

TISD 11**SILVER CLASS TOUR****Wild Coast & the Magical Garden Route****DURBAN TO CAPE TOWN****HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE**

Durban * Nelson Mandela Meuseum & village of Qunu * Grahamstown * Forrest Lodge * Addo Elephant Park * Tsitsikamma Big Tree * Storms River * Knysna * Featherbed Nature Reserve * Cango Caves * Ostrich Farm * Dias Museum

Days	9 days and 8 nights
Min/Max Participants	Two / Seven (up to Twelve on day excursions)
Departure	Mondays - Durban Hotels at 07h30
Accommodation	Upper 3, 4 star hotels and private forest lodge
Flights	No flights required between Durban and Cape Town. TIO's Crown Flight Zone can assist with flights to Durban from Cape Town
Vehicle	Luxury Sedan / Microbus / Mini Coach (Garden Route portion as per TISD 20/3)
Driver/ Guide	Services of THETA registered driver/ guide throughout tour Nature drive with experienced ranger
Languages Available	English – German Other language guides available on request booked on a private basis
WE RECOMMEND	
Using Durban as a base for Pre-Tours	TIDC – Durban City Tour (AM) TIDU – uShaka Marine World (PM) TIDS – Shakaland Nandi Experience (Full Day)
Using Cape Town as a base for Post-Tours	TICC – Cape Town City Tour (AM or PM) TICN – Cape Town by Night TICW – Cape Winelands Tour (Full Day)
ADDED VALUE	TIO Touring Documentation Pack VIP Card Vodafone Mobile Phone Rental

DAY 1: DURBAN – WILD COAST

Depart Durban and drive south along the Indian Ocean coastline of KwaZulu Natal. Cross the Mtamvuna River into the scenic Eastern Cape region, home of the Xhosa people, with its endless hillsides of traditional huts and villages. Just outside of Lusikisiki drive past the Magwa tea plantation, where the landscape changes drastically to deep gorges filled with lush vegetation and waterfalls. Descending through the Mqaba forest we reach Pondoland's best kept secret, situated at the mouth of the Mbotyi River and tidal estuary. Dinner is served at the lodge.

Mbotyi River Lodge or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

DAY 2: MAGWA TEA ESTATE AND WATERFALLS – SHARK POINT

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before visiting the Magwa Tea Estate. This area is characterised by rolling hills, deep gorges and spectacular waterfalls. Visit the plantation and see how tea is grown and processed. Take in the wonderful view of the Magwe falls. Return back to the lodge for lunch (not included). Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure sitting next to the pool or, for the more adventurous, take a walking trail along the coast down to Shark Point (known for whale and dolphin sightings). Dinner at the lodge.

Mbotyi River Lodge or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

DAY 3: PORT ST JOHNS – MTHATHA – NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM – QUNU – EAST LONDON

After breakfast depart the lodge and head towards Port St Johns, an area filled with an eerie history of shipwrecks. Stop at Mthatha and experience a typical African city with its street markets and traders. Visit the Nelson Mandela Museum and Mr Mandela's home village of Qunu. The afternoon drive continues inland via lush valleys and forests to an overnight stop in East London.

The Regent Hotel or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

DAY 4: EAST LONDON - GRAHAMSTOWN

After breakfast, visit a pineapple plantation, followed by Grahamstown (fondly known as 'the City of Saints'). A variety of interesting sites include historic schools, Rhodes University, early settler architecture and monuments. Here we also visit the fascinating Camera Obscura, giving you a bird's-eye view of the city. Late afternoon arrival at your lodge.

Intsomli Forest Lodge or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis + 1 nature activity

DAY 5: ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK – PORT ELIZABETH

Early morning nature walk or drive through the forest, passing through a scenic natural valley where indigenous antelope and zebra roam. After breakfast, depart for Addo Elephant National Park. The day ends at your beachfront hotel.

Protea Hotel Marine or similar - dinner, bed and breakfast basis

DAY 6: TSITSIKAMMA MOUNTAINS – KNYSNA – STORMS RIVER – PLETTENBERG BAY - WILDERNESS

Departing Port Elizabeth, enter the Garden Route via the high forests of the Tsitsikamma Mountains. Visit the Big Tree in the Tsitsikamma Forest area, home to the Knysna loerie. Marvel at Storms River where photographic opportunities abound. After lunch at the scenic Storms River mouth (not included), continue via Plettenberg Bay to Knysna, South Africa's oyster capital. After a short refreshment stop at Knysna's East Head, travel via Sedgefield to your hotel in Wilderness. Enjoy a dinner at the hotel or at one of the nearby restaurants (not included).

Protea Hotel Wilderness Resort or similar - bed and breakfast basis

DAY 7: KNYSNA – FEATHERBED NATURE RESERVE – KNYSNA ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

TIGK TOUR - Nature's Beauty and Nostalgia (Refer to page 94 and 95)

From your hotel in Wilderness, travel to the Knysna Waterfront and embark on the Featherbed Nature Reserve ferry. On arrival we take a 'Unimog' (tractor driven wagon) ride to the top of the Western Head. An optional hike can be taken through the indigenous Knysna forest to the restaurant area where lunch (included) is served. Upon returning to Knysna, enjoy an interactive elephant experience. Return to Wilderness via a scenic sightseeing drive in the late afternoon.

Dinner (not included) is available at the hotel or at one of the nearby restaurants.

Protea Hotel Wilderness Resort or similar - bed and breakfast basis including lunch

DAY 8: OUDTSHOORN – OSTRICH FARM – CANGO CAVES

TIGO TOUR – Klein Karoo Kaleidoscope (Refer to page 94 and 95)

Experience the stunning views of the Outeniqua Pass as we travel towards the Klein Karoo's capital – Oudtshoorn. Here we visit the Safari Ostrich Farm for a guided tour and a traditional ostrich lunch (included). After lunch, visit the Cango Caves, where a guided tour allows us to explore the ancient stalactites and stalagmites. On route back to Wilderness, visit endangered animals at the Cango Wildlife Ranch.

Dinner (not included) is available at the hotel or at one of the nearby restaurants.

Protea Hotel Wilderness Resort or similar - bed and breakfast basis including lunch

DAY 9: WILDERNESS – MOSSEL BAY – ROUTE 62 – CAPE TOWN

After breakfast, your journey to Cape Town begins, visiting the Diaz Museum in Mossel Bay then via Barrydale.. Enjoy a wine tasting and typical South African lunch in Barrydale (included). Continue through the Little Karoo to Montagu, Robertson and Worcester. The adventure ends with drop-off at your hotel or Cape Town International Airport in the late afternoon/ early evening.