

EARTHSTOMPERS

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10 DAY CAPE TOWN, GARDEN ROUTE & SAFARI COMBO TOUR

This tour is a great combination of free time to explore Cape Town, a group adventure tour on the Garden Route, and a two-night safari in the malaria-free Eastern Cape. This tour makes great use of a limited amount of time and budget, to cover the absolute highlights of the South African coastline. This tour goes ONE WAY, departing Cape Town and ending in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Cape Town airport transfer (Day 1, Friday)
- 9 nights' accommodation (backpacker or guest house options)
- Most dinners and breakfasts (see itinerary for details)
- Services of a professional tour guide (Days 4-8)
- Transport, as described in the itinerary
- Visit to the African Penguin colony at Betties Bay
- Visit to the furthest Southern tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas
- Local wine tasting
- Klein Karoo ostrich farm tour
- Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park
- Hiking in Tsitsikamma National Park
- Game viewing safari in Addo Elephant National Park
- Two-night all-inclusive safari at a private game reserve in the Eastern Cape
- Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) airport transfer (Day 10, Sunday)
- A community support contribution, to support local charitable projects

TOUR PRICE <i>per person</i>	<i>High season 1: 31 July 2026 to 10 Dec 2026</i>	<i>Peak season: 11 Dec 2026 to 7 Jan 2027</i>	<i>High season 2: 8 Jan 2027 to 28 April 2027</i>	<i>Low season: 29 April 2027 to 29 July 2027</i>
Backpacker twin/double en-suite + 4-star safari	R 39310	R 41480	R 40680	R 37440
Backpacker single en-suite + 4-star safari	R 56670	R 70530	R 60030	R 54830
Guest House twin/double + 4-star superior safari	R 50780	n/a	R 53130	R 47730
Guest House single + 4-star superior safari	R 75410	n/a	R 79410	R 70910

Thank you for the opportunity to host you in our beautiful South Africa. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions. We hope you have a great tour!

Kind regards,

Hendrik & Chrissy



DAY 1: FRIDAY: CAPE TOWN ARRIVAL

Pickup at Cape Town International Airport and settle into your accommodation for the evening.

Included activities:

- Airport transfer

Approximate travel distance & time:

+/- 30 minutes, 25 km

Overnight: Cape Town

DAYS 2 & 3: WEEKEND IN CAPE TOWN

Guests have the weekend at leisure to enjoy “the mother city” at their own pace. We highly recommend booking the city sightseeing bus for an overview of Cape Town, allowing you to visit highlights such as Table Mountain, Signal Hill, V&A Waterfront, or Camps Bay. For those that enjoy wine, we can arrange a one-day tour to the beautiful winelands, which is about a 45-minute drive from Cape Town; or alternatively a group tour to the Cape Peninsula.

Included meals: Breakfast

Optional activities:

- Group Cape Winelands Day tour, R 2277 per person
- Group Cape Peninsula Day tour, R 2200 per person

Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 4: MONDAY: CAPE TOWN – HERMANUS – CAPE AGULHAS

We depart from Cape Town early on Monday 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. In the afternoon we will drive on to Cape Agulhas, the most southern tip of Africa, where we visit a viewpoint known as the “real” place where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Included activities:

- Penguins at Betties Bay

Optional activities:

- Shark cage diving: R 4305
- Whale watching boat trip (in season, July - November): R 1580

Approximate travel distance & time:

249 km; 3 hours

Overnight: Cape Agulhas/Struisbaai



DAY 5: TUESDAY: CAPE AGULHAS – OUDTSHOORN

We travel to Oudtshoorn in the Little Karoo, known as the Ostrich Capital of the World, via the spectacular Route 62, which is South Africa's longest wine route. We will have a lovely lunch and wine tasting at a local winery, before checking into our accommodation, which is on a working game farm in the Little Karoo. As the sun goes down, we can enjoy a tour of the ostrich farm, taking in the views of the Outeniqua and Swartberg Mountain ranges in the background.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Included activities:

