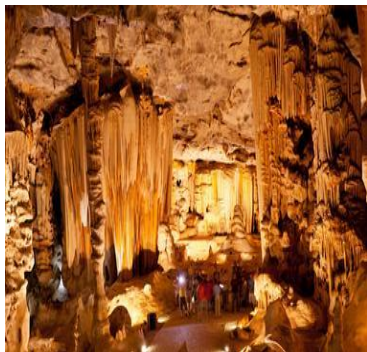
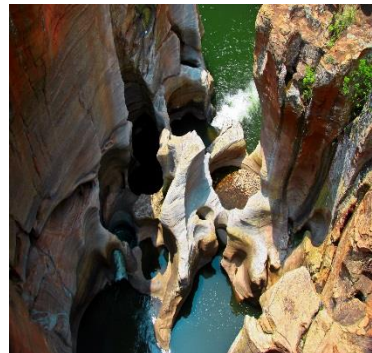
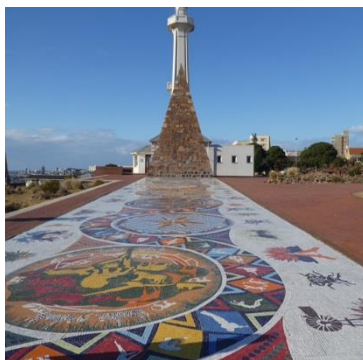
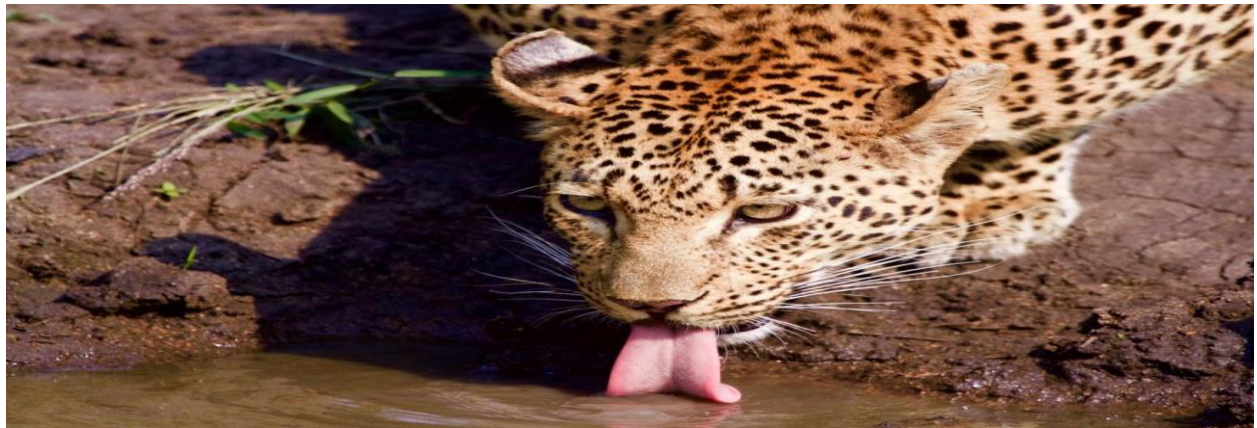


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-- South Africa Explorer Tour --



**SOUTH AFRICAN EXPLORER**  
**17 Days**  
**Fully Escorted**  
**Departs 07 August 2020**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Cape Town
- Boulders Beach
- Garden Route
- Cango Caves & Safari Ostrich Farm
- Featherbed Nature Reserve
- Zululand
- Ubizane Wildlife Reserve
- Kruger National Park and the Big 5
- Bourke's Luck Potholes

**INCLUDES:**

- Economy class airfares including taxes\*
- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary [14 Breakfasts/ 5 Lunches/ 12 Dinners]
- **Sightseeing** tours and transfers as per itinerary
- **Tour Escort** – travels with group from/to Brisbane
- **Tipping & Gratuities**
- Local English speaking Tour Director and Driver

**EXCLUDES:**

- Travel Insurance
- Any meals, tours, flights, excursions or transfers other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Visas (for non-Australian passport holders)

**From \$8,999\* per person**

Terms and Conditions apply. Economy class airfare with Singapore Airlines. \*Taxes included to the value of \$200.00. Tour escort departs from Brisbane. Solo Connections reserves the right to amend all hotels, airlines, restaurants and tours for an equal substitute at any time. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Tours subject to availability. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Friday, 07 August – Saturday, 08 August 2020  
Brisbane – Cape Town via Singapore & Johannesburg

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Today we will meet our tour escort and fellow travellers at Brisbane International Airport for our flights to Cape Town.

On arrival Sunday morning at Cape Town International Airport we will be met by our tour director who will accompany us to the awaiting vehicle to take us to our hotel. Our rooms may not be available upon arrival so we will leave our bags and take walk.

