

Tour code: **SAa17**  
**2026**  
 Guaranteed departures  
 Small group safari maximum: **12 travellers**  
 Travel through: **South Africa & Swaziland / eSwatini**  
 Safari length: **17 days**



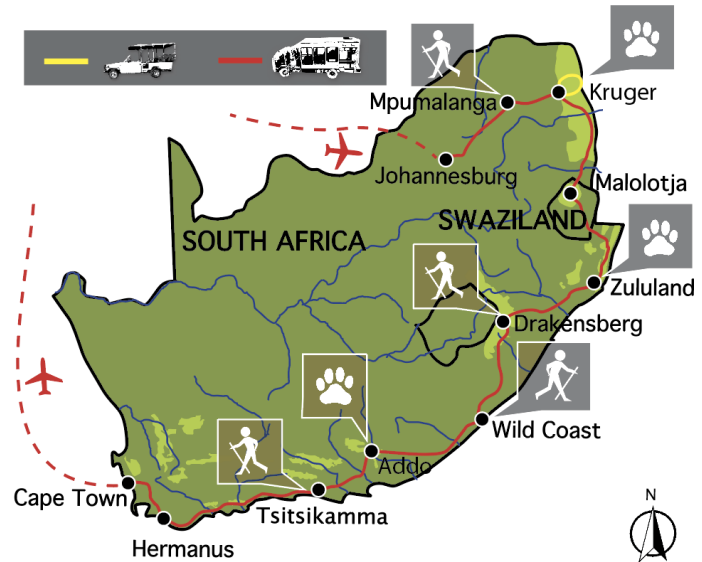
## SOUTH AFRICA "RAINBOW ROUTE"

The Rainbow Route is an overview tour of South Africa including neighbouring Kingdom of Swaziland/eSwatini. The tour covers many highlights with a strong focus on the national parks. This diverse country is explored over great distances that may involve long days on the road, generally followed by a full day to experience the area. The fully accommodated tour offers a great value for money way to explore South Africa.

**DEPARTS:** JOHANNESBURG on Saturday at 06:30am  
**ENDS:** CAPE TOWN on Monday at +/- 18:00pm

### Highlights

- \* Kruger National Park – game drives
- \* Swaziland/eSwatini – mountain walks
- \* Zululand – game drives & cultural village
- \* Drakensberg Mountains – mountain walks
- \* Wild Coast – beach walks & Xhosa culture
- \* Garden Route – forest walks, beaches and whales
- \* Cape Town – Cape Point & Table Mountain



## SAFARI STYLE: ACCOMMODATED

**Overnight** 16 nights on safari we stay at small lodges and guest houses, with en suite facilities.

**Meals** 16 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 10 dinners are included. Of which 12 breakfasts & 6 dinners are provided by the lodges. The remaining included meals are provided by the Sunway crew, prepared at the vehicle and eaten around the campfire or in a boma or dining area.

**Transport** we use custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats. The vehicles are comfortable for cruising and excellent for game viewing with large sliding windows and front hatches for ease of viewing. On 5% of tours we may use Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 seats and air conditioning (with trailer for equipment and baggage).

There are several long days of travel providing for a beautiful journey on the way to exciting and varied destinations.

**Limited participation** an essential part of your safari is some participation. From carrying your own bag to cleaning your window and packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly (especially on the longer days). Where the tour leaders provide meals, we ask that clients help (on rotation) with the washing up.



## ACCOMMODATED ITINERARY

### Day 1 - 2 JOHANNESBURG to GREATER KRUGER [lodge Bx1 Lx2 Dx2]

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Departing from Johannesburg at 06:30am we head towards Mpumalanga where mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls & forests characterise the landscape. We enjoy the views from God's Window before descending off the escarpment and heading to our game lodge on the border of the Greater Kruger NP.

The following morning, we are up early for a full day of game viewing in Kruger National Park in our open game drive vehicle. We will return to our lodge in the late afternoon to enjoy sunset over the Drakensberg Mountains, a swim in the pool and a hearty meal before falling asleep to the sounds of Africa.

