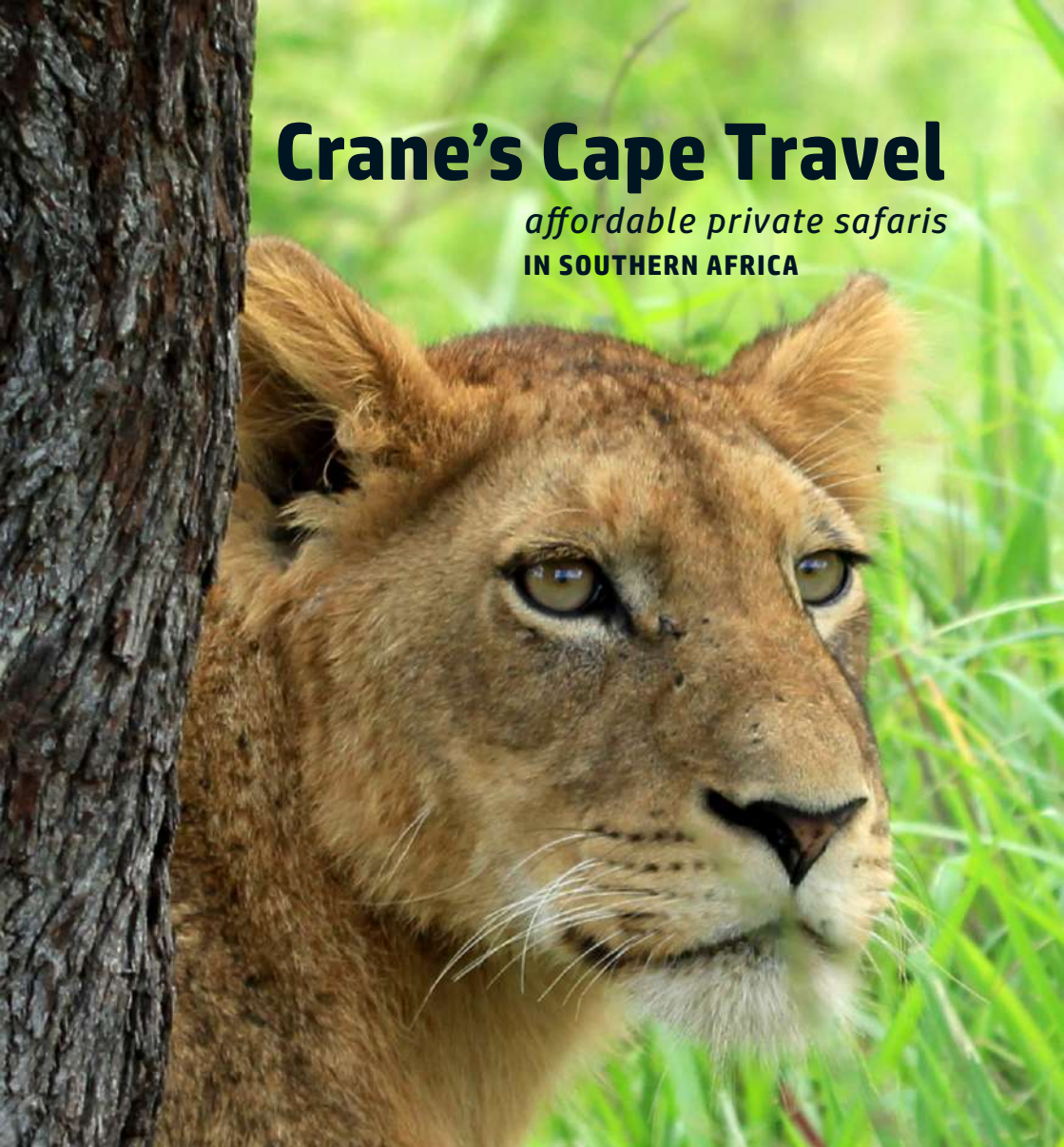


# Crane's Cape Travel

*affordable private safaris*  
**IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**



Escorted | Specialised Tour Co-ordinator | Self-Drive

## INTRODUCTION



Crane's Cape Travel is a family run business, operating Birding and Natural History Tours in Southern Africa for the past thirty years. This places us in the perfect position to use our extensive first hand knowledge to design your affordable, private safari, either as a Self-Drive Tour or as a Fully-Escorted Safari. This brochure showcases our more popular suggested itineraries, which we are happy to tailor to match your specific interests.

