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a traditional crafting workshop and browse a project that assists disabled and blind residents of the township. Projects such as these offer hope to the local population, much of which is impoverished and unemployed. Your host will candidly describe the challenges and how the community is working to overcome them.

- Hear the uplifting story of how organic gardens have given new hope to the impoverished .
- Do a little gardening with the founder of the project, who will candidly offer his insights .
- Join a workshop and learn the basics of beading, one of the most traditional handicrafts .
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking / standing. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Guests to wear comfortable clothes, use sunblock, bring a hat and swimwear as well as a towel. A hat is also recommended. The order of the itinerary may change closer to the day upon discretion of the tour organizer. It is advised to leave items of a valuable nature on the ship.



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## PTE-013 PENGUIN ISLAND CRUISE

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$229.00

Retail Price: \$399.00



Date: December 19, 2023 09:45 AM

Cruise to the world's largest colony of African penguins and look for marine life such as dolphins and whales along the way. The penguins inhabit St. Croix, a rocky island that is almost completely devoid of soil. Although the island sanctuary offers an excellent natural habitat, the penguins are in decline from environmental risks, oil spills and their eggs being pilfered for human consumption. While observing these endemic penguins, you will likely hear them braying like donkeys, which is why they are also known as jackass penguins. You may also spot bottlenose and humpback dolphins, large numbers of which frequent these waters. The island is on the migratory routes of various whales, although the Bryde's whale lives year-round in the area. It is quite a spectacle to see one feeding, as these whales burst through a school of fish with their mouths wide open and their throat pleats extended.

- Cruise to rocky St. Croix island to observe the world's largest colony of African penguins.
- Gain an understanding of the threats to the birds and the efforts to protect them.
- Look for dolphins, whales and other marine life as you cruise to and from the island.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs; or those with walking difficulties. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

## PTE-001 PANORAMIC PORT ELIZABETH

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$129.00



Date: December 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Take in the landmarks of Port Elizabeth from the comfort of your coach, leaving you with a wonderful impression of South Africa's beloved Friendly City. At the entrance to the harbor, note the soaring Campanile, which was erected in 1923 and holds a carillon of 23 bells in honor of the area's first British settlers. Continuing along the scenic shore, you'll pass the lovely suburb of Summerstrand, drive through the campus of the Nelson Mandela University and perhaps stop at Shark Rock Pier to take in panoramic views of the city. Pausing for photos whenever possible, see the beautiful Victorian Gothic Main Library, the Feather Market, constructed during the ostrich feather boom, and Dias Cross, a tribute to Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias, who erected a cross nearby after discovering Algoa Bay in 1488. At the Donkin Reserve park, you'll observe a stone pyramid dedicated to Elizabeth Donkin, after whom the city was named in the 1820s. Admire well-preserved Fort Frederick and two sporting venues, Saint George's Park Cricket Ground, which is South Africa's oldest bowling green, and the more modern Nelson Mandela Stadium, all testament to Port Elizabeth's dynamic role in South Africa's history.

- Get acquainted with the Friendly City, affectionate nickname for Port Elizabeth, on a relaxing panoramic tour.
- Pause for memorable photos at several captivating points along the way, conditions permitting.
- Behold the towering 1923 Campanile, which houses a carillon and commemorates the area's earliest British settlers.
- View numerous intriguing landmarks including the Victorian Gothic Main Library and the stately Feather Market.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour is primarily panoramic in nature, with walking at the guest's discretion during stops. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them..

## PTE-015 SUNDAYS RIVER CANOE

Duration: 6.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$179.00



Date: December 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Paddle a canoe down the Sundays River in the shadow of the Addo Elephant National Park and observe the indigenous wildlife, especially water birds. While there is no telling what you will see, birds that have been spotted along the river include giant kingfishers, curlew sandpipers, greater flamingoes and little terns. The African fish eagle is one of the area's most regal birds, especially the adults, which closely resemble bald eagles. If you see one, be sure to scan the sky or branches nearby, as they are usually seen in pairs. After disembarking, you will walk a short distance through the bush, which is covered in native shrubbery known as fynbos. The biodiversity is extraordinary as the bush contains thousands of plant species, including the king protea, South Africa's national flower. When in bloom, the large petals of the king protea resemble a crown. A braai – South Africa's version of a BBQ – follows.

- Canoe down the Sundays River, a coastal area known for its abundant water birds.
- Enjoy a short walk through the bush as the guide describes the indigenous flora and fauna.
- Dine on local specialties cooked over a fire, a style of barbecuing known as a braai.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those guests with mobility concerns. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## PTE-016 AWE ART EXPERIENCE - LIFE OF A LEATHER ARTISAN

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$129.00

Retail Price: \$279.00



Date: December 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Design and create your own luggage tag under the watchful eye of a master craftsman in an artistic co-op. The venue for this collaborative endeavor will be WERK, a creative workspace where local craftspeople produce well-designed, exquisitely made items out of various materials. The brainchild of artisan Clinton Victor, WERK houses a collection of talented printmakers, silversmiths, jewelers and such, all committed to improving their own lives and Port Elizabeth through arts and crafts. You will work directly with a master craftsman to design and handmake a personalized leather luggage tag. Feel free to emboss the leather with any sort of design elements that you find appealing or meaningful to you. The final product will be yours as a keepsake. Afterwards, you can browse the other workspaces, where you will find an array of craftspeople creating all sorts of artwork, much of it for sale.

- Collaborate with a master craftsman and make a leather luggage tag by hand.
- Use the provided light tackle and bait that's been selected for what's biting that day.
- Keep the luggage tag as a memento of your creative experience.
- Use the provided light tackle and bait that's been selected for what's biting that day.
- Browse other workshops under the same roof and watch the creative craftspeople.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

The tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Guests with mobility concerns or with walking difficulties should have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.



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## PTE-GL1 PORT ELIZABETH THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCALPROTEA

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$119.00

**Retail Price:** \$269.00



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**Date:** December 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Discover how protea flowers are grown and harvested at a farm before visiting with local elders in Clarkson to hear anecdotes about the history of the Moravian town. The King Protea is South Africa's national flower, and you will see how this species and dozens of others are grown commercially at Oudebosch Farm Stall Tsitsikamma in the fertile countryside west of Port Elizabeth. You will watch how the locals propagate seeds, process the flowers and package them for export. It will be a fascinating glimpse into local farm life. Your experience in nearby Clarkson will be just as revealing, as you will meet with the elders of the small town to discuss their daily lives. Clarkson was founded in 1837 as a Moravian missionary station and only about 1,000 people live there today. The elders will describe how the town has changed over time, how residents earn a living and their traditional way of life.

- Tour a farm that grows and harvests protea flowers for commercial export.
- Mingle with the local workers and hear what it's like to farm proteas.
- Meet with the elders in a small Moravian town and learn about life there years ago.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour includes approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes of walking/standing. Guests will need to manage even, tarred and uneven surfaces along with 4 steps throughout the excursion. Any additional walking through out the tour will be at the guests' discretion during free time. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. This tour has a limited capacity; therefore, it is recommended that guests pre-book this tour as early as possible.

### PTE-002 ADDO ELEPHANT PARK

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$0.00

**Retail Price:** \$199.00



**Date:** December 19, 2023 10:15 AM

Drive through the Addo Elephant Park, an unspoiled nature reserve teeming with wildlife. Settle in for an approximately 75-minute journey north across the Swartkops River to Addo Elephant Park, a spectacular nature reserve that stands as living proof of the success of South Africa's conservation efforts. During your approximately two-hour game drive, you'll hear that when the park was founded in 1931, it housed a paltry population of 11 elephants, which over time has ballooned to over 450 individuals. From your coach, catch sight of the park's namesake elephants, a somewhat smaller species of the African elephant, and notice that they are reddish rather than the more common gray. You'll gather that they are highly intelligent creatures that communicate through vocalization, touching with their trunks and various body postures. Learn that the park's five biomes, from grassland to montane forest, support an enormous diversity of other animals, including black rhino, lions, antelopes, spotted hyenas, zebras and warthogs as well as a wide variety of birds, including the world's largest Cape gannet breeding population. On this unforgettable excursion, you'll applaud the successful protection of the remarkable Addo elephant.

- Discover the magnificent animal denizens of the Addo Elephant Park during a coach game drive.
- Gaze in awe at the park's subtly red-hued Addo elephants, an intelligent and sociable species.
- Discern signs of communication among the elephants, such as touching trunks or vocalizing.
- Keep an eye out for zebras, warthogs, antelopes and the more rarely seen lions and black rhino.
- Glory in a range of fabulous birds including the African crowned eagle and Cape gannet.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, binoculars and sunscreen.
- Guests are not permitted to use cellular phones during the game drives.

This tour is panoramic in nature with very limited walking. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. There will be comfort stops upon entering and exiting the park. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed.

### PTE-003 ADDO ELEPHANT PARK BY 4x4

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$179.00

**Retail Price:** \$339.00



**Date:** December 19, 2023 10:30 AM

Venture off-road through the Addo Elephant Park in a 4x4 safari vehicle, seeking the bountiful wildlife that roams freely in this vast nature reserve. Settle in for an approximately 75-minute journey north across the Swartkops River to Addo Elephant Park, a spectacular nature reserve that stands as living proof of the success of South Africa's conservation efforts. Upon arrival, you'll board your open-air 4x4 safari vehicle, which is designed to provide unobstructed views of the resident animals. During your approximately two-hour game drive, catch sight of the park's namesake elephants, a somewhat smaller species of the African elephant, and discover that they are reddish rather than the more common gray. You'll gather that they are highly intelligent creatures that communicate through vocalization, touching with their trunks and various body postures. Learn that the park's five biomes, from grassland to montane forest, support an enormous diversity of other animals, including black rhino, lions, antelopes, spotted hyenas, zebras and warthogs as well as a wide variety of birds, including the world's largest Cape gannet breeding population. You'll feel closer than ever to unspoiled Africa on this exceptional adventure.

- Approach the magnificent animal denizens of the Addo Elephant Park during an off-road game drive.
- Access off-the-beaten-path locations with the flexibility of your open-air 4x4 vehicle.
- Gaze in awe at the park's subtly red-hued Addo elephants, an intelligent and sociable species.
- Discern signs of communication among the elephants, such as touching trunks or vocalizing.
- Keep an eye out for zebras, warthogs, antelopes and the more rarely seen lions and black rhino.
- Glory in a range of fabulous birds including the African crowned eagle and Cape gannet.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, binoculars and sunscreen.
- Guests are not permitted to use cellular phones during the game drives.

