

3-DAY GARDEN ROUTE & SAFARI FACTSHEET



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OVERVIEW

Looking to explore the Garden Route on one epic three-day road trip? Then you've found your match! This fast-paced itinerary is filled to the brim with the best highlights the area has to offer. Ideal for the young-at-heart, this trip will have you driving along the coast and inland for most of the journey with stops to take part in activities along this piece of paradise of the southeastern coast of South Africa...

The road trip begins as you drive along the longest wine route on the planet, South Africa's very own Route 62. Enjoy the rugged scenery as you make your way to Oudtshoorn to explore the fascinating underground maze of the Cango Caves. Observe three orphaned elephants as they roam freely in nature, canoe along tranquil waters in Wilderness, face your fears if you choose to bungee off the world's highest bungee-bridge spot or visit a nearby forest area. Bundu-bash through fynbos bushveld on a 4x4 safari as you set out to spot members of Africa's Big Five.

A fun and action-packed itinerary is waiting for you!

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ITINERARY GUIDELINE

This itinerary guideline may need to run in reverse or a different order based on the season or availability of accommodation or activities.

DAY 1

Oudtshoorn - ±450km

Start with an early morning pick-up from your accommodation in Cape Town or Stellenbosch. Usually between ±6am to 8am, subject to the pickup route, traffic and your pickup address.

Set off along the Route 62, where you'll capture the beauty of high mountains, twisting passes, vast Karoo plains, vineyards and orchards. Pop in at one of the many farm stalls along the way, stocked with locally crafted delights before arriving in Oudtshoorn.

Delve deep underground into the magical Cango Caves' limestone chambers, alive with drip formation stalactites and stalagmites and some ancient Khoikhoi rock paintings. Opt for the Adventure tour to squeeze your way through narrow limestone gaps on a daring route or choose the calm history Heritage tour if you don't like small spaces.

You'll spend the evening in Oudtshoorn at leisure. Either head to town to enjoy a restaurant meal or join locals for an outdoor braai (similar to barbeque) including some of our local South African favourite dishes, subject to availability.



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DAY 2

Karoo Region > Sedgefield - ±350km

Those seeking a meaningful experience and closer encounter with Mother Nature can join qualified elephant guides on an optional Elephant Observation in Nature (at extra expense). Learn more about these orphans' life and history and why these gentle giants made this private game reserve their home.

Then, take to the water for a leisurely afternoon paddle along the reed-lined banks in Wilderness. Indigenous forest lines the river, and it's not until you stop rowing and let the gentle current guide you, that the abundance of birdlife becomes apparent.

The adventure continues as you reach Bloukrans Bridge, the world's highest commercial bridge bungee jump. The bungee bridge itself is fairly unassuming as you drive over it, but it's pretty clear from the squeals and screams that this isn't your average photo stop. Seemingly normal people hurtle face-first down the 216m drop only to spring back up on an elastic cord like a yo-yo.

If you do not wish to bungee jump, this region is a playground for the outdoors and those who'd prefer to keep their feet on solid ground can go on an informal walk nearby the bridge, stay at the bridge to watch the bungee jumpers or get an earlier transfer to your accommodation.

DAY 3

Garden Route Region - ±450km

Start the day in the heart of the African bush. On your first stop of the day, spot some of Africa's wild animals from the back of an open 4x4 vehicle in the malaria-free Botlierskop Private Game Reserve. Search for giraffe, white rhino, kudu, lion, elephant, zebra and wildebeest, just to name a few. The game drive is led by an experienced game ranger, sharing his knowledge of the local wildlife.

When your guide finds the perfect spot (subject to weather and safety), you'll hop off your safari vehicle for an even closer connection to nature on a quick, tranquil ±5 minute mini-bushwalk during the safari. Follow your game ranger as he keeps an eye out for animal tracks and shares names and uses of the endemic plants.

Journey back through the landscape of rolling farmlands as you pass through the heart of the Garden Route on your way back to Cape Town. End with an evening drop-off at your Cape Town or Stellenbosch accommodation between +/- 7pm to 10pm, subject to traffic and your drop-off address.



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INCLUDED

- Shared Small Group
 - Usually about 9 to 13 guests maximum allowed per vehicle or tour guide.
- Local Guide
 - Led by a local English-speaking professional tour guide.
- Transport
 - Transfers to included tour highlights.
- Pickup + Drop-off
 - A transfer service will collect you from your Cape Town accommodation.
- Accommodation
 - 2 night's single room accommodation
- Meals
 - 2 x Breakfast included
 - 2 x Dinner included
- 2Cchange donation
 - A part of your trip fees will help fund the 2Cchange projects we support.
Read more about these projects online at: hotspots2c.co.za/change
- Included Activities & Entry fees
 - Route 62
 - Cango Caves Exploring
 - Kayaking in Wilderness
 - Botlierskop 4x4 Safari

EXCLUDED

- **Optionals**

Optional activities are not included and are not compulsory. It can be booked with the tour guide and paid directly to the activity provider on tour.

 - Bungy Jump at Bloukrans Bridge **± R1,690**
 - Elephant Observation in Nature **± R635**

± Rates for optional activities are only an indication and subject to change by season or third party suppliers.
- **Drinks and some meals**

Refer to the included section above to see the meals listed as included for this tour. Time is allocated daily to buy and enjoy additional excluded meals + drinks on route.
- **Travel Insurance**

You are responsible for your own personal travel insurance.

This tour is scheduled to depart on most weekends of the year, excluding the period between Christmas and New Year, and if minimum numbers required for the trip are not reached. Refer to the tour's booking terms should the tour need to be cancelled for any reason.



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