Southern Africa contains as many as 14 different vegetation types, including the snow-capped mountains of the Drakensberg, the Karoo semi-desert and the Cape fynbos (indigenous flora of the Cape). Each region has its endemic wildlife and 'specials', which we will help you to find.

The Cape fynbos is one of the great wonders of the world. It makes up four fifths of the Cape Floral Kingdom, which in an area of only 90,000 square kilometres, is packed with over 8,600 plant species, of which 5,800 are endemic. It is so diverse and unique that it is classified as one of the six biomes of the world. This puts it on a par with the Boreal Floral Kingdom, which covers 50 million square kilometres!

Our National Parks are world leaders in the conservation of wildlife and offer a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. The National Parks and private game reserves of Southern Africa play host to over 300 mammal species. The "Big Five" (Elephant, Rhinoceros, Buffalo, Lion & Leopard) are well represented and often seen. The Southern Right Whale has earned us the new reputation of having the best land-based whale watching in the World.

We look forward to sharing our treasures with you on a memorable and personalised safari.





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# 6 Day Trips From Cape Town

## CAPE PENINSULA & CAPE OF GOOD HOPE



A leisurely day experiencing the rugged beauty of the Peninsula, with spectacular coastline and diverse fauna & flora. We will visit the African Penguin colony at Simon's Town before entering the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve which boasts 250 recorded bird species and various mammals like the Bontebok, Chacma Baboon and Cape Mountain Zebra. We will walk through the unique flora, called *fynbos* and return to Cape Town via the Atlantic coastline.

## CAPE TOWN & ENVIRONS



From Hout Bay we join a 45 minute boat cruise to Seal Island. Cape Fur Seals are in abundance, as well as Terns, Gulls and Cormorants. Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens is our next stop, where staff cultivate South Africa's indigenous plants, in a setting of forests, rolling lawns & mountain streams, all beneath the dramatic backdrop of Table Mountain. The afternoon will be spent in the bird hides at Rondevlei Nature Reserve.

## HERMANUS & SOUTHERN COAST



We will follow the spectacular coastline out of False Bay to the picturesque village of Rooiels. On a short walk we will look for a few of our local endemic birds like the Cape Rockjumper, Orange-breasted Sunbird and Cape Siskin to name but a few! We visit the African Penguin colony, Harold Porter Botanical Gardens and Fernkloof NR en route to Hermanus. This area is a botanical hotspot! We will return to Cape Town via the scenic Cape Mountains.

## **HERMANUS & WHALE WATCHING** *(Aug/Nov)*



We will enjoy a short walk at the Harold Porter Botanical Gardens. Every year the Southern Right Whales come to our shores to calve. Hermanus has the reputation of being one of the best land based whale watching areas in the world! This area also has the greatest diversity of indigenous flora in the Western Cape, which we will be able to enjoy on a visit to the Fernkloof Nature Reserve.

## **WEST COAST NATIONAL PARK & LANGEBAAN LAGOON**



We spend the day at the beautifully tranquil Langebaan Lagoon in the West Coast National Park. The lagoon is an internationally recognized reserve for migrant waders. With over 250 bird species this area is a must for any keen birder. We will be visiting a number of bird hides affording us fantastic views of a multitude of shorebirds. On our return we will stop for the classic view of Table Mountain.

## **SPRING FLOWERS** *(Aug/Sept)*



En route to the West Coast National Park we will visit two wild flower reserves in the Darling area. After a picnic lunch, we will drive around the tranquil Langebaan Lagoon to the Postberg Flower Reserve. After our winter rains, the landscape is swathed with a vibrant carpet of wild flowers. A variety of mammals graze amongst the floral display. We will stop at Bloubergstrand for the classic view of Table Mountain.

This area receives very little annual rain, but after our winter rains, the landscape is swathed with a vibrant carpet of wild flowers.

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# Spring Flower Safari

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During August and September, after the winter rains, the dry landscape of the Western & Northern Cape is transformed by fields of spring flowers. During spring we offer a variety of tours to Namaqualand enjoying the kaleidoscope of colours that make up the spring flowers. Nieuwoudtville, which is known as the **'bulb capital of the world'**, has an incredible number and diversity of spring flower plant species. The Namaqua National Park in Namaqualand, is an area of vast vistas, interspersed by rocky koppies and amazing flora - most of which is endemic to the area!

