

15 Day Eastern Cape Extreme!

Day 1: Port Elizabeth

Arrival at the Port Elizabeth Airport where you will be welcomed by your guide. The rest of the day can be spent settling in to your new surroundings and exploring the city at your own pace.



Day 2: Port Elizabeth

After a leisurely start to the day you depart on a walking city tour of Port Elizabeth, one of the oldest cities in South Africa. The highlights of this urban adventure include, City Hall, The Campanile Tower, Route 67, The Donkin Heritage Trail, St Georges Park and a visit to 2 local craft beer breweries. Experience the best of the friendly city! The evening is all yours.

Day 3: Port Elizabeth to Kenton on Sea

The first bit of this adventure takes us to Kenton on Sea, a small town on the Sunshine Coast bordered by the Bushmans River and the Kariega River. Kenton is gorgeous town that has the perfect combination of wildlife, rivers and beaches. Tonight we will be accommodated on the banks of the Kariega River.

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Day 4: Kenton on Sea to Chintsa

After a relaxing morning we depart for a short cruise up the Kariega River before the start of our big 5 safari. After our safari experience we depart to Chintsa, a coastal village on the wild coast. This small piece of paradise lies at the mouth of the Cintsa River on a hill that overlooks a stunning lagoon that meanders into the sea.



Day 5: Chintsa to Lubanzi Village

This morning is an optional activity morning, spend some time on the pristine beach on our doorstep, go horse riding or just chill. After lunch we depart from Chintsa to Lubanzi Village. Lubanzi is a tiny Xhosa village in the middle of nowhere. This is where the road ends, this is where the sea and the sky meet, where the sun kisses the waves and the rhythm of life is still pure and undisturbed. We will spend tonight at Wild Lubanzi Backpackers.

Day 6: Lubanzi Village to Coffee Bay

Today we'll spend the morning hiking to "Hole in the Wall", a nearby attraction in the area with amazing views of this rugged coastline. Afterwards we continue hiking towards Coffee Bay. Once we have settled into in our overnight accommodation we will be greeted with a warm welcome from the local village residents. Tonight we will dine in typical South African cuisine followed by drinks around a fire, killer pool or/and a late night beach excursion. Coffee Bay is well known for a good party. **Hiking distance:** 12 km (+- 6 Hours)

Terrain: Rolling hills



Day 7: Coffee Bay

Today is all yours to explore the local beaches, villages and surrounding area. There numerous activities on offer all guided by locals from the village.

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Day 8: Coffee Bay to Mdumbi

After breakfast we head out early for a hike to Mdumbi, through the villages and parallel to the beautifully ferocious coastline. Use your newly learnt 'Xhosa' skills and greet passersby with a smile. Take photos of the ever-so secluded 'Mapuzi' beach and enjoy getting your feet wet in the crystal clear river then follow your accredited guide towards the Mapuzi cliffs. Experience a natural Jacuzzi hidden within the caverns of these cliffs. Live a little differently- go cliff jumping or simply chill out and soak up the beauty of this unique area. After trekking a little further we will reach our next destination – Mdumbi. Sporting a long and pristine coloured beach, you can cool off in the Indian Ocean, sunbathe, go for a surf lesson or chill-out for the rest of the afternoon. **Hiking distance:** 14 km (+- 5 Hours)

Terrain: Mostly flat



Day 9: Mdumbi to Hluleka

After a leisurely start to the day you depart on the next section of your hike. Highlights for today include Tshani Village and the Mdumbi River. The terrain for today is mostly rolling hills with a walking time of approximately 5 hours. Hiking distance: 14 km (+- 5 Hours)

Terrain: Rolling hills

Day 10: Hluleka to Tsweleni

Highlights for todays hike include the Mpande rock pools, Sharks Point, the Mnenu River and coming across some game in the Hluleka Game Reserve. The terrain covered today is mainly flat beaches and rolling hills with a walking time of approximately 6 hours.

Hiking distance: 14 km (+- 6 Hours) Terrain: Rolling hills and flat beaches



Day 11: Tsweleni to Madakeni

Another day of breathtaking scenery awaits you today as you make your way along the coast. Highlights for today include a walk through an indigenous forest and lunch in Mpande village. Walking time for today is approximately 6 hours with fairly flat terrain at first and hilly towards the end.

Hiking distance: 12 km (+- 6 Hours) Terrain: Hilly

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Day 12: Madakeni to Port St Johns

Today we finish off our hike as we head to the bustling coastal village of Port St Johns, the town lies beneath some dramatic cliffs called the gates. This town has a vibey African atmosphere and is surrounded by spectacular sights. On arrival enjoy a delicious local meal and celebrate completing this epic adventure.

Hiking distance: 12 km (+- 5 Hours) Terrain: Hilly at first then flat



Day 13: Port St Johns

Today is a free day to relax and reenergize your tired bodies. For those with some extra energy, Port St Johns has loads on offer to keep you busy all day.

Day 14: Port St Johns to East London

After an early start to the day we start our journey back to Port Elizabeth. Today will be the longest drive. Our overnight stop will be on the outskirts of East London.

Day 15: East London to Port Elizabeth

After breakfast we will depart to the heart of Malaria free Big 5 country for our 2nd safari experience. On arrival we will be treated to welcome drinks and snacks before the start of our 3 hour guided Big 5 safari. Lions, Leopards, Buffalos, Elephants, Rhinos and wide variety of other game can be seen in the reserve. This is an authentic Big 5 experience and a definite highlight. Make sure your cameras are charged. After dinner we complete the last bit of our adventure and head back to Port Elizabeth where the tour will end.



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Social responsibility

This tour passes through some of the most rural areas with high rates of unemployment, all accommodation used along the wildcoast region is partly owned by the communities we pass through and act as important sources of employment and skills training for the local people. All the guides are locals and the main services offered along the tour are all provided by the local Xhosa communities. Supporting these initiatives helps to build sustainable communities that are educated on the importance of preserving this pristine environment. Additionally guests have the option to "green" their trip and offset their carbon footprint by adding the cost of a tree to the total price of the tour, this will go towards to planting an indigenous tree in the surrounding area. Guests will receive the GPS coordinates of the tree.

Tour includes:

- All ground transportation with an experienced guide/driver
- 14 Nights accommodation

Meals included:

- 14 Breakfasts
- 14 Dinners

Activities included:

- Port Elizabeth Walking City Tour
- Guided hike from Lubanzi village to Coffee Bay
- Guided hike from Coffee Bay to Mdumbi
- Guided hike from Mdumbi to Hluleka
- Guided hike from Hluleka to Tsweleni
- Guided hike from Tsweleni to Madakeni
- Guided hike from Madakeni to Port St Johns
- River Cruise on the Kariega River
- 2 x Big 5 Safaris

Backpacker Tour: (dormitory accommodation) 1000 Euro per person Backpacker Tour: (private room) 1300 Euro per person Standard Tour (3 star accommodation): 1500 Euro per person

> *Terms and conditions apply. * Minimum of 6 required



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