TAILOR MADE SAFARI OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES CAPTIVATING GARDEN ROUTE CAPE TOWN



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

It is possible to add the following activities to your tour/safari.These options may modify or extend the duration and/or program of your safari.Please don't hesitate to contact us. BOOKING MUST BE DONE IN ADVANCE.

ON THE GARDEN ROUTE

SAILING . OVER NIGHT SAILING (KNYSNA)

The trip starts with the sunset cruise which is a 3 hour trip and includes the Oysters & Champagne etc, a Sail into the Sunset and out through the heads (weather & conditions permitting) then anchors in the middle of the Knysna Lagoon, you are joined by our private Gourmet chef, who will prepare and serve a sumptuous three course dinner for you in our well equipped galley, while the skipper serves drinks on deck under a magnificent canopy of stars....We offer guests the entire yacht privately for the evening, (after the sunset cruise). Spend the night in the cozy well appointed Master Cabin which is en-suite, wake up to a beautiful morning with a magnificent continental breakfast spread out on deck. The boat returns to the harbor at 10am.

Overnight Charters: An Exclusive evening onboard the Yacht with private Gourmet Chef Overnight with Gourmet Chef & 3 course dinner 3200 Rands pp. 300 €.



THE DOLPHIN TRAIL. 3 nigths 2 days hiking

"Hike the Tsitsikamma coast in luxury!"

For two magical days you can now hike the magnificent Tsitsikamma Coast with no heavy backpack, and spend three nights in comfort at different accommodation venues!

The trail covers a distance of 17 Km starting in the unrivalled beauty of the Tsitsikamma National Park at Storms River Mouth, and winds its way eastwards through natural fynbos and pristine indigenous forest, over rugged rocks at the waters edge, to end on the banks of the Sandrift River at The Fernery. The package is fully inclusive and features the following :

- All meals, from dinner on the day of arrival, to breakfast on the day of departure

- The attendance of well trained local guides

- A 4x4 drive through the old Storms River Pass

- The transportation of all luggage by vehicle between overnight stops so that guests need hike only with a light pack containing a few personal items

Hikers have stunning views of the rugged Tsitsikamma coastline, and the chances of spotting whales, dolphins and the occasional otter are good. On route, many birds including the gorgeous Knysna Loerie can be heard and spotted while hiking through the forest, and the endangered Oystercatcher is often to be seen on the shoreline. Swimming and snorkeling in the rock pools is possible at the discretion of the guides.

Prices: 4200 Rands.390 €. Age limit: 12years



MOUNTAIN BIKING.

South Africa's Garden Route offers unlimited opportunities for adventure. Mountain biking legend Tony Cook (Two time finisher of the Absa Cape Epic), has years of experience on the best mountain biking trails in this stunning region. If you love cycling and have always wanted to come to South Africa - we'll take you for a ride on the wild side!

Outeniqua Mountain Tour Option One - The classic!! 3 days / 2 night ± 200km (124 miles)

-Day One: A great tour in the backcountry of Knysna. Ride over the famous Prince Alfred Pass after passing through the Knysna forests. An amazing ride through the Outeniqua mountains and surrounding forest. Knysna's version of the Alps. Awesome climbs followed by bone-rattling descents take you to the first stop. Overnight in the spectacular De Vlugt Valley at the Outeniqua Trout Lodge in luxury log cabins ± 65km.

-Day Two: A challenge for the legs as we break the back of the pass. Experience breathtaking views from the top whilst watching Black Eagles and Forest Buzzards glide on the thermals. After lunch in Uniondale, we tackle the Bains Pass, an old 20km wagon trail built in 1865. Return to the Trout Farm and enjoy a 17km descent on route - we'll make sure your breaks are working!! Prestine Mountain Countryside. ± 65km

-Day Three: Back to Knysna through the Gouna Gorge and Deepwalls Forest. The return trip can be exhilarating a with a swim in the Gouna River before your final climb up to Knysna Heights. An unreal view of the famous Knysna Heads and Knysna Lagoon awaits you. ± 65km

Prices: Moderate: 2 Guests - R5280 per person. 490 €. 3 or more guests - R4090 per person. 380 €.

Outeniqua Mountain Tour Option Two - For the more hardcore riders!! 3 days / 2 night \pm 130km (80 miles)... Moderate to difficult 2The distances on this tour are not huge but the riding is pretty intense, with lots of climbing. Suited for the more experienced bikers but the challenge is open to anyone

Prices:

2 Guests - R5800 per person. 540 €. 3 or more guests - R4500 per person. 420 €.

Outeniqua Mountain Tour Option Three - Two days/one night. Variety of options in choice of route distance & difficulty

Prices:1 Guest - R3940-00 per person (THIS OPTION FOR SINGLE TRAVELLERS). 370 €. 2 or more guests - R3170-00 . 295 €.