There will be plenty of time to relax before we join together for our **Welcome Dinner** at the hotel restaurant.

**Hotel – Sunsquare Cape Town City Bowl or similar**

Sunday, 09 August 2020  
Cape Town

B-D

After breakfast we will commence a **Half Day City tour**.

Today we explore South Africa's exciting "Mother City" with a guided tour of the historical and cultural sights of Cape Town. Step into the rich history of the city whilst passing places of interest such as the impressive Castle of Good Hope and Cape Town City Hall. We will tour the cosmopolitan centre of the city passing through the colourful Malay quarter, known as the Bo-Kaap, and visiting the Company Gardens.

**\*\*Please note that it is possible maintenance might be carried out at Table Mountain during our time in Cape Town. Should this occur, and we are unable to visit Table Mountain, will be taken to Signal Hill, known for the Noon Gun that is operated there by the South African Navy and South African Astronomical Observatory.**

We make a stop for lunch, (own expense), before commencing a half day **Cape Point Tour**. The famous **Cape of Good Hope** nature reserve, a World Heritage site, is set at the end of Cape Town's south peninsula. Take a trip via funicular to the lighthouse at 286 metres above sea level (built to warn ships they are approaching the feared "Cape of Storms"). Visiting **Boulders Beach**, the home of an endangered land-based colony of African penguins, is also a favourite beach and swimming destination for locals and visitors.

Returning to the hotel, we'll meet this evening for dinner in the hotel.

**Hotel – Sunsquare Cape Town City Bowl or similar**



**Monday, 10 August 2020**  
**Cape Town**

**B-D**

Today is a full day at leisure. After breakfast take some time to relax or shop for souvenirs along the waterfront.

Our tour escort will advise of their plans for the day which are optional for you to join in, or you may wish to simply have some "you" time, the choice is yours.

Tonight we will enjoy vibrant, eclectic Pan-African experience at **GOLD Restaurant**. It offers a night of opulent feasting with a unique bouquet of live entertainment in a mystical African setting of trees and tents in an inner city courtyard steeped in ancient history and GOLD.

**Hotel – Sunsquare Cape Town City Bowl or similar**

**Tuesday, 11 August 2020**  
**Cape Town - Oudtshoorn**

**B-D**

After breakfast, we begin to travel the **Garden Route** to **Oudtshoorn**.

Before arriving at our hotel we will visit the **Cango Caves**, one of Africa's most spectacular natural formations. The scenic tour, while not for the fainthearted, is a relatively gentle stroll through the caves while marvelling at their uniquely dramatic rock formations.

Upon arrival at the hotel, we will have time to freshen up before we go out and enjoy dinner a local restaurant.

**Hotel – Queens Hotel or similar**

**Wednesday, 12 August 2020**  
**Oudtshoorn - Knysna**

**B-L**

After breakfast, and before we depart Oudtshoorn, we will visit the **Safari Ostrich Farm** - home to the quirky ostrich, including the Kenyan Red and Zimbabwe Blue species. A guided tour of the farm allows us to view the birds, watch chicks hatching in season or footage out of season, and to stand on ostrich eggs.

Then we drive to the quaint town of Knysna for an afternoon ferry trip to the famous **Featherbed Nature Reserve**. There is abundance of plant, bird and small wildlife, including the rare Blue duiker, and a variety of marine life from dolphins to seals and in season, whales. Once ashore, the 2.2 km trail winds its way through Milkwood Forests up to steep sandstone cliffs overlooking the wild Atlantic Ocean. On completion of the trail we will head to the restaurant set on the edge of the lagoon for a buffet lunch.

Later we arrive at our hotel and have the evening at leisure.

**Hotel – Graywood Hotel or similar**



**Thursday, 13 August 2020**  
**Kynsna – Durban via Port Elizabeth**

**B-L**

After breakfast we check out and travel to Port Elizabeth for our afternoon flight to Durban.

We arrive in **Port Elizabeth** and enjoy lunch before we depart on our flight to Durban. Port Elizabeth or PE is known as the Friendly City and the Windy City and hopefully we will get a chance to experience the former and not the latter. Port Elizabeth was established to accommodate British settlers who were bought out on a government sponsored programme to provide a buffer between the warring Cape Dutch and the Xhosa.

Upon arrival at King Shaka International Airport we will be met and transferred to our hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure. A courtesy shuttle is available from our accommodation to take guests to the Sun Coast Hotel with its entertainment centre, spa and casino.

**Hotel – Garden Court Marine Parade or Similar**

**Friday, 14 August 2020**  
**Durban**

**B-D**

After breakfast today we enjoy a day of leisure. Take the time to relax or do a bit of shopping.

Tonight we will meet and enjoy dinner together to share our memories that we made today.

**Hotel – Garden Court Marine Parade or Similar**

**Saturday, 15 August 2020**  
**Durban - Hluhluwe**

**B-L-D**

This morning we will meet for breakfast before we are taken to a traditional village to enjoy a **cultural show at Dumazulu**.

