

Go Karoo

EXPERIENCE TIMELESS LANDSCAPES

8 - Day Tour

“A timeless landscape of space, stars and silence, a magical region known as the heart and soul of South Africa”
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Day 1

Meet us at Cape Town Airport or Blaauwberg Beach Hotel. We will be spending our first night at magnificent 4-star Blaauwberg Beach Hotel with sea-facing rooms for all guests. Enjoy a walk on the beach and dare to get your toes wet in the ocean before dinner.

DBB – Blaauwberg Beach Hotel



Day 2

We enjoy breakfast and then travel via Worcester and Matjiesfontein which is a charming and historic village located in the Central Karoo District of the Western Cape province in South Africa. Founded in 1884 by Scottish railwayman James Douglas Logan, it quickly became a fashionable Victorian health spa. From here we travel to the small town of Sutherland. We check into our various guest houses in town before an early dinner at the Sutherland Hotel followed by a Stargazing excursion. Stargazing in Sutherland, Northern Cape, is a fantastic experience for astronomy enthusiasts!

B – Various Guest Houses in Sutherland
Dinner & Breakfast – Sutherland Hotel



Day 3

We all enjoy breakfast together at the Sutherland Hotel. We visit the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT), it is the largest single optical telescope in the southern hemisphere. It features a hexagonal primary mirror array measuring 11 by 9 meters, composed of 91 individual 1-meter hexagonal mirrors. SALT is primarily used for spectroscopy, which involves analyzing the light from astronomical objects to determine their properties. This telescope has been instrumental in numerous discoveries, including unique star systems and insights into supernova origins. We travel to Prince Albert. Situated at the foot of the awe-inspiring Swartberg Pass. The town offers wide open spaces to hike and bike, crisp, clear air, star-filled skies and quiet to restore your soul. It showcases beautifully preserved Victorian, Karoo, Cape Dutch and uniquely gabled buildings. It is home to artists and crafters, purveyors of fresh produce and good food, as well as the friendliest people in the Karoo.

DBB – Swartberg Hotel



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Day 4

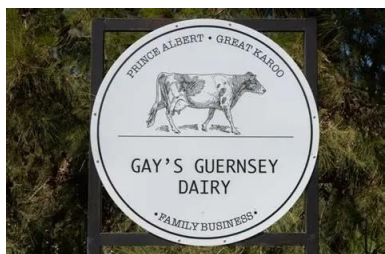
On this day there are two options available for everyone on tour. We enjoy breakfast then followed by either of the following:

OPTION 1 – Enjoy a day of leisure to explore the beauty of Prince Albert and just relax at the beautiful Swartberg Hotel.

OPTION 2 (OPTIONAL EXCURSION) -You can make a private reservation with a local guide with their vehicle to visit “Die Hel” which is a full day excursion including lunch. ***Please note, this drive is not for the faint-hearted!***

“Die Hel,” also known as Gamkaskloof, is a remote and isolated valley nestled within the Swartberg Mountain Range in South Africa. This hidden valley is approximately 20 kilometers long and 600 meters wide. The name “Die Hel” translates to “The Hell,” but it is also referred to as “Lion’s Ravine” due to the Khoisan word “Gamka,” meaning lion. The valley is known for its rich history and unique ecosystem. It features the Gamka River, historic houses, a school, a cemetery, and even an old watermill. The area is part of the Swartberg Nature Reserve, which is a World Heritage Site. Enjoy lunch before making your way back to Prince Albert.

DBB – Swartberg Hotel



Day 5

After breakfast we visit “O for Olives”. Best known for its olives and quality extra virgin olive oil, Swarttrivier Farm in the Western Cape is minutes from the famous Great Karoo town and home to the O for Olive brand, a popular café-restaurant and a sweeping view of the Swartberg Mountains. The South African olive oil producer offers a boutique range of products including flavoured olives and tapenades available through various retail outlets around the country or at the farm shop. One can't visit Prince Albert and not enjoy the guided “Ghost Tour” with their local guide. Then the Fransie Pienaar Museum is housed in this historic 1906 house, which also served as a hospital from 1952 to 1978. The museum showcases a wide range of cultural and natural history displays, including a display of gold mining activities in the district during the late 19th century, a Stone Age exhibition featuring a rare Khoekhoe clay pot found on the outskirts of Prince Albert, and a moving display of the forced removals of the 60s. We are then off to Gay's Guernsey Dairy which is a family run dairy in the heart of the Karoo. Gay van Hasselt started what is now known as Gay's Guernsey Dairy in 1990 when she started milking three cows in a stone kraal. Gay's persistence

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has paid off, and after winning numerous international awards in London, Dublin and France, her cheeses are now known across the country and the world. All the products are made using full-cream, raw Guernsey milk from the Van Hasselt's own herd of cows.

DBB – Swartberg Hotel

Day 6

Enjoy breakfast. We travel via Meiringspoort to Oudtshoorn. We visit The Cango Wildlife Ranch, it was established as a crocodile ranch in 1976 by Andrew and Glenn Eriksen, who opened it as a crocodile show farm to the public the following year, the first to be established in South Africa. It has also become a general zoo and breeding centre for other animals, which Pat Hopkins has referred to as "arguably the most exotic petting zoo in Africa". We drive via Calitzdorp to Barrydale where we will stop to spend time and explore. Barrydale is a charming village located on the border of the Overberg and Klein Karoo regions. Named after the 19th-century merchant Joseph Barry, it sits at the northern end of the scenic Tradouw's Pass, which connects it to Swellendam. We travel to Montagu where we will spend the night.

