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Trip Overview

- *South Africa*
- *16 days / 15 nights*
- *2 people*

Start your adventure in Cape Town, a great city base to stock up for two weeks of travelling and an opportunity to ease into the laid-back South African lifestyle, with a variety of top-class wine-tasting, cuisine, hiking, and beaches available.

Once you have collected your rental vehicle at the airport, you drive to Bloubergstrand - an easygoing coastal suburb with good access to the city centre and surrounding areas of interest - to unwind after your flight in a cosy guest house right on the beach.

Following two days of exploring the Mother City, it's time to head up the Garden Route - a scenic 300km stretch of road unfolding through coastal mountain passes, indigenous forests, and quaint seaside towns - towards De Hoop Nature Reserve. This is a special place to be in October, at peak whale season, when hundreds of whales come to these waters to calve, offering some of the world's best land-based whale watching.

After soaking up the coastal and fynbos scenery of De Hoop, continue along to the Tsitsikamma section of Garden Route National Park, with a recommended stop in the charming town of Knysna for a bite to eat. The next two nights are spent camping on the beachfront, where indigenous forest spills down to a rugged coastline, offering the chance to spot dolphins, monkeys, and an abundance of birdlife. Explore the area with a stroll on one of the hiking trails, a kayak to the Storms River Gorge, glide through the forest treetops on a zipline, or simply relax at camp around the fire.

It's now time to head into the safari leg of the journey at Addo Elephant National Park. Despite the name, the park is home to far more than elephants, including lion, buffalo, giraffe, hyena, zebra, antelope, and over 250 bird species, though the true highlight remains its population of more than 600 elephants. Three nights here allow time for game drives and slower moments around camp, Nothing beats a sunrise game drive with a coffee in hand, or an evening around the 'braai' watching the African sunset.

With your camera roll full of wildlife, continue on to the vibrant town of Prince Albert in the Great Karoo area - a semi-desert region known for its dramatic rock formations, exceptional stargazing, and a real off-the-beaten-path feel. The journey here is half the experience; driving via the Meiringspoort and Swartberg mountain passes offers spectacular scenery as you wind through towering sandstone cliffs, deep gorges, and dramatic switchbacks. The landscape is especially striking now during spring, with colourful Karoo flora and fynbos adding vivid contrast to the rugged terrain.

After a night under the vast Karoo sky, you continue on to the equally remarkable Cederberg Wildnerness Area, a rugged mountainous landscape unique for its ancient sandstone formations, sculpted by wind and weather over millions of years into striking natural shapes. This makes for some epic hiking, with three nights allowing you to combine this with other activities on offer, such as trying the local wine, taking a dip in the natural rock pools, or simply relaxing at the campsite.

Finally, end off your trip with one night back in Cape Town, for a chance to relax before dropping the vehicle off at the airport the next day and taking your international flight home.

Date	Description	Area	Accommodation	Cost/night as from	Park fees/day	Distance (km)	Est Travel Time	Activity Suggestions & Tips	Notes
03-Oct-26	Fly into Cape Town International Airport, collect hired vehicle	Cape Town	Sir David Boutique Guest House	R3 800,00	-	31	45 min	• *Sundowners at Blue Peter Restaurant*	• *Pick-up vehicle at airport between 08:00-16:00*
04-Oct-26	Full day in Cape Town	Cape Town	Sir David Boutique Guest House	R3 800,00	-	-	-	• *Boulders Beach visit* • *Kayaking tour (Link)*	
05-Oct-26	Full day in Cape Town	Cape Town	Sir David Boutique Guest House	R3 800,00	-	-	-	• *Franschoek wine tasting (Link)* • *Hiking up Table Mountain*	
06-Oct-26	Depart Cape Town to De Hoop Nature Reserve	De Hoop Nature Reserve	Opstal Campsite	R500,00	R100,00	250	3 hr 45 min	• *Stop at Peregrine Farmstall or Elgin Railway Market for lunch*	
07-Oct-26	Full day in De Hoop Nature Reserve	De Hoop Nature Reserve	Opstal Campsite	R500,00	R100,00	-	-	• *Drive to Koppie Alleen for whale watching + beach walk*	
08-Oct-26	Depart De Hoop Nature Reserve to Garden Route National Park	Garden Route National Park	Storms River Mouth Restcamp	R1 173,00	R734,00	422	6 hr	• *Stop in Knysna for lunch at East Head Cafe*	
09-Oct-26	Full day in Garden Route National Park	Garden Route National Park	Storms River Mouth Restcamp	R1 173,00	R734,00	-	-	• *See the Suspension Bridge via the 2km Mouth Trail* • *Tsitsikamma canopy experience (Link)*	
10-Oct-26	Depart Garden Route National Park to Addo Elephant National Park	Addo Elephant National Park	Addo Main Camp (Addo Restcamp)	R1 506,00	R984,00	280	3 hr 25 min	• *Self-drive game drives*	
11-Oct-26	Full day in Addo Elephant National Park	Addo Elephant National Park	Addo Main Camp (Addo Restcamp)	R1 506,00	R984,00	-	-	• *Self-drive game drives* • *Try an organised night drive for a nocturnal wildlife experience*	
12-Oct-26	Full day in Addo Elephant National Park	Addo Elephant National Park	Addo Main Camp (Addo Restcamp)	R1 506,00	R984,00	-	-	• *Self-drive game drives*	
13-Oct-26	Depart Addo Elephant National Park to Prince Albert	Prince Albert, Great Karoo	Bushman Valley Campsite	R360,00	-	461	6 hr 25 min	• *Drive via the scenic Swartberg Mountain Pass (see gpx file for route)* • *Try some stargazing tonight*	
14-Oct-26	Depart Prince Albert to Cederberg Wilderness Area	Cederberg Wildnerness Area	Sanddrif Campsite	R780,00	-	408	5 hr 25 min	• *Drive via R407 - N1 - R46 - R303 - Eastern Cederberg entrance at Op Die Berg (see gpx file for route)*	
15-Oct-26	Full day in Cederberg Wilderness Area	Cederberg Wildnerness Area	Sanddrif Campsite	R780,00	-	-	-	• *Walk to Maalgat for rock pool swimming* • *Wine tasting at Sanddrif tasting room*	
16-Oct-26	Full day in Cederberg Wilderness Area	Cederberg Wildnerness Area	Sanddrif Campsite	R780,00	-	-	-	• *Do Maltese Cross trail (mild)* • *Do Wolfberg Cracks trail or Wolfberg Arch trail (adventurous)*	• *Hiking permit needed for all hikes*
17-Oct-26	Depart Cederberg Wilderness Area to Cape Town	Cape Town	Sir David Boutique Guest House	R3 800,00	-	261	4 hr 15 min	-	
18-Oct-26	Drop off hired vehicle, fly out of Cape Town International Airport	Departure	-	-	-	29.5	45 min		• *Drop-off vehicle at airport between 08:00-16:00*
16 days			***Accommodation cost estimate for 2 people***	***R25 764,00***	***R4 620,00***				• *All rates exclude F&B*
			Vehicle hire estimate for 16 days	***R37 568,00***					
			Vehicle Booking Information Here						