



*Journeys of a lifetime*

## CAPE AND GARDEN ROUTE SELF DRIVE SAFARI



### HIGHLIGHTS:

This fabulous self drive holiday is the perfect introduction to South Africa. Your safari starts in the Eastern Cape visiting the world famous Shamwari Private Game Reserve which is at the forefront of conservation in South Africa. Here you will enjoy game drives in the lodges open 4x4 safari vehicles and guided bushwalks with Shamwari's highly knowledgeable guides.

We then continue with a visit to South Africa's third largest National Park. Addo Elephant park is unusual in that in addition to the big five the park extends to the sea and offers the big 7 with Great White Shark and Whales added to the impressive species list.

Our third stop is Knysna in the heart of the Garden Route which is a great base to explore the beautiful coast with its charming small towns as well as the Mountains, Rivers and lakes.

A scenic drive takes us to our next destination, the Whale coast and town of Hermanus, during the season this area boasts the best land based whale watching in the world and provides a pleasant place to spend a few days at other times.

Another scenic drive takes us through the mountains and inland to the heart of the Winelands, here we will be staying in Franschhoek a lovely small town which styles itself as the foodie capital of South Africa.

**The final stop on our journey is the fabulous cosmopolitan city of Cape Town. There are a multitude of exciting places to visit within an easy walk or drive of your city centre guesthouse as well as many fine restaurants, a chance as well maybe for a bit of souvenir shopping before returning home.**

### **Day 1**

Our representative will meet you off your International flight at Oliver Tambo International Airport and will hand over your VIP document pack which will include your car hire and hotel vouchers and other useful information. You will then check in for your flight to Port Elizabeth. On arrival you will pick up your group C Hire Car (VW Polo or similar) from Europcar.

Drive to Shamwari Game Reserve where you will be staying for the next two nights at Long Lee Manor on a full board basis in a luxury room including all meals, game drives and locally branded soft and alcoholic drinks.

**Long Lee Manor** is situated within the malaria-free Shamwari Game Reserve, an outstanding reserve in the Eastern Cape, highlighting the importance of conservation coupled with responsible tourism. Here the “Big Five” can be viewed and spa treatments can be enjoyed after the day’s game viewing. The reserve boasts five eco-systems and covers 20 000 hectares, providing a sanctuary for a wide variety of birds and wildlife. Long Lee Manor is the flagship of Shamwari, offering a distinctive Colonial experience in a restored Edwardian Manor house originally built in 1910. The 18 luxury rooms and suites have ceiling fans and air-conditioning, satellite TV, telephone, tea/coffee making facilities and Hairdryers. Laze around one of the two pools, relax in the beautifully appointed garden lounge, or experience a rejuvenating treatment in the spa. Your stay at Long Lee Manor includes all meals, selected beverages and game drives.

View at <http://www.shamwari.com/properties/content.asp?pageid=107>

### **Day 2**

Full day of game activities with your hosts

### **Day 3**

Drive to Addo Elephant Park where you will be staying for the next two nights in a luxury suite on a full board basis at River Bend Lodge. Your stay here is inclusive of all meals, safari activities with refreshments, teas and coffees, park and entrance fees.

**River Bend Lodge** is situated on the 17,000 hectare Nyati private concession within the malaria-free Addo Elephant National Park, in the Eastern Cape. This personal and friendly lodge is a typical Cape Farmhouse style, with high pitched roofs and wide verandas. Sip a cocktail in the Polo Bar, savour delicious Pan-African meals complemented by fine wines and enjoy late afternoon high tea on the terrace, with views of the surrounding Zuurberg Mountains. The 8 luxury suites are furnished with antique dark woods, classic fabrics and quality linens drape the twin or king beds. All the rooms are air-conditioned and have ceiling fans, satellite televisions, electronic safes, mini-bars and coffee and tea stations. The en-suite bathrooms offer hair dryers, quality amenities and separate baths and showers. The sitting areas open out

through cottage pain double doors, to private patios with views of the natural surroundings. Watch the lazy herds of Elephant from the pool area or the veranda, as they move through the region, or go on a mountain walk to learn all about the varying vegetation and the wildlife. You can also enjoy game drives, birding and horse back safaris. Your stay at River Bend Lodge includes all meals, park entry fees and daily game activities.

