



## Adventure Tours University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

### SOUTH AFRICA ADVENTURE II

JUL 23 - AUG 5, 2018

Tour Leaders: Alvin Schuller & Sue Kissinger



*Photo by Susan Schuller*

#### **Overview**

Looking for adventure, stunning landscapes, diverse wildlife, and lively culture? South Africa is calling! Experience snapshots of its beauty; learn firsthand about the diverse culture and people while satisfying your taste for adventure on this 14 day tour. Besides its diverse history, South Africa is 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 grow in this southernmost African country, of which over 80% occur nowhere else. As far as the fauna, you can encounter what is considered the "Big Five" (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 appreciate in person along this tour.

On this adventurous, yet relaxed journey, 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

### **July 23 (Mon) - Arrive in South Africa**

Your adventure begins with a flight across the Atlantic (typically, switching planes in Europe) then flying to Johannesburg, South Africa. You'll 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. 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.*

### **July 24-26 - 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 km 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. Partake in game drives and/or rest and relax to the sounds of the African wildlife. Overnight in KNP.

*Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.*



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### **July 26 - Fly to Port Elizabeth from Kruger (Travel Day)**

Transfer from KNP to Nelspruit and fly out of Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport arriving in Port Elizabeth. Start your journey down South Africa's "Garden Route" (transfer). First stop includes 2 nights to enjoy [Addo Elephant Park](#). Arrive at Addo Elephant Park to settle in to your chalet that evening.

*Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner*



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### **July 27 - Addo Elephant Park Safaris**

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 600 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 more recent additions. Two guided safaris are include and the group will have some free time to tramp on some hiking trails, visit the lookout over a watering hole, or even go

horseback riding. Overnight in Addo EP.

*Meals included: Dinner*

### **July 28 - Travel through Storms River to Wilderness**

You'll experience one of the most scenic drives in Africa, Eastern Cape into Western Cape along the "Garden Route" (transfer). Check into a local guest lodge right beside the ocean and spend the afternoon/evening walking around town and/or on the beach. Overnight in Wilderness.

*Meals included: None*



*Kloofing in Wilderness*

### **July 29 - Adventure in Wilderness**

The day is yours to explore. This beautiful seaside community offers fun adventures and relaxing beaches. Adventurers may go Kloofing or Abseiling - the South Africa version of “canyoneering.” For a more relaxed pace with outdoor fun, hire canoes/kayaks and paddle up the Touw River to a scenic waterfall. Another option – hike 3-4 hrs along Half Collared Kingfisher Trail. Travelers can seek more tours/rentals with [Eden Adventures](#). Overnight in Wilderness.

*Meals included: Breakfast provided at hotel.*

### **July 30 - 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

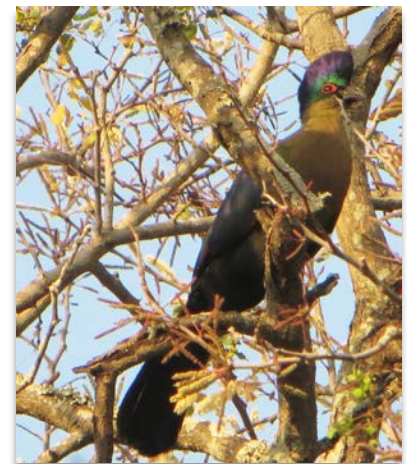
adjacent De Hoop Marine Protected Area is one of the best land-based whale watching sites in the world. We will stay directly inside the Nature Reserve in the Opstal Area. Upon arrival (transfer), you will have free time to settle in, relax, and then enjoy a group dinner. Overnight in DeHoop.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*

### **July 31 - Hiking the Whale Trail - De Hoop Nature Reserve**

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’ll pack a lunch and take our time enjoying hiking only a portion of this 55km long trail, returning mid-afternoon. The evening will be yours. Overnight in De Hoop.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner*



*Purple-crested turaco (Susan Schuller)*

### **Aug. 1 - Cape Agulhas to Cape Town**

Cape Agulhas is the southernmost point in Africa, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. Along this transfer, stop for a short visit to explore the [Cape Agulhas Lighthouse](#) and shoreline before continuing our journey to Cape Town. We’ll arrive in Cape Town late afternoon, check into our lodging, and delight in some evening free time. Overnight in Cape Town.

*Meals included: Breakfast.*

### **Aug. 2 - Robben Island and Township Tour**

We’ll make our way to Robben Island by boat and tour 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 his 27 imprisoned years. Following the Robben Island tour, we’ll 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. 3 - Free Day in Cape Town**

Explore Cape Town as you please, as this day is yours. Some of our suggestions include: tour Cape

Peninsula, hike 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, or just hang out. Overnight in Cape Town.

*Meals included: None*

#### **Aug. 4 - Free Day in Cape Town**

Another day is yours. You can seek out more of the experiences we listed above and/or discover others... In the evening, join us for a farewell dinner featuring exotic and cultural cuisine. We'll celebrate a successful journey together sharing food, drink, stories, and maybe even dancing. Overnight in Cape Town.

*Meals included: Farewell group dinner.*



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#### **Aug. 5 (Sun) - Fly Home**

Many international flights from Cape Town depart in the afternoon/evening giving you a little extra time for last minute touring or shopping. Transfers to the airport are provided.

*Meals included: None*

**COST:** \$3,989.00 (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 Nelspruit to Port Elizabeth, meals (as specified in itinerary), safaris in KNP and Addo EP, Wild Cards (national park entry fees), all bus/van transfers listed, Robben Island tour, Traveler Orientation, and 1-2 UWSP Adventure Tours Tour Leaders (group size dependant).

**NOT INCLUDED:** Roundtrip airfare to South Africa, extra purchases (such as souvenirs, alcoholic beverages, and lodging sundries), local drivers' and guides' gratuities, extra activities (horseback riding, kloofing, abseiling, canoeing/kayaking, wineries, 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. Gratuities for local drivers & guides may be coordinated with the Tour Leaders in country. 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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**GROUP SIZE:** 14-20 travelers

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**REGISTRATION:** Register online with a check or via credit card OR print registration, complete, & mail along with \$300 (pp) nonrefundable deposit.

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