Overview
Looking for adventure, stunning landscapes, and lively culture? South Africa is calling! Experience snapshots of its beauty; learn firsthand about the diverse culture and people in the country; and satisfy your taste for adventure while on this 16 day tour. South Africa is a country with breathtaking scenery and a rich, diverse history. It’s characterized by a wide variety of flora and fauna and is ranked as the third most biologically diverse country in the world (mainly due to the richness of plant life). Over 18,000 species of plants occur in South Africa, of which over 80% occur nowhere else. As far as the fauna, you can find what is considered the “Big Five” (the black rhino, Cape Buffalo, Elephant, Leopard, and Lion). Additionally, there is a plethora of endangered species, including the Blue Crane, Bontebok (small Antelope), and Cape Vulture, all of which you may encounter on this tour.

On this adventurous, yet relaxed tour, you’ll hike forests, mountains, and national park trails, explore beaches, experience 2 incredible safaris, and take in the cultures of small towns and the big city of Cape Town. In addition, the local foods are magnificent and will be plentiful. Whether you’re an avid photographer, love nature treks, or just want to check off the bucket list, this tour has it all.

Tour Itinerary
Aug. 8-10 (Sat-Mon) – Depart From Home
Your adventure begins with a flight across the Atlantic (typically, switching planes in Europe) then flying to Johannesburg, South Africa. You will be met at the airport by your tour leaders and in-country
guides, then transfer to the hotel to catch up with jet lag and/or relax. You’ll settle in with a dinner of local South African foods and participate in the group orientation. Overnight in Johannesburg.

Meals Included: Dinner at a Johannesburg restaurant.

**Aug. 11–13 – Safari in Kruger National Park**

In the morning, the group will transfer to Kruger National Park (KNP) for a 3 day safari. KNP is one of the largest game reserves in Africa covering an area of 19,633 square kilometers in the provinces of Limpopo and Mpumalanga in northeastern South Africa. Areas of the park were first protected by the government of the South African Republic in 1898, and it became South Africa’s first national park in 1926. Rest and relax to the sounds of the African wildlife. Overnight in KNP.

*Meals included: Safari dinner on Aug. 11th & breakfast and dinner on Aug. 12th*

**Aug. 13 – Return to Johannesburg**

Take your final KNP safari in the early morning with a mid-morning picnic breakfast. Departing KNP in late morning, the bus will take you back to Johannesburg for the night.

*Meals included: Safari breakfast.*

**Aug. 14 – Addo Elephant Park Safaris**

Take a morning flight to Port Elizabeth and transfer to Addo. Upon arrival in Addo Elephant Park, the group will enjoy a wilderness safari. Addo EP was proclaimed a national park in 1931 when only 11 Elephants remained, protecting the remnants of the huge herds that once roamed Eastern Cape. Today there are over 450 Elephants in the park. In addition to elephants, you can view Zebras, Eland, Kudus, Warthogs, and a myriad of birds. There is even a chance to see Lions and Hyenas which were recently introduced to the park. Returning by evening, the group will have free time to tramp on some hiking trails, visit the lookout over a watering hole, or even enjoy horse riding. Overnight in Addo EP.

*Meals included: Group dinner in Addo EP.*

**Aug. 15 – Travel through Storms River to Wilderness**

Enjoy an optional Addo game drive around sunrise. Then, we’ll travel from Eastern Cape into Western Cape along the “Garden Route,” one of the most scenic drives in Africa. Check into a local guesthouse and the rest of the afternoon/evening will be yours to relax or enjoy a walk along the beach.

*Meals included: Group dinner.*

**Aug. 16 – Adventure in Wilderness**

This day will be yours to explore and/or relax. This beautiful seaside community offers fun adventures and relaxing beaches. Adventure seekers may go Kloofing or Abseiling – the South Africa version of “canyoneering.” For those seeking a more relaxed pace but still wanting some outdoor fun, hire
canoes/kayaks and paddle up the Touw River to a scenic waterfall. Another option will be a 3-4 hour hike along Half Collared Kingfisher Trail. If looking for adventure on this day, participants can seek optional tours/rentals with Eden Adventures.

Meals included: Breakfast provided at hotel.

