

Tour code:

SAa17

Guaranteed departures

Small group safari maximum:

12 travellers

Travel through:

South Africa & Swaziland

Safari length:

17 days

2016

SOUTH AFRICA "RAINBOW ROUTE"



DEPARTS:

JOHANNESBURG on Saturday at 06:30am

ENDS:

CAPE TOWN on MONDAY at +/-18:00pm

Highlights

- * Mpumalanga Panorama Route – sight seeing
- * Kruger National Park – game drives
- * Swaziland – mountain walks
- * Zululand – game drives & cultural village
- * Drakensberg Mountains – mountain walks
- * Wild Coast – beach walks & Xhosa culture
- * Addo – game drives
- * Tsitsikamma – forest walks
- * Hermanus – beaches and whales
- * Cape Town – Cape Point & Table Mountain



SAFARI GRADE: ACCOMMODATED

The Rainbow Route is an overview tour of

South Africa including neighbouring Kingdom of Swaziland. The tour covers many highlights with a strong focus on the national parks. This diverse country is explored over great distances that may involve long days on the road, generally followed by a full day to experience the area. The fully accommodated tour offers a great value for money way to explore South Africa.

Overnight 14 nights on safari we stay at small lodges and guest houses, with en suite facilities. 2 nights on the Wild Coast are in self-catering chalets where two bedrooms share a bathroom.

Meals 16 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 11 dinners are included. Of which 7 breakfasts & 3 dinners are provided by the lodges. The remaining included meals are provided by the Sunway crew, prepared at the vehicle and eaten around the campfire or in a boma or dining area.

Transport we use custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats. The vehicles are comfortable for cruising and excellent for game viewing with large sliding windows and front hatches for ease of viewing. On 5% of tours we may use Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 seats and air conditioning (with trailer for equipment and

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baggage). There are several long days of travel providing for a beautiful journey on the way to exciting and varied destinations.

Limited participation An essential part of your safari is some participation. From carrying your own bag to cleaning your window and packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly (especially on the longer days). Where the tour leaders provide meals we ask that clients help (on rotation) with the washing up.

ACCOMMODATED ITINERARY

Day 1 JOHANNESBURG to MPUMALANGA [lodge -LD]

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Departing from Johannesburg at 06:30am we head towards Mpumalanga where mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls & forests characterise the landscape. Few regions in the world can match the extraordinary beauty of the lowveld & escarpment. We visit Pilgrims Rest, Bourke's Luck Potholes and God's Window, before staying in a lodge on the edge of the escarpment near Graskop.

Day 1: NA

Day 1: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 1: Dinner will be a set meal provided by the lodge

Includes:

Entrance to Bourke's Luck Potholes & God's Window

Overnight:

[Graskop Mogodi Lodge](#) chalets - twin bed en suite rooms. Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, telephone.



WiFi not available

Distance/time:

380kms, ± 5½ hours, excluding stops for sightseeing, breakfast & lunch



Day 2 - 3 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK [chalet BLD]

The largest game reserve in South Africa, boasts the world's greatest concentration of species, and has an amazing 16 different ecosystems. Exciting game drives provide us with excellent game viewing. Spot the "Big 5" (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo) and many other animals in this true African wilderness.

Day 2: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge

Day 2: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 3: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 3: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 3: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes:

Entrance to Kruger National Park, morning & afternoon game drives

Overnight:

Kruger National Park Tents – for 2 nights in Kruger we stay in national parks board in en-suite tents. Swimming pool, restaurant, and telephone.



WiFi not available

Distance/time:

150kms, ± 2 hours + 3 x 3 hour game drives

Optional Activities

Night game drive in national parks open game viewing vehicle



Day 4 KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND [chalet BLD]

Malalotja Nature Reserve in the mountainous Kingdom of Swaziland is our next attraction. Renowned for a great variety of habitats from short grassland, to thick riverine scrub, bushveld and moist forest, we explore the reserve on foot to enjoy the fantastic mountain views. Relax around a campfire dinner and stay in mountain cabins for the night.

Day 4: Breakfast will be provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4: Dinner will be a set menu provided by the lodge

Includes: Entrance fees to Malalotja Nature Reserve

Overnight: [Hawane Lodge](#) – Chalet - twin bed en suite rooms. Swimming pool, restaurant & bar. 🏠

WiFi available

Distance/time: 200kms, ± 4 hours, excluding 2-3 hour morning drive out of Kruger, shopping stop in Malelane, Jeppes Reef border formalities & stops for sightseeing etc



Day 5 - 6 ZULULAND [tented lodge BLD]

We visit craft markets near Mbabane that have a fascinating range of handmade crafts and the local witchdoctor stall is not to be missed! We re-enter South Africa and head to Mkuzi Game Reserve, which is a safe haven for the endangered black rhino. We visit a waterhole hide and watch game come down to drink. An early morning game drive is followed by a cultural afternoon where we visit a Zulu village on the border of the game reserve and learn about the Zulu culture.