View at [www.riverbendlodge.co.za](http://www.riverbendlodge.co.za)

#### **Day 4**

Full day of game activities with your hosts

#### **Day 5**

Drive to Knysna where you will be staying for three nights at Isola Bella Guest House on a Bed and Breakfast basis in a standard room. Isola Bella is a luxury villa is located on the water's edge of Leisure Isle with a commanding view of Knysna's spectacular lagoon. Step out of your front door onto the beach, constantly changing with the ebb and flow of the tides rolling through the majestic Knysna Heads.

Isola Bella offers generous hospitality from your Italian speaking hostess Marisa. Enjoy light, self-help breakfasts. The many nearby restaurants provide a varied choice of fine cuisine. With its close proximity to adventure and leisure activities, Isola Bella is ideally located for those wanting to explore all that the beautiful Garden Route has on offer from fishing to hiking, mountain biking, golfing, game drives, forest walks, surfing and swimming.

View at <http://www.isolabella.co.za/>

#### **Day 6 & 7**

You have two full days of sightseeing around Knysna and the Garden Route in your hire car. This is an area of Beautiful forests, mountains, lagoons, rivers and spectacular coastal scenery with quiet sandy beaches and coves. The area also has many excellent restaurants where you can dine in style on the locally grown produce and seafood.

#### **Day 8**

Today you have a fairly long but scenic drive west to the Whale Coast and your next location the seaside town of Hermanus.

Hermanus and Walker Bay is the Whale watching capital of South Africa with some of the best land based whale watching in the world. The Southern Right Whales come to Walker Bay every year to calve and mate with the peak viewing season between May and December, Sperm whales also pass through at other times of year. Outside the whale Watching season it is possible to take boat trips to see or dive with Great White sharks and also to see dolphins and seals.

You will be staying at **138 Marine Beachfront Guesthouse** in the coral room room on a bed and breakfast basis. 138 Marine is situated just five minutes from the lively town of Hermanus, a scenic 90 minute drive from Cape Town. This double storey home has stylish architectural lines, wooden floors and neat, soft interiors, warmed by fireplaces and a friendly atmosphere. This

true beachfront guesthouse is set directly on the rugged beach, along the pathway which hugs the shoreline. Scrumptious English breakfasts are served indoors, by the open-plan kitchen or out on the mountain terrace.

The 5 rooms are luxurious, yet welcoming, they feature under-floor heating, satellite TV, electronic safes, wireless internet connectivity and twin or king beds with the highest quality linens. The en-suite bathrooms have heated towel rails, unusually brushed double vanities and raised luxury bath tubs placed at the windows.

Take a stroll along the unspoiled beach pathway to the many restaurants, craft markets, art galleries and charming little shops of Hermanus, enjoy the exquisite sea and mountain scenery of fynbos, rocks and tidal pools, or simply laze on the spacious terrace next to the breaking waves and enjoy spectacular sunsets over the ocean.

View at <http://www.138marine.co.za/>

### **Day 9**

Full day to enjoy whale watching and other activities around Hermanus and Walker Bay.

### **Day 10**

Drive to Franschhoek in the Cape Winelands where you are booked into The Last Word Franschhoek Retreat for the next two nights on a bed and breakfast basis in a Double Superior rooms.

**The Last Word Franschhoek** is an exclusive retreat situated in the historic village of Franschhoek, a short walk from the numerous character-filled boutique-style shops and several excellent restaurants. Elegantly restored in the Cape Huguenot tradition, this retreat has been decorated in a sophisticated style with a mixture of classic and contemporary furnishings.

