

“Animal intensive” 5 Day Garden Route 2022 - DIRECT

Day 1 - Cape Town to Sedgefield Overberg, Garden Route, Game Drive

We leave the mother city behind and head east along the N2 past Swellendam, the third oldest town in South Africa to a Private Game Reserve on the edge of the Garden Route. Here we go on an open 4x4 vehicle safari where you have the opportunity to see and learn about lion, buffalo, elephant, rhino, cheetah and giraffe and more, in their natural habitat.

After lunch at the Game Reserve we continue on to Sedgefield, passing through the majestic Wilderness regions, where we will enjoy dinner before spending the night.

<i>Meals:</i>	Dinner
<i>Accommodation:</i>	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
<i>Route:</i>	Cape Town to Sedgefield ±450 km
<i>Travel time:</i>	±5 hrs
<i>Included Highlight:</i>	Game Drive Safari

Day 2 - Oudtshoorn day trip Little Karoo, Oudtshoorn, Cango Wildlife Sanctuary

After breakfast we make our way over the magnificent Outeniqua Mountains into the semi-arid Little Karoo, driving to the town of Oudtshoorn, known as the ostrich capital of the world.

We visit the Cango Wildlife Sanctuary, where we enjoy a guided educational and behind the scenes access to the various conservation and rehabilitation projects run by the centre. In depth presentations and Q&A with Cango Wildlife curators as well as the centre's Veterinarian.

Before we end the day we have a quick stop to visit two rescued giraffes, Shorty and Sheila. We then head over the Outeniqua Mountains again back to Sedgefield where we enjoy dinner before spending the night again.

<i>Meals:</i>	Breakfast & Dinner
<i>Accommodation:</i>	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
<i>Route:</i>	Sedgefield to Oudtshoorn day trip ±190 km
<i>Travel time:</i>	±3 hrs
<i>Included Highlights:</i>	Cango Wildlife Sanctuary and Giraffes visit. The majestic Outeniqua pass and Klein (Little) Karoo.

Day 3 - Sedgefield to The Craggs to Sedgefield Garden Route, Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary, Elephants Sanctuary & Bush Walk

After breakfast we drive east towards The Craggs, a particularly spectacular region of the Garden Route, to visit the award winning Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary. Monkeyland is the world's first free roaming multi-species primate sanctuary. It's mission is to educate and foster greater understanding of our primate cousins and the threats and challenges they are facing.

Students will partake in a customised Educational programme with behind the scenes access. The programme will include presentations by members of the curator team, prep of animals meals as well as a more in depth tour of the sanctuary.

After lunch we then head over to visit a sanctuary for orphaned African elephants.

You will get behind the scenes insights to see the special relationship that the curators share with the elephants and become a part of it. You will be guided on foot through the sanctuary by the curators who will introduce the elephants to you in the forest area. The curators will provide in-depth information and insight into African elephants, including the differences in temperament and personality of each elephant, their daily routines and challenges facing African elephants in the wild. You will have the opportunity to walk trunk-in-hand with the elephants as well see the Elephant Night Shelter where the elephants sleep. Throughout the customised experience, sanctuary staff and curators will provide insights into the work done by the sanctuary, in particular around ensuring the health and wellbeing of the elephants in their care, with particular attention to nutrition and stimulation.

After the visit to the Elephant Sanctuary we make our way back on the N2 to Sedgefield for dinner and spending the night once again.

<i>Meals:</i>	Breakfast & Dinner
<i>Accommodation:</i>	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
<i>Route:</i>	Sedgefield to Storms River to Sedgefield ±160 km
<i>Travel time:</i>	±2.5 hrs
<i>Included Highlight:</i>	Elephant Sanctuary & Bush Walk, and Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary

Day 4 - Sedgefield to Tsitsikamma to Sedgefield Garden Route, Tsitsikamma National Park, Bloukrans Bungy

We begin the day with a drive to Tsitsikamma in the Eastern Cape, where we will take a walk through the indigenous Tsitsikamma National Park to the Storms river swing bridges.

Our next stop is always one of the highlights of the tour . . . the Bloukrans River Bridge, home to the world's highest commercial Bungy Jump at 216 metres (709 feet)!

The view from Africa's highest bridge captures all the majesty and tranquility of the Bloukrans River valley. Recognised as the 'highest bungy from a bridge' in the world, Bloukrans Bungy uses pendulum bungee technology to ensure the smoothest, most comfortable bungee jump possible. Jumpers are secured in a full-body harness combined with an ankle connection.

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From here it's back to Sedgefield where we carry on with the festivities.

<i>Meals:</i>	Breakfast & Dinner
<i>Accommodation:</i>	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
<i>Route:</i>	Sedgefield to Storms River to Sedgefield ±250 km
<i>Travel time:</i>	±3 hrs
<i>Included Highlight:</i>	Tsitsikamma National Park
<i>Optional Activities:</i>	Bungy Jump

Day 5 - Sedgefield to Cape Town – via Gansbaai Garden Route, Gansbaai, Shark Cage Dive

On our journey back to Cape Town, our final adventure awaits in the waters of Gansbaai.

Approximately 12km offshore from Gansbaai we find two islands situated next to each other. Due to a number of geographical reasons - one being the shallow and narrow channel that runs between these two islands - Dyer Island has become known as one of only two unique areas in the world where the chances to view the great white shark are exceptionally high. Other shark species that may be seen include the beautiful Bronze Whaler shark.

Once anchored in the channel, we make use of a securely designed 5-man steel cage, which floats on the surface, with divers no more than 1m below the surface. You will take multiple turns in the cage so as to try and maximise your opportunities to see sharks up close.

After the dive and lunch we head back the rest of the way to Cape Town.

<i>Meals:</i>	Breakfast & Dinner
<i>Route:</i>	Sedgefield to Cape Town ±560 km
<i>Travel time:</i>	±7 hrs
<i>Included Highlight:</i>	Shark Cage Diving

Tour Ends

We will drop you off back at your original pick up point in Cape Town. There are no set / guaranteed drop off times. Drop off times can range from late afternoon to early evening.

** Please also note that depending on a number of factors, this itinerary could be run in reverse/days could be swapped around.

Tour includes

- Shark Cage Diving
- Safari Game Drive in open 4x4 vehicle
- Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary
- Elephant Sanctuary customised experience
- Cango Wildlife Sanctuary experience
- Giraffe Sanctuary
- Tsitsikamma National Park entrance
- Qualified tour guide
- Accommodation & bedding
- 4x Breakfast, 4x Dinner

- 1 to 2 Lead Abroad staff members per tour (numbers dependent)

Optional extras

Please note that these rates are subject to change without prior notice as per the service providers.

- Bungy Jump - From R1400 per person