Day 5: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge

Day 5: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 6: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 6: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 6: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance to Mkuzi Game Reserve, morning and afternoon game drive & Zulu village visit with local Zulu community guide

Overnight: [Mkhuzi Game Reserve](#), permanent tented lodge - Each permanent tented room is en suite, and raised on a wooden deck. Swimming pool, telephone. WiFi not available 🏠

Distance/time: 300kms, ± 4 hours, including border formalities + game drives in Mkuzi



Day 7 - 8 **DRAKENSBURG MOUNTAINS** [chalet BLD]

The Drakensberg Mountains or "uKhahlamba" - the Barrier of Spears, is a 200-kilometre-long mountainous wonderland and world heritage site. From Mkuzi we move further south to the base of these mountains where we overnight for two nights in quaint cottages. We will spend time walking along beautiful mountain stream paths, or just enjoying the spectacular views.

Day 7, 8: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 7, 8: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 7, 8: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Morning and afternoon hikes in the Drakensberg Mountains

Overnight: [Lotheni](#) chalets – 2 nights in Drakensberg we stay in the park chalets. Twin rooms with en-suite facilities. 🏠

WiFi not available

Distance/time: 500kms, ± 7 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch. The last 50km is a slow gravel road



Day 9 - 10 **WILD COAST** [chalet BLD]

En-route to the Wild Coast we visit Qunu, the home town of Nelson Mandela, and pay our respects to this great man. The Wild Coast remains a relatively untouched paradise with unspoilt stretches of dramatically beautiful coastline, open spaces and pristine forest areas. We stay overnight in Kei Mouth and the next day is free to explore the area, meet local villagers or relax on the beach.

Day 9, 10: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 9, 10: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 9, 10: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Nelson Mandela Museum & scenic coastal walks

Overnight: [Benmore Lodge](#) – twin share rooms with 1 bathroom shared between two rooms. Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, bar, internet & telephone. 🏠

Free WiFi in reception

Distance/time: 600kms, ± 8½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch – a long day!

Optional Activities Ocean fishing & village walks



Day 11 **ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK** [chalets B-D]

The Addo Elephant National Park was established in 1931 to protect the last 11 wild elephants from extermination. Today more than 600 elephants roam through the area. The park also offers excellent viewing of black rhino, Cape buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as a host of other large and small mammals and over 400 species of birds in the greater park area.

Day 11: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 11: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 11: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees to Addo Elephant National park, afternoon & morning game drive
Overnight: [Addo National Park](#) chalets - twin share chalet (or lodge tent) with en suite facilities. (Sandflats Guest Lodge may also be used subject to availability; these rooms are twin share en suite) Swimming pool, restaurant, telephone & floodlit waterhole. WiFi not available



Distance/time: 500kms, ± 7½ hours – a long day! Excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch + game drives

Optional Activities Night game drives in national park open game viewing vehicles



Day 12 - 13 **KNYSNA / TSITSIKAMMA** [guest house Bx2 Lx1 -]

For two nights we will stay in a lodge resort in Knysna, which is nestled on a tranquil lagoon. We will take a day trip to the Storms River mouth where there are walks up the gorge and along the rocky coast. The Tsitsikamma National Park incorporates 80km of spectacular sea and landscapes; a remote mountainous region with secluded valleys, coastal forests with deep river gorges leading down to the sea. There is also an option of the world's highest bungi jump. Sample seafood at one of Knysna's great restaurants (own expense).

Day 12: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12: Dinner own expense

Day 13: Breakfast will be provided by the guest house

Day 13: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 13: Dinner own expense meal

Includes: Entrance fees to Tsitsikamma National Park

Overnight: [Lagoon Inn](#) – twin rooms with en-suite bathroom. Swimming pool, lounge & telephone & restaurant. Free WiFi in reception



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Distance/time: 300kms, ± 4½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing
Optional Activities Bungi jumping, whale watching & treetop canopy tour



Day 14 HERMANUS [guest house BL-]

Hermanus offers some of the best land based whale watching in the world. From June to November Southern Right whales come up from the southern oceans to calve and mate in the shallow waters around the Cape. In whale season we will take a walk along this beautiful coastline. In the summer months we will explore the flowering fynbos in Fernkloof Nature Reserve. Enjoy the evening meal out at a local restaurant (own expense).

Day 14: Breakfast provide by the guest house

Day 14: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 14: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Includes: N/A

Overnight: [Baleens Guest House](#) - rooms are twin share rooms with en-suite facilities. 

Telephone, swimming pool & restaurant.

Free WiFi in lounge

Distance/time: 420kms, ± 6 hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch

Optional Activities Whale watching by boat



Day 15 - 16 CAPE TOWN [guest house B - -]


Cape Town is one of the most picturesque cities in the world, with the majestic Table Mountain providing its central focus. On our way into Cape Town, we visit Stellenbosch, South Africa's renowned wine region, for wine tasting (own expense) and a cellar tour. The "mother city" has many attractions; we will visit the harbour at Hout Bay, visit Cape Point, enjoy the famous beaches and the V&A Waterfront. Optional visit to Robben Island (own expense). We sample the local fare at a variety of local restaurants (own expense).

