

## The Great South Africa Motorcycle Tour (M-ID: 3156)

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**from €6,095.00**

Dates and duration (days)

01/14/2024 - 01/28/2024 15 days

**The great South Africa Motorcycle Tour starts in Johannesburg, the financial capital of South Africa and ends two weeks later in Cape Town.**

### Tour Description:

**Day 1: Arrival in Johannesburg - Pretoria.**

Arrival in Johannesburg, transfer to hotel in Pretoria, free time for city tour in Red Bus, meeting with tour guide.

**Day 2: Pretoria - Sabie, 350 km**

From Pretoria over the northernmost foothills of the Drakensberg Mountains, over the Long Tom Pass into Mpumalanga Province to Sabie.

**Day 3: Sabie - Malelane, 350 km**

From Sabie the Panorama Route is the theme today with breathtaking views at the Blyde River Canyon, God's Window, Wonder View and Bourke's Luck before we spend 2 nights at the Crocodile River in Malelane.

**Day 4: Malelane - Malelane, 0 km**

Full day safari in Kruger National Park with open safari vehicle.

**Day 5: Malelane - Swaziland, 200 km**

Malelane - Swaziland or E'Swatini as it is now called, capital Mbabane, Matsamo Cultural Village.

**Day 6: Swaziland - St. Lucia, 360 km**

Mbabane, through the towns of Hluhluwe, Mtubatuba and finally St. Lucia. The Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounds the town of St. Lucia.

**Day 7: St. Lucia - Underberg, 460 km**

After Mbabane along the KwaZulu-Natal coast south towards Durban to the Drakensberg Mountains, to Underberg.

**Day 8: Underberg - Underberg, 0 km**

Today at leisure or optional guided tour up Sani Pass.

**Day 9: Underberg - Cintsa, 500 km**

From Underberg we ride along the southern Drakensberg Mountains through the Transkei, the heartland of the Xhosa people, which they call Mandela Land after their great statesman. Today's destination is Chintsa on the Wild Coast.

**Day 10: Cintsa - Port Elizabeth, 380km**

From Chintsa via the coastal route to Colchester near Port Elizabeth, at the southern entrance to Addo Elephant National Park, with the option of an afternoon safari.

**Day 11: Port Elizabeth - Knysna, 300km**

Via the Garden Route we reach the Tsitsikamma Coastal Park and the Bloukrans Bridge, from where one of the deepest bungee jumps is possible. In the further course we come to Plettenberg-Bay and Knysna.

**Day 12: Knysna - Oudtshoorn, 200 km**

After the Knysna-Head viewpoint and Wilderness, we reach George with postcard views of the Southern Cape coast before passing through the Outeniqua Mountains to the ostrich capital of Oudtshoorn in the Klein Karoo region.

**Day 13: Oudtshoorn - Cape Town, 480 km**

On our way to today's destination, Cape Town, we pass Barrydale, Montagu, Ashton, Robertson and cross the Franschhoek Pass into Cape Wineland.

**Day 14: Cape Town - Cape Wineland, 170 km**

On our last day of touring we pull out all the stops again, on the program are Table Mountain National Park, Cape of Good Hope, Cape Point, and Chapman's Peak Drive.

Day 15: Departure day, Cape Town - Europe, 0 km

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#### Highlights:

- Panorama Route
- Pilgrims Rest
- Blyde River Canyon
- Gods Window
- Game drive in Kruger National Park
- Culture of the Zulus
- St. Lucia Boat Trip
- Cango Caves & Ostrich Farm
- Cape Peninsula Tour
- Penguins at Boulders Beach
- Table Mountain
- Chapman's Peak Drive

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#### Fascinating wildlife,

like in the Kruger National Park - the safari icon of South Africa, in the Addo Elephant National Park, during encounters with the gray giants or in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, with its crocodiles, hippos and rhinos.

#### Breathtaking landscapes,

From Table Mountain to God's Window, the legendary sky window at the Blyde River Canyon and the Drakensberg Mountains - the impressive landscape of South Africa captivates travelers.

