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## The Grand South African Adventure Ref: TIRG



Days:	15 days and 14 nights
Min / Max:	Two / Six (Up to Nine on Day Excursions)
Departure:	Sunday - O.R. Tambo International Airport - By Arrangement
Vehicle:	Luxury Microbus / Luxury Touring Car
Visa and Passport:	Multiple entry visas for South Africa where applicable. For Swaziland entry, passport and visa conditions apply
Languages Available:	English - German. Various language guides available on request
Validity:	1 November 09 - 31 October 2010
Accommodation:	5 Star hotels and private game lodges. Wellness treatment opportunities at specified properties
Flights:	Flight from Durban to Port Elizabeth, not included. Flights may be arranged through your agent or our central ticketing entity - Crown Flight Zone
Main Attractions:	Johannesburg, Pilgrim's Rest, Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, God's Window and Lisbon Falls, Kruger National Park, Royal Kingdom of Swaziland, Thanda Private Reserve, Greater St Lucia Wetlands National Park, KwaZulu-Natal beaches, Bloukrans, Storms River, Tsitsikamma Forest, Big Tree and Nature's Valley, Knysna, Oudtshoorn, Cango Caves, Cape Town, Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point, Malay Quarter, world famous and award-winning wine estates

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### **Day 01**

On arrival in Johannesburg, an expert driver/guide, who will privately transfer you to your northern suburbs hotel, will meet you. Enjoy a half-day Rebirth of a Nation Tour consisting of Johannesburg city sightseeing, Nelson Mandela Bridge, Newtown and Constitution Hill. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon.

Melrose Arch Hotel or similar - bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 02**

Depart from Johannesburg and travel to the 'Province of the Rising Sun', Mpumalanga, via the historic towns of Witbank, Dullstroom and Lydenburg. Travel over the famous Long Tom Pass on to the small town of Sabie. Visit the Lone Creek Waterfall before arriving at your elegant hideaway. Enjoy a delectable dinner that can only be described as a 'culinary masterpiece'.

Lone Creek River Lodge (River Suites) or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 03**

Enjoy a full English breakfast on the verandah overlooking the Sabie River before departing via Pilgrim's Rest to the breathtaking Panorama Route featuring the Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, God's Window and Lisbon Waterfalls. Proceed to the exclusive private game lodge, arriving in time for high tea. Late afternoon game drive in an open safari vehicle with an experienced ranger and tracker who will



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endeavour to spoil you with sightings of the 'Big Five'. Enjoy a safari style bush dinner under the stars (weather permitting).

Tinga Private Game Lodge or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis + 2 game viewing activities

#### **Day 04**

An early morning bush walk or game drive. After brunch leave for the Kruger National Park. Established in 1898, this national park of over two million hectares is unrivalled in the diversity of its flora and fauna. Leave the Kruger Park and continue onward to the Kingdom of Swaziland, visiting the capital city of Mbabane. Visit the Ngwenya Glass Factory with a late afternoon arrival at the luxury hotel situated in the majestic Ezulwini Valley. Fine dining and a relaxing evening awaits you.

Royal Swazi Spa or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

#### **Day 05**

After a sumptuous breakfast, visit a typical Swazi Market and the Swazi candle factory. Travel through pineapple plantations and beautiful mountainous scenery, leave Swaziland and proceed to the next exclusive private game lodge. After high tea, set out on an afternoon game drive in an open safari vehicle. Experienced game rangers and trackers are sure to enthrall you with the best game viewing this private reserve has to offer. Enjoy a truly African cultural experience and bush dinner (weather permitting) before retiring to your luxurious villa.

Thanda Private Game Reserve or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis + 2 game viewing activities

#### **Day 06**

Enjoy an early morning game drive. After brunch, travel to St Lucia, a World Heritage Site. Set out on a river cruise over the estuary known as birder's paradise. Here pelicans, fish eagles, hippos and crocodiles may be seen. Drive through sugar cane plantations along the Indian Ocean seaboard toward the bustling city of Durban where the day concludes at a luxurious resort hotel on Durban's pristine North coast.

