

THE GARDEN ROUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA – Thursday, 6 March to Sunday, 9 March 2014

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The Garden Route of the Southern Cape got its name because of the scenic beauty of this region. With rolling hills and high mountains, deep river gorges, some semi-desert regions and many wonderful places to stop and enjoy yourself.

Thursday, 6 March 2014 (- / - / D)

13:00 The tour will officially start with a lunchtime departure from the Port Elizabeth Airport (but this could also be earlier, that is as soon as all participants have arrived), as you start making your way down the southern coast of the Eastern & Western Cape. Your first stop will be at the Paul Sauer Bridge over the Storms River – the first of a number of single arch bridges that was built in the region. After a short comfort stop, you will continue on to the Bloukrans River Bridge and the highest commercial bungee jump site in the world – 216m of pure adrenalin – but you don't need to jump, just observe! In the latter part of the afternoon, you will travel via Plettenberg Bay to Knysna, where you can check in at your hotel near the Knysna Waterfront.

Dinner tonight will be enjoyed at Quay 4 on Thesen's Island.

Overnight Knysna

AHA the Rex Hotel (4*)

Friday, 7 March 2014 (B / L / D)

After a leisurely breakfast, you will make your way to the departure point of the Featherbed Ferries, from where the River Cat will take you across the estuary to the Featherbed Nature Reserve – a private reserve on the Western Headland of the river. A 4x4 Unimog and trailer ride will get you to the top of the headland and then a downhill walk of some 2,5 km will help you reach the Milkwood Restaurant, where a scrumptious lunch awaits! After lunch the ferry will return you to the mainland. You will now travel overland to Oudtshoorn in the Little Karoo – the so-called ostrich feather capital of South Africa. Here you will check in at a selected guesthouse for your overnight stay.

Dinner will be enjoyed at a selected venue.

Overnight Oudtshoorn

Hlangana Lodge (4*) or De Poort Country Lodge (4*)

Saturday, 8 March 2014 (B / L / D)

After another leisurely breakfast and check out, a short drive brings you to the world famous Cango Caves, limestone caves that stretches for more than 2,5 km into the Swart Berg (black mountain). The standard tour of one hour explores the main chambers accessible from the visitors centre. This is easy walking, without any strenuous crawling or bending. After the tour there will be some free time at the shop, or to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. As you continue your travels southwest towards Cape Town, you will also stop at the High Gate Ostrich Show Farm, for a close up look at these peculiar birds. For the very adventurous in the group, why not take a ride on the wild side and compete with the local ostrich jockey's? Lunch is also enjoyed here, and ostrich steak will feature on your menu! After, yet another short drive will get you to Calitzdorp, the port wine capital of South Africa. Here you will enjoy a tasting of some quality products before making your way to Montagu for your final overnight stop of the tour.

Dinner will be enjoyed at your hotel.

Overnight Montagu

Montagu Country Hotel (4*)

Sunday, 9 March 2014 (B / - / -)

Today you will enjoy a hearty Sunday breakfast, before checking out and getting ready for the final drive to Stellenbosch. You should reach nearby Robertson by mid-morning, in time to enjoy a wine or brandy tasting at a selected venue. After the tasting you will make your way to Worcester and then via the Huguenot Tunnel, longest road tunnel in Africa to Stellenbosch. At about lunchtime you will reach the Spier Estate, venue of CANCON-12. Here you can then check in, and relax and refresh before the welcoming function this evening.

*******END OF TOUR SERVICES*******

COST:

Min 6 participants	R6525-00
Min 10 participants	R7175-00 (larger vehicle required)
Min 14 participants	R6200-00
Single supplement	R 650-00

Included: Overland transport, guide, accommodation, meals and applicable entrance fees