*Day 2: Breakfast provided by the lodge*

*Day 1-2: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 1-2: Dinner will be a set meal provided by the lodge*

**Includes:** Entrance to God's Window, Three Rondavels viewpoint & Kruger National Park.  
**Distance/time:** **Day 1** ±580km, 8h30 actual driving time, so with a lunch stop and sightseeing at Gods Window and the Three Rondavels we expect a total travel day of ±10h00.  
**Day 2** ±150km, today is all game driving of ±9h00.  
**Overnight:** [Makuwa Safari Lodge](#) – twin room with en suite facilities. Swimming pool. No wifi but there is mobile network.



### Day 3 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK [chalet BLD]

We stretch our legs on a short morning walk exploring the surrounding bush before we re-enter Kruger NP and head south. Kruger NP, the largest game reserve in South Africa, boasts the world's greatest concentration of species, and has an amazing 16 different ecosystems. Exciting game drives provide us with excellent game viewing. Spot the "Big 5" (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo) and many other animals in this true African wilderness.

*Day 3: Breakfast provided by the lodge*

*Day 3: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 3: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

**Includes:** Entrance to Kruger National Park, morning & afternoon game drives.  
**Distance/time:** ±100km afternoon game drive of variable duration.  
**Optional Activities** Night game drive in national parks open game viewing vehicle.  
**Overnight:** [Kruger National Park Chalets or Tents](#) – we stay in national parks board in en-suite chalets or permanent tents. Swimming pool, restaurant, and telephone. Wifi available at fee.



### Day 4 KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND [chalet BLD]


Malolotja Nature Reserve in the mountainous Kingdom of Swaziland/eSwatini is our next attraction. Renowned for a great variety of habitats from short grassland, to thick riverine scrub, bushveld and

moist forest, we explore the reserve on foot to enjoy the fantastic mountain views. Relax around a campfire dinner and stay in mountain cabins for the night.

*Day 4: Breakfast will be provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 4: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 4: Dinner will be a set menu provided by the lodge*

**Includes:** Entrance fees to Malolotja Nature Reserve.  
**Distance/time:** ±220km, 5h00 actual driving time, but the roads are hilly, and this combined with busy rural communities + a border crossing can make it a long day of ±7h00.  
**Overnight:** [Hawane Lodge](#) – Chalet - twin bed en suite rooms. Swimming pool, restaurant & bar. Wifi available in main area only. 



Hawane Resort operates on a sustainable ensuring a low carbon input. The resort is 90% Swazi owned and employs all 25 of their staff from the local community. They facilitate the local community football team and host conferences for young leaders in eSwatini, which is part of the UNDP program.



### Day 5 - 6 ZULULAND [tented lodge BLD]

We visit a craft market near Mbabane which has a range of handmade crafts and a local witchdoctor stall! We re-enter South Africa and head to our lodge on a private game reserve situated on the Msinene Nature Reserve, where our local guide will lead us on a walk through the bushveld and riverine vegetation of the Msinene River, bird watching and game tracking. Nyala, hippo and the elusive leopard are all found on the reserve. The next day we take a game drive in Hluhluwe Game Reserve, which is a safe haven for the embattled rhino. Relax in the late afternoon with a cold drink while enjoying the views over the reserve from the lodge.

*Day 5: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge*


*Day 5: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 5: Dinner will be provided by the lodge*

*Day 6: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge*

*Day 6: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 6: Dinner will be provided by the lodge*

**Includes:** Entrance to Hluhluwe Game Reserve, morning game drive.  
**Distance/time:** ±320km, 6h00 actual driving time, excluding sightseeing and border formalities, we also stop for lunch and expect a travel day of ±8h00.  
**Overnight:** [Zululand Lodge](#), permanent tented lodge - Each permanent tented room is en suite, and raised on a wooden deck. No wifi but there is mobile network. 



Zululand Lodge is South African owned, with all employees are from northern KwaZulu Natal. The lodge uses 80% solar energy. The 200h conservancy is being rehabilitated, with game introductions, erosion repairs and anti-poaching efforts. They assist the community and local crèche providing a vegetable patch and equipment for the creche.



### Day 7 - 8 DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS [chalet BLD]

The Drakensberg Mountains or “uKhahlamba” - the Barrier of Spears, is a 200-kilometre-long mountainous wonderland and world heritage site. From Zululand we move further south to the base of

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these mountains where we overnight for two nights in quaint cottages. We will spend time walking along beautiful mountain stream paths, or just enjoying the spectacular views.

