

CAPE TOWN, WINELANDS AND GARDEN ROUTE

14 DAYS

TAKE IN ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S
MOST ICONIC ROUTES BY EXPLORING
CAPE TOWN AND THE FAMOUS
GARDEN ROUTE



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM

OVERVIEW

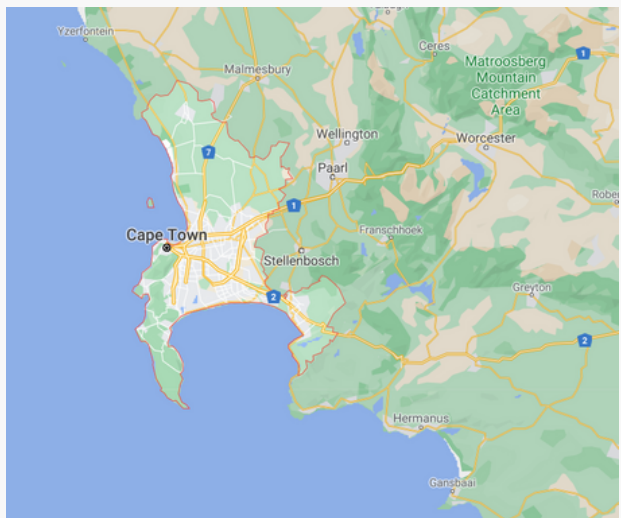
Many first time visitors to South Africa enjoy a soft introduction to the country. This itinerary incorporates classic highlights such as Cape Town, Cape Winelands, Garden Route and a Big Five safari in the Eastern Cape.

Cape Town is undoubtedly one of South Africa's most beautiful cities. Table Mountain towers over the city skyline and can be spotted from as the majestic Cape Winelands.

Accommodation in Cape Town, the Cape Winelands and the Garden Route vary from friendly and characterful B&B's and guesthouses, to some of the most luxurious hotels in the world.



DAY 1



Drive time:
30 mins from Cape Town international to Cape
Town city centre

After arriving in Cape Town, collect your car or meet your pre-arranged transfer and drive to into the city.

When you arrive, settle into your accommodation and venture out to get more acquainted with the city.

Kloof Street has a few popular local restaurants.



DAY 2



Cape Town's red Hop on Hop off bus is a great way to explore the city. There are various routes to choose from and the bus covers most of the city's well-known sights including Table Mountain and Camps Bay.

Tickets can be purchased from the ticket office and bus depot (outside the Two Ocean's Aquarium at the V&A Waterfront).



DAY 3



A trip to Robben Island is a must-do experience for many visitors to South Africa. Robben Island is a former prison and also most known as the prison where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years of imprisonment.

It is recommended to book and pre-pay this experience for your clients well in advance due to availability. Ferries operate at 09h00, 11h00 and 13h00 (A 15h00 ferry is also added when the South African summer season commences). Passengers should arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled times of departure, boarding gates close 10 minutes before departure time.



DAY 4



Leave after an early breakfast for a full day trip to Cape Point and the Cape Peninsula. On the way, the potential stops enroute to Cape Point are Kirstenbosch Gardens and the coastal towns of Kalk Bay, Muizenberg and Simon's Town, before stopping at Boulders Beach to spot the colony of endangered African penguins.

Cape Point Nature Reserve is home to a vast array of fauna and flora. The reserve also has a few walking trails (walking shoes here are recommended) and the Flying Dutchman Funicular which transports you up all the way to the lighthouse (for those who do not wish to walk up). On the return to Cape Town, be sure to stop at the harbour town of Hout Bay for fresh fish and chips, before making your way along Chapman's Peak, enjoying one of the most scenic drives in the world.



DAY 5



The towns of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek are located an hour's drive outside of Cape Town and forms part of the Western Cape's Winelands route. The towns are equally charming – Stellenbosch is the second oldest town in South Africa with wine estates on its edges, whilst Franschhoek is much smaller in size and home to some of South Africa's leading restaurants.

Most vineyards allow walk-in tastings and some also do unique food & wine pairings. Your clients can stop on route and visit wine estates to enjoy some local wine tasting or a hearty meal. Allow one hour minimum for a standard tasting at each wine estate.