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The following activities may be booked on request during or before your Safari without modifying the proposed tour.

CULTURAL TOWNSHIP TOUR

Experience an African way of life by exploring the everyday life of a real African; with a guided tour you are able to explore interesting facts about the Xhosa history and Tribal culture. Meet the local children at the crèche and be entertained by their beautiful voices in song, See where the locals buy their everyday essentials while understanding the life of the local rastars as you tour their homes.

Ihlengethi (An African Name for Dolphin) is situated in the centre of the Qolweni community, where the locals will introduce you to real African cuisine or you could enjoy a beverage at the local shebeen (local pub) You would be entertained by the local Umthombo Theatre choir while the ladies introduce you to their hand made goods. This is with out a doubt the ultimate African experience.

Price: 1 hour tour, 150 Rands. 14 €.



RIVER CANOEING

Discover the source of one of the largest estuaries in South Africa. Guided 4 hour canoe safari into the stunning Knysna forest ,enjoy the natural vegetation and local wildlife. With your own guide (Secret Safari to Africa)



TUBING . (STORMS RIVER).

Tsisikama National Park offers some of the best river rafting trips and is ideal for couples, families and groups of all ages and skill levels! River Rafting has quickly become one of our favorite adventure activities. We propose a one day river tubing trip on the Storm River enjoying a couple of rapids and breathtaking scenery



BUNGY JUMPING

This is the ultimate thrill! This IS the highest commercially operated Bungy Jump in the world. We secure you in a full body harness and proceed to walk along a specially designed catwalk (216m long), which is suspended beneath the road surface, which will then lead you to the top of the arch - 216 meters above the Bloukrans River. Here you will be given final instructions by highly experienced staff, a countdown and off you go! Bloukrans utilizes pendulum bungy technology ensuring you the smoothest, most comfortable bungy jump possible. Price: 650 rands.60 €



ABSEILLING. Eden.co.za

Abseiling is all about using a rope and other specialised equipment to descend a cliff. The serene Kaaimans Gorge holds one of the most beautiful abseil sights you will find. You have a chance to do two 45m abseils right next to a magnificent waterfall. The first abseil is an easy one to get you used to the idea of trusting the ropes and the second one is slightly more technical, however just as exhilarating.

What also makes this sight special is that you land in a canoe at the bottom. You need not have abseiled before, however it is not for the faint-hearted! It is also important to remember not to wear slippery shoes.

A new development, especially for group bookings, is a stunning abseil site at Robberg in Plettenberg Bay.

The magnificent view overlooking the sea allows one to do whale watching as you descend the rope

Combination Tours

For those who feel like a little more exercise, try a full day combination of the Cappuccino Canyon Kloofing and the Abseiling Tours. Lunch is included (For a similar but more adventurous option, see Eden Alley Kloofing).

Recent additions to our Combination Tours category include the Adventure Duet and the Thrilling Threesome.

The Adventure Duet is an afternoon of abseiling and canoeing, while the Thrilling Threesome is a combination of kloofing, abseiling (next to the Kaaimans waterfall) and canoeing. Prices to be requested.



SEE KAYAKING AND DOLPHIN ADVENTURE

Kayak with an experienced guide from Plettenberg Central Beach to Robberg Nature Reserve. This is an amazing experience and often you will kayak with dolphins right next to you. When you reach Robberg Nature Reserve you will kayak amongst the seals at the seal colony. Your guide will introduce you to Robberg Nature Reserve and our wonderful marine life in the bay. In whale season you will encounter these majestic mammals on your tour. All equipment is provided and beginners are welcome.

Price:300 Rands. 28 €.



SAILING

A highly experienced crew take you on a lagoon cruise, sail out past the Heads and towards Buffalo Bay. On return, anchor is weighed in the calm waters of the lagoon. Feast on a spread of delectable Mediterranean delicacies and enjoy a refreshing swim before returning to the quays. The Outeniqua launched in 1998, is a 50ft mono-hull, with a beam of 4m & interior clearance of 1.9m.

Her sleek lines were designed by naval architect, Phill Southwell & hand built by owner/skipper, Stephan Pepler.

You have the choice between:

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2 Hour sail, from the waterfront to the Heads and out if possible, return 2 hrs. 390 Rands pp. 38 € Day Sailing: Lagoon cruise, out the Heads sail towards Buffalo bay Includes Seafood lunch Return, anchor in lagoon for lunch 4 hrs. 750 Rands pp. 70 €

Champagne Breakfast, Lagoon cruise, anchor in lagoon serve breakfast Includes full Gourmet continental breakfast & two glasses of Champagne. Breakfast charter R750.00 (based on two persons. 70 €.

