INTRO TRAVEL

SOUTH AFRICA ADVENTURE

12 DAYS

Brimming with natural splendour, a diverse mix of cultures and some of the world's best wildlife, South Africa is guaranteed to bowl you over. Adventure, history, scenery and so many other marvels of Africa are concentrated here, so we've packed all the highlights into a thrilling 12 day adventure. One day you'll be cruising golden savannas looking out for prides of lions, mighty rhinos and herds of elephants, the next you'll be discovering Africa's cosmopolitan cities. And all with an awesome group leader and instant group of friends, get ready for the adventure of lifetime!

JOHANNESBURG → CAPE TOWN

Transport:	Private Minivan, 4WD Jeeps, Plane
Meals:	11B, 4D
Group size:	4 - 18
Age Range:	18 - 40's

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive into the history and culture of South Africa in Soweto
- Spot the iconic Big Five on a once in a lifetime safari in the Kruger National Park
- Immerse yourself in the local life of Southern Africa and real Swazi culture
- Embrace the cosmopolitan buzz of Cape Town and stunning views atop Table Mountain
- Get up close and personal with wild seals in their natural environment

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- ✓ 11 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 15 Meals
- ✓ All Transport & Internal Flight
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Walking & Bus Tour of Soweto
- ✓ Apartheid Museum / Mandela's House
- ✓ Drive the Panorama Route
- ✓ Open Vehicle Drive of Kruger National Park
- ✓ Sunset Game Drive
- ✓ Local Village Cultural Experience
- ✓ Historic Walk of Cape Town
- ✓ Harbourside Cocktails
- ✓ Table Mountain (seasonal & weather permitting)
- ✓ Full Day Peninsula Tour
- ✓ Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve
- ✓ Boat Cruise with Wild Seals
- ✓ Boulders Beach Penguins
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel

NOT INCLUDED:

International flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals

ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN JOBURG!

• **JOHANNESBURG** Welcome to Johannesburg! We'll meet you at the airport and take you to our accom. You'll have time to relax before meeting up with your new group of mates and get excited for adventures yet to come.

DAY 2 - DISCOVER JOHANNESBURG

• **JOHANNESBURG** This morning we're off to explore the town of Soweto to learn about the tumultuous history of the area. Diving deeper into South Africa's history of struggle we'll visit the beautifully designed Apartheid Museum or Mandela's House depending on availability. We'll head out later for some drinks at the best watering holes around.

DAY 3 - TRAVEL TO GRASKOP VIA THE PANORAMA ROUTE

• **GRASKOP** We'll depart early towards Kruger National park, making our way along the famous Panorama Route to see some of Africa's most unique landscapes before checking in to our accommodation.

DAY 4 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

• **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** After breakfast we'll be on our way to Kruger National Park, hopefully getting our first glimpses at wildlife as we head to our unique accommodations. Along with stunning views, your neighbours may be more wild than expected. Tonight, we enjoy a traditional Potjie, a South African dish that is traditionally cooked outdoors in a cast iron cauldron.

DAY 5 - EXPLORE THE KRUGER!

• **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** Today it's time to tick off that bucket list with an open vehicle game drive through Kruger National Park! Have your camera ready whilst looking out for prides of lions, herds of elephants, solitary leopards, rhinos, and masses of buffalo, all with experienced guides who'll make sure we have the best experience possible. Tonight, our guide will give us an explanation of the history of our dinner, known as braai; a traditional South African BBQ before we spend the night gazing up at an infinite, starry sky.

DAY 6 - TRAVEL TO ESWATINI

• **HLANE NATIONAL PARK** The tiny landlocked nation of Eswatini awaits as we cross the border to enter Hlane Royal National Park, a protected area teeming with wildlife and diverse Swazi ecosystems. Didn't spot your favourite animals yesterday? No worries! This afternoon we have another chance to spot unique fauna on a sunset game drive. The grasslands will turn golden as the sun dwindles, and tonight we'll gather around the campfire and if we're lucky, we will be able to watch rangers perform their traditional style of Swazi singing complete with drums and whistles.

DAY 7 - LOCAL WAY OF LIFE

• **ZULULAND** Today we re-enter South Africa and continue south towards Pongolapoort Nature Reserve, taking in the breathtaking views. Then prepare for an unforgettable visit to a local village! We'll explore traditional life, visit a crèche and enjoy an exhilarating Zulu dance. As the sun sets, we'll feast on a delicious braai and end the night with games around the camp fire.

DAY 8 - COASTAL TOWNS

• **BLYTHEDALE** This morning we'll visit a local Zulu village before heading to the coast, checking in to our beach lodge. This afternoon we'll chill on the beach or relax by the pool. Tonight we'll indulge in Bunny Chow, a South African fast food dish that's essentially a loaf of bread filled with curry. A must try!

DAY 9 - TABLE MOUNTAIN

• **CAPE TOWN** We're off early this morning to catch our short flight to Cape Town. Sandwiched between the slopes of Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, this scenic city boasts vibrant nightlife, extraordinary architecture, world-class beaches, quirky cosmopolitan flair, and more. This afternoon we rise to the heavens as we summit the iconic Table Mountain (weather dependent, alternate activity in Winter). Crisp air accompanies dramatic scenic views, earning Table Mountain its title as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, and we'll soak up a stunning scenes over the majestic natural amphitheatre. This evening we'll make our way to the V&A Waterfront to stroll, shop and take in the views.

