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SAMPLE ITINERARY #3

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
NEW FRONTIERS TOURS

Western Cape, the
Garden Route & Eastern
Cape Safari
9 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, Albee's Africa

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

4 nights | Twelve Apostles
2 nights | Boschendal
2 nights | Morukuru Beach Lodge
1 night | Rosenhof Country House
2 nights | The Plettenberg
1 night | Hacklewood Hill Country
3 nights | Shamwari Eagles Crag

Guests will have 15 magical nights exploring the very best of South Africa's Western & Eastern Cape regions on this all encompassing self-drive itinerary. Starting in Cape Town exploring all this vibrant city has to offer guests will then heading to the iconic cape Winelands. Heading east they will discover the dramatic beauty of the Garden Route, then cap off the trip in the game rich Shamwari Private Reserve for an unforgettable few nights on safari.

WHO?

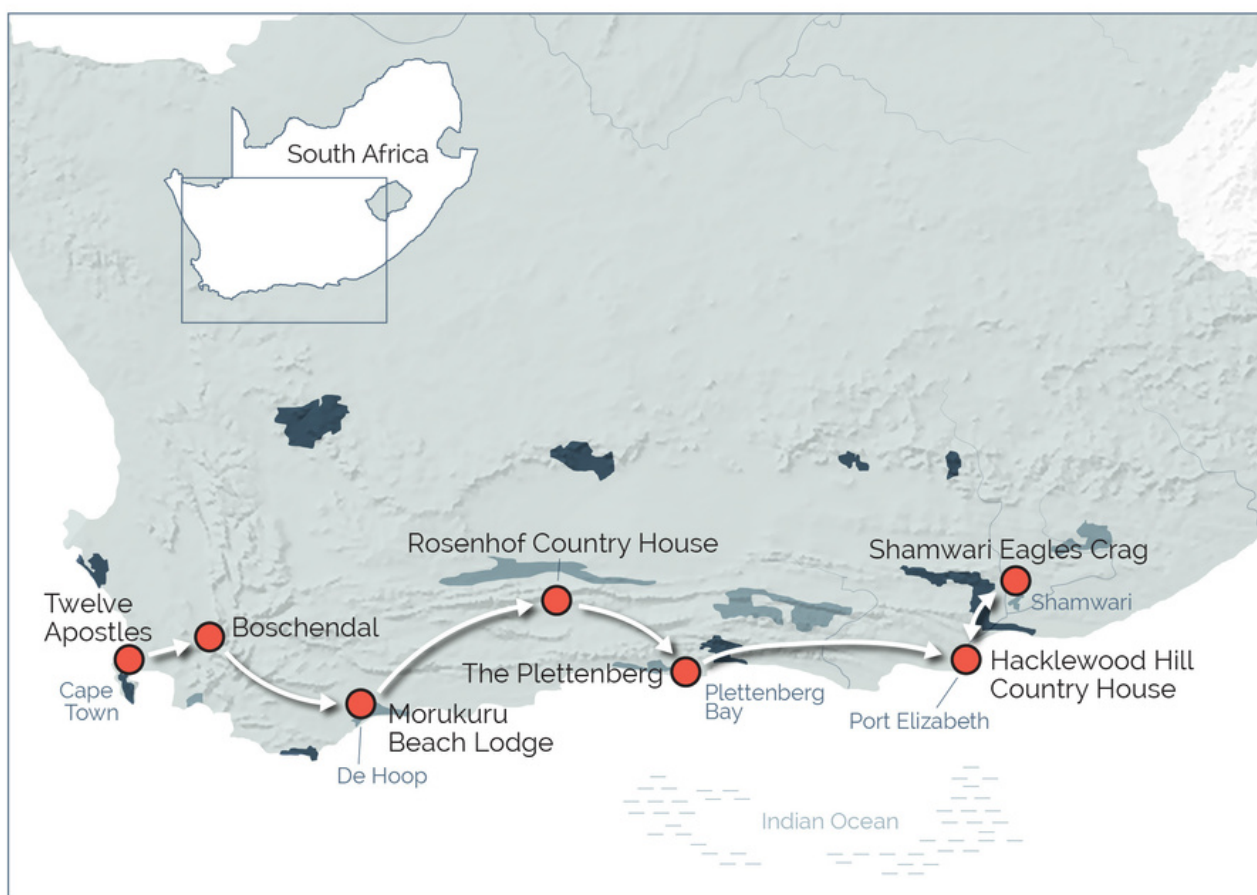
Families | Couples

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape Grace offers an excellent location to explore the city from
- Treehouse experience included in Boschendal stay
- Exceptional game viewing experience in the Kwandwe Private reserve.

WHEN TO GO?

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
The Winelands & Cape												
Cape Town												
Eastern Cape												



DAY 1

Car Rental - Pick up: Cape Town International Airport | **Drop off:** Port Elizabeth Airport

Self Drive: to Twelve Apostles

4 nights at Twelve Apostles

Inclusions: Breakfast and complimentary daily scheduled transfer service to Camps Bay and the V&A Waterfront are included between 08h00 and 21h30.