This tour is panoramic in nature with very limited walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or guests with mobility concerns. Guests must be able to enter and exit the 4x4 vehicle with limited assistance. Tour vehicles travel on gravel and bumpy roads; tour is not recommended for pregnant women and guests with back, hip and/or neck problems. For safety reasons, no children under the age of six are allowed in the open-air vehicles. No food may be taken into the reserve in the open vehicles. Guests are not permitted to use cellular phones, smoke, speak loudly or stand up during the game drives, as this will disturb the animals. There will be comfort stops upon entering and exiting the park. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed.



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PTE-014 BELLEVUE FOREST - WALK WITH GIANTS

Duration: 6.00 Hrs    Tour Price: \$129.00    Retail Price: \$279.00    


Date: December 19, 2023 10:30 AM

Ride into the wilds of the Bellevue Forest Reserve in a 4x4 safari-style vehicle and enjoy close-up encounters with some of Africa's most iconic animals. As you wind your way into the bush, the guide will point out and describe the flora and fauna, which include feline favorites such as lions and leopards. You will have the rare opportunity for a close-up view of Cape buffaloes being fed. Distinguished by their hook-shaped horns, these hulking beasts eat huge amounts of grass each day. You will also be treated to an enlightening walk through the bush to observe a giraffe in its natural habitat. It is quite the sight to see a giraffe drink, as it must splay its legs and bend at the knees just to reach the water. Later, while toasting the experience with sparkling wine and an African grilled bread known as rooster brood, you can recount your animal encounters.

- Drive into a forest reserve and watch Cape buffaloes up-close as they feed on grass.
- Walk through the bush and observe a giraffe, the world's tallest mammal, up close.
- Look for other animals such as lions and leopards while the guide describes them in detail.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs and those with walking difficulties, due to the challenges of boarding the 4x4 open vehicles, as well as the walking during the walking safari. Weather appropriate clothing; sunglasses; binoculars and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Tour is not recommended for guests with back & neck problems. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

PTE-005 LOCAL TOWNSHIPS AND ARTS & CRAFT CENTER

Duration: 4.00 Hrs    Tour Price: \$0.00    Retail Price: \$189.00    

Date: December 19, 2023 12:00 PM



Tour some townships where resistance to apartheid was particularly strong in the 1960s and 1970s, and see how they have since flourished artistically and culturally. Receive an insight into the local African culture like no other you have ever experienced, and in doing so, will contribute to the economic upliftment so vital for the people of South Africa. Drive through downtown Port Elizabeth, once a hotbed of political and social resistance to apartheid. As you continue through its neighboring townships, you will notice the vast differences in the residential areas, such as poor, undeveloped Missionvale and middle-class Kwadwesi. Your guide will point out a number of landmarks along the way, including the Native Strangers Location, Livingstone Hospital, and Lithuli Square, which is named for the political activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1960 for his non-violent opposition to apartheid. Stop for photos at a viewpoint in Kwa Magxaki before proceeding on through several other townships. Stopping in Rhamaphosa Village, a squatter camp, you will enjoy a visit to the community's Arts and Crafts Center. Several styles of artwork are on display and for sale, all of them deeply personal to the local artists. Some of the subject matter may reflect the legacy of apartheid and how the people have struggled in this part of South Africa. Drive by Emlotheni Memorial Park, which commemorates the death of six men who were executed in 1964 for defiantly resisting apartheid forces. Then, visit a local school or community center, where you'll be served some refreshments and have the opportunity to interact with local community members and possibly some school children. Please note: This tour is mostly panoramic in nature with limited optional walking at any stops made. Tour is conducted in small coaches which cannot accommodate wheel chairs. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Only local currency (South African Rand) is accepted in the crafts building and there is no shipping. The toilet facilities are very basic. Most of the sites visited on this tour are part of an African Township, which while having extreme poverty, are busy being uplifted by the government and the local community, making them a place of hope. Participants should be prepared for this aspect of the tour. Weather appropriate clothing, adequate sun protection and flat comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## ❖ DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

### DUR-021 GONDOLA NIGHT RIDE & CARGO HOLD DINNER (EVENING)

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$129.00

Retail Price: \$279.00



Date: December 20, 2023 06:00 PM

Cruise along the Point Waterfront Canal in a sleek gondola and then dine at a restaurant whose windows offer underwater views of a shark tank. You will embark on the gondola from uShaka Marine World, the largest marine theme park in South Africa. As you cruise the serene canal, the waters will reflect the twinkling city lights and create a fairyland ambiance that you will not soon forget. You will pass luxury high-rises, dramatically illuminated palm trees and an enclosed area of the canal where baby hammerhead sharks are reared until they can be released into the ocean. Sharks are also a major attraction at uShaka's unique Cargo Hold Restaurant, where you can watch these apex predators as you dine on an extraordinary three-course dinner. Afterwards, you will drive along Durban's coast, a beachfront known as the Golden Mile. It looks even more magnificent at night in the glow of the city lights.

- Enjoy a relaxing evening gondola ride along an urban canal on luxurious Durban Point.
- Dine on a three-course meal while watching sharks at a restaurant in a marine theme park.
- Drive along the Golden Mile beachfront at night when the city is wonderfully illuminated.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour is not recommended to those in a wheelchair or walking difficulties due to the nature of the tour. Weather appropriate clothing; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

### DUR-022 GONDOLA NIGHT RIDE & DURBAN CITY LIGHTS (EVENING)

Duration: 2.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$149.00



Date: December 20, 2023 06:00 PM

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Settle in for an evening gondola ride through a downtown canal and see Durban from another perspective while driving along the Golden Mile beachfront. The city lights will be shining brilliantly the entire time, so Durban will look wonderfully radiant. The gondola will leave from uShaka Marine World, a marine theme park on Durban Point, and cruise through the winding Point Waterfront Canal for about two-thirds of a mile. You will pass under footbridges and past luxury high-rises, all of which will be beautifully illuminated for the evening. One of the more unexpected sights is the enclosed area of the canal where baby hammerhead sharks – weighing only 6 or 7 pounds each – are fattened up before being released into the ocean. Chances are, you will see twinkling boat lights out on the sea as you drive along the Golden Mile beachfront. The city lights will also reflect on the water, making for an unforgettable experience.

- Enjoy a relaxing evening gondola ride along an urban canal on luxurious Durban Point.
- Drive along the Golden Mile beachfront at night when the city is wonderfully illuminated.
- Hear enlightening commentary that describes the sights and their significance.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour is not recommended to those in a wheelchair or walking difficulties due to the nature of the tour. Weather appropriate clothing; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

### DUR-023 SIBAYA CASINO & ENTERTAINMENT KINGDOM - LEISURE E

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$99.00



Date: December 20, 2023 06:00 PM

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Spend hours of free time in the Sibaya Casino & Entertainment Kingdom, a sprawling venue on the outskirts of Durban. The excitement really builds once the sun goes down, so it should be electrifying when you arrive. With no schedule to follow, you can do whatever you please from an array of exhilarating activities. If you enjoy gaming, Sibaya offers more than a thousand slot machines and video poker machines. You can also try your luck at the poker and blackjack tables and at the roulette wheel. In addition, there is sports betting on everything from soccer to rugby to cricket. If you want a break from the action, settle in at one of the restaurants, cafés or grills. Their menus range from flavorful Indian cuisine to hearty steaks and chops to lighter fare for a quick snack. You might even catch a show in the Izulu Theatre. How you spend the time is completely up to you.

- Enjoy the amenities of the Sibaya Casino & Entertainment Kingdom at your leisure.
- Play the slot machines, try your luck at poker and indulge in sports betting, if you wish.
- Take a break from gaming at one of the many restaurants and bars.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Weather appropriate clothing; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.



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## DUR-020 DURBAN BY NIGHT TOUR - INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS (E

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$99.00

Retail Price: \$249.00



Date: December 20, 2023 06:30 PM

Enjoy a panoramic drive through Durban in the early evening when "Durbs," as it is affectionately known, is fully illuminated and most radiant. As you follow the waterfront on Victoria Embarkment, you will pass landmarks such as the Yacht Club, Juma Mosque and the statue of Dick King, a pioneer who made an epic ride on horseback in 1842 to request help for the besieged British garrison. Other highlights include the Neo-Baroque city hall, the ornate 19th-century post office and the Natural History Museum. This latter is Durban's oldest building and was once the courthouse. As you approach the Golden Mile beachfront, you will likely see Zulus dressed in colorful headdresses and costumes carrying sightseers around in rickshaws. It is just one expression of Durban's cultural diversity. The city's cuisine is equally varied as you will discover at a magnificent finger-fork dinner at an upscale restaurant along the coast.

- See Durban at night when the city lights are illuminated and the downtown is most radiant.
- Learn about the history of Durban while passing the most revealing historical landmarks.
- Savor the local cuisine at a finger-fork dinner toward the end of the panoramic city tour.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Weather appropriate clothing; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## DUR-018 BEST OF HLUHLUWE

Duration: 14.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$159.00

Retail Price: \$309.00



Date: December 21, 2023 05:00 AM

Drive through the Hluhluwe Game Reserve in an open-top safari-style vehicle and look for iconic African animals in the bushveld. Although it will take 3.5 hours to reach the reserve, it will be well worth the effort as Hluhluwe is home to the Big Five – lions, elephants, rhinos, leopards and Cape buffalo. Once the exclusive hunting grounds of the Zulu monarch Shaka, the reserve is renowned for its abundant animals and for its conservation effort that brought South Africa's white rhino population back from the brink of extinction. As you travel through various natural habitats, the ranger guide will point out and describe the native flora and fauna that now flourish there. You might see giraffes walking by so close that you can almost touch them, blue wildebeests grazing in the pastures and even rare white rhinos, the world's second-largest land mammal. Being the country's oldest game reserve, Hluhluwe is a natural wonderland.

- Look for the Big Five – lions, elephants, rhinos, leopards and Cape buffalo – in a game reserve.
- Drive through the bushveld in an open-top vehicle that offers unobstructed views.
- Learn how the reserve brought the local white rhino population back from near extinction.
- Discover how the land, once a Zulu monarch's hunting grounds, became a game reserve.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

Participants must be at least 6 years of age. This tour is not recommended for guests in wheelchairs due to difficulty of getting in and out of vehicle. Weather appropriate clothing; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Bring a hat, sunscreen and binoculars. Wildlife not guaranteed.

