



5 DAY GARDEN ROUTE PRIVATE TOUR (one way – Cape Town to PE)

This tour explores the beautiful coastline between Cape Town and Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). It travels one-way, allowing you to maximize time enjoying beautiful scenery and minimize driving time. It takes in the highlights of the Whale Coast and the Garden Route, with many options for adventure, nature, and hiking activities along the way. Earthstompers private tours are 100% customizable, so please chat to your tour consultant if you would like to request changes to the itinerary or accommodation.

Tour includes:

- Services of a professional tour guide/driver
- Private transport, as described in itinerary
- 4 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Visit to the African Penguin colony at Betties Bay
- Many options for adventure, nature, and hiking activities in Mossel Bay, Wilderness, Knysna, and Plettenberg Bay
- Hiking in Tsitsikamma National
- Donation to a local charitable project Park

Tour price (September 2026 – August 2027):

Number of people (Cost per person sharing)		1	2	3	4	5	6	single supplement
Tour including 5-star accommodation	HIGH SEASON	R92,050	R61,550	R51,400	R47,150	R43,900	R41,800	R25,900
	LOW SEASON	R83,900	R53,450	R43,250	R39,000	R35,800	R33,650	R18,850
Tour including 4-star accommodation	HIGH SEASON	R80,750	R48,950	R38,350	R33,900	R30,550	R28,300	R12,050
	LOW SEASON	R78,950	R47,150	R36,550	R32,100	R28,750	R26,550	R10,900
Tour including economy accommodation	NO SEASONAL DIFFERENCE	R72,950	R39,800	R28,750	R24,100	R20,650	R18,300	R2,600

Rates are indicative; final price varies by specific travel dates and room category availability. Please enquire for a fixed quote - our private tour consultants will be happy to advise on options to meet your group size, available dates & budget.

*High season: September – April, **excluding** peak season of 15 December – 15 January; Low season: May – August.*

Single supplements: for odd numbers of guests (1/3/5), one person will pay a single supplement for a single room.



Tour itinerary:

Day 1: Cape Town – Hermanus

We depart from Cape Town in the morning for Hermanus. We follow the scenic coastal road, stopping at Betties Bay to view a colony of endangered African penguins. You can spend the afternoon in the seaside resort town of Hermanus, famous for hundreds of Southern Right Whales during the whale season (July to November) and many shops, restaurants and markets.

<i>Included meals:</i>	None
<i>Included activities:</i>	Visit to the African Penguin colony at Betties Bay
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more wildlife: Whale watching boat trip (in season, July – November; must be pre-booked) Add more adventure: Cape Canopy Tour , ziplining in the Hottentots-Holland Nature Reserve
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 2 hours, +/- 140 km
<i>Overnight:</i>	Hermanus 5 Star: The Marine Hotel Hermanus 4 star: 1 Marine Drive Boutique Hotel Hermanus Economy: Windsor Hotel

Day 2: Hermanus - Wilderness

After driving through the small towns of the Overberg, we reach the lush forests and beautiful beaches of the Garden Route. Spend the afternoon enjoying the Mossel Bay or Wilderness beaches or explore Wilderness National Park by canoe. *(Alternatively, we can take a turn to visit the Southernmost Tip of Africa at Cape Agulhas; adds 1.25 hours' drive & 100 km).*

<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast
<i>Included activities:</i>	None
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more nature: Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park Add more geography: Visit the Southernmost Tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 4 hours, +/- 365 km OR +/- 5.25 hours, +/- 460 km with Agulhas
<i>Overnight:</i>	Wilderness 5 Star: Views Boutique Hotel Wilderness 4 Star: Mes Amis Guest House Wilderness Economy: Fairy Knowe Hotel , Riverside Rooms

Day 3: Wilderness - Knysna

Today we travel to a seaside town at the heart of the Garden Route – Knysna. This stretch of coast is known for its lovely scenery, including indigenous forest, a large warm-water estuary known as the Knysna Lagoon, and the Outeniqua Mountains.

<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast
<i>Included activities:</i>	None
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more wildlife: Whale Watching boat trip (in season, Jul – Nov) Add more nature: Featherbed Eco Experience or Paddle Cruiser Add more Instagram moments: Sunset Catamaran Cruise
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 45 minutes, 50 km
<i>Overnight:</i>	Knysna 5 Star: Head Over Hills Boutique Hotel Knysna 4 Star: Lofts Boutique Hotel Sedgefield Economy: Kamma Kai Beach Villa



Day 4: Knysna - Plettenberg Bay - Knysna

After a few days on the road exploring, enjoy a morning at leisure. Your guide and tour vehicle are available for outings in the area. We suggest exploring the beautiful coastal town of Plettenberg Bay. You can relax on one of their beautiful beaches, enjoy lunch at one of their great restaurants, enjoy wine tasting at one of the wineries or get active and enjoy a hike on the spectacular Robberg Nature Reserve.

