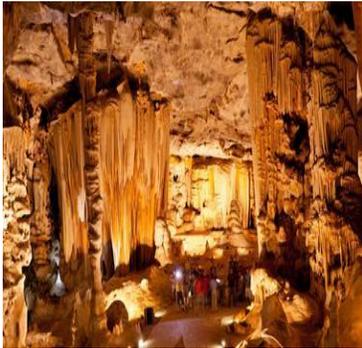


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-- South Africa Explorer Tour --



**SOUTH AFRICAN EXPLORER**  
**17 Days**  
**Fully Escorted**  
**Departs 06 August 2021**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Cape Town
- Boulders Beach
- Garden Route
- Meerkat Adventure & Safari Ostrich Farm
- Featherbed Nature Reserve
- Zululand
- Ubizane Wildlife Reserve
- Kruger National Park and the Big 5
- Bourke's Luck Potholes

**INCLUDES:**

- Economy class airfares including taxes\*
- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary [14 Breakfasts/ 5 Lunches/ 13 Dinners]
- **Sightseeing** tours and transfers as per itinerary
- **Tour Escort** – travels with group from/to Brisbane
- **Tipping & Gratuities**
- Local English speaking Tour Director and Driver

**EXCLUDES:**

- Travel Insurance
- Any meals, tours, flights, excursions or transfers other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Visas (for non-Australian passport holders)

**From \$9,879\* per person**

Terms and Conditions apply. Economy class airfare with Singapore Airlines. \*Taxes included to the value of \$200.00. Tour escort departs from Brisbane. Price correct as at 29 April 2020. Solo Connections reserves the right to amend all hotels, airlines, restaurants and tours for an equal substitute at any time. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Tours subject to availability. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Friday, 06 August – Saturday, 07 August 2021  
Brisbane – Cape Town via Singapore & Johannesburg

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Today we will meet our tour escort and fellow travellers at Brisbane International Airport for our flights to Cape Town.

On arrival Saturday morning at Cape Town International Airport we will be met by our tour director who will accompany us to the awaiting vehicle to take us to our hotel. Our rooms may not be available upon arrival so we will leave our bags and take walk.

There will be plenty of time to relax before we join together for our **Welcome Dinner** at the hotel restaurant.

**Hotel – Sunsquare Cape Town City Bowl or similar (3 Nights)**

Sunday, 08 August 2021  
Cape Town

B-D

After breakfast we will commence a **Half Day City tour**.

Today we explore South Africa's exciting "Mother City" with a guided tour of the historical and cultural sights of Cape Town. Step into the rich history of the city whilst passing places of interest such as the impressive Castle of Good Hope and Cape Town City Hall. We will tour the cosmopolitan centre of the city passing through the colourful Malay quarter, known as the Bo-Kaap, and visiting the Company Gardens.

**\*\*Please note that it is possible maintenance might be carried out at Table Mountain during our time in Cape Town. Should this occur, and we are unable to visit Table Mountain, will be taken to Signal Hill, known for the Noon Gun that is operated there by the South African Navy and South African Astronomical Observatory.**

We make a stop for lunch, (own expense), before commencing a half day **Cape Point Tour**. The famous **Cape of Good Hope** nature reserve, a World Heritage site, is set at the end of Cape Town's south peninsula. Take a trip via funicular to the lighthouse at 286 metres above sea level (built to warn ships they are approaching the feared "Cape of Storms"). Visiting **Boulders Beach**, the home of an endangered land-based colony of African penguins, is also a favourite beach and swimming destination for locals and visitors.

Returning to the hotel, we'll have time to freshen up before venture to the **V & A Waterfront** for dinner in a local restaurant.

Monday, 09 August 2021  
Cape Town

B-D

Today is a full day at leisure. After breakfast take some time to relax or shop for souvenirs along the waterfront.

Our tour escort will advise of their plans for the day which are optional for you to join in, or you may wish to simply have some "you" time, the choice is yours. **Hop on/Hop off** tour bus passes are available to pre-purchase (*additional cost*) or there is also the option to pre-book a **Winelands Full Day** tour (*additional cost*). You could spend the day



seeing more city sights or indulging in the wine routes of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek – all of which have fascinating histories and unique offerings. **Please note that there is a minimum number of participants required for the tour to go ahead.**

Tonight we will enjoy vibrant, eclectic Pan-African experience at **GOLD Restaurant**. It offers a night of opulent feasting with a unique bouquet of live entertainment in a mystical African setting of trees and tents in an inner city courtyard steeped in ancient history and GOLD.

**Tuesday, 10 August 2021**  
**Cape Town - Oudtshoorn**

**B-D**

After an early breakfast, we depart Cape Town and begin our 430km journey along **Garden Route** to **Oudtshoorn**.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the stunning scenery through one of South Africa's most popular holiday destinations. We will have a stop of lunch (*cost not included*) and time to stretch our legs.