## DUR-019 ST. LUCIA & HLUHLUWE GAME RESERVE

Duration: 13.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$179.00

Retail Price: \$339.00



Date: December 21, 2023 05:30 AM

Enjoy the ultimate wildlife experience on a boat cruise through a birder's paradise and on a safari-style drive through South Africa's oldest game reserve. While cruising along the shores of Lake St. Lucia, you will observe an abundance of birds as more than 520 avian species have been identified there. The biodiversity within the surrounding iSimangaliso Wetland Park is so astounding that UNESCO declared it a World Heritage site. Although you may see other African animals such as antelopes and hippos, the chances are even greater within the Hluhluwe Game Reserve, home to the Big Five – lions, elephants, rhinos, leopards and Cape buffalo. This land has been protected since 1895, allowing the animals to flourish throughout. Few sights are more memorable than encountering iconic creatures such as lions and elephants in their natural habitats, undisturbed by human intervention. You may even spot white rhinos, which were brought back from near extinction.

- Observe a variety of birdlife while cruising Lake St. Lucia in a wetlands park.
- Hear fascinating facts about the birds and their behavior from the naturalist guide.
- Look for lions, elephants, rhinos, leopards and Cape buffalo in Hluhluwe Game Reserve.
- Drive through the bushveld in an open-top vehicle that offers unobstructed views.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

Tour is not recommend to guests with walking difficulties or those in wheelchairs. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Weather appropriate clothing; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.



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## DUR-GG3 THE GREEN HUB & ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

**Duration:** 8.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$109.00

**Retail Price:** \$259.00



**Date:** December 21, 2023 08:00 AM

Explore the Green Hub, a center for environmental projects and awareness, and gain insight into how Durban is creating a more sustainable way of living. Your immersion into greener living will begin at the Blue Lagoon, a section of the Umgeni River. There, you will see a series of litter booms that collect trash for recycling before it reaches the sea. It is just one of many projects that the eco-conscious organization Green Corridors has initiated to improve the local environment. You will also visit a waste management center that repurposes the plastic and glass from that trash into useful items such as landscaping pavers. Green Corridors also operates a wilderness park with outdoor occupational therapy opportunities for the aged and young. You will spend an hour volunteering at one of those projects before heading to the Inanda Dam for lunch. The dam controls the water flowing into the Umgeni River, which protects the surrounding communities from flooding.

- Raise your environmental awareness by visiting Durban's eco-friendly Green Hub .
- See how trash is collected from rivers with simple litter booms .
- Visit a recycling center that repurposes glass, plastic and plant fiber into useful items .
- Spend an hour volunteering at whatever project you find most meaningful .
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

This tour includes approximately 4 hours of walking and/or standing over uneven and gravel terrain. Participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing; hat; sun screen and comfortable, flat, non-slip walking shoes are suggested.

### DUR-006 NELSON MANDELA CAPTURE SITE

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$0.00

**Retail Price:** \$109.00



**Date:** December 21, 2023 08:15 AM

Learn some more about Nelson Mandela at the site where he was captured. Applaud a steel-pole sculpture that ingeniously transforms into Nelson Mandela's face and visit a waterfall that the Zulus hold sacred. Settle in for a picturesque drive into the Natal Midlands, through the fetching city of Pietermaritzburg and on to an unassuming stretch of highway that was suddenly thrust into the spotlight on August 5, 1962. Visit the museum and learn it was here that police captured anti-apartheid activist Mandela, who was posing as a chauffeur to avoid detection, after which he spent 27 years in prison, emerging as the world's most recognized political prisoner. Near the spot that marks Mandela's capture, you'll see 50 steel poles that seem to be randomly placed, but as you come closer, they coalesce into an image of Mandela's face, an extraordinarily moving sculpture and fitting tribute to the inspiring Nobel Prize-winner. Nearby, you'll gaze in awe at the Howick Falls, a roaring cascade falling just over 310 feet. Discover that the falls are known to the Zulu people as Place of the Tall One, or KwaNogqaza, and that traditional Zulu healers believe the turbulent pool at the base holds mystical powers. You'll long ponder the revered South African sites you've visited on this uplifting excursion.

- Drive to the picturesque Natal Midlands, passing through the gracious city of Pietermaritzburg.
- Contemplate the imprisonment of anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela at the very site where he was captured.
- Treasure a unique outdoor sculpture made with steel poles that arrange themselves into Mandela's face as you approach.
- Exult in more than 310 feet of plunging water at the Howick Falls, the Zulu Place of the Tall One.
- Wear lightweight, casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately two hours of moderate walking/standing, on paved and uneven surfaces, and some steps. Tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests.

### DUR-001 DURBAN CITY TOUR

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$0.00

**Retail Price:** \$149.00



**Date:** December 21, 2023 08:30 AM, 01:30 PM

Explore Durban's fascinating blend of diverse Asian, African and European cultural influences during a wonderful panoramic tour with free time at the city's Indian Market. Begin your scenic drive down the palm-lined Victoria Embankment, en route passing the ornate Vasco Da Gama Clock, the elegant Durban Club, the exclusive Yacht Club and the Dick King Statue, dedicated to an English trader and local hero. After stopping at Currie Hill for panoramic views overlooking the city, visit the Durban Botanical Gardens and stroll through lush grounds renowned for their orchid house and rare collection of cycads, plants dating back to prehistoric times. In the city center, drive past a succession of stately buildings, including City Hall, the Natural Science Museum and the Post Office. Drive by the Juma Mosque, famed for its turrets and massive gilded dome and stop for photos of the Moses Mabhida Stadium. Upon arrival at the Victoria Street Market, commonly known as the Indian Market, enjoy free time to browse a vibrant array of herbs, spices, delightful wooden carvings and delicately fashioned ebony and ivory ornaments.

- Experience the highlights of Durban from the comfort of your touring coach.
- See landmarks dotting the waterfront Victoria Embankment, including the grand Durban Club.
- Meander the luxuriant grounds of the Durban Botanical Gardens, which feature an orchid house and rare cycad collection.
- Behold sumptuous downtown landmarks such as City Hall and the Natural Science Museum.
- Shop for enticing keepsakes, including ebony and ivory ornaments, at the lively Indian Market.
- Take in the entire city from Currie Hill.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately 1.5-hours of walking/standing, and a few steps. Tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests. Most of the shops at the Victoria Street Market close on Saturday afternoons and all-day Sunday; as an alternative you will spend more time at the Botanical Gardens.



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## DUR-002 TALA GAME RESERVE

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$109.00

**Retail Price:** \$259.00



**Date:** December 21, 2023 08:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 01:30 PM

Marvel at South Africa's diverse flora and fauna during this extraordinary game drive through the Tala Private Game Reserve. Relax during a pleasant journey to Tala, whose nearly 7,410 acres are nestled in the KwaZulu-Natal hills. Upon arrival, you'll meet your knowledgeable rangers and trackers before boarding an open-air vehicle for a guided game drive, a remarkable opportunity to become one with nature as you experience the sights, sounds and smells of the African bush. Learn that this nature conservancy is home to expanses of indigenous acacia thornveld, open grassland and sensitive wetlands that provide an exceptional environment in which to observe wildlife. In addition to over 300 avian species, you might spot impressive big game such as buffalo, rhino, kudu, hippos and giraffe, as well as the rare sable antelope. You'll appreciate the distinctive plant species also found here, including fiery aloe, imposing euphorbia and fragrant wild sage. After your game drive, partake in refreshments at the lodge's restaurant and recall your unforgettable moments among the majestic creatures of the Tala Private Game Reserve.

- Embark on a quest in search of wild animals during a game drive at the Tala Private Game Reserve.
- Enjoy unobstructed vistas and photo opportunities from your open-air vehicle.
- Thrill to possible sightings of giraffe, rhino, hippos, buffalo, kudu and the elusive sable antelope.
- Keep a sharp eye for the more than 300 bird species that roam the reserve's varied ecosystems.
- Savor refreshments in the lodge and contemplate your adventure in Tala's unspoiled wilderness.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, binoculars and sunscreen.

This tour involves travel over gravel roads, inclines and bumpy surfaces. Guests must be able to get in and out of high, open vehicles with limited assistance. Tour is not suitable for wheel chair guests, pregnant women and guests with back, hip and/or neck problems or physical limitations. Participants must be six years of age or older. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed.

## DUR-005 HOWICK FALLS AND ARDMORE CERAMICS

**Duration:** 7.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$99.00

**Retail Price:** \$249.00



**Date:** December 21, 2023 08:30 AM

Embrace the scenic and artistic splendor of South Africa during visits to the magnificent Howick Falls and the fabulous Ardmore Ceramic Art studio. Enjoy a leisurely drive through fetching Pietermaritzburg on your way to the Howick Falls, located approximately 59 miles from Durban in the heart of the Natal Midlands, and gaze in awe at a spectacular cascade falling just over 310 feet. You'll learn that the falls, which weren't seen by European explorers until the early 19th century, are known to the Zulu people as Place of the Tall One, or KwaNogqaza. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to the celebrated Ardmore Ceramic Art studio, founded in 1985 by Fée Halsted, 2016 winner of the women's Mbokodo Award for her contribution to the arts in South Africa. You'll glory in a display of meticulously crafted pottery that has attracted the attention of Christie's of London and discriminating collectors worldwide. As you study the exquisite works, which often feature African wildlife, you'll appreciate they are produced by skilled local artisans under the tutelage of Ms. Halsted. You're sure to delight in the beauty of South Africa, both natural and man-made, on this entrancing tour.

- Drive to the picturesque Natal Midlands, passing through the gracious city of Pietermaritzburg.
- Exult in more than 310 feet of plunging water at the Howick Falls, the Zulu Place of the Tall One.
- Examine refined and colorful works molded from clay at the acclaimed Ardmore Ceramic Art studio.
- Notice the South African influence on the ceramics, many of which showcase local wildlife.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately two hours of walking/standing, on paved, uneven and sandy surfaces, and some steps. Tour is not available for wheel chair guests and not recommended for those with mobility concerns.

## DUR-017 AFRICAN TRADITIONAL HEALER

**Duration:** 4.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$0.00

**Retail Price:** \$139.00



**Date:** December 21, 2023 08:30 AM

Become immersed in the world of traditional healers by visiting with several of these revered sangomas in the township of Umlazi. You will gain insight into how sangomas receive their calling, their roles within Zulu communities and how they treat a variety of illnesses. It will be a fascinating experience because these healers are relied on to treat physical and spiritual ailments, direct birth and death rituals, counteract witchcraft and even find lost cattle. One of the highlights will be watching the sangomas enter into a trance-like state and perform a dance that enables them to connect with their ancestral spirits. If you wish, you can consult with a sangoma and discuss whatever comes to mind, whether relating to the local culture or to you personally. A tour of Umlazi follows, during which you will learn how it has transitioned since 1845, when British settlers forcibly occupied the area.

- Gain an understanding of the importance of traditional healers in the Zulu culture.
- Watch the healers perform a hypnotic dance and consult with a healer, if you wish.
- Discover the history of township of Umlazi, a traditional home of the Zulu.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour is not recommended for guests on wheelchairs or with limited mobility. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.



