"Traditional" 5 Day Garden Route 2022 - DIRECT & LEAD

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.

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

Day 2 - Sedgefield to The Crags to Sedgefield
Garden Route, Elephants Sanctuary & Bush Walk

After breakfast we drive east towards The Crags, a particularly spectacular region of the Garden Route, to visit a sanctuary for orphaned African elephants where you have the opportunity to learn about these gentle giants.

You will be guided on foot through the sanctuary where the guides will provide in-depth information and insight into African elephants, and you will be introduced to the elephants in the forest area. You will see the special relationship that the guides share with the elephants and become a part of it. Walk trunk-in-hand with the elephants. See the Elephant Night Shelter where the elephants sleep.

After our visit with the elephants, we will enjoy a nice lunch and head back to Sedgefield.

Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation:	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
Route:	Sedgefield to Storms River to Sedgefield ±160 km
Travel time:	±2.5 hrs
Included Highlight:	Elephant Sanctuary & Bush Walk

Day 3 - Oudtshoorn day trip
Little Karoo, Oudtshoorn, Cango Caves

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 spectacular Cango Caves where we will embark on a guided tour of the cave system to view its massive caverns and a wonderland of stalactite and stalagmite formations, millions of years old. Cango Caves is a world heritage site and one of the great wonders of the natural world.

After lunch we have a quick stop to visit two rescued giraffes, Shorty and Shiela.
We then head over the Outeniqua Mountains again back to Sedgefield where we spend the night again.

Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation:	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
Route:	Sedgefield to Oudtshoorn day trip ±190 km
Travel time:	±3 hrs
Included Highlight:	Cango Caves tour and Giraffes visit. The majestic Outeniqua pass and Klein (Little) Karoo.

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 meters (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.

Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation:	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
Route:	Sedgefield to Storms River to Sedgefield ±250 km
Travel time:	±3 hrs
Included Highlight:	Tsitsikamma National Park
Optional Activities:	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.

Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner
Route:	Sedgefield to Cape Town ±560 km
Travel time:	±7 hrs
Included Highlight:	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
- Elephant Sanctuary & Bush Walk
- Cango Caves Tour
- Giraffe Sanctuary
- Tsitsikamma National Park entrance
- Qualified tour guide
- Accommodation & bedding
- 4x Breakfast, 4x Dinner

- 1 to 2 Lead Abroad staff members per tour - DIRECT (numbers dependent)
- 2 to 4 Lead Abroad staff members per tour - LEAD (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 per person