DAY 10 - EXPLORE CAPE TOWN

• **CAPE TOWN** Today we're off on a walking tour of Bo-Kaap, a neighbourhood known for its brightly coloured houses, the oldest mosque in South Africa, and spicy Cape Malay cuisine. After stretching our legs we'll continue exploring with a drive past the Houses of Parliament, the City Hall, District 6 Museum, Slave Lodge, The Castle, and Cape Town Stadium. We'll end the day sipping on a cocktail whilst watching the sun sink below the horizon, ending another brilliant day in South Africa.

DAY 11 - CAPE PENINSULA TOUR

• **CAPE TOWN** Get ready for a full day adventure around the dramatic Cape Peninsula to exploring beaches and sheer cliffs that drop into the Atlantic. We'll stop in the gorgeous fishing town of Hout Bay for a cruise that will get us up close and personal with a thousand-strong colony of wild fur seals, basking unbothered in our presence. We'll also discover Chapman's Peak, the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, and hang out with a colony of wild African penguins on Boulders beach. Tonight we'll have our farewell in a cool funky restaurant!

DAY 12 - CHECK OUT & ONWARD TRAVEL

• **CAPE TOWN** Time to bid farewell as our 12 day African adventure comes to an end. You can either check out and journey home, stay on longer in Cape Town or continue your travels in Africa. If you need any assistance planning onward travel, we're more than happy to help!

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date, as that's when most people get in. While there are no activities on the first day, the group usually meets up for dinner around 7pm. If you do arrive early, we'll still pick you up from the airport if you're staying at our accommodation. Check in is from 2pm. You can book and pay for extra nights accommodation in the Manage My Booking area.

AFTER SOUTH AFRICA ADVENTURE

South Africa Adventure finishes in Cape Town, which has its own international airport. If you plan to leave straight after the trip we'd recommend flying out of Cape Town International (so fly into Johannesburg, and out of Cape Town if possible for this tour). If you need to return to Johannesburg straight after the trip, please be aware you will have to fly from Cape Town to O.R. Tambo International in Johannesburg. The flight is approx. 2 hours, so we would recommend booking any return flights out of Johannesburg after 3pm on day 12 at the earliest.

Your group leader can help with any other onward travel options within South Africa.

VISAS

Passport holders from UK, Australia, Canada, Denmark, New Zealand, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and some other select countries are not required to have a visa when entering South Africa for an intended stay of 90 days or less. Citizens of other countries are required to obtain a Visitor's Visa, but it's always best to check with your government for official travel advice.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for South Africa is compulsory to join our trip. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise travel insurance here.

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

JOHANNESBURG - BIRCHWOOD HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

Situated next to bushland with wildlife.

Twin/Double Share Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Laundry

Swimming Pool

GRASKOP - MOGODI LODGE

1 NIGHT

Perfect location near Graskop Gorge Falls.

Twin/Double Share Rooms

Shared Bathrooms

WiFi & Air Con

Restaurant & Pool

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK - MULUWA CAMP GROUNDS

2 NIGHTS

Ideally located to explore Kruger National Park!

Twin Share Tent

Shared Bathrooms

Close to the beautiful wildlife

HLANE NATIONAL PARK - NDLOVU CAMP

1 NIGHT

Large camp grounds surrounded by wildlife.

Twin/Double Huts

Ensuite

Restaurant overlooking the watering hole

ZULULAND - BIWEDA NGUNI LODGE

1 NIGHT

A comfortable lodge.

Twin/Double Share Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Swimming Pool

BLYTHEDALE - PALM DUNES BEACH LODGE

1 NIGHT

Great location across from the beach.

Twin Share Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool

CAPE TOWN - MOJO HOTEL

3 NIGHTS

Great location in the centre of this iconic city.

Up to 4 Share Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Restaurant & Bar

IMPORTANT NOTE

The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

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SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

100% CARBON NEUTRAL TOURS

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION

ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do, and we are proud to say that every INTRO tour is 100% carbon neutral.

Small Change is our socially conscious initiative aimed at travelling responsibly and changing the world for the better!

Find out more.

FAQS

DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin or triple share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.

CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose South Africa.

CAN I CHANGE MY START DATE?

Enjoy ultimate peace of mind and flexibility with INTRO. Should your travel plans change or be disrupted you can change your start date or tour for free up to 30 days before your start date.

Or simply transfer your booking to 100% travel credit that will never expire and can be used on any tour with us at any time in the future.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA?

The great thing about South Africa is that it's a predominately sunny country, and year round travel is possible thanks to its vast size and diverse range of attractions. Summer weather lasts from October to April, and winter brings cooler weather and fewer crowds from May to September.

HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through Wise. You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout South Africa and some places only accept cash.

IS TIPPING EXPECTED ON THIS TRIP?

There is no requirement to tip on any INTRO trip. However there is a big tipping culture in South Africa, and it is customary and expected that you tip a small amount in most places including bars and restaurants. While we cover all of our local suppliers wages and expenses it is customary for group members to offer a tip to drivers and local guides on South Africa Adventure, if you feel you've had good service. Your group leader can provide more detail on how you can contribute and suggested tip amounts whilst on tour if you feel comfortable doing so.

IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

Most of the accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. South Africa's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the Terms & Conditions section of our website.

That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to Manage My Booking and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on South Africa and South Africa Adventure, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience. Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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