#### Blyde River Canyon

The view from above is a dream - on clear days you can see as far as the border of Mozambique. Where the rivers Joy (Blyde) and Grief (Treur) meet, a gorge up to 800 meters deep has been created, the third largest canyon in the world and certainly the greenest of its kind. The impressive landscape is located on the Panorama Route in Mpumalanga Province and stretches for 26 kilometers not far from the Kruger National Park. It is one of the great natural wonders of Africa. Its enormous round rocks, the rondavels, are reminiscent in their shape of traditional African round huts. Numerous vantage points offer fantastic views over the lush landscape.

Enchanting waterfalls adorn the landscape. Thousands of years the water has washed cylinder-like sculptures out of the red-yellow sandstone, which today are surrounded by small rock pools. The most famous among them are Bourke's Luck Potholes. In the 19th century, gold prospector Tom Bourke made a fortune here.

#### Kruger National Park

The flagship of South African national parks and the largest game reserve in South Africa should not be missed on the Great South Africa Motorcycle Tour. It is home to the Big Five - lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard. Worldwide, it is considered the region with the greatest biodiversity. And there are many more national parks.

Kruger National Park is home to thousands of animals - from giraffes foraging for acacia leaves and herds of

buffalo crossing the road right in front of you, to big cats of prey taking a nap in the shade and sea eagles letting out their distinctive cries. Here, African wildlife is at your feet.

You will hardly believe your eyes when you see huge herds of antelopes jumping around or crocodiles sunbathing, while hippos prefer the cool water under the water. The sounds of the wilderness won't let you go - hyenas giggling the night away while lions underline their supremacy with a loud roar, and with a bit of luck you'll even hear the almost silent footsteps of wild dogs on the prowl across the savannah.

#### iSimangaliso Wetland Park

In the iSimangaliso Wetland Park in KwaZulu-Natal, a true natural wonder awaits you, which has even been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Formerly known as St Lucia Wetland Park, this region is a natural paradise par excellence with gorgeous landscapes and a variety of wildlife (including the famous hawksbill and leatherback sea turtles).

In his speech on the historic reintroduction of elephants to the east coast of KwaZulu-Natal in 2002, Nelson Mandela said, "these wetlands are probably the only place in the world where the world's oldest land mammal (the rhino) and the world's largest land mammal (the elephant) share an ecosystem with the world's oldest fish (the coelacanth) as well as the world's largest marine mammal (the whale)."

Lake St Lucia is Africa's largest estuary and is home to 800 hippos and 1,200 crocodiles. Flocks of pelicans and flamingos populate the large lake, making it a birdwatcher's paradise.

Culturally, iSimangaliso also has a lot to offer: it is home to important historical sites with a long history dating back to the Stone Age. On the coast you can admire the 700 year old fishing traps of Kosi Bay. Five African peoples feel at home here and give you a smile: Zulu, Swazi, Shangaan, Tonga and Gonda.

#### Drakensberg Mountains

The largest mountain range in South Africa is a truly magical place. uKhahlamba ("barrier of spears" in Zulu) in KwaZulu-Natal province is a wonderland of river valleys, craggy cliffs and stunning natural scenery. The Drakensberg Mountains are South Africa's mightiest elevation, rising up to 3,000 meters. Their natural beauty, plant diversity, and the greatest density of rock paintings have made the region a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In fact, there are more than 600 archaeological sites in the area with over 35,000 rock paintings depicting San people, animals and spiritual life over a 4,000-year time frame. Later drawings from the 19th and 20th centuries date back to the Bantu people.

Giant's Castle Game Reserve is part of uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park, known for its 5,000 San cave drawings. Scenic highlights here include Cathedral Peak, the Amphitheatre, Mont-aux-Sources and the Tugela waterfalls. In the southern Drakensberg Mountains, Sani Pass leads up into the mountain kingdom of Lesotho. The ride over the narrow pass is an adventure in itself. Arriving at an altitude of almost 3,000 meters, a visit to the highest pub in Africa

is worthwhile, as well as an encounter with the equestrian people of the Basotho.

### Addo Elephant National Park

The Eastern Cape is the province of the Big Seven: In the Addo Elephant National Park near Port Elizabeth you can observe not only the Big Five (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant and buffalo) but also two other fascinating creatures, namely whales and white sharks. The richness of species on land and water promises safari experiences in unimagined dimensions.