Upon arrival at the hotel, we will have time to freshen up before we go out and enjoy dinner a local restaurant.

**Hotel – Queens Hotel or similar (1 night)**

**Wednesday, 11 August 2021**  
**Oudtshoorn - Knysna**

**B-D**

This morning we will depart very early and take with us a packed breakfast as we are spending the morning viewing **Meerkats** with an **Adventure Tour!** The tour starts as the African sun rises when the Meerkats come out of their burrows, soak up the first rays and then start their days of foraging and fun. The Meerkats are never fed or handled by humans and guests will be given a cup of coffee and a chair to sit and observe these curious creatures.

Before we depart Oudtshoorn, we will visit the **Safari Ostrich Farm** - home to the quirky ostrich, including the Kenyan Red and Zimbabwe Blue species. A guided tour of the farm allows us to view the birds, watch chicks hatching in season or footage out of season, and to stand on ostrich eggs.

Then we are off to the quaint town of Knysna. Upon arrival at our hotel, we'll have time to freshen up before we make our way to the Knysna Waterfront for dinner.

**Hotel – Graywood Hotel or similar (2 Nights)**



Thursday, 12 August 2021  
Kynsna

B-L

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and some down time this morning.

Mid- afternoon we take a ferry trip to the famous **Featherbed Nature Reserve**. There is abundance of plant, bird and small wildlife, including the rare Blue duiker, and a variety of marine life from dolphins to seals and in season, whales. Once ashore, the 2.2 km trail winds its way through Milkwood Forests up to steep sandstone cliffs overlooking the wild Atlantic Ocean. On completion of the trail we will head to the restaurant, set on the edge of the lagoon, for a buffet lunch.

Returning to the hotel late this afternoon we have the evening at leisure.

Friday, 13 August 2021  
Kynsna - Durban

B-L-D

After breakfast today we travel to George for our flight to Durban.

Upon arrival at King Shaka International Airport we will be met and given a packed lunch to enjoy whilst we are transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

Tonight we will come together and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Hotel – Garden Court Marine Parade or similar (1 Night)**

Saturday, 14 August 2021  
Durban - Hluhluwe

B-L-D

This morning we will meet for breakfast before we are taken to a traditional village to enjoy a **cultural show at Dumazulu**.

Dumazulu ('Thundering Zulu') Lodge is located alongside a traditional village in the Hluhluwe area of Zululand. A visit to the village allows rich insights into the traditional ways of the Zulu nation. We can expect to get the blood racing with a traditional dancing show accompanied by tribal drumbeats. Enjoy a taste of traditional Zulu beer and learn about a variety of indigenous skills. These range from spear and shield making to basket weaving, beadwork, pot making and more.

We then make our way to our lodge for this evenings stay and enjoy dinner.

**Hotel – Ubizane Wildlife Safari Lodge (2 Nights)**



**Sunday, 15 August 2021**

**Hluhluwe**

**B-D**

After breakfast we venture out on a **3 hour game drive** in an open 4 x 4 game vehicle.

The Hluhluwe region is famous for its abundance of wildlife, in particular the white rhino. Game drives are done with a trained driver and experienced guide. Hluhluwe is the oldest game reserve in the country and internationally renowned for its campaign to save the white rhino from extinction.

The 96-000ha reserve is home to the Big 5 and a multitude of other species including a vast array of bird species. The diverse eco-systems surrounding the reserve contribute to this abundance of wildlife; eco-systems include the St. Lucia Wetlands, Kosi Bay and bushveld. A spectacular destination and the game drive allows guests to gain insight into the eco-systems and get up close to the diversity of wildlife that live here.

The afternoon is at leisure and we will meet and enjoy dinner at the lodge this evening.

**Monday, 16 August 2021**

**Hluhluwe - Swaziland**

**B-D**

This morning after breakfast we journey into **Swaziland**.

Upon arrival and after check in at our hotel we will enjoy an afternoon of leisure. You may like to enjoy a swim in the pool or just relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities.

Tonight we will enjoy dinner together.

**Hotel – Lugogo Sun or similar (1 Night)**

**Tuesday, 17 August 2021**

**Swaziland – Hazyview**

**B-D**

Today after breakfast we travel into the Kruger region to our accommodation in **Hazyview**.

Minutes away from the famous Kruger National Park, the country estate is perfectly positioned and overlooks the Sabie River. Relax in a hammock in the garden by the pool and watch as hippo, crocodile and other wildlife congregate at the river.

Upon arrival there will be time to freshen up before we join together for dinner.

**Hotel – Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar (3 Nights)**



Wednesday, 18 August 2021  
Kruger National Park

B-L-D

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we have a full day out in the Kruger region, including lunch. We drive through South Africa's **Kruger National Park**, world-renowned for the impressive number of species it hosts as well as the diversity of landscapes within its nearly 2 million hectares and its heritage offerings from San rock art to archaeological sites.