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## DUR-GG1 LITTER BOOM AND BEACH CLEAN-UP

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$139.00



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See firsthand how litter booms prevent trash from reaching the sea and then clean up a beach marred by rubbish from other sources. You will join a member of the eco-conscious organization Green Corridors for this enlightening experience that will begin at the Johnna Road settlement. There, simple but ingeniously effective litter booms have been installed on the waterways to collect trash that can easily be scooped off the surface for recycling. It is just one of many projects that Green Corridors has initiated to promote environmental awareness and ensure that the community enjoys clean water. A stroll along the wooden boardwalk that winds through the nearby mangrove forest will offer a close-up look at a robust ecosystem that the litter booms benefit. Keep an eye out for marine creatures such as ghost crabs that thrive in the waters. A beach clean-up at the river's mouth follows, during which you will pitch in to help protect the environment.

- Join an environmentalist to see how litter booms collect trash from the local waterways .
- Recognize the benefits of litter booms by walking through mangroves that they protect .
- Do your part to help the environment by participating in a beach clean-up along the river .
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking and/or standing over uneven and sandy terrain. Participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing; hat; sun screen and comfortable, flat, non-slip walking shoes are suggested.

## DUR-GG2 WASTE MANAGEMENT TREATMENT

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$139.00



Date: December 21, 2023 08:30 AM

Become inspired by how invasive plants and ordinary litter can be turned into useful, sustainable products that benefit the environment and the community. At the KwaMashu Materials Beneficiation Centre, you will watch how fiber from non-native plants is repurposed to make eco-friendly packaging and other products. It is a win-win situation. Removing harmful alien species allows indigenous plants to flourish and creating practical items from discarded natural materials benefits the environment. You will also visit a nearby waterway to see how litter booms on the water's surface collect trash that is then separated and recycled back at the center. The plastic and glass in the trash is processed together to make pavers for landscaping and driveways. Other projects that you may learn about at the center include using grass clippings for compost for community vegetable gardens and repurposing construction rubble for retaining walls to prevent erosion.

- Visit a recycling center that repurposes glass, plastic and plant fiber into useful items .
- See how trash is collected from rivers with simple litter booms .
- Learn about other waste management projects that continue to improve the environment .
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking and/or standing over uneven and gravel terrain. Participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing; hat; sun screen and comfortable, flat, non-slip walking shoes are suggested.

## DUR-GL1 DURBAN THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCAL LITTLE INDIA

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$149.00



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Date: December 21, 2023 08:30 AM

Discover the richly layered Indian influence throughout the province of KwaZulu-Natal by talking to locals at a spice market, in a settlement where Mahatma Ghandi lived and at a Hare Krishna temple. Your immersion into India's contribution to South Africa will begin at Victoria Street Market, the oldest in Durban. While browsing the stalls, you will see piles of freshly ground spices, statues of Buddha and countless other Indian products while Indian music plays in the background. Continuing on to the nearby Phoenix Settlement, you see where the revered Ghandi started his first newspaper and begin experimenting with communal living and pursuing interfaith harmony and social justice. His influence is still felt throughout the community. You will then visit the largest Hare Krishna temple in Durban, a cultural treasure that blends Vedic and contemporary architecture. As you meander about the large and opulent temple, be sure notice the beautiful tile work, crystal chandeliers and golden lotus-shaped statuettes.

- Browse the wide variety of Indian products, especially spices, in Durban's oldest market.
- Tour the community where Mahatma Ghandi lived and began his spiritual transformation.
- Wander through a lavish temple where the Hare Krishna branch of Hinduism is practiced.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour includes approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes of walking/standing. Guests will need to manage even, uneven and paved surfaces along with 15 steps throughout the excursion. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. This tour has a limited capacity; therefore, it is recommended that guests pre-book this tour as early as possible.



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## DUR-007 DURBAN CITY AND COASTAL DRIVE

Duration: 2.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$169.00



Date: December 21, 2023 08:45 AM, 02:00 PM

View the landmarks that define Durban, or Durbs, as it's affectionately known, on this relaxing panoramic tour of the city's historic downtown and stunningly beautiful coastline. Drive down palm-lined Victoria Embankment. Farther up the coast, discover the charms of the beach-blessed village of Umhlanga Rocks and the town of Ballito, perhaps spotting bottlenose dolphins frolicking and feeding near the shoreline, an area aptly called the Dolphin Coast. Return to Durban and pause for photos at Currie Hill, which offers sweeping vistas of the cosmopolitan city. Upon descending, you'll continue past many key attractions and a succession of stately buildings, including the neo-Baroque City Hall, the ornate 1885 Post Office and the Natural Science Museum, built in the 1860s and Durban's oldest surviving structure. From splendid architecture to natural gifts, you'll relish your excursion into Durban and its marvelous surroundings.

- Soak up the highlights of Durban and neighboring seaside towns from the comfort of your coach.
- Capture photos of the shores of seaside Ballito and Umhlanga Rocks.
- Take in expansive views of the entire city from an advantageous lookout on Currie Hill.
- Behold sumptuous downtown landmarks such as City Hall and the Natural Science Museum.
- Wear lightweight, casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour is primarily panoramic in nature with limited walking at the guest's discretion during stops. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them.

## DUR-004 VALLEY OF THE THOUSAND HILLS

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$199.00



Date: December 21, 2023 09:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 01:00 PM, 02:30 PM

Uncover past and present-day African tribal culture in the ancestral homeland of the Zulu during this enthralling journey to the Valley of a Thousand Hills. During your scenic drive, hear that nearly two centuries ago the Zulu King Shaka, known to historians as the Black Napoleon, subjugated the tribes that today comprise the Kingdom of the Zulu. Upon arrival at the PheZulu Safari Park, you'll enjoy a guided walking tour focused on the customs and beliefs of the Zulu people, including a performance of energetic songs by costumed members of the renowned Gasa clan. Revel in dances of courtship and betrothal, war and birth, and the throwing of bones by a witch doctor, or sangoma, all set to the mesmerizing beat of the Zulu drum. You'll walk through a recreated village, learning about African tribal culture and visit PheZulu's riveting reptile park to view some of Africa's most notorious snakes and crocodiles. During your tour, appreciate revitalizing tea, coffee and scones as well as time to browse an array of ethnic handicrafts, including Zulu fabric art, pottery, woodcarvings and beadwork.

- Rejoice in the Zulu way of life at the PheZulu Safari Park, tucked in the Valley of a Thousand Hills.
- Understand the alluring culture of the Zulu during a costumed dance performance accompanied by Zulu drumming.
- Absorb the rhythm of daily tribal life as you stroll among the beehive huts of a recreated Zulu village.
- Admire incredible African crocodile and snake specimens at PheZulu's reptile park.
- Refresh with coffee, tea and scones during your enlightening sojourn in PheZulu.
- Shop for handcrafted mementoes such as Zulu fabric art, woodcarvings, pottery and beadwork.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes over one hour of walking/standing over paved pathways, wooden boardwalk, some uneven, sandy terrain and steps. Ground can be muddy after heavy rainfall. This tour is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair or guests with mobility concerns.

## DUR-014 AFRICAN MARKET EXPERIENCE

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$119.00



Date: December 21, 2023 09:00 AM

Browse the eclectic shops and stalls in several Durban markets and come away with a greater appreciation for the diversity of merchandise and people. The Victoria Street Market is the city's oldest and has grown to include more than 200 vendors. The exotic sights and sounds will be entrancing as you meander through stores selling everything from handcrafted jewelry to aromatic spices. The scale and variety of the Herb Market is just as impressive. It is a pharmacy of sorts where customers describe their ailments to traditional healers, who in turn supply them with the appropriate herbal remedies, which are pounded and ground on the spot with iron hammers. The aromas of these freshly processed herbs can be quite enticing. You will also visit a third venue, which could be one that sells colorful beads to adorn jewelry, handbags and clothing. If the bead market is closed, another market will be chosen.

- Enhance your understanding of the local culture by browsing three traditional markets.
- Meander through hundreds of open-air shops selling every sort of merchandise imaginable.
- Watch herb grinders prepare natural remedies for their awaiting customers.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour is not recommended for passengers in wheelchairs, or those with walking difficulties due to the amount of walking involved. Weather appropriate clothing; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Bead market open on Fridays only. If closed, beads can be viewed at Victoria Street Market.



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DUR-016 SCENIC DURBAN BY HELI WITH MOUNTAIN PICNIC

Duration: 3.00 Hrs    Tour Price: \$469.00    Retail Price: \$669.00    


Date: December 21, 2023 09:30 AM

Fly high over Durban in a helicopter for a bird's-eye view of the sprawling urban landscape before heading inland and following the Umgeni River Valley. Once you take a seat in the helicopter and its rotors start turning, the thrills will begin in earnest. As you soar over Durban, you will get a good sense of the topography, which will become more mountainous and forested as you fly west. Looking down, you will see Tops Needle, the raging whitewater rapids of the Umgeni River, and the massive reservoir behind the Inanda Dam. You will also pass over the Valley of a Thousand Hills, which has been home to the Zulu people for centuries. Once the helicopter lands on a mountain plateau, you will deplane for a leisurely picnic. The views will be spectacular in every direction, especially the one overlooking Durban with the Indian Ocean in the distance.

- Soar over Durban and the inland countryside in a helicopter.
- Enjoy a birds-eye view of the natural beauty and manmade wonders such as Inanda Dam.
- Picnic atop a mountain plateau and take in the sweeping views in every direction.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour is not recommended for passengers in wheelchairs, but those with walking difficulties can manage with assistance. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. This tour is weather permitting. This tour is not suitable for guests with a fear of heights

DUR-015 DURBAN COASTAL AND HIGH TEA

Duration: 4.00 Hrs    Tour Price: \$0.00    Retail Price: \$159.00    

Date: December 21, 2023 11:30 AM



Settle in for a wonderfully panoramic drive around Durban and along the coast to Umhlanga for a traditional high tea. On the way out of Durban, you will pass a multitude of historical government buildings and Juma Mosque, the largest mosque in the Southern Hemisphere. From atop Currie Hill, you will enjoy one last sweeping view of the urban landscape before heading north along the sea. Be sure to look for bottlenose dolphin just off shore as they are so prevalent that this stretch of sand has become known as the Dolphin Coast. Upon arriving at the waterfront Oyster Box Hotel in Umhlanga, you will be treated to high tea in the elegant Palm Court. It is an extraordinary setting for a sophisticated affair. The buffet table will be laid out with a generous selection of savory and sweet specialties such as flaky samosa pastries and the hotel's famed almond-coated chicken mayo sandwiches.