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# Botanical Safari

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Our botanical safari follows in the footsteps of the early 'plant hunters' and naturalists of old - Mason, Burchell, Le Vaillant and Paterson to name but a few!

We start in Cape Town, with the world famous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens and a visit up Table Mountain. We then set off to explore the botanical riches of the Western Cape in their natural settings.

We visit some of the most beautiful wilderness areas, in pursuit of the wildlife and wild flowers. We also visit many Flower Reserves, Botanical Gardens and Nature Reserves along the way.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 2 x Cape Town

- Table Mountain Cable Car
- Table Mountain National Park
- Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve
- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

### 2 x Langebaan Lagoon

- Wayland's Wild Flower Reserve \*
- Tienie Versveld Flora Reserve \*
- West Coast National Park
- Postberg Flower Reserve \*

### 2 x Clanwilliam

- Cederberg Mountains
- San Rock Art Trail
- Ramskop Flower Reserve \*
- Nieuwoudtville \*
- Namaqualand Flowers \*

### 1 x The Great Karoo

- Karoo National Botanical Gardens

### 2 x Karoo National Park

- 5 x Game Drives
- Night Drive
- Swartberg Pass & Mountains

### 1 x Oudtshoorn

- Garden Route
- Wilderness National Park

### 2 x Plettenberg Bay

- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Nature's Valley
- Knysna Lagoon
- Whale Watching (Aug - Nov)

### 1 x Hermanus

- Fernkloof Reserve
- Stony Point African Penguin Colony
- Harold Porter National Botanical Gardens

\* August - September

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# Cape Town & Western Cape

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This two-week Cape Town & Western Cape Safari takes a broad interest in the natural environment. We travel through many different vegetation habitats which are host to a multitude of flowers, birds, mammals, reptiles & insects. We visit national parks, botanical gardens, flower & nature reserves, wilderness areas & numerous sites of interest. We start in Cape Town at our world famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Our next few days are spent exploring *fynbos* vegetation & the local bird life in nature reserves of the Cape Peninsula & the Cape of Good Hope. We head north along the Atlantic coastline to the bird-rich West Coast National Park. We visit San rock art sites in the Cederberg Mountains before traversing the Great Karoo in search of endemic birds and other photographic opportunities. Both the Garden Route & Indian Ocean coastline boast beautiful white beaches and indigenous forests which we will enjoy before heading back to Cape Town via the picturesque village of Hermanus.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 3 x Cape Town

- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Cape Peninsula
- Cape of Good Hope - Walk
- Rondevlei Bird Reserve
- Table Mountain Cable Car
- Strandfontein Wetland Reserve
- Duiker Island Boat Trip
- Tienie Versveld Wild Flower Reserve \*
- Wayland's Wild Flower Reserve \*

### 2 x Langebaan

- West Coast National Park
- Postberg Flower Reserve \*
- Bird Island - Lambert's Bay
- Cederberg Wilderness Area

### 2 x Clanwilliam

- San Rock Art - Walk
- Karoo Botanical Gardens
- Route 62

### 1 x Karoo

- Swartberg Mountains
- Oudtshoorn (ostrich capital)
- Outeniqua Mountains
- Little Karoo
- Garden Route National Park

### 3 x Plettenberg Bay

- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Indigenous Forest Walk
- Knysna Lagoon
- Southern Tip of Africa

### 2 x Hermanus

- Whale Watching (Aug to Nov)
- Fernkloof Flower Reserve
- Harold Porter Botanical Gardens
- African Penguin Colony

\* August & September



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# Western & Eastern Cape Safari

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Our 14 day **PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI** of the Western & Eastern Cape is geared to the needs of the photographer. Starting in Cape Town, we spend 3 days exploring the wonders of the Cape, including Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point, as well as Rondevlei and Strandfontein Bird Reserves with their prolific bird life. We then head north into the Great Karoo, staying at the Karoo National Park with its dramatic Karoo landscape. We spend 5 days in the Eastern Cape staying in the Mountain Zebra & Addo Elephant National Parks, where we can view a wide range of game & birdlife. We return to the Cape via the green indigenous forests of the Garden Route, where we spend 3 nights. Last, but not least, we visit the coastal town of Hermanus, the botanical hotspot of the Cape floral kingdom. During our spring months (Aug - Nov) we have the added opportunity of whale watching.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 3 x Cape Town

- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Iconic View of Table Mountain
- Table Mountain Cable Car
- Chapman's Peak Scenic Drive
- African Penguin Colony
- Cape Point & Cape of Good Hope
- Bird Watching at Rondevlei NR
- Bird Photography at Strandfontein

### 2 x Karoo National Park

- Du Toit's Kloof Pass - Spectacular Views
- Karoo National Botanical Gardens
- Succulent Plants in the Gardens
- Matjiesfontein
- Wildlife at the Karoo National Park
- 5 x Game Drives

### 2 x Mountain Zebra National Park

- Plains of the Camdeboo
- Valley of Desolation
- Wildlife in the Mountain Zebra NP
- 5 x Game Drives

### 2 x Addo Elephant National Park

- Wildlife in the Addo Elephant NP
- 5 x Game Drives

### 3 x Garden Route

- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Boat Trip up the Keurbooms River
- Forests of Nature's Valley
- Knysna Lagoon National Park
- Birding in the Diepwalle Forest

### 1 x Hermanus

- Overberg Scenery
- Fernkloof Nature Reserve
- Whale Watching (Aug to Nov)
- Harold Porter National Botanical Gardens

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# Cape to Kalahari

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This two week safari from Cape Town to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park takes us through many different vegetation habitats which in turn play host to a multitude of birds, mammals, flowers, reptiles & insects. We start off the trip with four days in the spectacular Cape. We then drive north through the Cederberg Mountains and the Great Karoo, ending the trip with 5 days mammal & bird watching in the Augrabies Falls National Park and the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. The Kalahari is one of the last true wilderness reserves in the world. The park is made up of three countries, with no border or boundary fences. Kalahari Lion, Cheetah, Leopard, Gemsbok and many other mammal species can be seen in the park.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 3 x Cape Town

- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Cape Peninsula
- Cape of Good Hope - Walk
- Rondevlei Bird Reserve
- Duiker Island Boat Trip
- Hermanus
- Whale Watching (*Aug - Nov*)
- Fernkloof Flower Reserve
- Harold Porter Botanical Gardens
- African Penguin Colony

### 1 x Langebaan

- West Coast National Park
- Postberg Flower Reserve \*
- Langebaan Lagoon
- Bird Island - Lambert's Bay
- Cederberg Mountains

### 2 x Clanwilliam

- San Rock Art - Walk
- Ramskop Flower Reserve
- Namaqua National Park \*
- Kamieskroon

### 1 x Springbok

- Goegap Nature Reserve
- Augrabie's Falls National Park
- Game Drive
- Whale Rock - Walk

### 2 x Augrabie's Falls National Park

- Augrabie's Falls
- Upington
- Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

### 4 x Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

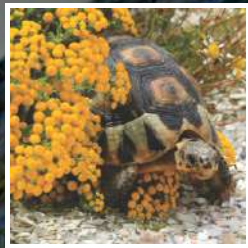
- 10 x Game Drives
- Dune Walk - Birdwatching
- Sunset Drive
- Night Drive

