
GEEO ITINERARY

AMY'S SOUTHERN AFRICA - Summer

Day 1: Cape Town Arrive at any time. An arrival transfer is included.

As today is the arrival day, you may arrive at any time. You will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to start your adventure. There are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting. Check the notice boards or ask at reception for the exact time and location of the group meeting, typically 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. After the meeting, you might take the opportunity to head out for a meal in a nearby local restaurant to get to know your tour leader and traveling companions further. Please make every effort to arrive on time for this welcome meeting. If you are delayed and will arrive late, please inform us. Your tour leader will then leave you a message at the front desk informing you of where and when to meet up.

Day 2: Cape Town (B) Explore Cape Town, starting with the Bo-Kaap neighborhood. Then an exclusive guided tour of Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden. Later, stop by Boulders Beach to see African penguins, and continue to the Cape Point lighthouse and the Cape of Good Hope, the southwesternmost point in Africa.

Begin the day with an exploration of vibrant Cape Town, wandering through the multicultural Bo-Kaap neighborhood. Then stop and smell the flowers on a tour specially designed for National Geographic travelers. Visit Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, led by an expert who will talk about the history of the gardens, its exhibits and a behind the scenes look at the mother beds. The garden is administered by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) who have received funding from National Geographic and the site has been named one of the Top 10 gardens in the world by National Geographic Traveler. Later, stop by Boulders Beach to see the resident population of African penguins, and continue to the Cape Point lighthouse and the Cape of Good Hope, the southwesternmost point in Africa.

Day 3: Cape Town (B) Enjoy a day of leisure in Cape Town, choosing from a variety of optional activities.

Enjoy a day of leisure in Cape Town, choosing from a variety of optional activities. There is something for everyone in Cape Town. Visit Table Mountain, walk the V&A Waterfront or embark on a wine tour in and around Stellenbosch. For the adventurous, opt to go skydiving, abseiling, or, if you're really brave, cage diving for a close encounter with a great white shark. Wander through the city center, which has some of the oldest buildings and gardens in South Africa. Check out the Cultural Historical Museum, Planetarium, and many other museums and theatres. See our optional activities section further below for more information. If you are interested in visiting Robben Island - you must book it directly with the museum on their website prior to travel: <http://www.robben-island.org.za>. Due to high demand, it is common that this tour can be sold out over one month in advance.

Day 4: Cape Town/Johannesburg (B, D) Fly to Johannesburg, take a guided tour of Soweto township, center of South Africa's anti-apartheid movement. Visit the Mandela House Museum. Enjoy a traditional South African braai (barbecue) with your fellow travelers.

Fly to Johannesburg, then take a guided tour of Soweto township. The residential area was created under

apartheid and played a significant role in bringing the issues of segregation to the forefront. The anti-apartheid movement was launched here by its most famous resident, Nelson Mandela. Visit the Mandela House Museum and learn about this painful chapter in the country's history. In the evening, we will have a traditional South African braai (barbecue) with your fellow travellers. Enjoy a spread of grilled meats, vegetables, and homemade salads, and talk with your friendly hosts about life in South Africa. Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by plane

Day 5: Johannesburg/Greater Kruger Area (B, D) Drive on the magnificent Panorama Route. Stop at Blyde River Canyon and Bourke's Luck Potholes. Continue to our tented camp and have a South African dinner in a boma.

Set out towards Kruger National Park via the magnificent Panorama Route, one of the world's most picturesque drives. Make stops at the dramatic Blyde River Canyon and Bourke's Luck Potholes, and take in panoramic views of the forest-covered valley from the God's Window viewpoint. Continue to our tented camp near Kruger National Park and savor a delicious South African dinner in a boma. Approximate travel time: 7-8.5 hrs by private vehicle

Day 6: Kruger National Park (B, D) Rise early and climb aboard an open jeep for a full-day safari in Kruger National Park.

Rise early and climb aboard an open jeep for a full-day safari in Kruger National Park—home to an extraordinary array of large mammals. Spot elephants, lions, giraffes, and perhaps elusive leopards as we explore this breathtaking wilderness of savanna and scrubland. At over 19,000 sq km (7,500 sq mi), Kruger is one of the largest and most impressive animal reserves in the world. With 147 species, Kruger has more species of large mammals than any other park on the continent. Return to our lodge in the evening, where you can take some time to relax on the deck and enjoy the nocturnal sounds of the bush.