<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast
<i>Included activities:</i>	None
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more nature: Robberg Nature Reserve Add more nature: Keurbooms River Ferry Add more adventure: Kloofing with Africanyon Add more foodie: Luka Vineyards Add more local craft: Mungo Mill
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 1 hour, 65 km
<i>Overnight:</i>	Knysna 5 Star: Head Over Hills Boutique Hotel Knysna 4 Star: Lofts Boutique Hotel Sedgefield Economy: Kamma Kai Beach Villa

Day 5: Knysna – Tsitsikamma – Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)

On our final touring day, we take in the beauty of Tsitsikamma National Park. The morning will be spent in the park, with its unique combination of indigenous forest and beautiful Indian Ocean coastline. The park has a wide choice of activities for all, including hiking, crossing a suspension bridge and swimming. Finally, we will end with a drop off at Port Elizabeth or George airports (or extend your trip with an Eastern Cape safari – please enquire).

<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast
<i>Included activities:</i>	Entrance to Tsitsikamma National Park
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more adrenaline: Bloukrans Bungee Jump Add a safari: Your tour ends on the doorstep of Addo Elephant National Park and the Eastern Cape safari lodges. Please enquire about extending your tour to include a few nights of safari.
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 3 hours, 275 km
<i>Overnight:</i>	n/a – or extend with an Eastern Cape Safari



Private tour notes, terms & conditions :

- This is a private tour for your group. It includes the passengers you have booked, plus a guide/driver. We have included the guide and driver's meals and accommodation in our quote as necessary.
- The company reserves the right to change itinerary, accommodation, and transport along the way should circumstances dictate.
- Your guide will be available to do the activities mentioned in this itinerary, which is generally 8-10 hours for a full day. If you would like additional help planning evening activities and dinner, please speak to your guide – he or she can assist you with making arrangements for evening taxis or dinner reservations.
- All vehicles have valid operating licences to convey paying customers.
- Please advise in advance if you require a car seat for children booked on the tour. Car seats are available at an additional charge.
- All guides are well trained, experienced, and African born. By law we are required to use CATHSSETA registered and qualified guides with professional drivers' licenses.
- Earthstompers, or its employees and agents shall not be responsible for and shall be exempt from any liability in respect of loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or inconvenience to any person or their luggage or other personal property under any circumstances whatsoever whilst on tour.
- It is the sole responsibility of the traveller to ensure that they hold valid passports, visas, permits, vaccination certificates, and any other required travel documentation for all countries included in the tour itinerary, including transit countries, prior to departure. Earthstompers cannot be held responsible for any costs, losses, delays, denied boarding, denied entry, or interruption to travel resulting from incomplete or incorrect travel documentation.
- Customised quotes are valid for 5 days.
- We require a 20% deposit to confirm a tour. The balance of the payment is due 60 days before tour departure.
- Cancellation policy (private tours & safaris):
 - Cancellation 31+ days before departure date: fee of 15% of total tour price
 - Cancellation 30 days – 15 days before departure date: fee of 50% of total tour price
 - Cancellation 14 days – 8 days before departure date: fee of 75% of total tour price
 - Cancellation 7 days or less or no show for departure date: fee of 100% of total tour price
 - Peak season (15 December – 15 January) payment and cancellation terms can differ – please ask your tour consultant for specific terms.
 - Earthstompers makes use of hundreds of different hotels, guest houses, and safari lodges in our tour packages. Each of these has their own cancellation policies, which will prevail in the event of a cancellation. Please ask your tour consultant for specific terms.
- Tour price is dependent on group size and vehicle size. Should the group size fluctuate from the original quote, your Earthstompers consultant will provide you with a revised quote.
- All Earthstompers tours are priced in South African Rand (R or ZAR). In case of a refund, any amount will be refunded in South African Rand, which then gets converted to your local currency by your bank or credit card company. Please note that due to currency fluctuations, the refund amount in your local currency might be higher or lower than the amount originally paid. In the case where a tour is paid for in a foreign currency, such as Euros or US Dollars, you will be informed of the amount received in Rand, and any refunds will be calculated based on the Rand amount received.
- We strongly recommend that clients take out travel insurance to cover fees in case of cancellations or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Earthstompers is committed to responsible and sustainable tourism practices that support local communities, protect wildlife, and preserve the natural environment for future generations. Guests are encouraged to travel responsibly by minimising waste, conserving water and energy, respecting local cultures and wildlife, and making environmentally conscious choices throughout their journey.