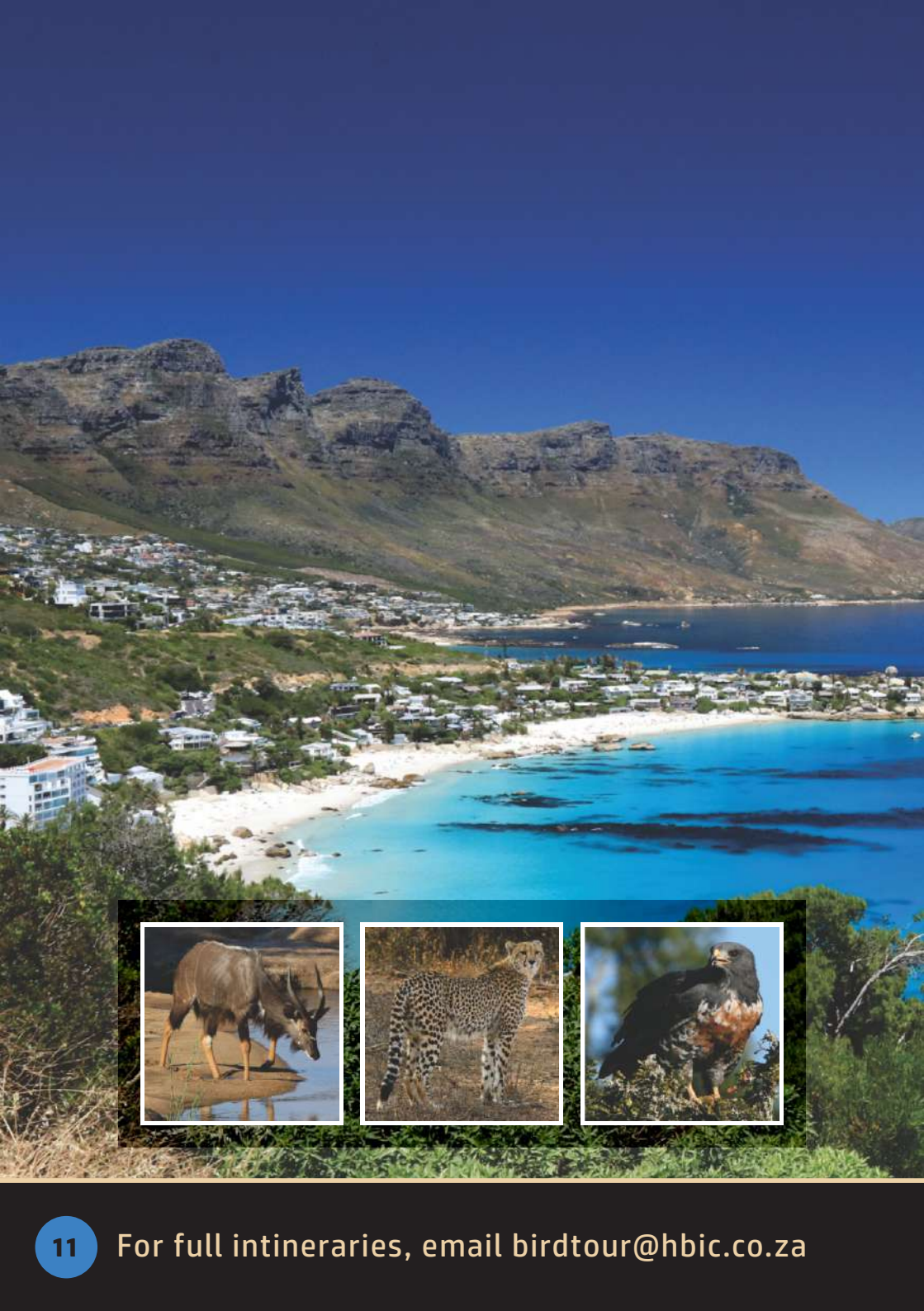
\* August & September



## AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

During spring we include the world's most famous spring flower areas in Namaqualand. After winter rains, this area is transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour, with hundreds of different species of flowering plants. This region is also an excellent birding area, with a high concentration of endemic birds.





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# Cape Town to Kruger National Park

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Our Cape to Kruger safari takes in a broad interest in the environment. We spend seven days experiencing the wonders of the Cape and the Garden Route. We visit many formal Botanical Gardens and Nature Reserves as well as venturing into the natural areas of the Cape. The Cape of Good Hope, West Coast National Park, Table Mountain, the Kogelberg mountains near Hermanus and the indigenous forests of the Garden Route are all destinations in our itinerary.