- Local wine tasting
- Klein Karoo ostrich farm tour

Approximate travel distance & time:

330 km; 4 hours

Overnight: Oudtshoorn area

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY: OUDTSHOORN – WILDERNESS – SEDGEFIELD

After breakfast we head over the marvellous Outeniqua Mountain pass where we will explore Wilderness National Park with some canoes. Enjoy a paddle up the Touw River through indigenous forest, enjoying the abundance of bird life. After about 40 minutes, the canoes will be left for a 2 km hike along a boardwalk, which will take us to a lovely waterfall and rock pools. Late afternoon you can spend exploring Sedgefield, with its expansive views and beaches.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Included activities:

- Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park

Approximate travel distance & time:

95 km; 1.5 hours

Overnight: Sedgefield

DAY 7: THURSDAY: SEDGEFIELD – KNYSNA - TSITSIKAMMA – ADDO

Today, we will head to the famous town of Knysna via the lavish Lake District of the Garden Route. We will visit the Knysna Head viewpoint, for some magnificent views over the Knysna River estuary and the Indian Ocean. After Knysna, we will stop at Bloukrans Bridge to view the world's highest bungee jump bridge (216 meters). There is plenty of time for the adventure seekers among you to test their courage. Midday will be spent in Tsitsikamma National 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. In the afternoon, we will leave the Garden Route for Big 5 country, Addo.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Included activities:

- Entrance to Tsitsikamma National Park

Optional activities:

- 216 M Bloukrans bungee jump: R 1690

Approximate travel distance & time:

350 km; 5 hours

Overnight: Addo area





DAY 8: FRIDAY: ADDO – SAFARI

We will spend the morning exploring Addo Elephant National Park. We will spend up to 2-3 hours exploring the 28,000-hectare National reserve with approximately 600 elephant and some Cape buffalo, lion, black rhino, warthog, zebra, eland, kudu, hartebeest and many more animals. After an exciting morning of game viewing, we will arrange a transfer from the end of the Garden Route tour to your safari lodge. You will be in time to enjoy the afternoon game drive on a private game reserve.

Included meals: Dinner

Included activities:

- Entrance and 2-3-hour drive with tour vehicle through Addo Elephant National Park
- Afternoon game drive on private game reserve

Optional activities:

- 2-hour open vehicle game drive with Addo field guide: R 540

Approximate travel distance & time:

+/- 120 km +/- 1.5 hours

Overnight: Private Game Reserve

DAY 9: SATURDAY: SAFARI

It's safari time! Wake up bright and early for the morning game drive, where we venture out to see the wildlife on the Eastern Cape. Upon return from the morning drive, you will have some leisure time to enjoy your lodge before lunch. In the afternoon, you will embark on a sundown game drive, complete with drinks and snacks in the veld.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

Included activities:

- Morning & afternoon game drives on private game reserve

Approximate travel distance & time:

n/a – on reserve

Overnight: Private Game Reserve

DAY 10: SUNDAY: SAFARI & DEPARTURE FROM GQEBERHA

After your morning game drive and breakfast, you will be transferred to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) airport, where your tour will end. Kindly let us know what time you would like to be dropped off in Port Elizabeth after your safari and we'll plan accordingly. If you are catching a flight, we recommend that you book it for 15:00 or later, so that you have time to participate in the morning game drive before departing for the airport.

Included meals: Breakfast

Included activities:

- Morning game drive

Approximate travel distance & time:

+/- 120 km +/- 1.5 hours (depending on lodge)



TOUR NOTES, TERMS & CONDITIONS

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Pick up time for the Garden Route portion of the tour on Monday morning is generally between 6:00 – 8:00 am in Cape Town. We will get in touch with you the weekend before your tour to arrange a specific pick-up time. Please allow 15 minutes before or after your designated pickup time, as Monday morning traffic can be unpredictable!

