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THE GRINSVEN TOUR - KQT-1-12

DAY 1

We will depart from Johannesburg to the Blyde River Canyon via Graskop, God's Window, Burke's Luck Potholes and Three Rondavels.

Overnight at The Graskop Hotel (DBB)

DAY 2

Depart for The Kruger National Park entering at Orpen Gate. The Kruger National Park is one of the most famous game reserves in the world. This vast wilderness covers an area of approximately 20 000 ha, equivalent in size to Israel. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offer a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld. This National Park is unrivaled in the diversity of its life forms. Spend the day looking for the Big 5.

Overnight at Satara Rest Camp (bed only)

DAY 3

Sightseeing through The Kruger National Park. Spend the day looking for the Big 5. A night safari - optional.

Overnight at Berg en Dal Rest Camp (bed only)

DAY 4

Depart for Swaziland entering at Jeppe's Reef Border. Swaziland offers many opportunities for hikers, the perfect growing conditions for tropical fruit and is known for its arts and crafts. In the east, lush sugar cane plantation contrast with the dense brown bushveld of game reserves and ranches. We will visit the Candle or Glass Factory, the Street Market and the Swazi Cultural Village.

Overnight at the Hlane Royal National Park (DBB)

DAY 5

Travel to St. Lucia we will visit one of our World Heritage Sites and enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Estuary where you will see an abundance of birds, hippos and crocodiles.

Overnight at Ezulwini Game Lodge (DBB)

DAY 6

We will be visiting a Zulu Cultural Village (Damazulu). Thrill to the spectacle of assegai-wielding impis welcoming you with the sangomas and watch the traditional customs such as tribal dancing and the beer ceremony. We will enjoy a typical African lunch.

Overnight at Sica's Guest Lodge (BB)

DAY 7

We will make our way to Durban where we will be visiting the Indian Market and a short drive by City Tour before making our way to Durban International Airport for our flight to Port Elizabeth. Arriving in Port Elizabeth, if not too late, a short City Tour.

Overnight in Kingfisher Guest House (BB)

DAY 8

Port Elizabeth is also known as the friendly city. We will be departing and we head southwards into the heart of the Garden Route. Quick visit to Tzitzikamma, before we travel to Knysna where we embark on a cruise on the Knysna Lagoon.

Overnight at The Knysna Log Inn (BB)

Day 9

Travel over the Outeniqua Mountains into the Karoo and visit the world famous Cango Caves where we take a guided tour lasting an hour - full of fascination. Then on to the Crocodile and Cheetah farm, to learn more about these frightening reptiles. A chance to get close to a cheetah if requested. A short drive to the other end of Oudtshoorn brings us to Ostrich country and lunch at the Safari ostrich farm. After all this, the tour of the farm begins. We head down to the fields, where you will have the opportunity to sit on and ride an ostrich. You will also learn more about the breeding habits and of the bygone days, when Oudtshoorn was in the midst's of the 1920's ostrich feather boom.

Overnight at De Oude Meul (DBB)

Day 10

Travel along Route 62 also known as the Mountain Route, which is the tourist route in the Western Cape and Eastern Cape, South Africa, which meanders between Cape Town and Oudtshoorn, the Langkloof and Port Elizabeth. It's an area of magnificent landscapes and towering cliffs, crystal clear streams and an abundance of trees and indigenous flora.

Overnight at Oceanview Hotel - Strand (BB)

Day 11

You are collected from your hotel and taken directly to the lower Cableway station on the slopes of Table Mountain. Weather permitting; ascend the mountain by aerial cable car (entrance fee excluded). From a height of 1,067 meters view the city and Table Bay below; also Robben Island, the Atlantic Seaboard and most of the spectacular Cape Peninsula. Head down into the Malay Quarter with its narrow cobbled streets and colorful Mosques.

Having parked at the top of Government Avenue stroll. View the Houses of Parliament. Then to the City Hall on the Grand Parade. Travel via Sea Point, stopping at Camps Bay to view the Twelve Apostles. At Hout Bay, take a boat trip (weather permitting) out to Duiker Island (Seal Island) and witness the thousands of Cape fur seals, cormorants and seagulls that congregate on the island (especially in summer). Drive through the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and on to Cape Point, which lies virtually at the tip of Africa (only Cape Agulhas lies farther to the South. Proceed to witness the large colony of penguins at boulder's beach.

Overnight at Oceanview Hotel - Strand (BB)

DAY 12

Make our way back to Johannesburg via Coach (approx. 13 hours) or fly back to Johannesburg.

Incl. of all entrances mentioned, meals as indicated

Exclusive of items of a personal nature

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