- Indulge in a traditional high tea at a luxury hotel overlooking the Indian Ocean.
- Admire the natural beauty north of Durban along the famed Dolphin Coast.
- View Durban's landmarks while driving through town and from atop Currie Hill.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests or those guests with mobility concerns. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The order of the sites visited or viewed may vary.



## ❖ MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

### MPM-003 CITY & SUN

Duration: 5.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$249.00

Retail Price: \$399.00



Date: December 23, 2023 08:00 AM

Explore fascinating highlights of dynamic Maputo, Mozambique's capital and most populous city, then partake in a delicious lunch and time to relax at a hotel on this captivating tour. Pass the striking Beaux-Arts Central Railway Station on your journey to the Maputo Central Market, where you can watch locals bartering for a variety of goods and food. Continue to expansive Independence Square, a city focal point and home to a statue of Samora Machel, the country's first president, the gleaming white Roman-Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the neoclassical City Hall and the splendid colonial-style French-Mozambican Cultural Center, home to art exhibitions and musical performances. You'll marvel at a house built entirely of iron, designed by Gustave Eiffel as a governor's residence but ultimately uninhabitable due to the tropical climate, and discover the appealing Natural History Museum, which boasts attractive Manueline architecture and unique exhibits. You'll savor a tasty lunch at a nearby hotel before spending the remainder of the afternoon enjoying the hotel's facilities, perhaps sipping a cocktail by the pool and gazing across the glistening bay.

- Delight in Maputo's sensational Beaux-Arts Central Railway Station.
- Witness the lively barter of food and goods at the bountiful Maputo Central Market.
- Visit Independence Square, ringed by the city's arresting cathedral, neoclassical City Hall and the French-Mozambican Cultural Center.
- Stand in awe of a house made entirely of iron designed by Gustave Eiffel for the island's governor.
- Take in one-of-a-kind exhibits at the Manueline-style Natural History Museum.
- Relish a delectable lunch and free time to relax at a seaside hotel.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- If you wish to swim at the hotel, wear swimwear under your clothing.
- Bring a towel from the ship.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes moderate walking over mostly even surfaces. There will be some steps and crowded conditions to negotiate. The tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The coaches are basic, but well-maintained, and the quality can vary considerably. There is no formal guiding qualification required for Mozambique, and in order to support the local community, we use local escorts/guides. Many of these escorts/guides do have previous experience in guiding for visiting cruise ships. Although the majority of the roads are paved, you may encounter some potholes or a few bumpy dirt roads. Please be aware that some of the international embassies and government buildings may be deemed military or state defense sites, and photography is not permitted. There can be serious consequences for ignoring these rules, so guests are advised to ask the tour guide before taking photos. Guests who participate in any water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.

### MPM-005 DISCOVER MAPUTO

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$109.00

Retail Price: \$259.00



Date: December 23, 2023 08:30 AM

Appreciate a multi-faceted look at Maputo that showcases the city's history and includes a delicious lunch. Pass the striking Beaux-Arts Central Railway Station on your way to the Maputo Central Market, where you can watch locals bartering for a variety of goods and food. You'll continue to Independence Square, a city focal point and home to a statue Samora Machel, the country's first president, the gleaming white Roman-Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the neoclassical City Hall and the splendid Colonial-style French-Mozambican Cultural Center, home to art exhibitions and musical performances. You'll marvel at a house built entirely of iron designed by Gustav Eiffel as a governor's residence but ultimately uninhabitable due to the tropical climate. Travel to the five-star Polana Serena Hotel, where you'll sit for a flavorful buffet lunch before returning to Maputo to view evidence of the city's burgeoning growth, passing foreign embassies and new construction. You'll conclude your tour at the fascinating Natural History Museum, which boasts attractive Manueline architecture and unique exhibits.

- Witness the lively barter of food and goods at the bountiful Maputo Central Market.
- Visit Independence Square, ringed by the city's arresting cathedral, neoclassical City Hall and the French-Mozambican Cultural Center.
- Stand in awe of a house made entirely of iron designed by Gustave Eiffel for the island's governor.
- Relish a delicious lunch buffet at the luxurious Polana Serena Hotel.
- Observe a plethora of foreign embassies and new construction, signs of Maputo's revitalization.
- Take in one-of-a-kind exhibits at the Manueline-style Natural History Museum.

•Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. •Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking over mostly even surfaces. There will be some steps and crowded conditions to negotiate. The tour is available to guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The coaches are basic, but well-maintained, and the quality can vary considerably. There is no formal guiding qualification required for Mozambique, and in order to support the local community, we use local escorts/guides. Many of these escorts/guides do have previous experience in guiding for visiting cruise ships. Although the majority of the roads are paved, you may encounter some potholes or a few bumpy dirt roads. Please be aware that some of the international embassies and government buildings may be deemed military or state defense sites, and photography is not permitted. There can be serious consequences for ignoring these rules, so guests are advised to ask the tour guide before taking photos. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.



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**MPM-GG1 COSTA DO SOL AND REPENSAR****Duration: 4.75 Hrs****Tour Price: \$0.00****Retail Price: \$129.00****Date: December 23, 2023 08:30 AM**

Gain an understanding of Mozambique's environmental challenges by touring the capital of Maputo and then do your part to help by participating in a beach clean-up. Much of Maputo was destroyed during the fight for independence from Portugal that finally ended in 1975. The city has been rebuilding ever since and progress is being made, as you will discover while touring downtown attractions such as Independence Square. Although the environment is improving as well, poor farming practices, deforestation and discarded plastic washing up on the beaches continues to be a problem. A member of the local environmental cooperative Repensar—whose name means “rethink”—will describe Maputo's recent success in reducing pollution and recycling. It will be inspiring to see how a community can unite to enact meaningful changes. If you wish to help out, you can join a group of volunteers to pick up litter from one of the beaches that rims Maputo.

- Gain insight into how Maputo is successfully dealing with its environmental challenges .
- Participate in a beach clean-up with local volunteers committed to improving Maputo .
- Enjoy a tour of Mozambique's capital and learn about its fight for independence .
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking over uneven and sandy terrain. It is not available for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing; hat; sunscreen and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. Of special note - The coaches are maintained, although basic, and the quality can vary considerably. There is no formal guiding qualification required for Mozambique, and in order to support the local community we use local escorts/guides. Many of these escorts/guides do have previous experience in guiding for visiting cruise ships. Furthermore, although the majority of the roads are paved, you may encounter some with potholes or a few bumpy dirt roads. Warning: Some of the monuments and attractions you will view may fall under "military or state defense objects". You are not allowed to take pictures and may run into serious problems ignoring these rules. Please therefore ask your tour guides advise first before taking any pictures.

**MPM-008 MAFALALA EXPLORER****Duration: 4.00 Hrs****Tour Price: \$109.00****Retail Price: \$259.00****Date: December 23, 2023 08:45 AM, 01:15 PM**

Delve into the culture of Mafalala on an enlightening walking tour through this ethnically diverse suburb of Mozambique's capital. While following a local guide down the typically narrow dirt streets of Mafalala, you will learn how the Portuguese colonization of Maputo affected the area and led to years of strict racial segregation that began in the late 19th century. Although Mafalala is economically challenged and many of the homes are built with little more than wood and sheets of rusty tin, the town is on the upswing. A number of Mozambique's most admired people have lived there, including soccer legend Eusébio and the country's first two presidents since Mozambique gained its independence from Portugal in 1975. The guide will translate if you wish to interact with some of the locals while walking about Mafalala or while browsing the FEIMA crafts market back in Maputo.

- Follow a local guide through the poor, but culturally rich suburb of Mafalala.
- Gain insight into the lifestyle and how it has changed since Mozambique's independence.
- Interact with the locals in Mafalala and while browsing a crafts market in Maputo.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 2 1/2 hours of moderate walking that will include some steps and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. It is usually quite hot and humid in Mozambique so weather appropriate casual clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Of special note, Mozambique is a third world country and while visiting is a rewarding experience, it differs greatly from other urban destinations such as those found in South Africa. Of special note - The coaches are maintained, although basic, and the quality can vary considerably. There is no formal guiding qualification required for Mozambique, and in order to support the local community we use local escorts/guides. Many of these escorts/guides do have previous experience in guiding for visiting cruise ships. Furthermore, although the majority of the roads are paved, you may encounter some with potholes or a few bumpy dirt roads.

**MPM-004 A GLIMPSE OF MAPUTO****Duration: 3.00 Hrs****Tour Price: \$0.00****Retail Price: \$169.00****Date: December 23, 2023 09:00 AM, 01:00 PM**

Discover Maputo's rich history on a compelling tour that features highlights of this bustling capital city. Pass the striking Beaux-Arts Central Railway Station on your way to the Maputo Central Market, where you can watch locals bartering for a variety of goods and food. You'll continue to Independence Square, a city focal point and home to a statue of Samora Machel, the country's first president, the gleaming white Roman-Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the neoclassical City Hall and the splendid colonial-style French-Mozambican Cultural Center, home to art exhibitions and musical performances. You'll marvel at a house built entirely of iron, designed by Gustav Eiffel as a governor's residence but ultimately uninhabitable due to the tropical climate. Discover the appealing Natural History Museum, which boasts attractive Manueline architecture and unique exhibits, and explore the 18th-century Maputo Fortress, one of the city's most visited attractions, which provides insight into Mozambique's colonization in its intriguing museum displaying armaments and art. You'll applaud Maputo's cultural treasures during this illuminating excursion.

- Witness the lively barter of food and goods at the bountiful Maputo Central Market.
- Visit Independence Square, ringed by the city's arresting cathedral, neoclassical City Hall and the French-Mozambican Cultural Center.
- Stand in awe of a house made entirely of iron designed by Gustave Eiffel for the island's governor.
- Take in one-of-a-kind exhibits at the Manueline-style Natural History Museum.
- Survey armaments and art illustrative of Mozambique's colonial days at the Maputo Fortress.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. •Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking over mostly even surfaces, plus any additional walking at the guest's discretion during free time. There will be some steps and crowded conditions to negotiate. The tour is available to guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The coaches are basic, but well-maintained, and the quality can vary considerably. There is no formal guiding qualification required for Mozambique, and in order to support the local community, we use local escorts/guides. Many of these escorts/guides do have previous experience in guiding for visiting cruise ships. Although the majority of the roads are paved, you may encounter some potholes or a few bumpy dirt roads. Please be aware that some of the international embassies and government buildings may be deemed military or state defense sites, and photography is not permitted. There can be serious consequences for ignoring these rules, so guests are advised to ask the tour guide before taking photos. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.



