

The Garden Route and the Cape Winelands



Relish the scenic splendour of the Cape Winelands, Klein Karoo and the Garden Route. This journey sets out on the road less travelled through the Cape Winelands and the evocative Klein Karoo before traversing the Outeniqua Mountain Pass and descending to the lush Garden Route coastline. It is a circular route, ending back in Cape Town via the coastal roadway, allowing you to take in all the fantastic highlights of this beautiful region. Enjoy the landscapes and warm hospitality of the Klein Karoo, whale-watching in Hermanus, and fine wines in the heart of the Cape Wineland. This small group tour departs Cape Town on Wednesday and is subject to a minimum of two guests.

This route is easy to self-drive – just ask our advice. However if you prefer a more relaxing option, this guided tour will provide all of the highlights.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Depart Cape Town

Depart Cape Town for Oudtshoorn, stopping off in the town of Barrydale en-route, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school. (The school visit is subject to school being opened).

Oudtshoorn is the “ostrich feather capital” and the centre of the world’s Ostrich farming industry.

Overnight in Oudtshoorn. [D]

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Day 2 – Oudtshoorn

After breakfast take a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves, one of the world's great natural wonders, sculpted by nature through the ages.

Afterwards, ascend the Swartberg Mountains via the world renowned Swartberg Pass (weather permitting). Get close to nature and explore the spectacular Sandstone formations dating back more than 300 million years. View the diverse "fynbos" species ranging from various protea species as well as "cone bush" and "pin cushions". Return to Oudtshoorn for a tour and light lunch at an Ostrich Farm.



Overnight in Oudtshoorn. [BL]



Day 3 – Knysna

After breakfast, travel over the scenic Outeniqua Pass to George, the administrative hub of the Garden Route area and then onto Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa, nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon in the heart of the Garden Route.

Enjoy a lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, where you can take a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head to enjoy panoramic

views of the town and lagoon, returning for lunch under the milkwood trees.

The afternoon is at leisure to further explore this charming town set around a natural harbour lagoon.

Overnight in Knysna. [BL]

Day 4 – Tsitsikamma

After a leisurely breakfast, drive through the Tsitsikamma Forests, continuing to Bloukrans Bridge, the highest single span arch bridge in the world, currently offering the highest commercially operated Bungy Jump in the world. Explore this breathtaking stretch of the Garden Route, where mountains, indigenous forests, deep gorges, and lush vegetation hug the rugged coastline of cliffs and sandy beaches. Here is an abundance of indigenous flora, ancient yellowwood trees and magnificent fynbos plants.



In the afternoon you'll return to Knysna, via Plettenberg Bay, originally christened "Bahia Formosa" ("beautiful bay") by early Portuguese explorers. The highlight of the area is undoubtedly the rivers, beaches and the bay with its ideal conditions for all varieties of watersport, including sailing in the safe waters of the Bay, superb rock and surf fishing, and scuba diving.

Overnight in Knysna. [B]

Day 5 – Hermanus

Today, begin the first leg of the return journey. Travel via George and Mossel Bay to the picturesque Cape Dutch town of Swellendam, where lunch will be enjoyed. This charming town was founded in 1745 at the foot of the Langeberg Mountain Range and is famous for its young berries, eclectic architecture and National Parks, as well as outdoor activities.



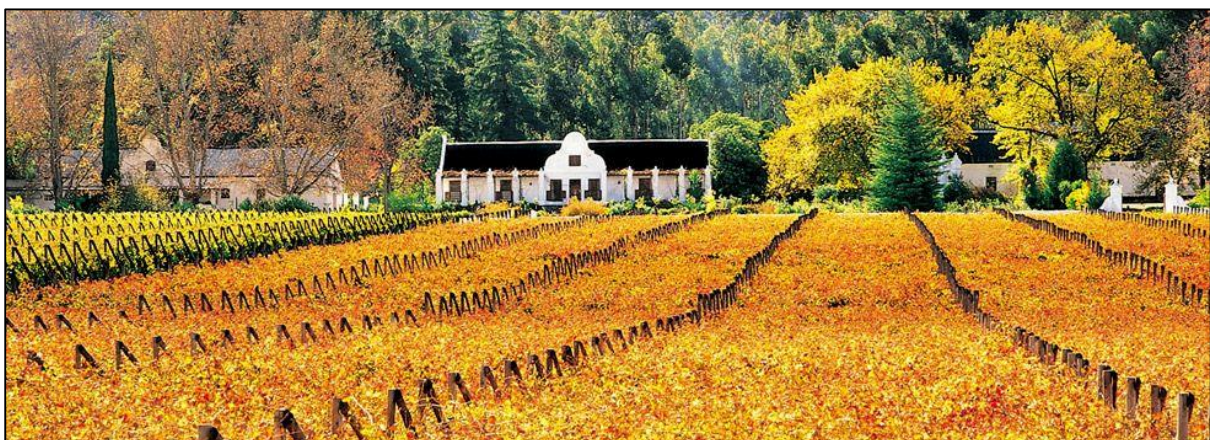
Your journey continues further to the seaside resort of Hermanus, known as the heart of the whale route, offering the best land based whale watching (Aug-Nov) in the world.

Overnight in Hermanus. [BL]

Day 6 – Winelands

After a leisurely breakfast depart Hermanus and continue to Somerset West, travelling via the scenic coastal road to Gordon's Bay. This is a spectacular route with steep cliffs and lovely coves. Locals label it as the Helderberg areas own "Chapman's Peak" drive. The route offers amazing views over False Bay.

Travel to the Stellenbosch area, set within the scenic Cape Winelands. A beautiful town in the heart of the Cape Winelands, Stellenbosch is a gracious blend of old Cape Dutch, Georgian and Victorian architecture. A wine tasting will be enjoyed, before travelling to Cape Town, where the tour ends on arrival. [B]



If you wish to spend more time in Cape Town we recommend a stay near the busy V&A Waterfront area; ask our advice and also about day tours in the city.

Price Guide

*The cost of this itinerary is from **£1045 per person***, based on twin share and subject to availability at the time of booking. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).*

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Includes:

Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
Activities as described and National Park fees

Excludes:

International flights
Pre and post tour accommodation
Visas
Travel Insurance – ask us for a quote
Items of a personal nature

