

ACACIA AFRICA

CAPE GARDEN ROUTE – TOUR DOSSIER

Tour Code **CGR7**

CAPE TOWN – CAPE TOWN

7 DAYS

Tour Starts – 08h30 pick up from your Cape Town hotel on day one

HIGHLIGHTS

Hermanus	Knysna
Cape Agulhas	Bloukrans Bridge
Beer tasting	Addo National Park
Oudtshoorn	Aloe Factory
Tradouws Pass	Sedgefield
Warmwaterberg Hot Springs	Jeffreys bay
Cango Caves	Canoeing on Sundays River



Enjoy an affordable, fun- filled journey around the scenic garden route from amazing scenic passes, walking in thick, coastal forests, scenic canoe adventures, Game viewing at Addo National Park and visiting the world's highest bungy!
This tour offers a great taste of all the region offers.

INTENDED ITINERARY

Whilst it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore, treat the following as a guide only.

This tour is operated in association with a local operator. Acacia is proud to be working with local companies supporting local communities.

Duration: 7 Days
Countries visited: South Africa

DAY 1

Whale Route, Hermanus, Birkenhead Brewery and Cape Agulhas

Dx1

Backpackers lodgings – dorm accommodation

Departing from Cape Town, we drive east, along the Atlantic coast to join the world famous whale Route in Gordon's Bay for a stunning drive along the picturesque R44 mountain pass overlooking False Bay to the vibrant coastal town of Hermanus. After an opportunity to take some photographs we continue to Birkenhead brewery to sample some fine beer before moving to the south most tip of Africa 'Cape Agulhas National Park' From here we head to the harbour where you have the opportunity to embark on an exciting ski-boat cruise to search for dolphins and whales (June – November). After our cruise we walk along the 'Die Plaat' – the longest beach in the Southern Hemisphere to our accommodation to relax for the afternoon.

DAY 2

Tradouws Pass, Route 62, the little Karoo and Oudtshoorn

Bx1 Dx1

Backpackers lodgings – dorm accommodation

This morning we head inland and drive north through the rolling wheat fields to the Langerberg Mountains to the Klein Karoo (Little Karoo), an attractive region of hills and farmland where aloe and other similar succulents pepper the landscape. We stop off at Warmwaterberg Spa for lunch and a relaxing swim in 43 degree natural hot springs before arriving to Oudtshoorn, Known as the ostrich capital of the world. Here you have the

opportunity to view and ride these prehistoric birds or go on a guided tour of the Cango Endangered Wildlife Ranch for the opportunity to interact with cheetah's, cage dive with crocodiles and view rare and endangered animal species.

DAY 3
Cango Caves, Knysna, Bloukrans Bridge & Tsitsikamma National Park
Bx1, Dx1
Backpackers lodgings – dorm accommodation

We leave Oudtshoorn this morning for a guided tour of the magnificent Cango Caves to view its massive caverns and a wonderland of stalactite and stalagmite formations, millions of years old. We head over the dramatic Outeniqua Mountains. Entering the Garden Route for the first time in George and take a leisure drive up the coast to the coast to Knysna – rated South Africa's most beautiful town. Here we will take a walk to the entrance of the lagoon to explore the captivating scenery surrounding the famous Knysna Heads. Heading on, we drive to the highest road bridge in Africa at Bloukrans Bridge. At a height of 216m this is also the site of the highest bungy jump in the world! For those wishing to take a leap, this is your opportunity! Jump if you dare!

DAY 4
Tsitsikamma, Sundays River Valley
Bx1 Dx1
Backpackers lodgings – dorm accommodation

This morning you have the opportunity to explore the Tsitsikamma National Park, either a hike across the suspension bridge at Storms River Mouth or by blackwater tubing. Tubing is a unique, four hour fun adventure, filled with splashing, swimming, rock jumping, kloofing and hiking (seasonal). We stop off at the fun waterfall zipline at Tsitsikamma Falls Adventure for the opportunity to try the 'Buffeljags Dam Foefie- Slide' – at 210 meters, this tour takes you on 8 cable rides over the Kruis River down a ravine over 3 waterfalls. We drive inland towards Addo and our accommodation for the evening on the banks of the Sunday River where we enjoy a nice canoe on the river. In the evening relax around the fire and watch the African skies unfold.