En-route to the Drakensberg we will visit the Nelson Mandela Capture Site Museum and pay our respects to this great man.

*Day 7: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge*


*Day 8: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 7, 8: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 7, 8: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

**Includes:** Nelson Mandela Capture Site Museum entrance. Morning and afternoon hikes in the Drakensberg Mountains.

**Distance/time:** ±500km, 7h00 actual driving time, this is a busy day and with a long stop for lunch, we expect a travel day of ±8h00.

**Overnight:** [Lotheni](#) chalets – for 2 nights in the Drakensberg, we stay in the park chalets. Twin rooms with en-suite facilities. No wifi but there is limited mobile network. 



### **Day 9 - 10 WILD COAST** [chalet Bx2 Lx1 Dx1]

The Wild Coast remains a relatively untouched paradise with unspoilt stretches of dramatically beautiful coastline, open spaces and pristine forest areas. We stay overnight in Chintsa and the next day is free to explore the area, meet local villagers or go down to the beach.

*Day 9: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 9: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 9: Dinner provided by the lodge*


*Day 10: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge*

*Day 10: Lunch will be an own expense meal*

*Day 10: Dinner will be an own expense meal*

**Includes:**

**Distance/time:** ±550km, 9h00 actual driving time on day 9, the road is slow, with cattle and lots of villages so we expect a very long travel day at ±10h00.

**Overnight:** [Crawford Beach Lodge](#) – twin room en-suite. Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, bar, internet & telephone. Wifi available. 



### **Day 11 ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK** [chalets BLD]

The Addo Elephant National Park was established in 1931 to protect the last 11 wild elephants from extermination. Today more than 600 elephants roam through the area. The park also offers excellent viewing of black rhino, Cape buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as a host of other large and small mammals and over 400 species of birds in the greater park area.

*Day 11: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge*


*Day 11: Lunch will be provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 11: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

**Includes:** Entrance fees to Addo Elephant National park, afternoon & morning game drive.

**Distance/time:** ±360km, 5h30 actual driving time, we drive in the morning and aim for an afternoon game drive, we expect a travel day of ±8h30.

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**Optional Activities** Night game drives in national park open game viewing vehicles.  
**Overnight:** [Addo National Park](#) chalets - twin share chalet (or lodge tent) with en suite facilities. Swimming pool, restaurant, telephone & floodlit waterhole.   
 Wifi available at restaurant at a fee.



**Day 12 - 13 TSITSIKAMMA / PLETTENBERG BAY** [hotel Bx2 Lx1 -]

The Tsitsikamma National Park incorporates 80km of spectacular sea and landscapes; a remote mountainous region with secluded valleys, coastal forests with deep river gorges leading down to the sea. We visit the Storms River mouth where there are walks up the gorge and along the rocky coast.

We will stay 2 nights in Plettenberg Bay in the heart of the Garden Route. In the morning you can either book an ocean safari to see whales and dolphins (own expense) or spend time on the magnificent blue flag beaches. Your guides will also lead a walk on the beautiful Robberg Peninsula in the afternoon. Sample seafood at one of Pletts' great restaurants (own expense).

*Day 12: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group*


*Day 12: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*


*Day 12: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant*

*Day 13: Breakfast will be provided by the hotel*

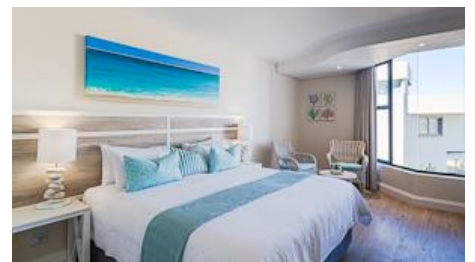
*Day 13: Lunch will be an own expense meal*

*Day 13: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant*

**Includes:** Entrance fees to Tsitsikamma National Park & Robberg Nature Reserve.  
**Distance/time:** ±320km, 4h30 actual driving time, the coastal road is relatively flat and we should make good time. We stop off to walk at Tsitsikamma so we expect a total travel day of ±8h00 with stops.  
**Optional Activities** Ocean safari boat cruise.  
**Overnight:** [Bayview Hotel](#) – twin rooms with en-suite bathroom. Bar & restaurant. Wifi available. 