Day 7: Greater Kruger Area/Karongwe Reserve (B, L, D) Travel to the Karongwe Private Game Reserve and meet with a researcher from the Cheetah Metapopulation Project. The researcher then joins us for a wildlife-viewing excursion through the reserve.

Travel to the Karongwe Private Game Reserve, a pristine wildlife sanctuary located in the Greater Kruger area. Meet with a researcher from the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Cheetah Metapopulation Project—a program funded in part by National Geographic's Big Cats Initiative—and learn about efforts to protect the region's cheetahs and other carnivores. The researcher then joins us for a wildlife-viewing excursion through the reserve. For the next two days, enjoy ranger-led morning and evening wildlife safari drives in an open safari vehicle in Karongwe Nature Reserve. Search for buffaloes, elephants, leopards, lions, and rhinos – Africa's famed Big Five. With over 9,000 hectares (22,240 acres) of supreme African bushveld, Karongwe Private Game Reserve is home to many creatures, and our safari drives provide several opportunities for wildlife viewing. We use various accommodations within the reserve (the location is based on availability). During your time here, you will either stay in lodge rooms or very comfortable permanent tents (both of equal quality and with similar amenities). On some occasions, if space is unavailable, we may need to change accommodations or even use a different private reserve. In such a case, be assured we will choose other lodges or comfort camps (of equal quality) within the Greater Kruger area. Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by private vehicle

Day 8: Karongwe Reserve (B, L, D) Spend the day exploring Karongwe on morning and afternoon safaris with our local guides.

Wake up before the sun (around 5 am) and sip your morning coffee before heading out on a morning wildlife safari drive. Return to the lodge for brunch and some leisure time. Converse on the deck, walk the grounds and gardens and enjoy high tea. Following tea, it's time for a late afternoon safari drive. After spotting tons of wildlife, it's time to return to camp and freshen up before dinner.

Day 9: Karongwe Reserve/Johannesburg (B, D) Embark on one last safari this morning. Then head back to the city, where you'll enjoy dinner in our local guest house.

Embark on one last safari this morning, keeping a lookout for Karongwe's iconic inhabitants. Then head back to the city, where you'll enjoy dinner in our local guest house. Approximate travel time: 7 hrs by private vehicle

Day 10: Johannesburg/Victoria Falls (B, D) Fly to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, a town named after the waterfalls. Visit a nearby village and go grocery shopping in the bustling market. Have dinner with a local family, helping your hosts prepare a traditional Zimbabwean meal.

Catch a flight to the town of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, named after one of the most powerful waterfalls on Earth. Visit a nearby village and go grocery shopping in the bustling market. Then visit a family in a rural village. You will be able to help the family prepare a traditional Zimbabwean dinner, which we'll all eat together outside on the property, weather permitting. Ingredients for the meal will have been hand-selected earlier in the day, at the bustling and friendly local village market. Sit down with a local family for dinner, helping your hosts prepare a traditional Zimbabwean meal using the ingredients you picked out, and hear stories about local life and culture. This experience offers great insight into a typical African life, and ultimately reinforces how we all really want and need the same things in life: a stable home full of love, a good education, and plenty of opportunity for our children. Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by plane

Day 11: Victoria Falls (B) Set out for a tour of magnificent Victoria Falls. Later you will have free time to explore the area.

Join a knowledgeable guide for an unforgettable experience at Victoria Falls. Explore the rainforest and learn about the geology, history, and local legends of this world wonder. After your immersion, get up close to the falls and discover the beauty of "the smoke that thunders." Be sure to have your camera ready! You will have plenty of free time for further adventures. Opt to embark on a thrilling white-water excursion on the Zambezi River; enjoy an unforgettable sunset cruise; soar above the roaring falls in a helicopter; and much more.

Day 12: Victoria Falls (B) Depart Victoria Falls at any time.

Depart Victoria Falls at any time. Want more adventure? GEEO will give you a discount for booking more than one program in the same summer! Book two or more GEEO programs and receive 10% off on the lesser value program (up to 3 programs). For more details please [click here](#). Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO trips in the same year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs). If you don't see a program that interests you that pairs with this trip, but still would like to extend your time abroad, let us know. We will work with you to find a non-teacher trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Even better, if you are an educator, we can still offer you a discounted price on the trip you choose!