DAY 5
Addo National Park, Port Elizabeth and Jeffrey's Bay
Bx1, Dx1

We rise early this morning to embark on our game drive in Addo Park along the network of winding roads stopping regularly for photographs and information on animals we encounter along the way – famous for the densest African elephant population on earth, totalling over 500 elephants in the 145,000ha National Park. On our game drive we will disembark our vehicle at the main lookout point for a spectacular view over the evergreen wilderness. We leave this amazing park and drive leisurely to Port Elizabeth, a major seaport and tourist destination to the pristine beaches of Jeffrey's Bay – renowned the world over as one of the best surfing waves on the planet. We stop off and check out the waves at 'Supertubes' before exploring the town and visiting the ever-popular surf ware factory shops i.e. Billabong, Rip Curl, Roxy, Quicksilver to name a few. In the afternoon, relax and unwind or if you are amped hire a board to experience the waves for yourself or do a surf lesson.

DAY 6 -7
The Craggs, Sedgefield
Bx2, Dx1

This morning we begin our relaxing journey back to Cape Town with our first stop for the day at the Craggs Orphaned Elephant Sanctuary where you have the opportunity to walk, feed and ride an African elephant while receiving knowledgeable African Guide. After the sanctuary we continue down the Garden Route, stopping occasionally to take in anything we have missed on our way up. We arrive at our accommodation overlooking the sea at Myoli Beach in Sedgefield where you have the opportunity to try the local water sports – kite surfing, wake boarding, paragliding and various other board rentals. The following morning we drive back to Cape Town, stopping at the Aloe factory in Albertina before our arrangement end early afternoon.

Cape Town Extension
3 nights/4 days

Extend your stay in Cape Town before or after this tour with a three night/ four day package that includes a Cape of Good Hope and Peninsula tour. Contact Acacia, your agent or look online for more details on our **Cape Town City Stay**.

TOUR INFORMATION

A great tour for those on a budget, looking for a short but comprehensive journey around the western cape with lots of variety and the chance to enjoy adrenaline activities along the way.

TOUR STYLE

Short Safaris and Treks

WHAT'S INCLUDED

All highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, services of drivers/ guide.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport taxes & transfers, tips, drinks, laundry, optional activities & items of a personal nature.

ACCOMMODATION

Multi-share hostel room with share facilities (6 nights); a private room is possible with payment of an upgrade supplement.

TRANSPORT

Minibus

OPERATOR

As this tour is run by a respected local tour operator, you will benefit from their extensive local knowledge and enthusiasm as well as helping Acacia support local businesses in Africa.

TOUR PREPARATION

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Cape Town is well served by a variety of airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

Meeting point in **Cape Town:**

Pick up from your hotel in central Cape Town (if we have not reserved your accommodation in Cape Town for you please remember to tell us where you are staying the night before departure!)

Tour start time:

08h30 (8:30am)

Tour end point in **Cape Town:**

Drop off at your hotel in central Cape Town

Tour end time:

16h00 (4pm – approx)

EXTENDING YOUR STAY

If you wish to extend your stay in Cape Town additional accommodation can be booked, usually on a direct pay basis. Please ask Acacia or your agent for more details. If you would like a 3 night stay in Cape Town before or after your trip with airport transfer and a selection of daytrips include, take a look online or in our brochure, at our **Cape Town City Stay**.

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. For this tour you will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings. Bring swimming things for pools and hot springs. From June to August it can be wet so a light rain jacket may be useful. It is also a good idea to purchase a money pouch / belt that is easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel/ lodgings safe to store the bulk of your money, passport and airline tickets.

VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
S. Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
S. Africa	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

MONEY MATTERS

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and internet cafes etc. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget £10-15 per day. Also keep cash for any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

- **Currency** South Africa – South African Rand (ZAR)
- **Spending money** is best carried as cash in Rand or through a debit card. Money exchange facilities are available in Cape Town airport and city banks as well as most of the towns along the route.
- **ATM machines** are widely available in Cape Town and the garden route towns.
- **Credit cards** are widely accepted. Cash advances are possible from banks but extra charges may be made on your card, to use the service.
- **Travellers cheques** are becoming increasingly difficult to cash – bring only as emergency funds.

TIPPING

You may like to give a small gratuity to any drivers/guides on your day excursions, for services rendered. This is completely at your own discretion.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price (ZAR)	Activity	Price
Cango Endangered Wildlife Ranch	R105	Waterfall Zip lining	R350
Interact with Cheetahs	R150	Boat based whale & dolphin watching	R200
Cage diving with Crocodiles	R285	Monkeyland	R120
Bungy jumping at Bloukrans Bridge	R680	Shark Cage Diving	R1550
Tsitsikamma NP entrance fee	R100	Surf lessons	R200
Tsitsikamma black water tubing (Sept-Apr)	R445	Kite boarding/wake boarding	R175-275
Addo 4x4 game drive	R200	Elephant Sanctuary	R295-375

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please contact Acacia for more information.



RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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