

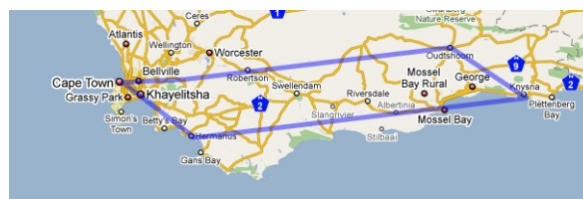
Cape Town and Garden Route (Privately Guided)



Overview

This privately guided itinerary commences in Cape Town: a vibrant, cosmopolitan city offering outdoor activities, a lively music scene and a host of trendy bars and restaurants. An excursion to the beautiful Cape Peninsula and a stop in the Winelands are must-dos. The Garden Route's backdrop of forested mountains, lakes and wide beaches provide opportunities for walking nature trails, taking boat trips to see dolphins, seals, and (in season) whales, plus of course to sample the fresh seafood and local wines.

- Experience buzzing Cape Town
- Sample the fruits of the vineyards in the stunning Winelands
- Go Whale watching (in season)
- Go hiking, kayaking, take a sunset cruise, or relax on the beach on the Garden Route
- Intimate accommodation of a very high standard
- Private Guide from the Winelands on
- Option to extend with a safari



Day 1

After arriving in Cape Town, you will be met and transferred to a small privately owned hotel chosen for its charm and ideal location. This afternoon, take a scheduled city tour.

Day 2

Today you take a private tour to explore the spectacular Cape Peninsula on a full day tour. Highlights include Seapoint, Bantry Bay, Clifton, Camps Bay, Hout Bay (with optional boat trip to Seal Colony), the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point, Boulders Beach penguin colony, Simon's Town historical naval base and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

Day 3

Today you take a full day Walk to Freedom tour including Robben Island.

Day 4

Today you take a private transfer from Cape Town to Franschhoek midmorning. You will stay in Franschhoek for 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. This afternoon will be at leisure in Franschhoek under your own arrangements.



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Day 6

This morning, your guide will meet you at your guesthouse and you embark on a private winelands tour (entrances and winetasting/cellar tour). After, you return to Franschoek for your final night.

Day 7

Today, you take to the road with your guide to the coastal town of Hermanus for a 2 night stay on a bed and breakfast basis.

Hermanus has the status of being the best land-based whale watching destination in the world. Southern Right Whales visit Walker Bay from June through to December. As well as its beaches and mountain walks in Hermanus, the craft market is famous for its art. The town also has many fine restaurants and is a wine lovers paradise with nearby wine farms offering wine tasting. Shark diving (in a cage), golf, horse riding, quad biking, and sea kayaking are also options.

Day 8

Today will be filled with private touring of Hermanus and the surrounding area.

Day 9

This morning, you take to the road again with your guide you are headed for the Garden Route and the small town of Wilderness for a 2 night stay on a bed and breakfast basis.

Renowned for its spectacular beauty and golden beaches, Wilderness has become an internationally sought after holiday destination. Activities on offer in the area include hiking, dolphin and whale-watching, hang-gliding, paragliding, horse riding, mountain-biking, scenic drives, day tours, ferry cruises, angling, boating and other water sports. There are several nature trails in Wilderness National Park taking in the lakes, the beach and the indigenous forest. The Kingfisher Trail is a day walk that traverses the region and includes a boardwalk across the intertidal zone of the Touws River. Pedal boats and canoes can be hired at Ebb & Flow South camp. The 'Outeniqua Choo-Tjoe' steam train ride runs from George towards Mossel Bay along the coastline.

Day 10

Private touring in and about Wilderness

Day 11

Today, you continue your journey further along the Garden Route coastline, towards Plettenberg Bay for a 3 night stay at a guesthouse on a bed and breakfast basis.

Plettenberg Bay is a resort town with a rare combination of mountains, white sand and crystal blue water. The town has a relaxed atmosphere with lots of cafes. Boat trips to view whales and dolphins can be taken: other activities include horse riding through the forest, catamaran sailing, and walks in the nearby Robberg Nature & Marine Reserve. Plettenberg Bay is also a good base to explore Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River, where an abundance of activities such as bungee jumping, black water tubing, abseiling and mountain biking can be organised. There are also plenty of attractions in the area, including Knysna Harbour, with its range of restaurants and bars overlooking the Featherbed Nature reserve, Monkeyland, and Knysna Elephant Sanctuary. You can arrange your time with your guide according to your interests.



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Day 12

Private touring in and about Plettenberg Bay

Day 13

Private touring in and about Plettenberg Bay

Day 14

Today you depart Plettenberg Bay and head for George airport in time to connect with your flight.

Day 15

Arrive London

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