

Tour code:

SA18

Guaranteed departures

Small group safari maximum:

12 travellers

Travel through:

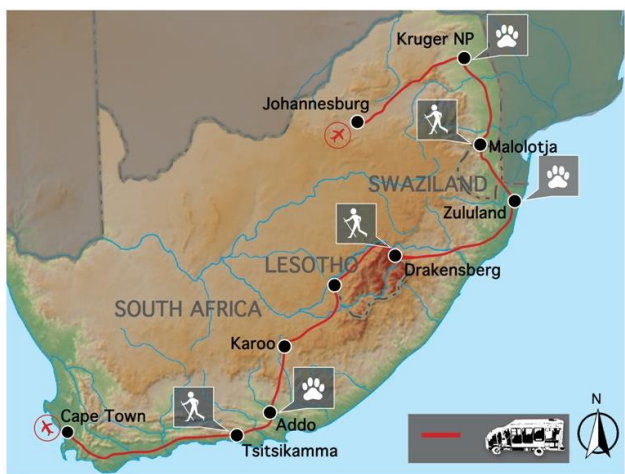
South Africa, Swaziland & Lesotho

Safari length:

18 days

2016

SOUTH AFRICA "SCENIC ROUTE"



DEPARTS:

JOHANNESBURG on Saturday at 06:30am

ENDS:

CAPE TOWN on Tuesday at 18:00pm

Highlights

- * Mpumalanga Panorama Route – sight seeing
- * Kruger National Park – game drives
- * Swaziland – mountain walks
- * Zululand – game drives
- * Drakensberg Mountains – mountain walks
- * Lesotho – trekking with local guide and his pony
- * Karoo – visit a quaint Karoo town
- * Addo Game Reserve – game drives
- * Tsitsikamma – forest and coastal walks
- * Cape Town – Cape Point & Table Mountain



SAFARI GRADE: CAMPING

The Sunway Scenic Route is an overview

tour of South Africa, including the well known highlights and focuses on the national parks. This tour covers a great distance in this diverse country and involves long days on the road, generally followed by a full day to explore the area. This is an all encompassing tour and a fantastic way to explore South Africa.

Overnight 11 nights on safari we stay at designated campsites in national parks and villages. South African campsite facilities are generally very good. There are hot and cold showers, laundry facilities & shops. Sunway supplies all the camping equipment with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. 3 nights in intimate guest houses where each twin room has en suite facilities. 3 nights in simple twin rooms with shared ablutions. Means you don't camp in the cold mountains.

Meals 17 breakfasts, 15 lunches and 14 dinners will be provided by the Sunway crew, prepared at the truck with assistance from the group. 3 breakfasts provided by the lodge.

Transport we use custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats, comfortable for cruising and excellent for game viewing. Large sliding windows and front hatches give everyone a good view; or (on 5% of tours) Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 forward facing seats and air conditioning (and trailer for equipment and baggage). There are several long days of travelling but the vehicles have a comfortable cruising speed – it's all about the journey and not just the destination! The emphasis of the trip is "getting out and doing things".

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Limited participation An essential part of your Sunway Safari is participation – from putting up your tent to 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. Your tour leaders will do all the meal preparation but we do ask the clients to help (on rotation) with the washing up. Team spirit is part of the fun!

CAMPING ITINERARY

Day 1 **JOHANNESBURG to MPUMALANGA** [camping -LD] (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Departing from Johannesburg at 06:30am we head east towards Mpumalanga. A landscape characterised by mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls and forests. We will camp the night in the old gold rush town of Pilgrims Rest, a living museum dating back to 1873. We explore the quaint town, visit Bourkes Luck Potholes and the viewpoint at God's Window.

Day 1: NA

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

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

Includes: Entrance to God's Window & Bourkes Luck Potholes
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities & hot showers
Distance/time: 350kms, ± 5 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch



Day 2 - 3 **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** [camping BLD]

Big game country - exciting game drives provide us with excellent game viewing. Spot lion, elephant, rhino and other animals in one of the last African wildernesses. Early morning & afternoon game drives get us close to the wildlife.