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## MPM-009 CITY TOUR & LUNCH WITH THE LOCALS

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$139.00

Retail Price: \$289.00



Date: December 23, 2023 09:15 AM

Discover the fascinating history of Maputo by exploring and pausing for photos at the most telling landmarks. The capital's Beaux-Arts style train station is among the grandest buildings as it was designed by an architect that studied under famed French engineer Gustave Eiffel. You may see similarities between the Eiffel Tower and Maputo's iconic Iron House, an all-metal building that Eiffel designed and had prefabricated in Belgium. Other architectural highlights include the neoclassical city hall and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, which rises above a downtown square that commemorates Mozambique's independence from Portugal in 1975. The colonial influence will be most evident at the Maputo fort, which the Portuguese built in the 19th century atop the foundation of an earlier fortification. While browsing the covered Central Market, you may see ingredients such as those used in your lunch at a nearby restaurant popular among the locals.

- Visit architectural treasures in Maputo, including one that Gustave Eiffel designed.
- Gain an understanding of Maputo's history at sites such as Independence Square.
- Explore a fort that the Portuguese built in the 19th century, when they ruled Mozambique.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

Please note: The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. It is usually quite hot and humid in Mozambique so weather appropriate casual clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Of special note, Mozambique is a third world country and while visiting is a rewarding experience, it differs greatly from other urban destinations such as those found in South Africa. Of special note - The coaches are maintained, although basic, and the quality can vary considerably. There is no formal guiding qualification required for Mozambique, and in order to support the local community we use local escorts/guides. Many of these escorts/guides do have previous experience in guiding for visiting cruise ships. Furthermore, although the majority of the roads are paved, you may encounter some with potholes or a few bumpy dirt roads.

## MPM-006 MAPUTO WALKING TOUR

Duration: 2.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$109.00



Date: December 23, 2023 09:30 AM, 12:30 PM

Stroll the wide boulevards of Mozambique's lovely capital, stopping at must-see attractions that include the ornate train station, bustling central market and an 18th-century fortress. Begin with a walk to the striking Beaux-Arts Central Railway Station, often mistakenly identified with Gustave Eiffel due to its alluring mint-green structure, iron latticework and large dome. You'll visit the Maputo Central Market, a vibrant open-air setting filled with stands of exotic fruits and vegetables, tropical nuts, colorful spices and fresh fish. At the nearby Café Continental, relax over a demitasse of espresso and a signature Maputo delicacy called a pasteis de nata, a custard tart that originated in Portugal. You'll discover the 18th-century Maputo Fortress, one of the city's most visited attractions, which provides insight into Mozambique's colonization in its intriguing museum displaying armaments and art, along with the sealed, carved wooden coffin of Ngungunhane, the final ruler of the famed African kingdom of Gaza, now southern Mozambique. You'll long remember your bewitching exploration of effervescent Maputo.

- Enjoy a leisurely walk to the eye-catching Beaux-Arts Central Railway Station.
- Experience a cacophony of sights and sounds at the lively Maputo central market.
- Sip a demitasse of espresso and savor a traditional custard tart at the Café Continental.
- Survey armaments and art illustrative of Maputo's colonial days at the Maputo Fortress.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. • Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately 2 ½ hours of moderate walking. There will be some uneven surfaces and steps to negotiate. The tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or guests with mobility concerns. Please be advised that Mozambique is a developing nation, and while visiting is a rewarding experience, it differs greatly from other urban destinations such as those found in South Africa. There is no formal guiding qualification required for Mozambique, and in order to support the local community, we use local escorts/guides. Many of these escorts/guides do have previous experience in guiding for visiting cruise ships. Please be aware that some of the international embassies and government buildings may be deemed military or state defense sites, and photography is not permitted. There can be serious consequences for ignoring these rules, so guests are advised to ask the tour guide before taking photos. The Central Market is undergoing renovation work. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public.



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## ❖ RICHARDS BAY, SOUTH AFRICA

### RIC-GL1 RICHARDS BAY THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCAL PINEAPPLE

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$109.00

**Retail Price:** \$259.00



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**Date:** December 24, 2023 10:30 AM

**Date:** December 25, 2023 09:00 AM

Meet with the owners of Badenhorst Boerdery, one of South Africa's largest pineapple farms, and discover what life is like for the 200 or so locals that work the fields. Estie Badenhorst will be your guide and offer a candid history of how she and her husband Casper founded the farm. You will observe each step of their farming operation by touring the fields, the processing plant and the area where the pineapples are crated. By the end of the tour, you will know more about pineapples than you ever thought possible. Badenhorst Boerdery grows Queen Victoria pineapples, an exceptionally sweet and aromatic variety that thrives in warm, humid climates such that in South Africa. Pineapples are rich in Vitamin C and contain minerals that help strengthen bones and promote healthy skin. Following the formal tour, you will enjoy free time to shop for pineapple products such as relishes, sauces and preserves made from Estie's family recipes.

- Tour one of South Africa's largest pineapple farms with one of its founders.
- Get an in-depth understanding of farm life by watching the workers.
- Discover the characteristics of Queen Victoria pineapples that make them so desirable.
- Have an opportunity to purchase pineapple products made from family recipes.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour includes approximately 1.5 hours of walking/standing. Guests will need to manage even, bumpy, uneven and gravel surfaces along with 10 steps throughout the excursion. Any additional walking through out the tour will be at the guests' discretion during free time. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. This tour has a limited capacity; therefore, it is recommended that guests pre-book this tour as early as possible.

### RIC-003 ST. LUCIA WETLANDS NATURE RESERVE

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$0.00

**Retail Price:** \$199.00



**Date:** December 24, 2023 12:30 PM

**Date:** December 25, 2023 08:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Marvel at South Africa's abundant bird and wildlife species during this scenic cruise in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site for its enormous ecological value. Drive north to the breathtaking iSimangaliso Wetland Park, where you'll board a boat for a leisurely, approximately two-hour cruise on Lake Saint Lucia, Southern Africa's largest estuarine lake, which covers an area of approximately 217 square miles. Keep a sharp eye out for bird-rich islands that are home to thousands of feeding pelicans, waders and other waterfowl that comprise the more than 526 different avian species who call the wetlands home. Catch sight of the basking and nesting sites of the famed Nile crocodile as well as the hippos that thrive in the estuary, and discover that this is the greatest confluence of both of these creatures to be found in South Africa. You're sure to cherish your time spent amid the natural wonders and teeming wildlife of this splendid region.

- Embark on a boat for an approximately two-hour exploration of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Cruise on ecologically vital Lake Saint Lucia, Southern Africa's largest estuarine lake.
- Glimpse pelicans, waders and myriad other varieties of the wetland's 526 avian species.
- See Nile crocodiles sunning themselves on the bank or hippos peeking out of the water.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, binoculars and sunscreen.

This tour involves walking over uneven terrain. There will be some steps to negotiate. This tour is not suitable for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed.

### RIC-010 ZULU CROC REPTILE PARK

**Duration:** 4.25 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$0.00

**Retail Price:** \$169.00



**Date:** December 24, 2023 12:30 PM

**Date:** December 25, 2023 08:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Discover a diverse collection of crocodiles and snakes at an intriguing reptile park. Take a leisurely 75-minute drive past unspoiled wetlands to Zulu Croc, an unusual reptile park that provides a hands-on experience amid an alluring landscape of savanna bushveld. You'll find that here you can touch some of the world's most fascinating creatures under the supervision of expert reptile handlers. Hand feed an iguana or pose for photos with a boa constrictor draped over your shoulders, if you wish, but simply observe the more dangerous and venomous creatures. Learn that Nile crocodiles can weigh up to 1,650 pounds and grow up to 20 feet long, a size they achieve by eating any appetizing morsel within their reach. Should you feel adventurous, stroke a baby croc while it's being held and, if it's feeding time, perhaps see adults leaping vertically out of the water to chomp chunks of raw meat. Take in myriad facts about snakes such as venomous puff adders, boomslangs and black mambas or the non-venomous carpet pythons and reticulated pythons, the world's longest snakes. You'll thrill to your up-close encounters with the fearsome yet magnificent residents of this enthralling park.

- Explore the world of crocodiles and reptiles at Zulu Croc, an extraordinary interactive park.
- Feed an iguana or take photos with a boa constrictor wrapped around you, under a handler's supervision.
- Examine the venomous and dangerous park species from a safe, comfortable distance.
- Watch Nile crocodiles eat voraciously, should you visit during feeding time.
- Admire deadly snakes, including the black mamba, puff adder and the reticulated python, the longest snake in the world.
- Wear casual, lightweight and light-colored, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a windbreaker.
- Carry bottled water, as you may require hydration.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, binoculars and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy-to-moderate walking/standing. There will be some natural and uneven surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. It may not be suitable for guests with mobility concerns, who are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.



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## RIC-006 HLUHLUWE GAME RESERVE

**Duration:** 5.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$129.00

**Retail Price:** \$409.00



**Date:** December 24, 2023 01:30 PM

**Date:** December 25, 2023 05:00 AM, 08:00 AM

Revel in South Africa's sublime natural beauty and wildlife during this superb game drive at the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park. Settle in for a picturesque drive north to the park's Memorial Gate, where you'll enjoy a brief stop to change over into your open-air, off-road safari vehicle. During your approximately two-hour game drive, marvel at the expansive views and photo opportunities of the pristine scenery surrounding you. Discover the park is well-known for its small population of rare white rhinos and a spectacular variety of bird and animal life, including elephants, lions, leopards, buffalo, blue wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, cheetahs, mountain reedbuck, kudu and warthogs. As you journey through the park's rolling landscapes, keep your camera on hand, as you may encounter many of these glorious creatures up close. Prepare to make lifetime memories during this immersion into the natural habitat of some of the world's most majestic wildlife.

- Experience an exhilarating game drive in the superlative Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park.
- Ride in an open-air vehicle specially designed for off-road game viewing.
- Spot elephants, giraffe, lions, buffalo, leopards or some of the park's other freely roaming wildlife.
- Watch closely for a glimpse of rare white rhinos, the park's star residents.
- Capture postcard-ready photos of the reserve's stunning landscapes.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, binoculars and sunscreen.

This tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The two-hour game viewing is from open-air safari vehicles. Children must be at least six years old to participate and must be accompanied by an adult. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed. Travel time from the pier to the park entrance is approximately 1 ½ hours each way by coach.