DAY 6



Depending on the town you are sending your clients to, there are two great options: Wine Tram in Franschhoek or the Vine Hopper in Stellenbosch. Both of these experiences have various routes and operate on a “hop on hop off” system where your clients will stop at various wine estates for tastings. We would recommend pre-booking these experiences. Other activities include horseback wine tours; bicycle wine tours or private driver tours.





DAY 7



After your clients enjoy an early breakfast and checking out, they should head down to the coastal town of Hermanus (about a 90 minute drive), where between the months of June to November they are likely to see Southern Right whales. The whales can often be spotted from the shoreline. If your clients are travelling outside whale watching season, then we would recommend a visit to Gansbaai to do Great White Shark Cage Diving.

If they are not interested in this there are still plenty of other activities they can do, including tours through the fynbos (a unique heathland vegetation occurring in this area of the Western Cape), sea kayaking, hiking trails etc. [Read more here.](#)



DAY 8



South Africa's Garden Route is often described as one of the most scenic routes in the world. After checking out in Hermanus/Gansbaai, your clients will begin the journey down the Garden Route. The town of Oudthoorn is located about four hours away and is great to stop and explore.

Oudtshoorn is situated in the arid Little Karoo area and provides an interesting diversion from the florally rich Garden Route. This quirky town is most known for its ostrich farming and the famous Cango Caves.



DAY 9



After checking out, hop back into your car and drive back onto the Garden Route. The towns of Knysna and Plettenberg Bay are two of the most famous towns on the Garden Route and located around 2.5 hours outside Hermanus. Knysna is well-known for the Knysna Lagoon and Knysna Forest and a perfect stop for more active clients.

Plettenberg Bay is located about an half hour further east and is famous for its sandy beaches and wide range of marine life. After arrival, the rest of the day can be used to settle in and explore.



DAY 10

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Today we would recommend a hike in the Knysna Forest or an Ocean Safari where your clients can spot bottle-nose dolphins from a speed boat. Another option would be to drive further east to the Tsitsikamma National Park for a walk through the forest, zip-lining or kayaking down the Storms River.



DAY 11-13

SOUTH 
AFRICA

This morning after breakfast, we recommend your clients head straight to their Eastern Cape Game Reserve of choice. Most reserves are located around 3.5 hours' drive east of Knysna/Plettenberg Bay. There are various private game reserves to choose from and each offer respective accommodation standards (self-catering to luxury lodge-style). We recommend an all-inclusive experience where meals, drinks and safari activities are included. It's nice to arrive at the game reserve in time for lunch and before the first afternoon game drive and your safari experience begins.

A Typical Day on Safari

0400-0500: Wake up call



0530-0600: Morning coffee



0600: Game drive



0900: Breakfast at the lodge



After breakfast you have free time to relax or take up any activities your lodge offers

