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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

The Dramatic Garden Route & Ancient Karoo

“Sailing through the Knysna Heads, 800-year-old yellowwood forests, monumental caves, and a hot-air balloon over the Karoo”

10

DAYS

9

NIGHTS

Private

CHARTER / TRANSFER

FROM

\$9,500

PER PERSON

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Overview

Built for travellers captivated by geological marvels, ancient indigenous forests, and stark, contrasting landscapes. This package seamlessly connects the dramatic Indian Ocean coastline of Plettenberg Bay and Knysna with the vast, quiet semi-desert plains of the Little Karoo. A private 4x4 road safari driven by a master guide takes you sailing through the treacherous Knysna Heads, walking beneath 800-year-old Outeniqua Yellowwood trees, and on a private after-hours VIP tour of the monumental Cango Caves. The trip beautifully balances ocean-front villa luxury with the profound silence and brilliant starlight of a desert manor — perfect for discerning travellers who appreciate dramatic geological formations, rich pioneer history, and the tranquil rhythms of the South African countryside.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Private luxury yacht sailing through the treacherous Knysna Heads — cliffs over 100 metres flanking the channel
- Walking among 800-year-old Outeniqua Yellowwood trees in the ancient Tsitsikamma Forest
- Sunrise hot-air balloon over the Little Karoo's sweeping sandstone formations and historic farmland
- The Swartberg Pass: a UNESCO World Heritage 19th-century engineering masterpiece through 500-million-year-old rock
- Fresh local oysters and chilled champagne on board, with dolphins and whales frequenting these waters
- Crossing the Storms River suspension bridge over a gorge carved by the river over millennia
- Private after-hours VIP tour of the monumental Cango Caves — completely free of public crowds
- Private astronomer-led Southern Cross stargazing tour under one of the world's best night skies

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The Itinerary

01

CAPE TOWN » PLETTENBERG BAY

Day 1 | Arrival in Cape Town & Journey to the Garden Route

Met at arrivals by your private guide and escorted to your extended luxury 4x4 Land Cruiser. A scenic drive along the Garden Route — one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world — toward Plettenberg Bay. The dramatic transition from Cape Town's urban landscape to pristine coastal forests and turquoise waters, passing historic towns and dramatic cliff-top roads. Check-in at The Plettenberg Hotel overlooking the Knysna Heads. Early arrivals enjoy a private tour of Robberg Nature Reserve's ancient sandstone peninsula. An intimate fine-dining welcome dinner overlooking the ocean.

- The Plettenberg Hotel , Plettenberg Bay
- Dinner

02

CAPE TOWN » PLETTENBERG BAY

Day 2 | The Majestic Knysna Heads

A private luxury yacht sails through the treacherous towering sandstone cliffs of the Knysna Heads — a dramatic entrance into the Indian Ocean, flanked by sheer cliffs rising over 100 metres. Formed over millions of years by relentless ocean force. Fresh local oysters and chilled champagne on board, with dolphins and whales (in season) frequenting these waters. Hand-crafted cocktails from a private wooden deck perched high on the cliffs as the sun sets.

- The Plettenberg Hotel , Plettenberg Bay
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

CAPE TOWN » PLETTENBERG BAY

Day 3 | The Ancient Tsitsikamma Forests

Exploring the ancient Tsitsikamma Forest — one of South Africa's largest and most pristine indigenous forests. Walking among giant 800-year-old Outeniqua Yellowwood trees, some towering over 40 metres. With a private naturalist guide, crossing the famous Storms River suspension bridge over a deep gorge carved by the river over millennia. Home to over 200 bird species including the colourful Knysna Loerie and the elusive Cape Clawless Otter. A gourmet picnic lunch in the heart of the forest.

- The Plettenberg Hotel , Plettenberg Bay
- Breakfast, Lunch

04

OUDTSHOORN — ROSENHOF BOUTIQUE MANOR

Day 4 | Into the Semi-Desert Karoo

Driving over the spectacular Outeniqua Mountain Pass into the arid, expansive Little Karoo. A dramatic transition from lush green coastal forests to semi-desert plains, where vegetation shifts to hardy shrubs and succulents and the horizon stretches endlessly. Check-in at Rosenhof Boutique Manor in Oudtshoorn — the ostrich capital of the world, with a fascinating Victorian-era ostrich feather boom history. A traditional Karoo-style bonfire dinner featuring premium local venison — springbok or kudu — under an unpolluted semi-desert sky.

- Rosenhof Boutique Manor , Oudtshoorn
- Breakfast, Dinner

05

OUDTSHOORN — ROSENHOF BOUTIQUE MANOR

Day 5 | Floating Over the Karoo Plains & Caves

Rising before dawn for a majestic sunrise hot-air balloon flight over the vast striking plains of the Little Karoo — sweeping sandstone formations and historic farmland unfolding in shades of purple, gold, and deep orange. Distinctive flat-topped koppies formed over millions of years of erosion. After a gentle landing: a hot farm-to-table breakfast served in the open Karoo veld. Afternoon at leisure — spa treatment or a refreshing dip in your private pool overlooking the plains.

