

Day 1-2:

Cape Town

More Quarters Hotel

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, you will make your own way to the arrivals hall, where you will be welcomed by a member from our &Beyond team.

Collect your rental vehicle and with the directions provided make your way to More Quarters Hotel from where you will explore the Mother City during your 2-night stay.

Vibrant, cosmopolitan and an eclectic mix of old and new, this laid-back city is as much at home with its 17th century castle – whose cannons have never been fired in anger – as it is with its sleek skyscrapers and trendy malls. With Table Mountain, one of the most spiritual places on earth, at its heart and two oceans at its feet; the city of Cape Town, strategically situated at the south-western tip of Africa, has been famed for centuries as the Tavern of the Seas.

Exciting Cape Town experiences include:

Begin the day with a ferry ride to Robben Island, best known as the site where South African anti-apartheid activist and politician, former President Nelson Mandela was imprisoned

Take the cable car to the top of iconic Table Mountain and marvel at the magnificent views from its flat top

Browse through Greenmarket Square, one of the city's oldest markets.

Meander through the Company Gardens, established by Dutch settlers in 1652

Visit the traditional Malay Quarter with its brightly coloured houses dating back as far as the 17th century

Stop at spectacular Hout Bay, a former fishing village with a long, sandy beach facing a bay framed by the mountains

Drive through breathtaking Chapman's Peak then head to Cape Point, with its exceptional flora and fauna

At an additional cost, you can go shark cage diving – ideal for thrill-seekers and nature enthusiasts alike. Swimming with sharks in South Africa is an electrifying experience and guests can feel the full force of their adrenalin at the prospect of coming face-to-face with a shark, inside the protection of a submerged cage

Also at additional cost is the option to take a scenic sidecar excursion through the beautiful Cape Peninsula

Day 3-4:

Franschhoek

Babylonstoren

After breakfast and checking out, depart from More Quarters Hotel and drive through the picturesque Cape Winelands to tranquil Franschhoek, where you will spend the next two nights at Babylonstoren. Set against a stunning backdrop and surrounded by the Simonsberg, Drakenstein and Paarl Mountains, Babylonstoren resembles a quaint village of days gone by.

Located in Franschhoek, the picturesque town is situated in a lush valley tightly hemmed in by spectacular mountains. Impressive vineyards and homesteads blanket the exquisite landscape with many still bearing their original French names.

Renowned as the gourmet capital of South Africa, Franschhoek is famous not only for its magnificent wineries and beautiful scenery but also for the excellent restaurants that line its quaint streets.

Your stay at Babylonstoren includes full access to the estate's spectacular gardens, guided garden tours and farm walks, cycling and canoeing / rowing on the farm's dam, fishing, mountain drives, harvest tours, olive oil and balsamic vinegar tours, bread baking with the estate's excellent bakers, cellar tours and wine tasting experiences, as well as special treasure hunts for younger guests with the option to help feed the estate's multiple fish in the pond.

Day 5-7:

Whale Coast, South Africa

Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Garden Lodge

After breakfast, you will drive from Babylonstoren to Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, where you will be staying at the Garden Lodge, one of the Grootbos Villas for the next three nights.

Your stay includes a wide variety of exciting experiences for the whole family including:

Horseback riding through the reserve

Botanical fynbos hikes at the reserve

Milkwood forest walks

4x4 flower safaris

Coastal drives with seasonal land-based whale watching (July – December)

Beach picnics

Ancient Klipgat Cave and Walker Bay nature reserve beach excursions

Birdwatching

Self-guided walks

Day trip to Cape Agulhas, the most southern tip of Africa

Shopping excursions to Hermanus

Wine tasting experiences

Day 8-9:

Plettenberg Bay

Hunter's Country House

Today you will head to Hunter's Country House in Plettenberg Bay where you will be staying for the next two nights.

This upmarket resort town is a stunning haven of pristine beaches, exquisite nature trails and sublime restaurants. In springtime, it is home to various whales who nurse their calves in the shallow waters of the bay.

Enjoy the beautiful sandy beaches of Plettenberg Bay and experience a variety of water sports or choose to explore one of an endless number of trails that lead through the surrounding mountains.

Enjoy horseback rides along long beaches or through the shaded forest.

Visit nearby Tsitsikamma and embark on a treetop canopy tour or set your heart racing on the world's tallest bungee jump from the Bloukrans Bridge.

Spend your days relaxing on the beach, frolicking in the ocean, and enjoying delicious meals.

Day 10 – 12

Shamwari Private Game Reserve, South Africa

Shamwari Riverdene Lodge

After checking out, you will drive from Hunter's Country House to South Africa's Eastern Cape – home to some of the country's most varied landscapes, including several Big Five game reserves.

Here, you will be staying at Shamwari Riverdene Lodge located in the Shamwari Private Game Reserve for the next three nights.

The wildlife of the Eastern Cape includes all members of the Big Five, as well as some unusual species rarely encountered elsewhere in the country, such as springbok, eland, black wildebeest, and gemsbok.

Explore the diverse surroundings in search of wildlife on twice-daily game drives accompanied by professional rangers.

Keep your eyes open for predators winding up their nocturnal hunts and herbivores taking advantage of the cool morning hours to graze before the heat of the day.

Discover the smaller details of your surroundings on a fascinating guided bush walk that focuses on wildlife tracks, insects, plants, and birds.

Day 13

Departure

Shamwari Private Game Reserve, South Africa

After breakfast, drive to Port Elizabeth Airport, where you will return your rented car in time for your onwards arrangements.

Upon arrival at Port Elizabeth Airport, you will be met by a representative from Menzies Aviation, who will assist you with check in procedures for your departure flight onward.