At the end of the group Garden Route tour, we will arrange a transfer for you to get from Addo Elephant Park to the safari lodge. After staying for two nights, we will arrange a transfer for you to get from the safari lodge to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), where our services will end. Please advise us of your destination in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), whether it be the airport or a hotel. If you are catching a flight, we recommend that you book it for 15:00 or later, so that you have time to participate in the morning game drive before departing for the airport.

VEHICLES

The vehicles that we will be touring in are fully air-conditioned and can comfortably seat 14 adults including driver/guide. The seats in our 14-seater vans are comparable in size to an airplane seat – if you are uncomfortable in that set up, please inquire about a private tour, so we can arrange a different vehicle. All vehicles have valid operating licenses to convey paying customers.

TOUR STYLE

This is an active tour. It is best suited towards those who like to be on the move, and can comfortably walk, carry luggage, get in and out of the vehicle frequently, etc. The group is a mix between backpackers and guest house clients, and ages can range from 18 to 65. We can accept guests as young as 14 on group tours, if they are traveling with a parent or legal guardian; and as old as 65, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to enjoy the tour. Our average age is 33. Our groups range between 4-12 people, with most guests hailing from Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. The group tour is perfect for the solo traveller, small groups of friends, or couples, as you will have the opportunity to travel with a diverse group of people from all over the world.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that you hold comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard you against possible unforeseen emergency and theft. Earthstompers has comprehensive passenger and public liability insurance, but this does not cover the theft of guests' personal belongings.



MEALS

We are “foodies”, and good food is an important part of our tour. Breakfasts are included every day except Day 8, and typically include fruit, muesli, eggs, toast, yogurt, and cereals. Dinners are also included on some days, and are traditional South African meals, such as potjie (stew) and braai (barbecue). Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance. We can cater for vegetarian and vegan diets, but not strict gluten-free, lactose-free or halal diets. Lunch and drinks are on guests’ own account. Dinners for all clients, including those staying at the guest house, usually take place at the backpackers. All meals are included whilst at the safari lodge.

ACCOMMODATION

We will arrange all accommodation along the way, at locations we have selected over the years for their cleanliness, unique setting, and atmosphere. Guests have a choice of backpackers’ lodges, in which private en suite rooms are available; or guest houses, in which all rooms are private en suite. Single, double, and twin rooms are available at both the backpackers and guest houses. All bedding and towels will be provided. Please note that heating and air conditioning is not standard in the backpackers or the guest houses (because it is generally not necessary in South Africa). Please ask for a fan or for extra blankets if you need them!

Backpackers have more of a social vibe and are better for younger clients looking for a bit of atmosphere. They usually have a bar or bonfire area. Although backpackers offer a budget price, the standard of backpackers in South Africa is generally very high. Guest houses are a more private, quieter, luxurious experience. About 80% of our guests choose to stay in the backpackers and 20% in the guest houses. Backpackers and guest house clients travel together in the same tour vehicle.

Although we frequently utilize the same accommodation every week, we cannot guarantee that we will stay at a specific location each week, due to availability and group size.

MALARIA

Our tours take place in a malaria-free area, so no anti-malaria precautions are necessary. You are however advised to bring insect repellent during summer.

INTERNET ACCESS

Wi-Fi is generally available at most accommodation locations in the common areas (not necessarily in the bedrooms). If you require data or phone service, we recommend that you pick up a local SIM in South Africa. SIMs are widely available from providers like Vodacom, MTN, or Cell C, and airtime or data packages are reasonably priced.

LOADSHEDDING

South Africa is currently suffering from frequent power cuts, called “loadshedding”. It’s best to prepare for this by bringing a small battery/power bank, to be able to charge your phone whilst the power is off. A torch/flashlight or headlamp can also come in handy. Loadshedding is a source of major frustration for the citizens and businesses of South Africa, so please be patient if you encounter inconveniences related to the power cuts.



GUIDES

All guides are well-trained, experienced and South African born. We use CATHSSETA registered and qualified guides with professional drivers' licenses. Earthstompers makes use of only the best guides that will make sure you get a fun, relaxing, informative and safe trip.