Zimbali Lodge or similar - bed and breakfast basis

#### **Day 07**

Enjoy a full day at leisure. This jewel in the crown of KwaZulu-Natal's pristine coastline offers its guests the opportunity to relax or explore. The hotel itself is sheer luxury and provides ample opportunity for relaxation. For the ultimate in self-indulgence, treat

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yourself to a day soaking up the sun and enjoying the beaches of the warm Indian Ocean.

Zimbali Lodge - bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 08**

Morning at leisure followed by a private transfer to Durban International Airport for the scheduled flight to Port Elizabeth (not included). You are met on arrival in Port Elizabeth and transferred to the hotel.

Protea Hotel Marine (Loft Wing) or similar -dinner, bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 09**

Departing Port Elizabeth, enter the Garden Route via the high forests of the Tsitsikamma Mountains. Spectacular scenery awaits you as you cross the Storms River where photographic opportunities abound. Attractions to be visited through the Tsitsikamma Forest area include the Big Tree and the suspension bridge over Storms River mouth where we will take a meal stop (not included). Continue to Nature's Valley and enjoy a short stroll on the beach. Travel to Knysna, the 'Oyster Capital' and enjoy the spectacular views of the lagoon from your hotel. Enjoy a superb dinner served in the dining room.

Pezula Resort Hotel and Spa or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 10**

After breakfast, depart on a fascinating ocean safari adventure where various whales, dolphins, penguins and seals can be seen in their natural habitat (weather and sea conditions permitting). Between noon and early afternoon, relax and enjoy a meal option of your choice (not included). After lunch, enjoy a lazy afternoon at the hotel, around the pool soaking up the sun. For those interested in Knysna, your driver/guide will perform an afternoon excursion into town where you can stroll along the Knysna waterfront and do some shopping. Here, spectacular panoramic views of the lagoon may also be enjoyed. In the early evening, freshen up for an elegantly presented and sumptuous dinner at the waterfront.

Pezula Resort Hotel and Spa or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 11**

After breakfast, start the day with a scenic drive through Knysna, Wilderness, Dolphin Point and George. Continue over the Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn. Time permitting; an optional extra tour of the Crocodile and Cheetah Park is available. The remainder

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of the afternoon is spent visiting the Cango Caves for a fully guided tour. After returning to the hotel, enjoy a hearty dinner served in the elegant dining room famous for its ostrich fare and fine wines.

Rosenhof Country House or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 12**

After an early breakfast, our journey to Cape Town begins. Leaving the Klein Karoo, visit the towns of Calitzdorp and Barrydale where the true diversity of landscapes is highlighted through the everchanging semi-desert areas. Traverse the famous Route 62, passing through the towns of Robertson and on to Worcester via Montagu. The day ends with the first glimpse of Table Mountain, from the top of Du Toit's Kloof Pass and drop off at your hotel.

The Table Bay Hotel or similar - bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 13**

Full day Cape highlights tour travelling via Camps Bay, Hout Bay, and Chapman's Peak to the Cape of Good Hope Reserve. After enjoying stunning views from the highest point, continue towards Simonstown and Muizenberg. After lunch (not included), sample some South African wines at a local wine estate. Travel through the University town of Stellenbosch before returning to the hotel in the early evening. Please note: the drive along Chapman's Peak is subject to the road being open.

The Table Bay Hotel or similar - bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 14**

Today's touring starts in the morning with a visit up Table Mountain where the varying flora and fauna will be explained. The cableway ticket is not included as the mountain visit is weather permitting. Continue with a City Tour incorporating the Malay Quarter, a walk through the Castle of Good Hope and on to Milnerton for a spectacular view of Table Mountain and the city. En route back to the hotel, visit the Cape Town Diamond Works. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

The Table Bay Hotel or similar - bed and breakfast basis

### **Day 15**

Use the morning at leisure to enjoy last minute shopping at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Private transfer to Cape Town International Airport in time for your homebound flight.