We then fly from Port Elizabeth to Johannesburg. We visit the Blyde River Canyon and the Great Escarpment of the Drakensberg en route to five nights in the world famous Kruger National Park. The park is one of the top wildlife watching reserves in the world, with an incredible diversity of birds, mammals and reptiles.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 3 x Cape Town

- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Cape Peninsula
- Cape of Good Hope - Walk
- Rondevlei Bird Reserve
- Langebaan Lagoon
- West Coast National Park
- Hermanus
- Whale Watching (*Aug - Nov*)
- Harold Porter Botanical Gardens
- African Penguin Colony

### 1 x Swellendam

- Route 62
- The Overberg

### 1 x Oudtshoorn

- Swartberg Mountains
- Little Karoo
- Garden Route National Park

### 2 x Plettenberg Bay

- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Indigenous Forest Walk
- Knysna Lagoon
- Port Elizabeth
- Mpumalanga

### 1 x Private Reserve

- Long Tom Pass
- Blyde River Canyon
- Three Rondavels

### 5 x Kruger National Park

- 14 x Game Drives
- Night Drives

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# The Garden Route

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This 5 day tour will take us through the rich agricultural land of the Overberg via Hermanus and the southern coast, where we will be looking out for bustards, raptors & the stately blue crane, South Africa's national bird. We'll visit the Bontebok National Park, home to the rare Cape mountain zebra and bontebok antelope - arriving at the Garden Route, which is characterised by beautiful indigenous forests, inland lakes, sweeping beaches, small quaint villages and large estuarine mud flats. We will visit the Knysna, Wilderness & Tsitsikamma National Parks, nature reserves and many sights of interest, while also enjoying walks along the coast and through the forests - and a boat trip up the Keurbooms River. The Outeniqua Mountain Pass leads us to Oudtshoorn, the Cango Caves, the Swartberg Mountains and the Little Karoo. The Karoo National Botanical Gardens is well known for succulents and hardy plants. En route back to Cape Town we will drive through the spectacular Du Toitskloof Mountains.



## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### Along the way to Swellendam

- South Coast Scenic Drive
- Harold Porter National Botanical Gardens
- Stony Point Penguin Colony
- Hermanus
- Fernkloof Nature Reserve
- Clifftop Walk
- Whale Watching (Aug - Nov)

### 1 x Swellendam

- Garden Route
- Nature's Valley Forest - Walk
- Diepwalle Forest - Walk
- Spitskop Peak
- Tsitsikamma National Park

### 2 x Plettenberg Bay

- Garden Route National Park
- Knysna Lagoon
- Outeniqua Mountain Pass

### 1 x Oudtshoorn

- Swartberg Mountain Pass
- Little Karoo
- Karoo Botanical Gardens
- Du Toitskloof Mountain Pass

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14 DAYS

# Garden Route & Addo Elephant NP

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The first 5 days of this two week tour are spent along the Garden Route (see page 13). We then head inland, over mountain passes, through the beautiful Karoo scenery to the Mountain Zebra National Park for three days of wildlife watching. Lion, cheetah, Cape buffalo, Cape mountain zebra and black wildebeest are five of the 68 mammal species resident in the park and there are over 170 bird species to look out for. A night drive could show us African wild cat, aardvark, aardwolf, genet and porcupine. We spend 5 days in the Addo Elephant National Park, enjoying the wildlife sightings, hopefully with a few close encounters with the elephant herds, lions and rhino! We will have many memorable adventures at bird hides, waterholes, and on game drives and night drives, with the option of a horse outride in the park.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### The Garden Route plus . . . 5 x Plettenberg Bay

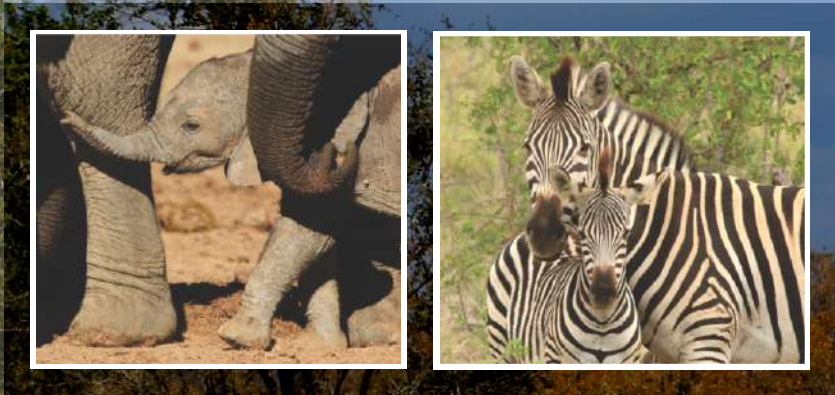
- Garden Route National Park
- Free Day - Garden Route
- Knysna Lagoon
- Prince Alfred Pass
- Camdeboo National Park
- Valley of Desolation

### 3 x Mountain Zebra National Park

- 5 x Game Drives
- 1 x Night Drive
- San Rock Art Walk

### 5 x Addo Elephant National Park

- 14 x Game Drives
- Addo - Bush Walk
- Horse Riding (optional extra)
- Bird Watching Walks





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# The Kruger National Park

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The Kruger National Park is one of the most famous National Parks in the world and the oldest one in Africa. The Kruger is a superb example of a rich, African savanna biome.