LUGGAGE

We have space for each passenger to have one suitcase and one "carry-on"-sized piece of luggage – a laptop bag, backpack, or similar. Suitcase size is limited to the dimension of 67 cm (26 in) by 45 cm (18 in) and carry on is limited to the dimension of 48 cm (19 in) by 32 cm (13 in). There are generally not porters or staff available to assist with luggage – your luggage should be of a size and weight you can comfortably manage yourself. Hard or soft suitcases are fine. If you have more or bigger luggage than this, please contact us in advance to make alternative arrangements, as our luggage trailers are specifically designed to fit one suitcase per person, not exceeding above dimensions.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

All tours are conducted in English. We ask that while you are in the group, you make an effort to speak English, so that everyone can be included in the conversation.

Attitude is important – "one rotten apple can spoil the bunch". We ask that you bring a positive, interactive, and easy-going spirit to tour, to make it a good experience for all.

Our tours run on a tight schedule. Please do your best to be on time, all the time.

ATTIRE

Please wear clothes that you are comfortable in. This tour includes several hikes and walks, so comfortable shoes are essential. No special hiking boots are needed. A small backpack would be useful on the hike. A rain jacket is a good idea, as well as a sweater or jacket for the cool evenings by the sea. Bring a hat; the African sun can be intense! If you plan on participating in the early morning Addo game drive, bring a hat & gloves – the open game-viewing vehicle can be quite chilly in winter.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

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. You will be asked to sign an indemnity form at the beginning of your tour.

WEATHER

The Garden Route has a Mediterranean climate, which is pleasant to visit all year round. It gets rainfall throughout the year, mostly at night (you can imagine why it's called the Garden Route!) Temperatures in winter range between 6-21 degrees C, and summer temperatures range between 17-30 degrees C. This tour also goes into the Eastern Cape and the Little Karoo, where temperatures can get as high as 40 C in summer.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Most guests come away with incredible photos of their week and share those photos among the group. We like to use real tour photos in social media and promotional materials. If you do not wish for your photo or image to be used in this way, please let us know in advance.

VISAS

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.

SUSTAINABILITY

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.

PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY

We require a 20% deposit to confirm a tour. The balance of the payment is due 60 days before tour departure.

Should you need to cancel your booking, the following cancellation fees will apply:

- 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.

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.

ITINERARY

The company reserves the right to change itinerary, accommodation, and transport along the way should circumstances dictate. The outdoor activities are weather dependent, which could force changes in the itinerary. The guide will try his or her best to arrange events according to prevailing weather conditions.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Protecting clients' personal information is of upmost importance to us, in compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA). We collect information such as your name, email



address, phone number, passport number, and physical address to provide services you request. We share some information, such as your name, with authorized third parties, including accommodation suppliers and activity providers. We only share information which is necessary to deliver the services you have booked. Our full privacy policy is available on our website at www.earthstompers.com.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The optional activities are not included in your tour because these are activities that not everybody would like to do! Optional activities are a great way to add more adventure to your experience. Our tours are designed so that it is not necessary to do the optional activities to have a good time – there are always plenty of things to see & do.

These activities can be paid in cash or with credit card directly to the adventure operator. Optional activities for days 2, 3, and 4 must be booked in advance of your arrival.

**Shark cage diving clients will be picked up in Cape Town early Monday morning by the shark company. Shark diving clients will only meet up with the Earthstompers tour group after lunch on day 4 and will miss out on Hermanus & the penguin colony.*

Day 2 & 3:

- Group Cape Winelands Day tour, R 2277 per person
- Group Cape Peninsula Day tour, R 2200 per person

Day 4:

- Shark cage diving*: R 4305
- Whale watching boat trip (in-season, July - November): R 1580

Day 7:

- Bungee jumping (216 m): R 1690

Day 8:

- 2-hour additional Addo game drive (open vehicle, early morning): R 540

Please note that we have done our best to provide accurate pricing, but these prices are subject to change!