## RIC-007 DUMAZULU CULTURAL VILLAGE

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$0.00

**Retail Price:** \$199.00



**Date:** December 24, 2023 01:30 PM

**Date:** December 25, 2023 06:30 AM, 09:30 AM

Explore the culture and traditions of the Zulu tribe during this enlightening visit to the entrancing DumaZulu Traditional Village. Drive north to the DumaZulu Traditional Village, also known as Thundering Zulu, where more than 50 tribal residents form part of a living museum that offers a genuine Zulu cultural experience. Find that DumaZulu is the largest village of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere and the only Zulu community to be opened up to tourism by King Goodwill Zwelithini, who placed the royal Zulu stamp of approval on the village's objectives and authenticity. After enjoying a cooling refreshment, meet your guides and accept an invitation into the chief's homestead, or kraal, where you can watch and learn about the tribe's various traditions, including basket-weaving, spear- and shield-making, beadwork, pottery-sculpting, sangoma bone throwing, which is a form of divination, and fabulous dancing. You'll treasure your arresting immersion into the bewitching Zulu way of life during this remarkable excursion.

- Delve into an authentic Zulu cultural experience at the DumaZulu Traditional Village.
- Savor a cooling refreshment before meeting your knowledgeable native guides.
- Enter the chief's homestead, or kraal, to observe Zulu traditions of basket-weaving, beadwork and weapon-crafting, among others.
- See the healer, or sangoma, practicing a type of divination known as bone throwing.
- Soak up the rhythms of the Zulu's mesmerizing dancing.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour involves a substantial amount of walking. There will be uneven gravel surfaces to negotiate which can sometimes be muddy. The tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. It is customary for unmarried Zulu women to be uncovered from the waist up. No photographs or videos may be taken of the traditional healer, or sangoma. Travel time from the pier to the village is approximately 1 ½ hours each way by coach.

## RIC-014 WALKING BIRD TOUR

**Duration:** 5.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** \$0.00

**Retail Price:** \$149.00



**Date:** December 24, 2023 01:30 PM

**Date:** December 25, 2023 09:00 AM

Walk through the iSimangaliso Wetland Park with an ornithologist that will point out and describe the abundant birds along the way. The biodiversity in the wetlands is so spectacular that UNESCO declared it a World Heritage site, the first such designation in South Africa. This vast area – also known as the St. Lucia Wetlands – is especially a paradise for birders as more than 520 avian species have been identified there. You may see pink-backed pelicans, yellow-billed storks, African spoonbills and white-faced whistling ducks, a striking goose-like bird usually seen in flocks numbering in the hundreds. But birds aren't the only creatures that you can expect to spot in the wetlands. Chances are, you will see waterbuck and reedbuck antelopes grazing in the park's grasslands and massive hippos almost completely submerged in the waters to keep their skin moist and cool. A group of hippos is called a "bloat," a reference to their bulky size.

- Observe a variety of birdlife while walking through the iSimangaliso Wetland Park.
- Hear fascinating facts about the birds and their behavior from the ornithologist guide.
- Look for African animals such as hippos and antelope, which also thrive in the park.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Bring a hat, camera and binoculars. Tour is weather permitting. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.



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RIC-011 ZULU NYALA SAFARI WITH LUNCH

Duration: 6.75 Hrs    Tour Price: \$169.00

Retail Price: \$319.00



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Date: December 25, 2023 09:00 AM

Observe some of Africa’s most iconic animals on a safari-style drive through the Zulu Nyala Private Game Reserve and then recount your adventure over lunch. Soon after heading into the bush in an open-air, 4-wheel-drive vehicle, you can expect to see a variety of magnificent animals that may include African elephants, rhinos and Cape buffalo. Imagine the thrill of pausing in this natural habitat while a towering giraffe meanders by just a few feet away. Or perhaps you will catch sight of a spiral-horned Nyala, a somewhat shy antelope endemic to the region. There is no telling what you will see as the animals roam freely through the protected reserve. Birds are also abundant and you may spot ostriches, black-headed herons and fork-tailed drongos. Following this wondrous experience in the bush, you will dine at the Zulu Nyala Heritage Safari Lodge, a landmark hotel built in the 1940s.

- Travel through Zulu Nyala Private Game Reserve in an open-air, safari-style vehicle.
- Look for iconic African animals, including elephants, rhinos, leopards and Cape Buffalo.
- Enjoy a lunch of regional dishes at a landmark lodge in the bush.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour includes minimal walking/standing; but it could be difficult for some guests with walking difficulties to get in and out of the open vehicles, the roads in the game reserve are gravel. there will be some inclines and parts of the game drive can be bumpy and is not recommended for guests with back or neck issues. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes and binoculars are recommended. Guests are not permitted to use cellular phones on or during the game drive, they are also not permitted to speak loudly or stand up on the game drive vehicles as it will disturb the animals. And for safety reasons no children under the age of 6 are permitted on this tour. Animal Sightings are not guaranteed.

RIC-016 THULA THULA GAME RESERVE

Duration: 7.00 Hrs    Tour Price: \$189.00

Retail Price: \$349.00



Date: December 25, 2023 08:30 AM

Travel through the Thula Thula Private Game Reserve in an open-top vehicle that is ideal for the unobstructed viewing of Africa’s most iconic animals. The former hunting grounds of King Shaka, the founder of the Zulu empire, this sprawling wildlife reserve is teeming with elephants, rhinos, giraffe, hippos and countless other creatures. Watching these animals up close in their natural habitats is an experience that you will find immensely enriching and emotionally moving. As you drive through the bush with a wildlife ranger, you can’t help but appreciate the serenity. It’s no wonder that the reserve was named Thula Thula, which in the Zulu language means “peace and tranquility.” Be sure to ask how elephants were successfully reintroduced into the habitat in 1999 after being absent for more than a century. To complement your adventure, you will dine on a buffet of traditional South African dishes.

- Observe iconic African animals while driving through Thula Thula Private Game Reserve.
- Learn about the animals’ behaviors and characteristics from your wildlife ranger guide.
- Enjoy a leisurely buffet lunch of traditional dishes at the reserve’s main lodge.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

Participants must be at least 6 years of age. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns may have a challenge getting in and out of the vehicles. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable closed-toe walking shoes are recommended. Bring a hat, camera, and binoculars. Tour is weather permitting. Wildlife not guaranteed.

## ❖ MOSSEL BAY, SOUTH AFRICA

### MOB-008 WINES & KASSELMAN CHEESE FARM

Duration: 6.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$99.00

Retail Price: \$249.00



Date: December 27, 2023 08:30 AM

OVERVIEW Sample a selection of hand-crafted products that include cheeses, beers and wines that are characteristic of the Garden Route. At Kasselshoop cheese shop, you will taste a selection of cheeses made with rich, creamy milk that local small-herd farms supply. The Jersey milk cows are raised exclusively on pasture land and only eat hay and minerals as supplements. You will likely notice the difference in quality when sampling cheeses such as cheddars and goudas. They will be thoughtfully paired with locally produced craft beers that complement the tastes.

- Taste cheeses made with milk from small-herd farms at Kasselshoop cheese shop.
- Enjoy an immensely scenic drive along South Africa's beautiful Garden Route.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour includes a moderate amount of activity mainly at the guest's discretion.

### MOB-009 ST. BLAIZE HIKING TRAIL

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$79.00

Retail Price: \$229.00



Date: December 27, 2023 08:30 AM

Follow a coastal hiking trail that offers staggeringly beautiful views in every direction. You will hike a stretch of about four miles of the St. Blaize Trail, which runs between the Cape St. Blaize lighthouse and Dana Bay. The exact route will be determined the day of the hike depending on the conditions. Regardless, you can expect it to be a wonderfully scenic trek along a mostly open treeless trail, which affords dramatic views of the southern coast. You may also spot wildlife such as rock hyraxes, which are commonly known as dassies. Despite their small size, these mammals are the closest living relative of the African elephant. Their feet and teeth are similar but really nothing more, as will be obvious if you encounter any dassies. Be sure to scan the ocean for whales and dolphins breaching the water's surface. At the end of the hike, you will drop by a nearby restaurant for refreshments.

- Hike an beautiful coastal stretch of the St. Blaize Trail.
- Enjoy dramatic vistas as the trail is mostly open with few trees to block your view.
- Look for whales and dolphins in the ocean and small land mammals known as dassies.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability.

### MOB-003 KNYSNA AT LEISURE

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$119.00



Date: December 27, 2023 08:45 AM

Follow the breathtaking Garden Route to the town of Knysna, where you are free to explore the waterfront boutiques and galleries at your leisure. You'll travel eastward along the magnificent Garden Route, passing ancient forests, golden beaches and craggy peaks covered in a flowering scrub called fynbos. Traverse the stunningly gorgeous scenery of the Wilderness Lakes region and arrive at the charming town of Knysna, tucked between the Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean. You'll realize forest-rimmed Knysna is a natural paradise whose name is thought to mean "place of wood" in Khoisan, the language of the area's earliest inhabitants. Admire the cosmopolitan town, which has retained much of its original charm, and savor free time at the waterfront, where myriad shops and galleries invite you to browse for high-end crafts and restaurants entice you to try local delicacies. Because of Knysna's proximity to several estuaries, rivers and the ocean, you'll discover that seafood is a favorite, especially dishes with oysters. As you meander the inviting waterfront, looking out over the serene tidal lagoon, let the exquisite atmosphere of Knysna seep into your soul.

- Travel the picturesque Garden Route along beaches, ancient forests and rugged peaks.
- Relish time at your leisure to roam the enchanting town of Knysna, which is surrounded by verdant forests.
- Shop for upscale crafts in tempting shops along the appealing waterfront.
- Sate your appetite with a specialty oyster dish at one of the town's seafood restaurants, if you wish.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Walking on this tour is mainly at the guest's discretion during free time. There are some steps to negotiate and ramps are available. The tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.



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## MOB-005 DISCOVER OUDTSHOORN & ITS OSTRICH HERITAGE

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$139.00



Date: December 27, 2023 08:45 AM

**OVERVIEW** Enjoy a scenic mountain drive to an ostrich farm on this entertaining tour. Journey along the magnificent Garden Route, passing ancient forests, golden beaches and craggy peaks covered in a flowering scrub called fynbos. As you turn inland into the Outeniqua Mountains, you'll notice the terrain quickly changes from rugged coastal to an arid, desert-like landscape known as Karoo. Cross the Outeniqua Pass along a highway that was painstakingly blasted out of nearly impenetrable bedrock and wind along marvelous, sweeping curves that offer panoramic views in all directions. Discover Oudtshoorn, set in an oasis-like location in a fertile valley, and behold the town's ornate architecture, which reflects the opulence engendered by the ostrich-feather boom of 1860-1914, when Oudtshoorn supplied exotic feathers to adorn the clothing of ladies throughout Europe. Visit a working farm to learn how these giant birds are bred and reared, perhaps even seeing ostriches hatching in the incubator rooms.