Dumazulu ('Thundering Zulu') Lodge is located alongside a traditional village in the Hluhluwe area of Zululand. A visit to the village allows rich insights into the traditional ways of the Zulu nation. We can expect to get the blood racing with a traditional dancing show accompanied by tribal drumbeats. Enjoy a taste of traditional Zulu beer and learn about a variety of indigenous skills. These range from spear and shield making to basket weaving, beadwork, pot making and more.

We then make our way to our lodge for this evenings stay and enjoy dinner.

**Hotel – Ubizane Wildlife Safari Lodge**



**Sunday, 16 August 2020**

**Hluhluwe**

**B-D**

After breakfast we venture out on a **3 hour game drive** in an open 4 x 4 game vehicle.

The Hluhluwe region is famous for its abundance of wildlife, in particular the white rhino. Game drives are done with a trained driver and experienced guide. Hluhluwe is the oldest game reserve in the country and internationally renowned for its campaign to save the white rhino from extinction.

The 96-000ha reserve is home to the Big 5 and a multitude of other species including a vast array of bird species. The diverse eco-systems surrounding the reserve contribute to this abundance of wildlife; eco-systems include the St. Lucia Wetlands, Kosi Bay and bushveld. A spectacular destination and the game drive allows guests to gain insight into the eco-systems and get up close to the diversity of wildlife that live here.

The afternoon is at leisure and we will meet and enjoy dinner at the lodge this evening.

**Hotel – Ubizane Wildlife Safari Lodge**

**Monday, 17 August 2020**

**Hluhluwe - Swaziland**

**B-D**

This morning after breakfast we journey into **Swaziland**.

Upon arrival and after check in at our hotel we will enjoy an afternoon of leisure. You may like to enjoy a swim in the pool or just relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities.

Tonight we will enjoy dinner together.

**Hotel – Lugogo Sun or similar**

**Tuesday, 18 August 2020**

**Swaziland – Hazyview**

**B-D**

Today after breakfast we travel into the Kruger region to our accommodation in **Hazyview**.

Minutes away from the famous Kruger National Park, the country estate is perfectly positioned and overlooks the Sabie River. Relax in a hammock in the garden by the pool and watch as hippo, crocodile and other wildlife congregate at the river.

Upon arrival there will be time to freshen up before we join together for dinner.

**Hotel – Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar**



Wednesday, 19 August 2020  
Kruger National Park

B-L-D

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we have a full day out in the Kruger region, including lunch.

We drive through South Africa's **Kruger National Park**, world-renowned for the impressive number of species it hosts as well as the diversity of landscapes within its nearly 2 million hectares and its heritage offerings from San rock art to archaeological sites.

The Kruger National Park was founded in 1898 by Paul Kruger to protect the region's unique fauna and flora. It encompasses an area of almost 2 million hectares and shares borders with Mozambique and Zimbabwe. The ideal season to observe the game is during South Africa's winter months (May to September), as the climate is moderate and the landscape dry and bleak. When the first rains fall in November the natural bush, fauna and flora flourish. During summer most of the young animals are born.

The Kruger National Park is widely renowned for its astonishing variety in Wildlife. Besides the "Big 5" (elephant, rhinoceros, lion, leopard and buffalo) visitors may also encounter giraffes, zebras, and a variety of antelope, warthogs and multiple bird species.

Tonight we will meet for dinner at the Estate.

**Hotel – Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar**

Thursday, 20 August 2020  
Kruger National Park

B-L-D

Today we will enjoy a **morning game drive** before having some time at leisure.

Late this afternoon we will make our way out again for a **Sunset Drive**.

In the evening we will meet for dinner at the Estate.

**Hotel – Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar**

Friday, 21 August 2020  
Hazyview - Johannesburg

B - D

Today we depart Hazyview after breakfast and drive the scenic **Panorama Route** making a stop at **Bourkes Luck Potholes**.

Bourke's Luck Potholes were named after the gold digger, Tom Burke, who predicted that gold would be found in the area but never realised the rewards of his prediction. This natural water feature with its cylindrical rock sculptures amid eddies of white, yellow and dark brown water is a popular destination in the region. The massive potholes were formed by waterborne sand and rock grinding together propelled by the force of the Treur river water as it enters the



Blyde River. It is a 700m walk from the Visitor's Centre to Bourke's Luck Potholes and it is worth lingering awhile at the centre to learn about the natural and socio-historical features of the region.

Arriving into **Johannesburg**, we are taken to our hotel where we'll freshen up before meeting for our **Farewell Dinner**.

**Hotel – Garden Court Sandton City or similar**

**Saturday, 22 August – Sunday, 23 August 2020**  
**Johannesburg – Brisbane via Singapore**

**B**

After breakfast this morning we will be transferred to the airport for our flights home.