- Rosenhof Boutique Manor , Oudtshoorn
- Breakfast, Lunch

06

OUDTSHOORN — ROSENHOF BOUTIQUE MANOR

Day 6 | The Monumental Cango Caves

A private after-hours VIP guided tour of the Cango Caves — one of the most spectacular underground wonders in the world. Massive subterranean limestone chambers rising over 30 metres high, filled with towering stalactite and stalagmite formations growing for millions of years. The magnificent Van Zyl's Hall, a vast cavern with natural acoustics that has hosted concerts. Completely free of public crowds, appreciating the intricate formations in absolute tranquillity, with expert geological interpretation from 20 million years of formation.

- Rosenhof Boutique Manor , Oudtshoorn
- Breakfast, Dinner

07

OUTDSHOORN — ROSENHOF BOUTIQUE MANOR

Day 7 | The Swartberg Pass Masterpiece

Travelling up the Swartberg Pass — a UNESCO World Heritage site and 19th-century engineering masterpiece. Dramatic folded sandstone rock faces rising hundreds of metres, among the oldest exposed rocks on Earth, dating back over 500 million years. Built by master road builder Thomas Bain between 1881 and 1888 using only hand tools and convict labour. The dramatic "Cango Crags" geological formations. Breathtaking panoramic summit views of the Little Karoo to the south and Great Karoo to the north. A gourmet picnic lunch at the summit.

- Rosenhof Boutique Manor , Oudtshoorn
- Breakfast, Lunch

08

OUTDSHOORN — ROSENHOF BOUTIQUE MANOR

Day 8 | Desert Serenity & Stargazing

A relaxed day enjoying the tranquil rhythms of the desert manor — the profound silence of the Karoo broken only by birdsong and the rustle of wind through hardy shrubs. A guided nature walk learning about unique flora and fauna, including hardy succulents and the elusive aardvark. Beautiful terrace breakfast overlooking the vast plains. In the evening: a private astronomer sets up a high-powered telescope for an exclusive tour of the brilliant Southern Cross constellation under one of the best stargazing skies in the world.

- Rosenhof Boutique Manor , Oudtshoorn
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

09

OUTDSHOORN — ROSENHOF BOUTIQUE MANOR

Day 9 | Exclusive Griqua & Karoo Pioneer Cultural Tour

A deeply immersive private cultural experience interacting with elders of the indigenous Griqua heritage or traditional Karoo community keepers. The deep history of desert nomads who traversed the Karoo for centuries, their survival techniques, and rich cultural traditions. Traditional Karoo herbal medicine — bossie-middels — where local plants are used for healing. Exploring historic stone architecture telling the story of the Karoo's pioneer settlers. A private performance of historic desert folk music and storytelling. Farewell multi-course dinner paired with vintage wines.

- Rosenhof Boutique Manor , Oudtshoorn
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

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RETURN — CAPE TOWN

Day 10 | Return to Cape Town & Complementary Spa Day

A relaxed luxury breakfast overlooking the arid plains, watching morning sun illuminate the vast landscape. A smooth chauffeur transfer back over the mountains, through the Garden Route, returning to Cape Town. Complementary spa session at your city hotel. A private city tour of Company's Garden, Castle of Good Hope, and Bo-Kaap if missed on Day 1. International departure the following day.

- City Hotel, Cape Town (day use)
- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$10,800

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Price is per person based on two guests sharing. All accommodation, meals, hot-air balloon, Cango Caves private tour, and activities are included. International flights to Cape Town are not included.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$9,500
Summer rains in the bush, whale season on the coast		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$12,550
Dry winter — prime Big Five viewing		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$11,000
Spring bush walks, mild coastal weather		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » private guide-guide with extended luxury 4x4 Land Cruiser throughout
- » VIP meet and greet at OR Tambo / Cape Town International Airport
- » All private charter flights or chauffeur transfers as specified
- » Luxury accommodation at all properties
- » All meals as specified — breakfast, lunch and dinner
- » All private guided game drives, tours, and tastings
- » All activities listed in the itinerary
- » All park, reserve and heritage site fees
- » Complementary spa session on final day
- » Private guide throughout
- » All transfers between airports and properties
- » Private luxury yacht through the Knysna Heads with oysters and champagne

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from South Africa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal shopping and souvenirs
- Premium imported alcohol beyond what is provided
- Optional activities not listed
- Tips and gratuities
- Visa fees where applicable (most nationalities visa-exempt for short stays)

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This itinerary is a starting point, not a fixed departure. The pace, the lodges, the length, the dates and the party travelling can all be reshaped around you.

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