Trip Overview

African Travel Fundi

- *South Africa*
- *16 days / 15 nights*
- *2 people*
- *Day-by-day Itinerary Spreadsheet*

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 farms, restaurants, hiking routes, 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.

After two days of exploring the Mother City, it's time to keep the beach vibes going and head towards the coastal nature reserve of De Hoop. This is a special place to be in October, at peak whale season, when hundreds of Southern Right whales come to these waters to calve, offering some of the world's best land-based whale watching.

After soaking up the coastal fynbos scenery of De Hoop, continue along to Stormsrivier, in the Tsitsikamma 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, whales, and an abundance of birdlife. Go for a hike on one of the many trails, kayak to the Storms River Gorge, glide through the forest treetops on a zipline, or simply relax at camp and enjoy the fresh sea air.

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 just elephants. One can also find lion, buffalo, giraffe, hyena, and over 250 bird species here, though the true highlight remains its population of more than 600 elephants. Three nights here allows 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 Karoo sky, you travel on to the equally remarkable Cederberg Wildnerness Area, a landscape unique for its ancient sandstone formations, sculpted by wind and weather over millions of years. 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, or relaxing in the natural rock pools.

Finally, end off your trip with one night back in Cape Town, for a chance to reset before dropping the vehicle off at the airport and catching your flight home.