Day 2, 3: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2, 3: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2, 3: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance to Kruger National Park, morning & afternoon game drives
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & shop
Distance/time: 150kms, ± 2 hours + 3x 3 hour game drives
Optional Activities: Night game drives in National Park open game viewing vehicles




Day 4 KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND [cabins BLD]

The mountainous Kingdom of Swaziland, led by King Mswati III, is one of only 3 monarchies in Africa. Swazis are proud of their traditional lifestyle & cultures. We explore the Malolotja reserve on foot to enjoy the mountain scenery, rare birdlife, and the 95m high Malolotja waterfall. Overnight in log cabins with fantastic panoramic views.

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

Includes: Entrance to Malalotja Game Reserve
Overnight: Malolotja Nature Reserve - 1 night, mountain cabins, 2 twin bedrooms per cabin which share a bathroom and a washroom.
 WiFi not 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 [camping BLD]

After visiting the craft markets near Mbabane, we re-enter South Africa. KwaZulu Natal is one of the last refuges for the threatened rhino populations. We have a game drive in search of these ancient creatures and stop waterholes to watch game come down to drink.

Day 5, 6: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5, 6: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5, 6: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees, game drive
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers
Distance/time: 300kms, ± 4 hours, excluding border formalities + game drives



Day 7 - 8 DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS [camping BLD]

Moving further south to the base of the Drakensberg (Dragon Mountains). We have two nights at the foot of the mountains allowing time for walking along beautiful mountain stream paths, or just enjoying 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

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Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers
Distance/time: 400kms, ± 6 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch.



Day 9 - 10 LESOTHO [chalets BLD]

We travel through the towering red sandstone cliffs of Golden Gate en route to Lesotho. Quaint villages and towns offer interesting stops along the way. We cross the border and head to southern Lesotho to our overnight chalets at Malealea. This lodge nestled in the mountains forms our base for two nights. The next morning we are up early and spend the day trekking with a local guide and his pony through the rugged mountains.

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: Trekking with local guide and his pony
Overnight: [Malealea Lodge](#), Basotho Huts – 2 nights, bedrooms are twin sharing with shared ablutions. WiFi not available



Distance/time: 370kms, ± 8 hours, excluding stops for border formalities sightseeing & lunch.



Day 11 KAROO [guest house BL-]

Descending from the Lesotho highlands we make our way into the great Karoo. It covers most of central South Africa and is a vast semi desert. It has become famous for its sheep and ostrich farming industries, and roadside stalls selling handmade windmills.

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

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

Day 11: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Includes: N/A
Overnight: [Cradock Tuis Huis Guest House](#) – 1 night we stay in an historic guest house. Twin rooms en suite. Restaurant. WiFi available



Distance/time: 370kms, ± 8 hours – a long day! excluding stops for border formalities sightseeing & lunch.



Day 12 ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK [camping BLD]

A conservation success, Addo Elephant N.P. offers a unique wildlife area, famous for the Addo elephants. We head out on game drives in search of elephant, black rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard. Evening viewing at the floodlit waterhole allows us to watch the nocturnal animals.

Day 12: Breakfast provided by the guest house

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

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

- Includes:** Entrance fees to Addo Elephant National Park, afternoon & morning game drives
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, restaurant, bar, shop & floodlit waterhole
Distance/time: 276kms, ± 3½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch + game drives
Optional Activities: Night game drives in National Park open game viewing vehicles



Day 13 - 14 TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK [camping BLD]

Indigenous Tsitsikamma forests surround the campsite at Storms River mouth, and there are walks up the Storms River Gorge and along the rocky coastline. There is an option of the world's highest bungi jump (own expense). Whales may be seen in season (July to November).

Day 13, 14: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 13, 14: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 13, 14: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

- Includes:** Entrance fees to Tsitsikamma National Park
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, restaurant, bar & shop
Distance/time: 220kms, ± 3 hours excluding stops for sightseeing
Optional Activities: Bungi jumping, whale watching & treetop canopy tour



SCENIC TRAVEL

Day 15 **OVERBERG** [camping BLD]

After visiting the famous "Knysna Heads", which overlook the sea's entrance to the tranquil Knysna lagoon, we travel south along the Garden Route. We drive along the coast before turning inland through the beautiful scenery of the Overberg region and overnight on the doorstep of the Cape winelands.