About 2,500 southern right and humpback whales migrate off the coast between July and November and join the resident Bryde's whales. Sharks are at home here all year round. With the extension of Addo Elephant National Park to the coast, you can also see thousands of African penguins, dolphins and Cape gannets on offshore islands like St. Croix - all in one place!

### The Garden Route

The Great South Africa Motorcycle Tour also takes you along the famous Garden Route, through a unique nature reserve that is unsurpassed in its diversity of lagoons, coastal forests and fine sandy beaches. The journey of discovery along the south coast of the Western Cape starts in Port Elizabeth and leads along the N2 to Cape Town.

The Garden Route National Park, which connects the primeval forests of Tsitsikamma and the coast with the Wilderness National Park through a chain of lakes and fynbos sanctuaries, fascinates with a diverse mix of different ecosystems.

Situated between lakes, coastal forests and the sea, Wilderness enchants with its natural beauty. You can enjoy the picturesque bay and its seemingly endless beaches from Dolphin View Point, a vantage point located at the western end of town on the N2 coastal road. Knysna, situated on a beautiful lagoon, invites you to enjoy local oysters.

Plettenberg Bay is known as the "Jewel of the Garden Route". Off the coast in the season from July to November Southern Right whales and humpback whales, bottlenose dolphins and other species of dolphins and even killer whales cavort

### Cape Town with Table Mountain

The whole world is raving about this view. Table Mountain, which towers majestically above the Mother City on the Cape, the oldest and most beautiful city in South Africa, is rightly counted among the seven natural wonders of the earth. Those who whiz up the 1,000 meters on the panoramic cable car can expect unique views over the entire Cape Peninsula and the sea, all the way to the world heritage site Robben Island.

The Great South Africa Motorcycle Tour is only complete with a visit to the sea-surrounded wild Cape of Good Hope and a ride along Chapman's Peak Drive.

Countries	South Africa
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl. motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar 3 star hotel 4 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	easy
Customer payment protection	yes
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

per rider in a double room with rental motorcycle BMW F750GS (the booking of a double room is only available for a booking of two people. All single travelers are asked to choose the single room surcharge.)	€6,095.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€2,195.00
per person single room - (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€499.00
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Rental motorcycle: BMW F850GS (surcharge)	€120.00
Rental motorcycle: BMW F850GS Adventure (surcharge)	€300.00
Rental motorcycle: BMW R1250GS (surcharge)	€800.00
Rental motorcycle: BMW R1250GS Adventure (surcharge)	€1,200.00
Rental motorcycle: BMW R1250RT (surcharge)	€1,200.00

## Included

Rental motorcycle BMW F750GS  
Complete motorcycle insurance  
Unlimited mileage

Top Case

Tour guide with motorcycle

Support vehicle, which can also transport a limited amount of luggage per participant

Accommodation (3 and 4 stars) - incl. 14x breakfast and 7x dinner

Tickets and drinking water during the day

Personalized peaked cap souvenir

Tolls and road taxes in Eswatini

Entrance to nature reserves

Panorama Route Entrance

Zulu/Swazi Cultural Experience

Entrance fee for the Cango Caves

Tsitsikamma National Park

Ticket for Table Mountain

Kruger Park Safari

St. Lucia boat trip

Entrance fee for ostrich farm

Cape Peninsula Day Tour

Boulders Beach Penguin - Reserve (protected area)

## **Not included**

Airline tickets and fees

Helmets and rider equipment

Petrol

Customs fees

Drinks

Lunch and dinner not mentioned

Deposit for the motorcycle, which will be refunded upon return

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Everything that is not specified under included services

## **More details**

Tour start: Johannesburg

End of tour: Cape Town

Participants: Minimum number of participants 6 riders, maximum number of participants 10 riders If the minimum number of participants is not reached by the registration deadline, the tour may be cancelled. In case of later registrations we are happy to ask for free hotel rooms.

Duration: 15 days

Region: South Africa

Distance: 3750 km

Accommodation: Three and four star hotels

Route: 100% Asphalt

One-way tour from Johannesburg to Kapstadt

Road condition: Asphalt 100% (Leads only over mostly well paved roads)

Difficulty rate: 1 (out of 5) The entire route runs on well-maintained asphalt roads, some of which are winding but mostly easy.