



SD6. Take your time - Cape Town to Garden Route Package (13 nights)

[Highlights: Table Mountain, Cape Point, V&A Waterfront, Wine tasting, Brandy tasting, Ostrich farm, Knysna]



TOUR SUMMARY:

No of days / nights:	14 / 13
Tour starts:	Cape Town
Tour ends:	Knysna
Includes:	Accommodation and car rental – Group B (VW Polo or similar)
Accommodation:	Guest House
Best time to visit:	September - May

DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1 Cape Town

Welcome to Cape Town, one of the world's most beautiful cities! On arrival you will collect your rental car and drive to your chosen hotel or guest house. Afternoon at your own leisure. Suggested activities - visit the V&A Waterfront with its many shops, restaurants and pubs. It is also the departure point for boat trips to Robben Island, the island most famous for being a prison island. It is advisable to pre-book your tour to Robben Island - speak to your hotel's concierge or travel desk on arrival to book the trip for you. Also well worth a visit at the V&A Waterfront is the Two Oceans Aquarium which has received great recognition as being one of the best aquariums in the world.

Day 2, 3 & 4 Cape Town

Days at leisure. Suggested activities:

- Do a day trip in your rental car to witness the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans at Cape Point. Be sure to make a stop at Boulder's Beach Penguin Colony
- Travel to the top of Table Mountain for spectacular views of the city, sea and distant mountains
- Visit the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Spend some time on some of Cape Town's beautiful beaches such as Clifton and Camps Bay
- Take in the highlights of Cape Town City Centre such as Company Gardens, Greenmarket Square and the nearby Bo-Kaap area
- Join a township tour together with a local guide
- Take a hike up Lions Head where you are afforded exceptional views. You can also paraglide down to Camps Bay!

Day 5 Cape Town to Stellenbosch

Breakfast followed by checkout. Make your way to the Stellenbosch Winelands which are located approximately 45 minutes from Cape Town (ca 50 kms). Other than being a university town with beautiful Cape Dutch architecture it is also South Africa's premier wine district. Take the opportunity to drive out to some of the most well known wine estates and sample their fine wines. Vineyards well worth a visit in the Stellenbosch area: Rust-en-Vrede, Kanonkop, Warwick Estate, Rustenburg and many more.

Day 6 Stellenbosch & Franschhoek Winelands

Breakfast at your hotel. Franschhoek is a town nearby to Stellenbosch and is also famous for its wonderful wines as well as its French heritage. Here you will find many excellent restaurants with a number of them serving exquisite French cuisine. Examples of fine wine estates in the Franschhoek area: La Motte, Boschendal and Graham Beck. Restaurants in Franschhoek: Le Quartier Français – one of the top 50 restaurants in the world, Le Petite Ferme and Reuben's Restaurant & Bar.

Day 7 Stellenbosch to Montagu

Breakfast followed by check out. The suggested scenic route from Stellenbosch to Montagu takes you over the Franschhoek pass and on past Villiersdorp before arriving in Montagu (total driving distance approx. 180 km).

Day 8 Montagu

Montagu is a peaceful little country town with numerous well kept buildings both in the Cape Dutch and the Victorian style. The main

DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY CONT'D:

attraction of Montagu is the thermal spa, 3 kilometres from the town centre. Montagu has a lot more to offer, for instance the many wonderful hiking trails in the surroundings. For an insight into the history of the region one should visit the Montagu Museum in Long Street.

Day 9 Montagu to Oudtshoorn

Breakfast followed by checkout. Enjoy the scenic R62 road from Montagu to Oudtshoorn (approximate driving distance 240km). Be sure to stop off in the charming village of Calitzdorp where you will have the chance to sample quality South African Brandy. Continue on to Oudtshoorn.

Day 10 Oudtshoorn

A full day to discover Oudtshoorn. A trip to Oudtshoorn would not be complete without a visit to one of the ostrich farms in the area as well as a tour of the famous Cango Caves.

Day 11 Oudtshoorn to Knysna

Breakfast at your hotel and then make your way towards the coast via George and on to Knysna. The distance of the journey is approximately 150 km. Knysna lies in the heart of the Garden Route and is a beautiful coastal town with indigenous forest on side and a lagoon on the other. The lagoon joins the sea between the majestic Knysna Heads. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon wandering through either the waterfront area or the recently developed Thesen Island.

Day 12 & 13 Knysna

Days at leisure. Suggested activities:

- You can embark on the Featherbed Experience, a boat trip along the Knysna Lagoon to the Featherbed Nature Reserve on the western Head where you can enjoy a stroll in this beautiful reserve
- Knysna Elephant Park with its orphaned elephants is well worth a visit
- Tsitsikamma National Park is a marine reserve 95 km east of Knysna and offers wonderful walks along the rugged coastline
- For the brave at heart you can experience the world's highest bungee jump at 183 metres off the Bloukrans River Bridge. If you do not want to take the plunge you can always try the flying fox - a giant slide across the gorge. One can also just pay to walk and watch the bungee jumpers hurl themselves off the edge
- Another activity well worth trying is the canopy tour where you slide from tree to tree in the indigenous forest
- If the weather permits you can visit nearby Plettenberg Bay and enjoy some time on one of the beautiful beaches.

Day 14 Checkout

Breakfast followed by check out. Drive to George Airport and return the rental car before checking in for your onward bound flight.

