SOUTH AFRICA



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SAMPLE ITINERARY #2

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW FRONTIERS TOURS

Cape Town, Karoo & Eastern Cape Safari 11 nights



"South Africa can be overwhelming to sell due to the sheer variety of locations and accommodation options. This SA information sharing partnership between SWM and New Frontiers is invaluable in helping to inform & enthuse aficionados and non-specialists alike."

- Albee Yeend, Ablee's Africa

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

4 nights | Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel

1 night | Drostdy Hotel

2 nights | Samara Karoo Lodge

3 nights | Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge

Spend 4 nights discovering Cape Town, a melting pot of history, arts and culture, this vibrant city has so much to offer and Cape Cadogan a beautiful base from which to explore. After exploring Cape Town fly to Port Elizabeth to start an Eastern Cape adventure, beginning at the historic Drostdy hotel. Follow this with two contrasting yet complimentary Eastern Cape safari locations - Samara Karoo Lodge and Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge.

WHO?

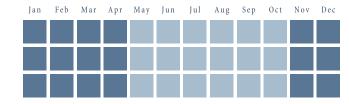
Families | Couples

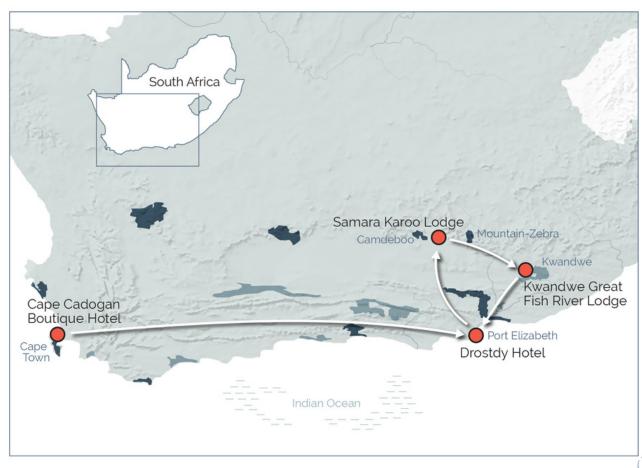
HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape Cadogan offers an excellent location to explore the city from
- Enjoy the wonderful and rich history of Drostdy Hotel and the surrounding regions
- Exceptional game viewing experience in the two wonderfully complimentary and contrasting private reserves.

WHEN TO GO?

The Winelands & Cape Cape Town





Private Transfer: Cape Town Airport to City Hotels

Depart: Cape Town International Airport | Arrive: Cape Grace: Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel

4 nights at Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, complimentary scheduled transfers within a 6km radius of the hotel



Welcome to Cape Town... Scenically beautiful, Cape Town is a compelling mix of trendy modern and old-world elegance. Glamorous hotels, world-class dining and stunning vistas merge seamlessly with dynamic student suburbs and vibrant nightlife. Malay and African heritage is evident in the cuisine, traditions and entertainment while the architecture reveals a strong Dutch, German and English flavour and style. Contemporary art is proudly displayed in a variety of galleries and modern boutique hotels, and wine bars and brandy tasting lounges will appeal to the fashionable set. For the well-heeled the finest in opera, ballet, drama and music can be appreciated in style. A short boat cruise to Robben Island, just over seven km's from Cape Town harbour, you can experience a sense of hopelessness inside the prison cell where South Africa's most beloved legend, Nelson Mandela spent 27 years hard labour. It is difficult to imagine how anyone could rise above the horror of incarceration to become arguably the most iconic and compassionate leader of our era. An exciting trip up Table Mountain in a cable car provides panoramic views over the "Mother City" and other attractions include the Cultural History Museum, the Castle of Good Hope and the world-renowned Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Greenmarket Square's local New Frontiers Tours: Quote itinerary 1 crafts markets and the Bo-Kaap's colourful Cape Malay buildings add a sense of authenticity to your trip, and Long Street's vibrant restaurants, bars and clubs come alive after dark. Perhaps wander around the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, a working harbour and hub of entertainment and shopping opportunities.

Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel fast facts:

- Nestled between Table Mountain & the city centre
- 16 rooms & suites with calm contemporary interiors & top-tier comforts
- 19th century Georgian & Victorian Building & a national monument
- A charming historic & inviting retreat, with affordable luxury accommodation
- Classic luxury & comfortable spaces



Private Transfer: City Hotels to Cape Town Airport

Depart: Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel | Arrive: Cape Town

International Airport

Flight from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth

Car Rental: Pick up & drop off: Port Elizabeth Airport Drive from Port Elizabeth Airport to Drostdy Hotel

1 night at Drostdy Hotel Inclusions: Breakfast

Welcome to the Eastern Cape... Birthplace of many of the country's big names, Mandela, Hani, Biko and Sisulu, the Eastern Cape reaches from a coastal region of pristine beaches and forests, to the arid desert landscape of the Karoo. Such varied scenery means you could be watching whales off a craggy coastline, bouncing along through a grassland reserve, and exploring the lunar landscapes of the desert's all in a matter of days. Sweeping views of barren plains stretch as far as the eye can see, and ancient rock formations jut dramatically from the earth, reaching for the heavens. Aloes and brightly coloured Xhosa houses dot the topography, a splash of colour in the stark countryside. The Eastern Cape has its fair share of game reserves, private and national, and one of the main draws is that they are malaria free. The Mountain Zebra National Park, is home to the rare Cape Mountain Zebra, as well as buffalo, cheetah and the smaller predators - genets, bat-eared foxes, and jackals. Addo Elephant National Park, a big 5 reserve is a haven for elephant, and Camdeboo and Shamwari are highly regarded Eastern Cape parks. Step back in time when you visit the towns time forgot - Graaff-Reinet, Cradock, Nieu Bethesda. Immerse yourself in the pioneering history of farms, forts, steepled churches and the South African artists and writers who have left their mark indelibly carved into this land. The University town of Grahamstown hosts the annual Arts Festival and the Observatory Museum bursts with fascinating Victorian- era memorabilia.





Drostdy Hotel fast facts

- Fascinating Karoo hotel in heritage Graaff-Reinet town
- 48 attractive rooms with contemporary comforts
- Unique 1800 property with whitewashed walls
- Warmly hospitable & reminiscent of a bygone era
- Karoo art & décor, pretty & full of character
- · Retains its history & blends modern touches



Self Drive: to Samara Karoo Lodge

Depart: Drodsty Hotel | Arrive: Samara Karoo Lodge

2 nights at Samara Karoo Lodge

Inclusions: All meals, tea, coffee, two game activities daily with experienced rangers,

selected drinks during game activities and children's programme



Karoo Lodge in the Samara Private Game Reserve, near the Karoo town of Graaff-Reinet, is an awardwinning gem boasting Karoo hospitality, charm and cheetahs! Here the landscape is truly stunning: dramatic mountains cut into the sky and the blue/green colours blend with open plains and drier stretches of countryside. The colonial Karoo Lodge enjoys a warm authentic Cape feel, natural woods, fireplaces and antiques throughout the hotel. 4 Lodge suites are located in the main homestead and open onto a wrap-around verandah, while the 3 Karoo suites have a garden cottage feel and feature fireplaces and outdoor showers with views. Sharing a wooden deck, the 2 Sibella suites are ideal for small family groups. Samara is renowned for its successful cheetah conservation endeavours and on foot cheetah tracking, in addition to its Spekboom planting and community projects. The Samara Reserve is privileged to extend over four of the country's seven biomes, providing habitat for over 60 mammal species including the cheetah, aardvark and white rhino, as well as the endangered desert-adapted black rhino (one of only 2 private reserves to have these animals). Guests can partake in game drives, guided walks, wilderness picnics, birding, luxury star bed sleep-out, mountain hikes, conservation activities, fossil walks and San rock art.

Samara Karoo Lodge fast facts

- Dramatic landscape in Samara reserve, near the town of Graaff-Reinet
- 4 Lodge, 3 Karoo & 2 Sibella luxury suites all beautifully appointed
- Child-friendly, colonial lodge with exquisite scenery: rivers, plains & mountains
- Warm authentic Cape feel: natural woods, fireplaces & antiques throughout
- Cheetahs: conservation & cheetah tracking on foot
- Conservation, planting & community involvement (animals, people & environment)

Car Hire Return: Port Elizabeth Airport

Road Transfer: Port Elizabeth to Kwandwe Great Fish River

Depart: Port Elizabeth Airport | Arrive: Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge

3 nights at Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge

Inclusions: 3 meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local & premium brand spirits, beers, teas & coffees, refreshments on game drives, twice daily game drives, nature walks, big game walking safari (tracking rhino, elephant and buffalo on foot) accompanied by specialist ranger and tracker team (subject to availability), laundry, emergency medical evacuation insurance, transfers to/from the lodge airstrip, complimentary child minding.



Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge fast facts

- Perched on the banks of the Great Fish River
- 9 spacious suites with folding glass doors & uninterrupted bushveld views
- Contemporary classic décor, neutral tones, thatched roofs & private plunge pools
- Elegant, subtle charm with expansive decks & peaceful outlooks

DAY 11

Road Transfer: Kwandwe Great Fish River to Port Elizabeth

Depart: Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge | Arrive: Port Elizabeth Airport

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