Bayview Hotel is locally owned and employs staff from Plettenberg Bay. Supporting the community by monthly donations to 'New Beginnings orphanage' and organizing an annual Mandela Day shoe drive where a percentage of turnover goes towards buying new school shoes for underprivileged children, making a lasting impact and uplifting our community.



**Day 14 HERMANUS** [hotel BL-]

Hermanus offers some of the best land-based whale watching in the world. From June to November Southern Right whales come up from the southern oceans to calve and mate in the shallow waters around the Cape. In whale season we will take a walk along this beautiful coastline. In the summer months we will explore the flowering fynbos in Fernkloof Nature Reserve. Enjoy an evening meal out at a local restaurant (own expense).

*Day 14: Breakfast provided by the hotel*

*Day 14: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group*

*Day 14: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant*

**Includes:** N/A  
**Distance/time:** ±450km, 6h30 actual driving time, excluding stops for sightseeing and lunch we expect a travel day ±8h00.

**Overnight:** [Windsor Hotel](#) - rooms are twin share rooms with en-suite facilities. Wifi available.



The Windsor Hotel in Hermanus is locally owned and managed, with all its staff being hired from the local communities. The hotel also supports local initiatives like a football club, gardening clubs and overnight shelter for homeless people. The hotel has also eliminated single-use plastics, uses rainwater for the gardens, and is transitioning to solar power thus reducing their environmental impact.



### Day 15 - 16 CAPE TOWN [hotel B - -]

Cape Town is one of the most picturesque cities in the world, with the majestic Table Mountain providing its central focus. On our way into Cape Town, we visit Stellenbosch, South Africa's renowned wine region, for wine tasting (own expense) and a cellar tour. The "mother city" has many attractions; we will visit the harbour at Hout Bay, visit Cape Point, enjoy the famous beaches and the V&A Waterfront. Optional visit to Robben Island (own expense). We sample the local fare at a variety of local restaurants (own expense).


*Day 15, 16: Breakfast will be provided by the guest house / hotel*

*Day 15, 16: Lunch will be an own expense meal*

*Day 15, 16: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant*

**Includes:** Cellar tour, Entrance fees to Penguin colony & Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve  
**Distance/time:** **Day 15** ±190km, 3h30 actual driving time, it's a short travel day but the wine estate visit and lunch can slow us down! Arrive Cape Town late afternoon.  
**Day 16** ±150km, 3h30 actual driving time, but with stops, penguins and lunch it is a full day out.

**Optional Activities** Robben Island cruise, shark cage diving, seal colony visit.

**Overnight:** [City Lodge V&A Waterfront](#) – twin rooms with en suite facilities. Restaurant, bar,  gym and swimming pool. Wifi available.



### Day 17 CAPE TOWN - TOUR ENDS [- B - -]

In the morning we climb Table Mountain, offering panoramic views over Cape Town reaching out into the bay and Robben Island. Having explored the highlights of the Rainbow Nation we take a last look at Cape Town and catch up on curio shopping in the afternoon before your tour ends at 18:00 at the hotel.

*Day 17: Breakfast will be provided by the hotel*

*Day 17: Lunch will be an own expense meal*

*Day 17: N/A*

**Includes:** Guided walk up Table Mountain

**Distance/time:** N/A

**Overnight:** N/A

**Please Note:** The distance and time travel times are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions.

**Please note:** That the accommodation specified above and in the itinerary, is a guide only and is subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard, and accommodation changes will be made without notice.

**Sustainable Tourism:** Zululand Lodge is part of the Msinene Conservancy located in Northern KwaZulu-Natal. The Conservancy concentrates on land conservation, education and anti-poaching. Giraffe, zebra and wildebeest have

been re-introduced to the conservancy. The Rainbow Route stays on the conservancy and your patronage helps to fund conservation in the area.

## 2026 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

**RACK Price:** (valid Jan 2026 – Dec 2026)

**€ 2 990 pps**

**Single supplement: € 670 pp** (If you are traveling on your own, Sunway will "room" you with another same gender client. You do not pay extra when booking as a single person. If however you request a single room, then you'll pay the single supplement.)