Day 15, 16: Breakfast will be provided by the guesthouse

Day 15, 16: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 15, 16: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Includes: Cellar tour, Entrance fees to Penguin colony & Cape Point National Park

Overnight: [Sweetest Guesthouses](#) – Sweetest Guesthouses is a collection of individually decorated houses in a metropolitan area of Cape Town near the V&A Waterfront. 

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The Sunway group may be spread amongst any of the houses, within walking distance of each other, and the group breakfasts will be taken in the same house. Rooms are twin with en suite facilities. (Or similar guest house)

WiFi available

Distance/time: 150kms, ± 2 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing + 150kms full day Cape Peninsular tour on day 16

Optional Activities Robben Island cruise, shark cage diving, seal colony visit



Day 17 CAPE TOWN - TOUR ENDS [- B - -]

In the morning we climb Table Mountain, offering panoramic views over Cape Town reaching out into the bay and Robben Island. Having explored the highlights of the Rainbow Nation we take a last look at Cape Town and catch up on curio shopping in the afternoon, before your tour ends at 18:00 at the guest house.

Day 17: Breakfast will be provided by the guesthouse

Day 17: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 17: NA

Includes: Guided walk up Table Mountain

Overnight: N/A

Distance/time: N/A

Please Note: The distance and time travel times are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions.



Please note: That the accommodation specified above and in the itinerary, is a guide only and is subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard, and accommodation changes will be made without notice.

Special Interest:

Tradition is strong in the Kingdom of Swaziland, with no better example than the use of traditional medicine & healers. We visit the traditional medicine and craft market in Mbabane for insight into the traditional beliefs of the Swazi people.

Sustainable Tourism:

Our stay in Mkuzi Game Reserve not only supports the wildlife but also the local surrounding villages. Your tour funds are used to support the local Zulu villages which surround the Game Reserve. Our village visit and our local guide create employment and income for the villages increasing the importance of tourism and conservation. Community awareness and prosperity helps to reduce subsistence poaching.

2016 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

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Prices: (valid Jan 2016 – Dec 2016)

€ 1 890pps

Single supplement: € 470 pp (If you are traveling on your own, Sunway will "room" you with another same gender client. You do not pay extra when booking as a single person. If however you request a single room, then you'll pay the single supplement.)

2016 DEPARTURE DATES

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DEPARTS	ENDS	
JOHANNESBURG	CAPE TOWN	
Saturday at	Monday at	
06:30am	18:00pm	
09-Jan-16	25-Jan-16	CVa
16-Jan-16	01-Feb-16	German / CVag
23-Jan-16	08-Feb-16	CVa
06-Feb-16	22-Feb-16	CVa
27-Feb-16	14-Mar-16	CVa
12-Mar-16	28-Mar-16	CVa
19-Mar-16	04-Apr-16	CVa
02-Apr-16	18-Apr-16	German / CVag
09-Apr-16	25-Apr-16	CVa
30-Apr-16	16-May-16	CVa
14-May-16	30-May-16	CVa
21-May-16	06-Jun-16	German / CVag
28-May-16	13-Jun-16	CVa
18-Jun-16	04-Jul-16	CVa
25-Jun-16	11-Jul-16	German / CVG
02-Jul-16	18-Jul-16	CVa
09-Jul-16	25-Jul-16	German / CVag
16-Jul-16	01-Aug-16	CVa
23-Jul-16	08-Aug-16	German / CVag
30-Jul-16	15-Aug-16	CV
06-Aug-16	22-Aug-16	CVa
20-Aug-16	05-Sep-16	CVa
27-Aug-16	12-Sep-16	German / CVag
03-Sep-16	19-Sep-16	CVa
17-Sep-16	03-Oct-16	CV
24-Sep-16	10-Oct-16	CVa
01-Oct-16	17-Oct-16	CV
08-Oct-16	24-Oct-16	CVa
15-Oct-16	31-Oct-16	German / CVag
22-Oct-16	07-Nov-16	CVa
05-Nov-16	21-Nov-16	CV
12-Nov-16	28-Nov-16	CVa
26-Nov-16	12-Dec-16	CVa
03-Dec-16	19-Dec-16	German / CVag
10-Dec-16	26-Dec-16	CVa

* **Bold dates** are guaranteed departures, all other dates guaranteed from 4 clients.

* **German:** These tours are led by a German speaking translator / tour leader.

* **CVa / CVag:** all "Rainbow Route" departures can be combined before the "Grand Explorer" to create a complete Southern Africa Adventure.

DETAILED TOUR INFORMATION:

In a nutshell

- A participation tour that offers an accommodated safari at a reasonable price, accommodated in chalets, cabins and hotels. A South Africa participation safari with a bed each night.
- A comprehensive introduction to the Rainbow Nation - a world in one country!
- Exciting trip with culture, wildlife, adventure, walking, mountains and beaches.
- Kruger NP, Swaziland, Zululand, Drakensberg, Garden Route and Cape Town.