Dinner charters: Late afternoon departures with lagoon cruise Dinner served anchored in lagoon from 18.30 till late Dinner Charters From 1590 Rands pp.150 €.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Experience some of the most spectacular mountain bike routes in the country. We'll tailor your adventure to suit the ability and fitness of your group. For the really adventurous among you, we have fantastic hair-raising adrenaline-pumping route. With your own guide (Secret Safari to Africa)



HORSE TRAILS

Experience the pristine and unique Cape fynbos flora, wildlife and truly breathtaking scenery on horseback. We afford horse lovers the opportunity to experience the Cape in all its unforgettable variety. The trail-ride takes place in vastly different landscapes - as only the Western Cape can offer. Prices to be requested.



HIKING

Let nature do the real job of relaxing you with a bracing walk along some of the most stunning countryside. There are many superb routes like the famous Garden of Eden Trail, all with fabulous scenery, ideal for a mountain walking. For those who want to take it easy, we can take you on a gentle stroll across rolling hills where you can observe the wildlife and admire the breathtaking views. And if you'd prefer something a little more challenging there are sheer rock faces for you to scale, precarious cliff top paths to teeter long and lofty peaks to conquer.

You can even reach the top of the Table Mountain In Cape Town by following a Hiking trail!!! With your own guide (Secret Safari to Africa)



Canopy tours on the Garden Route involves getting strapped into a harness and swinging along a steel cable from tree to tree, high up in the indigenous Tsitsikamma Forest. With many of the hardwood trees well over 100 years old and reaching heights of 30m, you get to experience the forest as it always was and from heights usually enjoyed only by monkeys and birds Price.450 Rands. 42 €



WHALE WATCHING (June to November) WITH OCEAN BLUE

Our Ecological adventure leaves from Plettenberg Central Beach with an exciting beach launch and heads east past the bird sanctuary and Keurbooms beach to Arch Rock. Here we usually encounter Bottlenose and the rare Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphins as well as some shark species. From Arch Rock we head into the middle of the Bay where pelagic seabirds are normally to be found some 7km from the shore. Out there our resident Bryde's whales may be seen, as well as Common Dolphins or Southern Right and Humpback whales during their season. We then traverse the Bay to the point of Robberg Peninsula and out to the Wild side, often seeing groups of whales and pods of dolphins. Cruising back along the inside of Robberg, we see the unique geology from this unusual viewpoint and can observe our growing Cape Fur Seal Colony. Finally we head back along the Robberg beach, while a brief rundown on the history of the area is given. After passing the Beacon Island Hotel, built on the site of an original Whaling Station, we end the experienced with an exhilarating landing, again on Central Beach.

THE ECOLOGICAL ADVENTURE : Ocean Blue is a licensed SABBWWA permit holder, which enables us to approach whales from 50 metres instead of 300 metres. Should the whales approach our vessel we do not have to move away. The guests therefore get an up close experience with these majestic mammals in the bay. Price: 650 Rands. 60 €



BALLOONING

Experience - the unique sensation of Hot Air Ballooning in the Klein Karoo. Drifting on a gentle breeze, you will enjoy a sense of peace and tranquility; Enjoying the panoramic view of Oudtshoorn and the majestic Swartberg Mountain range, which will stay with you forever... Price: 2100 rands. 195 €.



OSTRICH FARM

You will have a truly hands-on experience of these fantastic birds when you visit any of the local farms. Most of the farms will offer guided tours, and are also very visitor-, disabled and child friendly. Visitors will be given interesting information about the ostrich industry in South Africa. They will also be able to come into direct contact with the ostriches, with a lot of the farms giving them the opportunity to touch the ostriches. At some of the farms, you will even be able to sit on the ostriches, or ride them! Prices:60 Rands 6 €.



CANGO CAVES

The Cango Caves are situated in the heart of the Little Karoo 26 km north of Oudtshoorn Close to the Garden Route. About 10 000 years ago, the Khoisan used the entrance area of the cave as shelter. Way back in 1780, a farmer named Mr. Van Zyl, ventured past the cave entrance, lowering himself underground into the unknown, by the dim light of his burning torch he saw glistening shapes that hinted at a subterranean wonderland. This important geological feature is a series of caverns and chambers naturally hewn out of limestone.

The Cango caves should be known as the 8th wonder of the world Prices.75 Rands. 7 €.