Day 15: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 15: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 15: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: N/A
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers.
Distance/time: 510kms, ± 7 hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch



Day 16 – 17 **CAPE TOWN** [guest house B - -]

We visit Stellenbosch, for wine tasting and a cellar tour. Explore Cape Town and the "mother city's" many attractions; visit the harbour at Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak drive, Cape Point, the Cape of Good Hope, enjoy the famous beaches and the V&A Waterfront. Optional visit to Robben Island (own expense). Meals at a variety of local restaurants (own expense).

Day 16, 17: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 16, 17: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 16, 17: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Day 16, 17: Breakfast provided by the guest house

Day 16, 17: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 16, 17: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Includes: Cellar Tour, entrance fees to Penguin colony & Cape Point National Park
Overnight: [Sweetest Guesthouses](#) – is a collection of individually decorated houses in a metropolitan area of Cape Town near the V&A Waterfront. 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: 160kms, ± 2 hours + winelands tour & full day Cape Peninsular tour on day 17

Optional Activities: Robben Island cruise, Shark Cage diving, Seal Colony visit



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Day 18 **CAPE TOWN - TOUR ENDS** [- B - -]

We climb Table Mountain in the morning admiring the views over Table Bay and Cape Town. Spend the afternoon catching up on last minute curio shopping or just lazing on the beach absorbing the Cape's sunshine. Tour ends at +/-18:00.

Day 18: Breakfast provided by the guest house

Day 18: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 18: N/A

Includes:	Guided walk up Table Mountain
Overnight:	N/A
Distance/time:	N/A

Please note: This tour covers a great distance. You'll see all the highlights of this diverse country but this means we have to spend several days travelling. This involves long days on the road, generally followed by a full day to explore the area. This is an all encompassing tour and a fantastic way to explore South Africa. The distances and times are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions.



Special Interest: Lesotho Pony Trek: We trek for a day through the mountainous regions of Lesotho. Ponies have been used for hundreds of years by the Basotho as transport through the Drakensberg.

Sustainable Tourism: Our stay in Lesotho supports the Malealea community. Local guides, village accommodation and some of the fresh produce used in the lodge are sourced from the local villages in a responsible and sustainable method, thus providing income, and better living standards for the Malealea villages and the local community.

2016 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

Prices: (valid Jan 2016 – Dec 2016)

€ 1 740 pps

Single supplement: € 205pp (If you are travelling 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, then you'll pay the single supplement and have a single tent and, on accommodated nights, a single room.)

2016 DEPARTURE DATES

Departs	Ends	
JOHANNESBURG	CAPE TOWN	
Saturday at	Tuesday at	
06:30 am	18:00 pm	
02-Jan-16	19-Jan-16	CV
16-Jan-16	02-Feb-16	CV
30-Jan-16	16-Feb-16	German / CVg
13-Feb-16	01-Mar-16	CV
19-Mar-16	05-Apr-16	German / CVg
26-Mar-16	12-Apr-16	CV
09-Apr-16	26-Apr-16	CV
07-May-16	24-May-16	German / CVg
14-May-16	31-May-16	CV
21-May-16	07-Jun-16	CV
02-Jul-16	19-Jul-16	CV
09-Jul-16	26-Jul-16	CV
13-Aug-16	30-Aug-16	German / CVg
27-Aug-16	13-Sep-16	CV
08-Oct-16	25-Oct-16	CV
19-Nov-16	06-Dec-16	German / CVg
26-Nov-16	13-Dec-16	CV
03-Dec-16	20-Dec-16	CV
24-Dec-16	10-Jan-17	CV

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

* **German:** These tours have a German speaking translator/tour leader

* **CV / CVg:** All "South Africa Scenic Route" departures can be combined before the "Cape Town to Victoria Falls Explorer" to create a complete circular safari in Southern Africa.

DETAILED TOUR INFO

In a nutshell

- 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, Drakensburg, Lesotho, Karoo, Garden Route and Cape Town.