The Kruger National Park was founded in 1898 by Paul Kruger to protect the region's unique fauna and flora. It encompasses an area of almost 2 million hectares and shares borders with Mozambique and Zimbabwe. The ideal season to observe the game is during South Africa's winter months (May to September), as the climate is moderate and the landscape dry and bleak. When the first rains fall in November the natural bush, fauna and flora flourish. During summer most of the young animals are born.

The Kruger National Park is widely renowned for its astonishing variety in Wildlife. Besides the "Big 5" (elephant, rhinoceros, lion, leopard and buffalo) visitors may also encounter giraffes, zebras, and a variety of antelope, warthogs and multiple bird species.

Tonight we will meet for dinner at the Estate.

Thursday, 19 August 2021  
Kruger National Park

B-L-D

Today we will enjoy another **Full Day Safari** adventure in Kruger National Park.

In the evening we will meet for dinner at the Estate.

Friday, 20 August 2021  
Hazyview - Johannesburg

B - D

Today we depart Hazyview after breakfast and drive the scenic **Panorama Route** making a stop at **Bourkes Luck Potholes**.

Bourke's Luck Potholes were named after the gold digger, Tom Burke, who predicted that gold would be found in the area but never realised the rewards of his prediction. This natural water feature with its cylindrical rock sculptures amid eddies of white, yellow and dark brown water is a popular destination in the region. The massive potholes were formed by waterborne sand and rock grinding together propelled by the force of the Treur river water as it enters the Blyde River. It is a 700m walk from the Visitor's Centre to Bourke's Luck Potholes and it is worth lingering awhile at the centre to learn about the natural and socio-historical features of the region.

Arriving into **Johannesburg**, we are taken to our hotel where we'll freshen up before meeting for our **Farewell Dinner**.

Saturday, 21 August – Sunday, 22 August 2020  
Johannesburg – Brisbane via Singapore

B

After breakfast this morning we will be transferred to the airport for our flights home.



## OPTIONAL EXTENSION – VICTORIA FALLS

### **21 - 26 AUGUST 2021**

Economy Class Flights Johannesburg/ Victoria Falls/ Johannesburg  
3 nights Elephant Hills Resort with Breakfast  
Sunset Cruise including Dinner  
Guided Falls Tour & Boma Dinner  
Chobe Day Trip with Cruise & Lunch  
1 night Garden Court Sandton City with Breakfast  
Return Airport Transfers in VFA & JNB

**Additional cost \$3,303\*\* per person** – does not include cost of Zimbabwe & Botswana tourist visas

\*\*Subject to availability. Does not include any change fees imposed by Singapore Airlines for change of return flight dates.

**PLEASE NOTE: Solo Connections tour host will not be travelling to Victoria Falls.**

**Saturday, 21 August 2021**  
**Johannesburg – Victoria Falls**

**B-D**

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to Johannesburg Airport for your flight to **Victoria Falls**.

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

There is time to relax before embarking on a **Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River** followed by a delicious three-course **Jetty Dinner**.

**Hotel – Elephant Hills Resort or similar**

**Sunday, 22 August 2021**  
**Victoria Falls**

**B -D**

Enjoy breakfast this morning before taking **Guided Tour of the Falls**.

The tour take you to the best view points of this iconic waterfall, one of the seven wonders of the world, allowing you to soak up the powerful and enigmatic atmosphere of Victoria Falls.

This evening indulge in both a cultural and culinary experience at the **Boma dinner**. Enjoy a range of traditional Zimbabwean dishes complemented by a delicious barbeque buffet. A traditional story teller adds that extra element of intrigue and drama to the evening.

**Hotel – Elephant Hills Resort or similar**



**Monday, 23 August 2021**  
**Victoria Falls**

**B -L**

Today, after breakfast, an exciting day trip is ahead as you travel over the border into **Botswana** for chance to explore one of Africa's greatest wildlife destinations, the **Chobe National Park**.

The day is spent cruising down the life-giving **Chobe River** on the look-out for the diverse range of animals that make their way down to the river to drink as well as passing by river inhabitants – the crocodiles and hippo. A fantastic destination for all wildlife lovers, photographers and birders, this experience continues with a fabulous lunch at a lodge on the river's edge before heading back into the national park in safari vehicles for even more game viewing and finally the transfer back to your lodge

**Hotel – Elephant Hills Resort or similar**

**Tuesday, 24 August 2021**  
**Victoria Falls - Johannesburg**

**B**

Enjoy breakfast this morning before checking out and being transferred to Victoria Falls Airport for your flight to Johannesburg.

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel for the night.

**Hotel – Garden Court Sandton City or similar**

**Wednesday, 25 August 2021**  
**Johannesburg**

**B**

After breakfast and checking out you will be transferred to Johannesburg Airport in time for your flight.

International flights will arrive back into Australia Thursday, 26 August 2021.