1300: Lunch is served



1500: Afternoon tea



1530 -1830: Evening drive with sundowners



1900: Dinner

sometimes served outside, in the boma





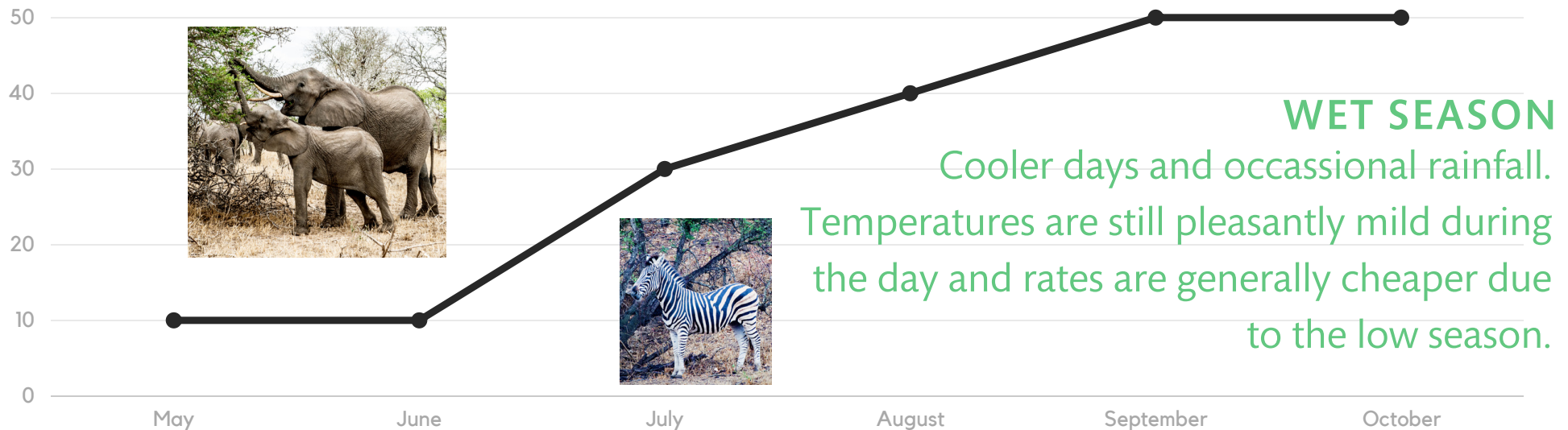
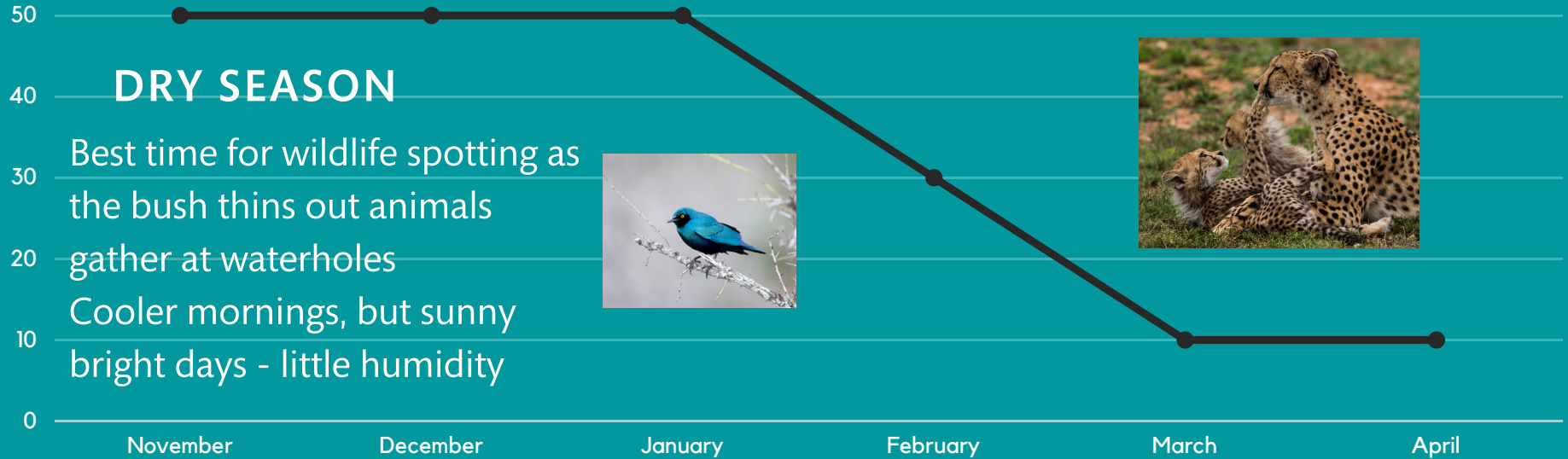
DAY 14



This morning your clients will normally have time to head out on one last morning game drive before returning for breakfast, then getting back in their car to head back to Port Elizabeth Airport (around two hours' drive depending on which reserve your clients are staying at) for their flight back to Johannesburg and onwards.

SO, WHEN SHOULD I GO?

SEPTEMBER
- APRIL



The Essentials

South Africa has 11 official languages and English is widely spoken

Malaria protection is advised in the Kruger region - see [Fit For Travel](#) for more information

South Africans drive on the left and signs are in English, it's recommended to drive during the day and to use GPS

Metered taxis and Ubers are easy to use to get round cities

British Citizens do not need a visa to enter South African for a period of 90 days

Tipping is appreciated for guides, rangers and trackers - this is at your discretion, but work on 200 ZAR per guest per day for rangers and 300 ZAR per stay for lodge staff

Vital info



Time Zone

GMT+2.
A big plus is
no jet lag



Currency

The Rand
(ZAR) is
currently 18 to
the GBP



Flight time

11 hours to
Jo'burg with
British Airways