There are 6 luxurious rooms, the three superior doubles open onto a small, shaded garden or private patio and the three suites have separate lounge areas. All have en-suite bathrooms with travertine tiles, double marble vanities and generous baths. Each charming room is equipped with air-conditioning, under-floor heating, heated towel rails, satellite television, safes and complimentary mini-bars.

Home comforts and spectacular views from the wooden balcony are the order of the day, while sipping delicious wines or relaxing around the private swimming pool.

[http://www.thelastword.co.za/retreats.htm?sm\[p1\]\[category\]=336&sm\[b1\]\[category\]=336](http://www.thelastword.co.za/retreats.htm?sm[p1][category]=336&sm[b1][category]=336)

### **Day 11**

You have a full day to explore the beautiful countryside and scenery of this part of South Africa, possibly visit some vineyards and sample the local produce. Franschhoek is also famous for its many excellent restaurants and styles itself as the foodie capital of South Africa.

### **Day 12**

Drive to Cape Town and top your city centre guesthouse. You will be staying at Four Rosmead guesthouse for the next three nights in a luxury room on a bed and breakfast basis.

**Four Rosmead Guest House** is situated on the slopes of Table Mountain in the vibrant suburb of

Oranjesicht, this 1903 building is a classified provincial monument, now stylishly re-modelled into a Cape contemporary classic. The interiors are chic with a subtle, yet distinctive African spirit enhanced by original South African artwork within the urban sanctuary of a landscaped garden and inviting pool deck.

The 8 superior rooms enjoy unsurpassed views of either Table Mountain, Lions Head, Signal Hill, Table Bay and the city. They have a modern, uncluttered feel with the highest quality linens, extra-length beds, coffee and tea facilities, snack selections, broadband wifi, satellite TV, DVD's and IPOD docking stations.

Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere and the Pamper Spa, or take intriguing walks to the vibrant Kloof street cafés, museums & art galleries, parliament buildings and the renowned Green Market square.

[www.fourrosmead.com/](http://www.fourrosmead.com/)

### **Day 13 to 14**

You will have four full days in the beautiful cosmopolitan city of Cape Town to explore the city and Cape Peninsula in your hire car and on short guided tours.

Among the many attractions of this region are the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, the Penguins of Boulders Bay, the spectacular Chapmans Peak Drive, Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for many years, taking the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, excellent shopping and dining in the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront and of course the many historic buildings and architecture of the city centre.

### **Day 15**

Say goodbye to South Africa, drive yourself to Cape Town International Airport, return your hire car and check in for your return flight.

## **TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON ON A PORT ELIZABETH TO CAPE TOWN BASIS**

**1 st January to 30 th April 2012 ZAR27798 (£2316)**

**1 st May to 30 th September 2012 ZAR25342 (£2112)**

**1 st October to 20th December 2012 ZAR28168 (£2347)**

**Enquire for Christmas/New Year Holidays 2012**

### **Early booking discount:**

Guests who book this holiday prior to 31 st December 2012 will be entitled to 4 per cent discount off the above prices

### **Special Note:**

This is a flexible itinerary and can be varied to suit your time and budget available, new locations can be added or existing locations removed.

### **Car hire charges payable locally**

Contract fee of R45

One way fees of R550 which are standard per rental and applicable if drop off branch is 150km from pick up branch

Additional charges also apply for extra services booked (e.g.: additional driver, young driver, child/baby seats etc) also payable locally

**When to go:**

This self drive holiday visiting some of the best game reserves in the Eastern Cape and travelling at a leisurely pace through the Garden Route and Cape Winelands is a gentle introduction to South Africa's magnificent scenery and other attractions.

Peak period is from November to March but the Mediterranean type weather makes this trip possible and very enjoyable at any time of year.

**Who should go:**

Perfect for a first safari or first time visitors to Africa, a wonderful excellent value trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special occasion. "The Cape and Garden Route Self Drive Safari" will appeal to the independently minded traveller who wishes to explore both on and off the beaten track at their own pace.

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