- Travel the picturesque Garden Route along beaches, ancient forests and rugged peaks.
- Observe the changing landscape as you venture inland to a dry, semi-desert terrain known as Karoo.
- Marvel at a highway blasted from solid bedrock to provide access through dramatic Outeniqua Pass.
- Appreciate the ornate architecture of Oudtshoorn, once the premier supplier of ostrich feathers for European high fashion.
- Tour an ostrich farm for insight into how the birds are bred and reared, and perch atop an ostrich, if you wish.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring binoculars.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately 1-hour of moderate walking that includes gravel and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with mobility concerns. Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; binoculars; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## MOB-002 BOTLIERSKOP PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$149.00

Retail Price: \$299.00



Date: December 27, 2023 09:00 AM

Explore the African bush on a game drive at a private reserve, where you may spy animals such as elephants, lions and giraffe. Revel in a leisurely drive inland to the beautiful Botlierskop Private Game Reserve, an area of immense biodiversity, where the variety of plants and ecosystems attract more than 200 species of birds but where the larger creatures, such as elephants, lions and giraffe, are the true attractions. Following a welcome drink at the reserve's visitor center, you'll board an open 4x4 vehicle and drive deep into the fascinating landscape. Discover that the animals wander freely, so there is no telling what you'll see over the next two hours, but it's likely you'll experience close encounters with a variety of indigenous creatures that may include white rhinos, mountain zebras, blue wildebeest, impalas and lions. Thanks to the ideal viewing conditions offered by your 4x4 vehicle, you might also spot smaller yet still delightful animals such as honey badgers, porcupines and rock hyrax, all adding to the magic of your foray into the South African wilds.

- Survey the Botlierskop Private Game Reserve on a 4x4 vehicle that is perfect for wildlife sighting.
- Keep an eye out for awe-inspiring animals such as white rhinos, elephants, lions, giraffe and blue wildebeest.
- Pass through various ecosystems, which provide habitat to over 200 species of birds.
- Glimpse some of the reserve's smaller inhabitants, including honey badgers, rock hyrax or porcupines.
- Wear light-colored, casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a windbreaker and binoculars.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour is panoramic in nature. There will be gravel roads, hills and bumpy conditions to negotiate. The tour is not suitable for guests who utilize a wheelchair and is not recommended for those with mobility concerns and back or neck problems. In order to avoid disturbing the animals, guests are not permitted to talk on their mobile phones and stand or speak loudly during the game drive. Smoking is strictly prohibited. Wildlife sightings, while likely, cannot be guaranteed, and the lions are housed in a separate enclosed area. The operator requires that all guests sign a waiver before being allowed to participate in the tour. The minimum age to participate is six years of age.

## MOB-006 GARDEN ROUTE GAME LODGE SAFARI

Duration: 4.75 Hrs Tour Price: \$99.00

Retail Price: \$249.00



Date: December 27, 2023 09:00 AM

Look for some of Africa's most iconic animals on a game drive through a natural reserve teeming with wildlife. Upon reaching the Garden Route Game Lodge, you will drive into the bush in an open-air 4x4 vehicle in search of the Big Five—elephants, lions, leopards, rhinoceroses and Cape buffaloes. A game ranger will serve as your guide and point out the various species, as they roam freely in their natural habitat, a gorgeous setting backed by the majestic Langeberg mountain range. The ranger will periodically stop the vehicle so you can observe the animals up close. While there is no telling what you will see, you may catch sight of lions lying in the shade of a tree, elephants strolling to a water hole and zebras grazing in the grassland. Giraffes often come right up to the vehicles out of curiosity. Lesser-known animals are also abundant, including antelopes such as kudu and bontebok.

- Drive into the bush in a 4x4 vehicle for an up-close look at Africa's most iconic animals.
- Watch for the Big Five—elephants, lions, leopards, rhinoceroses and Cape buffaloes.
- Learn about the animals' behaviors and characteristic from the game ranger.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring binoculars and sunscreen.

This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or for those with walking difficulties, as participants must climb into the 4x4 game vehicles. Using cellular phones, smoking, speaking loudly or standing up in the vehicles is not permitted on the game drives. Wildlife sightings, while likely, cannot be guaranteed.



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## MOB-007 AFRICAN ALOE & VINEYARDS

Duration: 5.50 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$149.00



Date: December 27, 2023 09:00 AM

**OVERVIEW** Browse a shop that carries wellness products made with locally sourced aloe and sample premium wines from an estate along the fertile Garden Route. The grapes are grown in various types of soil with different sun exposures, which allows a large selection of wines to be produced. Although the exact wines will be chosen upon your arrival, you may sample a fruity white blend, a coffee-driven Pinotage and a creamy Hanepoot. Free time follows at the House of Aloes in Albertinia, a storefront and factory with products made from hand-harvested wild aloe that contains an exceptionally high concentration of beneficial substances. You might shop for items such as an aloe heat rub that relieves muscle stiffness, a nourishing aloe-based body wash and an aloe toothpaste that cleans teeth and promotes healthy gums.

- Shop for wellness products made with wild aloe at the House of Aloes factory store.
- Enjoy an immensely scenic drive along South Africa's beautiful Garden Route.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This tour includes limited walking. It is available to guests who utilize a foldable wheelchairs/scooters that can fit in the coach luggage hold; can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

## MOB-004 SCENIC MOUNTAIN PASSES

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$139.00



Date: December 27, 2023 09:15 AM

Cut through the majestic Outeniqua Mountains, taking in sublimely beautiful semi-desert terrain and fertile valleys, on this vista-filled tour. Settle in for a relaxing drive east along the magnificent Garden Route, passing ancient forests, golden beaches and craggy peaks covered in a flowering scrub called fynbos. Upon reaching the town of George, established in the early 1800s as a timbering outpost, you'll turn inland into the Outeniqua Mountains and notice the terrain quickly change from rugged coastal to an arid, desert-like landscape known as Karoo. Cross the Outeniqua Pass along a highway that was painstakingly blasted out of nearly impenetrable bedrock and wind along marvelous, sweeping curves that offer panoramic views in all directions. You'll learn the history of the pass, which was named after the indigenous people that once lived here, then arrive in the town of Oudtshoorn, set in an oasis-like location within a fertile valley. Behold the town's elaborate architecture, which reflects the opulence engendered by the ostrich-feather boom of 1860-1914, when Oudtshoorn supplied exotic feathers to adorn the clothing of ladies throughout Europe. You'll enjoy a brief stop for refreshments before making your way back to Mossel Bay through glorious Robinson Pass.

- Travel the picturesque Garden Route along beaches, ancient forests and rugged peaks.
- Observe the changing landscape as you venture inland to a dry, semi-desert terrain known as Karoo.
- Marvel at a highway blasted from solid bedrock to provide access through dramatic Outeniqua Pass.
- Hear the engrossing history of the pass and its earliest inhabitants.
- Appreciate the ornate architecture of Oudtshoorn, once the premier supplier of ostrich feathers for European high fashion.
- Savor a delightful refreshment before returning to Mossel Bay via spectacular Robinson Pass.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring binoculars.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour is primarily panoramic in nature with limited walking at the stops. The tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

## MOB-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF MOSSEL BAY

Duration: 2.00 Hrs Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$109.00



Date: December 27, 2023 09:30 AM

Discover highlights of beguiling Mossel Bay and explore a museum complex dedicated to the first European to land in South Africa. Enjoy an enlightening drive around Mossel Bay, a beach-blessed city in the shadow of the Outeniqua Mountains that was named by a Dutch explorer in 1601, when he found a huge collection of mussel shells in a nearby cave. As you travel along the town's charming streets, you'll learn that South Africa's first post office was established here centuries ago after sailors began leaving letters in the cleft of a milkwood tree so that other sailors could deliver them on their journeys. See that revered, 500-year-old tree, now a National Monument, standing near the Bartolomeu Dias Museum Complex, which is named for a Portuguese navigator who was the first European to set foot in South Africa in his search for a spice route to the Far East. During your time at the complex, perhaps you'll visit the absorbing Shell Museum or the Maritime Museum, where a replica of Dias' ship is on exhibit, along with early maps and navigation instruments. Experience the compelling sites and seafaring history of enchanting Mossel Bay on this captivating excursion.

- Acquaint yourself with seaside Mossel Bay on a coach tour of its intriguing highlights.
- Gaze at a 500-year-old tree, declared a National Monument for its use by sailors in times past as an ad hoc mailbox.
- Find the Bartolomeu Dias Museum Complex, named after the first European to arrive in South Africa.
- Wander the appealing museum complex, perhaps visiting the Maritime Museum or the Shell Museum.
- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

This tour includes approximately one hour of easy walking. There are a few steps to negotiate and ramps are available. The tour is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Arrangements may be made with the guide to not participate in the walk at the museum.



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MOB-010 GIN TASTING & FOOD PAIRING

Duration: 2.50 Hrs    Tour Price: \$0.00

Retail Price: \$139.00



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Sample an inspired selection of hand-crafted gins thoughtfully paired with local foods at the Cape Saint Blaize Artisanal Distillery. It won't take long to reach the distillery, which is located in Ochre Barn, a replica of an 18th-century granary in Mossel Bay's historic district. The gins are made with botanicals such as juniper, rose geranium and star anise that have been foraged locally by hand. The flavors of the gins reflect the surrounding coastal, forest and semi-arid desert terrains. The exact gins for the tasting will be chosen upon your arrival, but they will likely include a soft floral pink gin, an aromatic gin with late burst of citrus and a woody gin with a velvet-like mouthfeel. The gins are meant to be enjoyed neat, on ice or with tonic. The foods for the pairings will be just as expressive. Afterwards, you might purchase your favorite gins, which are neatly packaged in handmade porcelain bottles.

- Sample several locally made gins at the Cape Saint Blaize Artisanal Distillery.
- Learn about the natural botanicals that are used in the production of the various gins.
- Delight in the foods that are paired with the gins to complement their flavors.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair, those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## **General Information**

### **What is Included?**

#### **Transportation:**

Licensed and insured late model, coaches, vehicles, watercraft, and other modes of transportation are utilized.

#### **Meals and Refreshments:**

Included when indicated in the tour description.

#### **Guides:**

Licensed, English-speaking, local guides accompany all tours, where available.

#### **Entrance Fees:**

Tours include all required admission fees, where applicable.

#### **What Should I Wear?**

When taking a shore excursion, comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen are suggested. You may consider bringing an umbrella, raincoat, sweater, or jacket. And don't forget your camera!

#### **Cancellations and refunds**

- In order to ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance. Therefore no refunds will be given within 36 hours of the tour.
- Tours operate rain or shine.
- Tours require minimum participation levels to operate so please sign up as early as possible. Tours may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met.

#### **Prices, Itineraries and General Information**

- Shore excursions prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations.
- The information contained in this document was current at the time of printing, however changes may occur before your scheduled departure. Please consult the Destination Services Desk onboard for information and current pricing.
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