

Day 1: Cape Town to Knysna – Start the Garden Route Adventure

08h30: Departure from Cape Town

Travel Route: Head out on the N2 highway, known for its scenic coastal views and dramatic landscapes. As you drive, your guide will share stories and insights into the history and geography of the region.

11h00: Stop in Mossel Bay for Lunch

Lunch at Café Gannet (*at own cost*): Nestled by the ocean, Café Gannet is celebrated for its signature seafood platters, including mussels, prawns, and oysters, as well as its vegetarian and meat options. Try pairing your meal with one of the locally recommended wines or craft beers.

Optional Activities in Mossel Bay:

- **Quad Biking:** Embark on a guided quad-biking trail through sandy dunes, ideal for adventurous spirits.
- **Shark Cage Diving:** Experience a thrilling dive with sharks in safe, shark-proof cages, observing them in their natural habitat.

15h30: Scenic Drive through George and Wilderness

George: Known for its forestry history, George has the Outeniqua Transport Museum, where vintage trains and vehicles showcase South Africa's rail history.

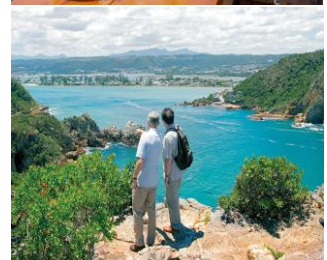
Wilderness: This quaint coastal town is famous for its sweeping beaches and lagoons, where you might spot local birdlife like the kingfisher or African fish eagle.

18h00: Check-in at Knysna Hotel,

After a warm welcome, relax in your room, which overlooks the lagoon or lush garden areas. Unwind and freshen up for the evening.

19h00: Dinner at Hotel (*at own cost*)

Dining Tip: Try grilled fish or lamb dishes in this region, often sourced from nearby farms and coastlines, for a taste of local flavours.



Day 2: Explore Tsitsikamma National Park

08h30: Depart for Tsitsikamma National Park

Drive along the coastline toward Tsitsikamma, home to dense forests, rivers, and rugged cliffs.

09h30: Arrive at Tsitsikamma National Park

Highlights: (At own cost)

Hiking Trails: The Suspension Bridge Trail (30 minutes each way) offers spectacular views of the Storms River Mouth, or you can take the 1-hour Mouth Trail, which features a mix of forest and coastal scenery.

Kayaking: Paddle along the Storms River through a lush, green gorge with towering cliffs, observing birdlife and natural rock formations. Kayaking tours can be arranged for guided exploration.

Bloukrans Bridge Bungee Jumping: Standing at 216 meters, this is the world's highest commercial bungee jump! Feel the adrenaline rush as you dive off the bridge, surrounded by breathtaking views.

Relax on the Beach: For a quieter experience, relax on the sandy beaches, dipping into the warm waters of the Indian Ocean.

13h00: Lunch in Tsitsikamma (at own cost)

Enjoy casual dining options near the park entrance or bring a picnic to enjoy in a scenic spot overlooking the ocean.

17h30: Return to Knysna Hotel

After a full day of adventure, unwind back at the hotel and prepare for the evening.

18h30: Transfer for Dinner at Knysna Waterfront (at own cost)

Dining Tips: The Knysna Waterfront has a variety of restaurants and cafés. Try some fresh Knysna oysters, a local delicacy, paired with a glass of South African wine, or choose from Italian, Asian, or seafood dishes. Your guide will provide a return transfer for convenience.



Day 3: Knysna to Botlierskop Private Game Reserve

09h30: Check-Out from your Knysna Hotel

Morning in Knysna: Explore the quaint shops and boutiques along Knysna's main street. You'll find local arts and crafts, jewellery, and souvenirs unique to the region, as well as organic food products and delicacies.

12h30: Departure to Botlierskop Private Game Reserve

Travel 1.5 hours to reach Botlierskop, where the landscapes shift from coastal views to lush, open savannahs and forests.

14h00: Check-In and Light Lunch (included)

Enjoy a light buffet lunch featuring regional dishes and fresh salads, perfect for refuelling before the afternoon game drive.

15h30 – 18h00: Afternoon Game Drive

Set off with an experienced ranger who will share insights on the reserve's unique flora and fauna. Botlierskop is home to all Big Five animals (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and buffalo) as well as zebras, giraffes, and antelopes. Bring a camera and binoculars to capture these memorable moments.

Wildlife Spotting Tips: Early evening hours are prime for observing the behavior of nocturnal animals as they begin to stir.

19h00: Dinner at the Reserve (included)

Dine in the lodge's elegant setting with a meal that highlights traditional South African flavours. Sample game meats, roasted vegetables, and local wines.



Day 4: Full Safari Day at Botlierskop

06h00: Early Morning Game Drive

Tip: Mornings are often the best time to see predators, as they are still active from the night. Return by 08h30 for a delicious breakfast in the lodge.

08h30 – 12h30: Leisure Time

Activities: Relax by the pool, visit the spa for a massage or treatment, or explore short walking trails around the lodge grounds.

Spa Experience: Treat yourself to a massage or a wellness treatment, surrounded by the calming sounds of nature.

12h30 – 14h30: Lunch at the Lodge (included)

Enjoy light fare featuring salads, fresh produce, and sandwiches, offering a refreshing break in the day.

15h30 – 18h00: Afternoon Game Drive

Your last evening game drive will focus on spotting different animals as they prepare for nighttime. Be on the lookout for rarer animals like the elusive leopard or shy antelope.

19h00: Dinner at the Reserve (included)

Celebrate your last evening with a feast, sampling local favourites, grilled meats, and possibly a South African dessert like malva pudding.



Day 5: Return to Cape Town

06h00: Final Morning Game Drive

Early risers can savour one more drive, saying goodbye to the wildlife and scenery of Botlierskop.

08h30 – 10h00: Breakfast and Check-Out

After breakfast, take your time to pack up and prepare for the return journey.

10h00: Departure for Cape Town

The 4.5–5-hour drive back allows for final scenic stops along the way, perhaps a quick detour to stretch and grab a coffee in a charming town.

15h00: Arrival at Cape Town International Airport

Arrive in time for your outbound flight. **Note:** If you are extending your stay, let us know to arrange accommodation and any additional tours or activities in Cape Town.

PACKAGE

INCLUSIONS

2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION AT HOTEL IN KNYSNA – (BREAKFAST INCLUDED).

2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION AT BOTLIERSKOP GAME RESERVE – (FULL BOARD).

TOURS OF OUDTSHOORN, KNYSNA, AND TSITSIKAMMA FOREST.

RETURN AIRPORT/CAPE TOWN TRANSFER

QUALIFIED TOUR GUIDE.

AIR-CONDITIONED VEHICLE & FUEL + COMPLIMENTRY BOTTLED WATER.

ENTRANCE FEES TO: CANGO CAVES, CONGO WILDLIFE RANCH, JUKRANI WILDLIFE, SANCTUARIES, TSITSIKAMA NATURE RESERVE AND THE BIG TREE.

LUNCH AND DINNER (PACKAGE DEPENDANT)

TWO GAME DRIVES PER NIGHT STAY AT BOTLIERSKOP

EXCLUSIONS

ALL FLIGHTS

GRATUITIES

LISTED OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (ARE AVAILABLE, TO BE PRE-BOOKED AND PAID FOR UPON ARRIVAL).

ALL ENTRANCE FEES (TO BE PAID ON ARRIVAL)

ALL CHARGES OF A PERSONEL NATURE.