### 2026 DEPARTURE DATES



#### **SAa17** South Africa Rainbow Route

Departs	Ends		
JOHANNESBURG	CAPE TOWN		
Saturday at 06:30am	Monday at 18:00pm		
20-Dec-25	05-Jan-26	CVa	
03-Jan-26	19-Jan-26	CVag	German
<b>10-Jan-26</b>	<b>26-Jan-26</b>	CVa	
17-Jan-26	02-Feb-26	CV	
<b>31-Jan-26</b>	<b>16-Feb-26</b>	CVa	
21-Feb-26	09-Mar-26	CVa	
<b>14-Mar-26</b>	<b>30-Mar-26</b>	CVa	
<b>21-Mar-26</b>	<b>06-Apr-26</b>	CVa	
<b>28-Mar-26</b>	<b>13-Apr-26</b>	CVag	German
<b>04-Apr-26</b>	<b>20-Apr-26</b>	CVa	
25-Apr-26	11-May-26	CVa	
09-May-26	25-May-26	CVa	
16-May-26	01-Jun-26	CVag	German
<b>23-May-26</b>	<b>08-Jun-26</b>	CVa	
<b>13-Jun-26</b>	<b>29-Jun-26</b>	CVag	German
<b>20-Jun-26</b>	<b>06-Jul-26</b>	CVa	
<b>27-Jun-26</b>	<b>13-Jul-26</b>	CVg	German
<b>04-Jul-26</b>	<b>20-Jul-26</b>	CVa	
<b>11-Jul-26</b>	<b>27-Jul-26</b>	CVa	
<b>18-Jul-26</b>	<b>03-Aug-26</b>	CVa	
<b>25-Jul-26</b>	<b>10-Aug-26</b>	CVa	
<b>08-Aug-26</b>	<b>24-Aug-26</b>	CVa	
<b>15-Aug-26</b>	<b>31-Aug-26</b>	CVa	
<b>22-Aug-26</b>	<b>07-Sep-26</b>	CVa	
<b>12-Sep-26</b>	<b>28-Sep-26</b>	CVa	
<b>26-Sep-26</b>	<b>12-Oct-26</b>	CVag	German
<b>03-Oct-26</b>	<b>19-Oct-26</b>	CVa	
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<b>31-Oct-26</b>	<b>16-Nov-26</b>	CVa	
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<b>21-Nov-26</b>	<b>07-Dec-26</b>	CVa	
28-Nov-26	14-Dec-26	CVa	
12-Dec-26	28-Dec-26	CV	
<b>19-Dec-26</b>	<b>04-Jan-27</b>	CVa	

\* **Bold dates** are guaranteed departures, all other dates guaranteed from 4 clients.

\* **German:** These tours are led by a German speaking translator / tour leader.

\* **CVa / CVag:** Selected "Rainbow Route" departures can be combined before the CVa21 Cape to Victoria Falls "Grand Explorer" to create a complete Southern Africa Adventure.

\* **CV / CVg:** Selected "Rainbow Route" departures can be combined before the CV21 Cape to Victoria Falls "Explorer" camping tour to create a complete Southern Africa Adventure.

## DETAILED TOUR INFORMATION:

### *In a nutshell*

• A participation tour that offers an accommodated safari at a reasonable price, accommodated in chalets, cabins and hotels. A South Africa participation safari with a bed each night.

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- A comprehensive introduction to the Rainbow Nation - a world in one country!
- Exciting trip with culture, wildlife, adventure, walking, mountains and beaches.
- Kruger NP, Swaziland, Zululand, Drakensberg, Garden Route and Cape Town.

### **Why travel with Sunway Safaris**

We understand that there are several options available to you when choosing your African safari. We also know that you want to make the most informed decision about your safari, what you get, what's included and what you see and experience. So these are just a few of the Sunway qualities and facts:

- **Small groups** – by travelling with a maximum of 12 people, you can witness Africa and have first-hand contact with this amazing continent and its people without being a negative influence. This has been a key factor in our continued success. Our trips appeal to a wide demographic of traveller. Our clients range in age from 25 to 65+ with the average being 45. The range of travellers gives a variety of perspectives which adds to the experience of each safari.
- **2 Sunway tour guides** – group leaders are the key to any safari. On a Sunway safari you will travel with 2 qualified field guides (Field Guides Association of SA). Two guides as crew, not a guide and a driver, means interesting trips with maximum knowledge and information. On German departures one of the tour leaders may be a German-speaking translator alongside one qualified guide, so you still benefit from expert guidance while enjoying the tour in your preferred language. Our guides have a passion for Africa, her people and wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing their knowledge with you.
- **Guaranteed departures** – departure dates on each itinerary shown as bold are guaranteed departure dates. All other departures operate with a minimum of 4 clients.
- **All-inclusive price** – when we travel ourselves, we always feel that if we're in a country we should find and see the best it has to offer. So, when planning the Sunway routes, we ensure that each trip provides the best inclusions and experiences. For example, if you go to Botswana – you have to visit the national parks in an open 4WD – it is the essence of the Botswana wilderness. If you tour Zambia, then you must visit South Luangwa NP and do a game walk with a local scout. When booking on a Sunway Safari there are no hidden costs. All of the entrance fees are included, and a wide range of activities, and most meals. We have included many highlights in our tours so that you will see and experience the highlights without having to pay extra when you get there. So, when you decide on which safari company to book with, look carefully at what you're actually getting. You may only visit a place once, make sure you get the most out of it.
- **Safety** – our fleet of vehicles are custom built to ensure comfortable and safe touring. Each is constructed, by an authorised passenger vehicle builder, to the latest safety requirements, with a safety shell, and every seat has a lap belt. This gives you peace of mind when travelling with Sunway Safaris on the often demanding African roads.
- **Good2Go** - Our commitment to sustainable & responsible tourism is reflected in our low impact travel style where all we take is photographs and all we leave is our footprints. Being an African company, we have the grassroots contacts to make a real difference in the lives of the people whose lands we visit. On each itinerary in the brochure, you'll find this symbol which highlights just one of the sustainable travel initiatives that we support. 
- **Solo Travellers** – going it alone won't make your holiday more expensive; our reservations staff will match you up with another same-gender traveller to keep your holiday affordable. If however, you request a single room or tent these are available, with a price supplement
- **Experience** - we have more than 31 years' experience planning tours throughout Southern Africa. As such, our itineraries and routes have been perfected over many years ensuring that your tour will run smoothly. We visit the highlights of Southern Africa but ensure that you do not follow the well-trodden tourist track. All of us at Sunway Safaris have extensive travel experience in Africa and throughout the world. Being adventure travellers ourselves, we know how to plan trips that give you a broad experience of the countries that you will visit.
- **Based in Africa** - probably the most important part of a Sunway safari is that we are an African company with offices in South Africa and Botswana. We live in Africa, we travel in Africa and it is our passion for this amazing continent that makes Sunway your best travel option.
- **Age Policy** - On all scheduled tours, we accept children 12-17 with accompanying adult. We have no upper age limit. Clients older than 65 years of age at the time of travel require a medical certificate stating the client is fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group tour. We have many clients over 65 years of age, who are perfectly capable of enjoying every aspect of a Sunway tour, both accommodated and camping. For more details contact [marketing@sunway-safaris.com](mailto:marketing@sunway-safaris.com).

### **Local Payment**

- There is no local payment required on this safari.

### **Recommended reading**

Before you travel you might want to read any of the following books. While not specific to the Sunway tour you will join, they do provide some background understanding of the countries you will be visiting.

- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela (Autobiography - Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time.)
- Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton (Is the deeply moving story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son Absalom. A classic work of love and hope, courage and endurance, born of the dignity of man.)
- The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay (Story of one young man's search for the love that binds friends, the passion that binds lovers, and the realization that it takes only one to change the world.)
- The Covenant by James A. Mitchener (The best and worst of two continents carve an empire out of the vast wilderness that is to become South Africa.)
- My Traitor's Heart by Rian Malan (Malan, former South African crime reporter, searches for the truth behind apartheid.)
- The Story of an African Farm by Olive Schreiner (Children living on a farm in the Karoo in 1880s)
- Fie!a's Child by Dalene Matthee (An orphaned white child becomes adopted by an African family set in Knysna)
- Circles in a Forest by Dalene Matthee (Story of a woodcutter and elephants in the Knysna forests)
- Jock of the Bushveld by J Percy FitzPatrick (Story of a trader and his dog set in 1880 around Pilgrim's Rest and Kruger area)
- A Cask of Jerepigo by Herman Charles Bosman (Bosman's classic sketches and essays)
- When The Lion Feeds by Smith Wilbur (Fictional story set in Natal, South Africa in the 1870s)
- The Steps of the Sun by Joanna Trollope (Love story set during the Boer War)
- Newman's Birds of Southern Africa by Kenneth Newman
- Sasol Birds of Southern Africa by Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey, and W.R. Tarboton
- The Safari Companion: A Guide to Watching African Mammals Including Hoofed Mammals, Carnivores, and Primates by Richard D. Estes and Daniel Otte
- Field Guide to Trees of Southern Africa (Field Guides) by Braam Van Wyk, Keith Coates Palgrav, and Piet Van Wyk

### **Shopping**

- Craft shopping for carvings, candles, batiks, wirework, paintings and clothing, in Swaziland, Zululand and Cape Town, is some of the best in Southern Africa.

### **Food**

- We pride ourselves on offering delicious healthy meals to our clients and will provide three meals per day, except where shown in the itinerary, when we try out local restaurants.
- The tour leaders do the shopping and meal planning and meal preparation for each group. He/she will always try to obtain fresh produce wherever possible. A rough idea of what these will consist of is: Breakfast - cereals or coffee and toast or the occasional fried breakfast, Lunch - cheese, cold meats, salads on bread or rolls, Dinner - braais (local barbecue), potjies (stews), stir-fries etc. We use regular plates, cups and cutlery. All cooking and eating utensils will also be provided.
- Please be aware that, due to the diverse tastes of our clients, we are unable to accommodate individual food preferences on our group tours. The group shared meals we provide are subject to available produce, and in our sometimes-remote destinations, the variety of ingredients is sometimes limited. However, we do take allergies, vegetarian and vegan dietary requirements into consideration to ensure everyone has suitable meal options.
- We will supply fruit squash served with breakfast and tea or coffee served with breakfast and dinner. All other beverages will be for your own expense. We will not supply bottled drinking water although it is available at many shops on tour.

### **Difficulty**

- Anyone who is generally active and in good health should enjoy this trip. The accommodation used is simple and clean, but full of character. This trip offers excellent value for money safari.
- Full itinerary with a couple of long driving days but also plenty of outdoors activity. Most places we visit we spend 2 nights allowing time to explore the area.

### **Things you should know**

- Includes park entrances.
- You will need a valid passport and visas for entry into South Africa, eSwatini (Swaziland) and re-entering South Africa. Consult the tour dossier for a more detailed list of visa requirements and consult with your travel agent or Sunway Safaris.
- Luggage, please pack to a limit of 12kgs in a soft sports tog bag. Also bring daypack for walks and keeping in the vehicle. On the Accommodated Adventures & Classic Journeys, all bedding is provided, and you will not be required to bring a sleeping bag or pillow. At most accommodation establishments, towels will be provided, but it is always a good idea to bring a small travel towel for the beach or swimming pool.
- We recommend that you bring a small amount of South African Rand for personal expenses on this trip. Please note that any foreign currency will need to be changed into South African rand ZAR as shops, restaurants and market vendors only accept ZAR in South Africa (and eSwatini). Mastercard and Visa credit cards can also be used for restaurants, shops and optional activities throughout the tour. See the Sunway tour dossier for approximate costs of drinks and meals etc.

### **Common questions about this trip**

1. **Is it safe?** South Africa, like any many countries, has it's problems but your guide knows the country intimately and will endeavour to show you the best parts while looking after you. Be aware, but not paranoid, and you will have a great trip!
2. **Do I need malaria tablets?** Mpumalanga, Swaziland and Zululand (ie: first week of tour) is a limited risk malaria area and prophylactics are recommended.
3. **What do I need to bring?** All details are covered in our general tour briefing (available from [www.sunway-safaris.com](http://www.sunway-safaris.com) on the home page) but the basics are: - comfortable clothes for warm days and cool evenings, walking shoes, a raincoat, hat and sunglasses, swimsuit, a small pair of binoculars also comes in very handy and most importantly - a sense of adventure!