DBB – Montagu Hotel



Day 7

After breakfast we travel from Montagu to Robertson. We visit Marbrin Olive Growers, Marbrin Olive Growers is a small, family-run boutique olive farm located in the picturesque Robertson Breede River Valley, surrounded by the Langeberg and Riviersonderend Mountains. They specialize in producing extra virgin olive oil, table olives, and tapenade, all made from their own olives. We then travel via Worcester to "Under the Oaks" in Paarl for lunch and wine tasting. It's known for its beautiful setting, nestled among ancient oak trees and vineyards. We travel back to Blouberg where we will spend our last evening together whilst breathing in the fresh air and enjoy our last magnificent sunset.

DBB – Blaauwberg Beach Hotel

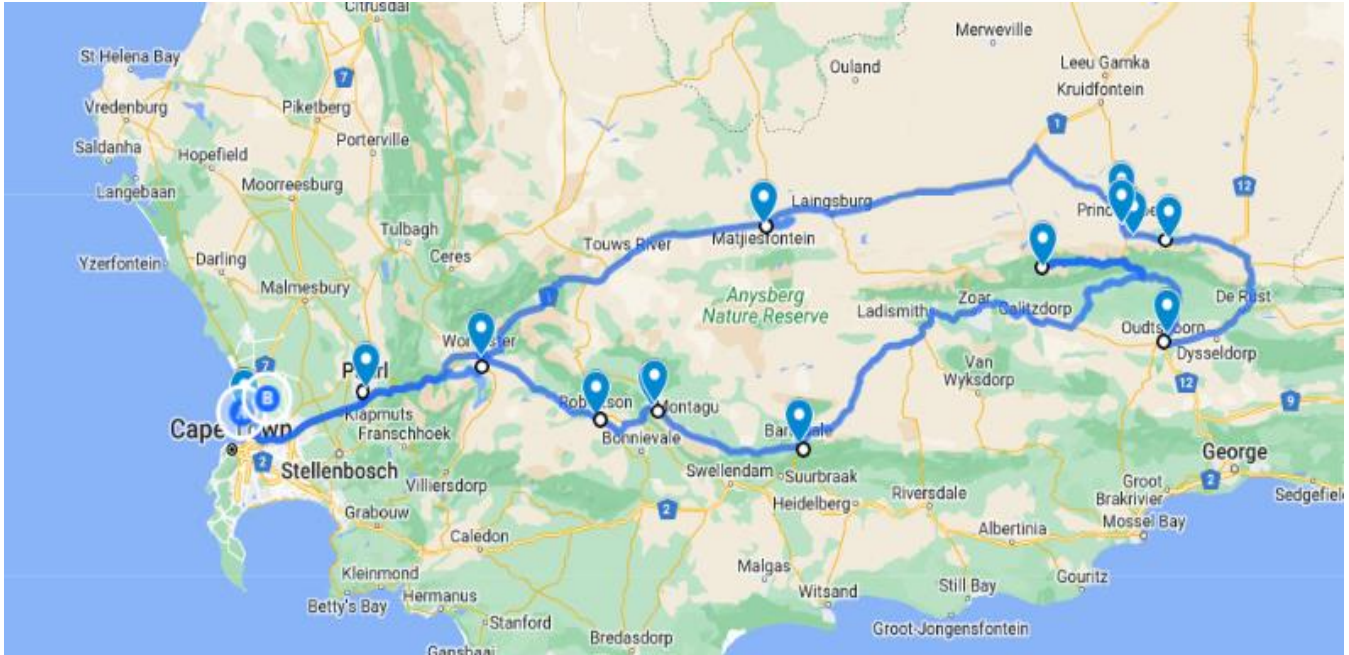


Day 8

After breakfast you can either drive with the group to Cape Town Airport or end your tour at Blaauwberg Beach Hotel.



Our tour mapped out:



Important Information:



- 27 May – 03 June 2026



Average weather during our tour - On average, it is maximum 20°C in May and a minimum of around 6°C degrees.



R22 600 per person sharing

Single Supplement: R4 500 additional to the tour price.

Please note that a single supplement is payable if you are making a booking without a friend or partner to share with on the tour. All accommodation is booked per room and not per person.

Deposit:

R2 500 per person

Plus, the single supplement, which is refundable should you find a sharing partner.

Final Payment:

R20 100 per person

This tour can be paid in monthly instalments.

Final tour amount payable on or before 23 March 2026



Tour price includes:

Luxury transport, registered tour guide, accommodation, dinner, breakfast, gratuities, excursions & entrance fees.



Excludes:

Travel insurance, lunch, optional excursion to "The Hell", beverages & items of a personal nature.



Optional Excursion (The Hell), including lunch: R900 per person (limited availability)
We stop at various places for you to enjoy lunch or buy something light to snack on.



Booking is only confirmed once the deposit amount has been paid.

Tour program, date & price subject to change.

Excursions are weather dependent.

Size of vehicle is determined by size of confirmed group.

Terms & conditions applicable.

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