Aug. 17 – Travel to De Hoop Nature Reserve
The De Hoop Nature Reserve covers 36,000 ha (89,000 acres) with over 1,500 plant species, 86 mammal species (including the rare Bontebok and Cape Mountain Zebra), approximately 260 bird species (including the Cape Vulture and the Blue Crane) and nearly 50 reptile species. The adjacent De Hoop Marine Protected Area is one of the best land-based whale watching sites in the world. We will stay directly inside the Nature Reserve in the Opstal Area for two nights. Upon arrival, you will have free time to settle in, relax, and then enjoy a group dinner to start off the evening.

Meals included: Breakfast provided at hotel in Wilderness. Dinner provided at cottages in De Hoop.

Aug. 18 – Hiking the Whale Trail
Just after breakfast, we will transfer to Koppie Alleen and start a hike along the famous Whale Trail. Between June and December, this coastline is transformed into one of the world’s most important nursery areas for southern right whales. Whale watchers regularly stand in awe at the sight of more than 50 of these sea giants lying a mere kilometer from the coast. We will pack a lunch and take our time to enjoy the hike. We will be hiking only a portion of this 55km long trail returning mid-afternoon. The evening will be yours to relax and enjoy the African scenery. Overnight in De Hoop.

Meals included: Breakfast provided by cottages in De Hoop and packed lunch.

Aug. 19 – Travel Through Cape Agulhas to Cape Town
Cape Agulhas is the southernmost point in Africa, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. We will stop here for a short visit to explore the Cape Agulhas Lighthouse and shoreline before continuing our journey to Cape Town. We will arrive in Cape Town late afternoon, check into our lodging, and after a group dinner at a Cape Town restaurant, relax for the night.

Meals included: Breakfast provided by cottages in De Hoop. Group dinner in Cape Town.

Aug. 20 – Robben Island and Township Tour
We’ll make our way to Robben Island by boat and take the tour of this famed prison which housed many political prisoners during South Africa’s period of Apartheid. Learn about the island, the prison, and visit the cell where Nelson Mandela stayed for 18 of 27 years. Following the Robben Island tour, we will be guided into one of the many townships in Cape Town to experience the realities of township life and the lasting legacy of apartheid for many citizens. Overnight in Cape Town.

Meals included: None
Aug. 21 – Free Day in Cape Town
This is your day to do as you please. Some of our suggestions include: touring Cape Peninsula, hiking Table Mt., explore Cape Town, swim with the sharks (no cage required) at Two Oceans Aquarium, take surfing lessons at Muizenberg Bay, horseback ride on the beach, tour wine farms in Stellenbosch, shop, hike Table Mountain, or just hang. The day is yours. Then, in the evening join us for dinner at Moyo Restaurant inside the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens for a farewell dinner featuring exotic and cultural cuisine. Overnight in Cape Town.
Meals included: Farewell group dinner.

Aug. 22 (Sat) – Fly Home (return to the U.S. on Sunday, Aug. 23)
Meals included: None

COST: $3,860.00 (USD)
MY OWN ROOM: $950 (USD)

INCLUDED: The cost includes all accommodations (3-4 star lodging and 2 national park bungalow stays), in-country flight from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth, meals (as specified in itinerary), safaris in Kruger National Park and Addo Elephant Park, all coach bus transfers, Robben Island tour, and 1-2 UWSP Adventure Tours tour leaders.

NOT INCLUDED: Roundtrip airfare to South Africa, extra purchases (such as souvenirs, alcoholic beverages, and lodging sundries), local drivers’ and guides’ gratuities, extra activities (horse riding, kloofing, abseiling, canoeing/kayaking, etc.), laundry services, and travel insurance.

PLEASE NOTE: The cost includes land only rate, per person, with double occupancy accommodations. Single rooms (“my own room”) may be limited. Depending on weather and other variables, some activities or accommodations may change prior to or during the tour. A tip for the tour guides & drivers will be collected by the tour leaders upon arrival in South Africa. This tour will accommodate most fitness/health levels, however it is suggested that all participants have at least a moderate/fair level of fitness and health. There is free time and suggested options built into the itinerary to maintain flexibility and ensure a leisurely wellness adventure for everyone aboard.

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