It is 350km long from north to south, at most 60km in width and covers a surface area of 1,948,528 hectares. The park is home to an unparalleled diversity of fauna & flora. At the last count, there were over 300 different types of trees, 49 species of fish, 33 types of amphibian, 114 reptilian species, 507 species of bird and 147 species of mammals in the park.

We would be spending our days driving slowly through the park, from north to south staying at 4 different camps. We will stop at waterholes, view points and bird hides, watching, identifying and photographing the wildlife. We have night drives planned and a few walks through the park with a park ranger.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 3 x Berg-en-Dal Camp

- Afsal Area
- Gardenia Bird Hide
- Mhlambane River System
- 3 x Game Drives / Day
- Night Drives
- Bird Watching Walks

### 3 x Satara Camp

- Tshokwane Area
- Nwanetsi View Point
- Sweni River Area
- Camp Botanical Walk
- 3 x Game Drives / Day
- Olifants Camp View Point
- Game Walk

### 2 x Letaba Camp

- Engelhardt Dam
- 3 x Game Drives / Day
- Letaba River Valley
- Mopani Camp

### 3 x Lower Sabie Camp

- Nkuhlu View Point
- 3 x Game Drives / Day
- Blyde River Canyon
- Three Rondavels
- Long Tom Pass

### 2 x Private Nature Reserve

- Bird Watching Walks



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# Drakensberg & Kruger National Park

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This safari explores the wildlife of a fascinating part of the country. We spend 4 days at the Golden Gate Highlands National Park and the Royal Natal National Park enjoying the spectacular mountain scenery of the rugged Drakensberg. The numerous walking trails will give us the opportunity to find the local endemic birds, as well as an up close look at the flora of the area. San rock art, dating back thousands of years, can also be viewed.

We spend two days birding & botanizing in the montane grass-lands that surround the wetlands of Wakkerstroom, which has an impressive diversity of birds. The montane grasslands are steeped in Anglo, Boer & Zulu history. The second week is spent in the famous Kruger National Park, one of the premier wildlife reserves of the world. The Kruger National Park provides wonderful bird watching & game viewing opportunities.

The park is home to an unparalleled diversity of fauna, with over 500 species of birds, approximately 150 mammal species and 120 reptilian species. We end off the safari bird watching & walking in a Private Nature Reserve, in the Mpumalanga Highlands.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 2 x Clarens

- Golden Gate National Park
- Maluti Mountains

### 2 x Drakensberg Lodge

- Royal Natal National Park
- San Rock Art - Walk
- Drakensberg Mountains

### 2 x Wakkerstroom

- Wetland Birdwatching
- Grassland Birding & Botanizing - Walk

### 3 x Berg-end-Dal Camp

- Afsaal Area
- Gardenia Bird Hide
- Mhlambane River System
- 3 x Game Drives / Day
- Night Drives
- Fantastic Birdwatching

### 2 x Satara Camp

- Tshokwane Area
- Nwanetsi View Point
- Sweni River Area
- Camp Botanical Walk
- 3 x Game Drives / Day
- Olifant's Camp View Point
- Big 5 Walking Tour

### 2 x Satara Camp

- Tshokwane Area
- Nwanetsi View Point
- Sweni River Area
- Camp Botanical Walk
- 3 x Game Drives / Day
- Olifant's Camp View Point
- Big 5 Walking Tour

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# Drakensberg & Zululand

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We'll be spending six days walking, birdwatching and botanizing in the spectacular Drakensberg Mountains. This is a perfect area for photography. We'll visit the Royal Natal National Park, Champagne Castle & Cathedral Peak areas, which offer panoramic mountain vistas, whilst on short botanical walks. Three days are spent in Zululand, at a Private Game Reserve near St Lucia, where we enjoy open top 4x4 game drives, a river bird-watching boat trip, as well as wildlife & botanical walks. This is followed by three days botanizing & birding in the montane grasslands around Wakkerstroom in the Highveld with its bird-rich wetlands, and great photo opportunities.

## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 3 x Clarens

- Golden Gate National Park
- Maluti Mountains
- Holkrans Cave - Walk

### 3 x Drakensberg Lodge

- Royal Natal National Park
- San Rock Art - Walk
- Drakensberg Mountains
- uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park
- Cathkin Valley - Walk

### 4 x Private Nature Reserve

- Zululand
- World Heritage Site
- 4x4 Game Drives
- St Lucia
- River Boat Trip - Birdwatching
- Bush Walks - Birdwatching
- Night Drives

### 3 x Wakkerstroom

- Wetland Birdwatching
- Grassland Birding & Botanizing Walk



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# Namibia Photographic Safari

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Namibia provides endless photographic opportunities to the photographer. In addition to being a culturally rich country, it also has impressive desert scenery with some of the most dramatic sand dunes in the world. The unusual geological rock formations, mountains & deserts, the bird-rich coastline & wetlands of the Skeleton Coast, plus the wildlife of the Etosha National Park all provide a wide scope for creative photography.



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# Classic Namibia Safari

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From the capital city of Windhoek we head into the beautiful desert scenery of the Namib-Naukluft National Park and the dramatic sand dunes of Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. We cross the expansive Namib Desert and arrive at the bird-rich coastline & wetlands of Walvis Bay lagoon. We visit the notorious Skeleton Coast, with shipwrecks, seal colonies and endless sand dunes.

The arid Damaraland, with its rich cultural history, is followed by the world famous Etosha National Park - one of Africa's finest wildlife reserves. Here we'll be treated to a wonderful array of birds and mammals.

At the Waterberg Plateau we'll be walking some of the birding trails, seeing many new birds and wildlife. Sundowners on top of the escarpment is a wonderful way to round off this trip.



## HIGHLIGHTS: Number of Nights

### 1 x Windhoek

- Windhoek Botanical Gardens
- Avis Dam Birdwatching

### 2 x Namib-Naukluft National Park

- Sossusvlei Dunes
- Dead Vlei
- Namib-Naukluft National Park
- Swakopmund

### 2 x Walvis Bay

- Walvis Bay Lagoon - Birdwatching
- Moon Landscape Scenic Route
- Welwitschia Plains

### 1 x Damaraland

- Petrified Forest
- San Rock Art Trail

### 5 x Etosha National Park

- Flood-lit Waterholes
- Wildlife & Birdwatching
- 14 x Game Drives
- Night Drives

### 2 x Waterberg National Park

- 4 x 4 Game Drives on the Plateau
- Walking Trails & Birdwatching

## WALKING TOURS



Our walking holidays are a blend of short five to six kilometer morning walks, with sightseeing and wildlife watching in the afternoon. Our standard walks are not too demanding, however they can be adapted to meet your style of walking or hiking. Most of the itineraries in this brochure can be adapted to a walking holiday. Good walking boots and a day pack would be a prerequisite on these tours.

## SELF-DRIVE SAFARIS



For our self-drive itineraries we will make all your accommodation and car-hire reservations, as well as obtain any necessary entry permits that you may require. We supply a detailed itinerary of your proposed route, including advice on excellent places to find the local birds, wildlife & flora and also the places of interest along the way. Most of the itineraries in this brochure can be adapted to a self-drive holiday.

## **GEOFF CRANE** (Reg No: WC0650)



Geoff Crane spent his early years in East Africa, where he developed a keen interest in natural history, with a special interest in birds. Before settling in Cape Town, Geoff travelled to over 40 countries experiencing different cultures and learning about the diverse natural history of each country. Geoff is a recognised and accredited guide. He now lives in and operates Crane's Cape Travel from Cape Town with his wife, Antoinette. Geoff takes great pleasure in sharing the treasures of Southern Africa.

## **OUR 'SAFARI STYLE'**



We like to use small 4 star guest houses, private game lodges and camps within the National Parks, with the main criteria being that the establishment is situated in beautiful surroundings. Our accommodation usually has a swimming pool, extensive gardens and grounds, where you will be able to enjoy your 'free time' birdwatching, photographing, photo editing or simply enjoying a cup of tea!

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