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.

Twelve Apostles fast facts:

- Dramatically poised on the slopes of the Twelve Apostles, just outside Camps Bay
- 70 individually designed rooms & suites with contemporary African style & classic comfort
- 5-star boutique hotel, light & airy with stunning views
- Overlooking a natural paradise: uninterrupted ocean & mountain panoramas
- Elegance & serenity, luxurious rooms & exquisite dining
- Magnificent fynbos garden, heated pool, Jacuzzi & spa

DAY 5

Self Drive to Western Cape

Depart: Twelve Apostles | **Arrive:** Boschendal

2 nights at Boschendal

Inclusions: Fresh Farm Breakfast at The Werf Restaurant, bottle of Boschendal wine, Farm Tour, Garden Walk with harvest and access to The Tree House (pre-booking required for children 4-14 years).

Welcome to the Winelands... An easy drive from Cape Town, the Winelands dramatic mountains stand guard over a quilt of working vineyards, elegant Cape Dutch estates and quaint towns boasting top restaurants, hotels and spas. Sample some of the regions award-winning wine offerings, stroll through exquisitely maintained gardens or explore art galleries and antique shops in the oak-lined streets of the local towns. The buzzing university village of Stellenbosch was named after the Governor of the Cape, Simon van der Stel and, as the historic hub of the Winelands it is surrounded by around 200 wineries. Franschhoek, a charming town with French Huguenot heritage is arguably the culinary headquarters of the country and home to the creative genius of a number of resident chefs. Framed by a majestic backdrop of the Helderberg Mountains, Paarl lies peacefully nestled amongst vineyards laden with the harvest's finest offerings. Enjoy gourmet meals lovingly prepared by experienced chefs and served in lush gardens, or stylish restaurants. Sample local wines and explore the cellars of well-established wine farms. The Winelands is all about stepping back from the hectic pace of modern living, and appreciating the finer things in life in some of the most gorgeous and tranquil locations this country has to offer.



Boschendal Fast Facts:

- In the heart of the Winelands, dramatically surrounded by impressive mountains & stretches of vineyard
- 22 cottages (walk or drive to Manor House), 7 Werf, 13 Orchards, Clarence & Rhodes Cottages
- Historic farm with restored buildings, contemporary charm & beautiful gardens
- Variety of accommodation types with a typical Cape feel & stylishly simple decor
- Excellent cuisine using organic home-grown produce & estate wines
- Elegant restaurant dining or signature picnics in exquisite setting

DAY 7

Self drive to De Hoop Nature Reserve

Depart: Boschendal | **Arrive:** Morukuru Beach Lodge

2 nights at Morukuru Beach Lodge

Inclusions: All meals, local brand drinks, 2 guided activities daily, complimentary Wi-Fi and entrance fee/reserve gate fee.

Welcome to the Overberg... Beyond the Hottentots-Holland Mountains, to the East of Cape Town, lies the Overberg, an area of fruit and grain farms, verdant wine-growing valleys and a coastal Riviera known for its charming towns and whale viewing. Swathes of colourful Cape Fynbos flowers, rocky shores and richly green vineyards are all part of the Overberg's essence. During the calving season, Hermanus is arguably the best destination to view the Southern Right Humpback Whales. From June to December these migratory animals make their presence known in Walker Bay, with pods of up to 50 creatures frolicking close to land. Hermanus' resident Whale Crier sounds his kelp horn alerting the town to the proximity of these magnificent sea beasts. Recently established, The Hemel en Aarde wine route extends back from Hermanus. This successful wine-growing region boasts highly-acclaimed Pinot Noirs cultivated from its vineyards and wine estates. Translated as "Heaven on Earth" the valley lives up to its name, a feast for all the senses. Overberg highlights include Cape Agulhas, the southern-most tip of Africa and meeting point of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, as well as the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve.



Morukuru Beach Lodge fast facts

- A small boutique style lodge in the De Hoop Nature Reserve
- 5 contemporary suites with magnificent outlooks of the sand dunes & ocean
- Sanctuary of refined luxury with an eco-friendly design
- Stunning coastal reserve setting: pristine beaches, dunes, cliffs & rock-pools
- Expansive living spaces for home-from-home comfort
- Roof-top terrace, pool & sheltered courtyard

DAY 9

Self Drive to Klein Karoo

Depart: Morukuru Beach Lodge | **Arrive:** Rosenhof Country House

1 night at Rosenhof Country House

Inclusions: Breakfast



Welcome to the Klein Karoo... Away from the big city lights, the Klein Karoo is a region of semi-arid desert, imposing mountain passes and surprisingly beautiful oases. It's about endless skies and natural wonders. Closer to the heart of the country, the Klein Karoo's farming communities, quirky towns and wide open spaces are as appealing as the warm hospitality of its people. Towns such as Montagu, Calitzdorp, De Rust and Oudtshoorn offer home-style meals, local arts and crafts, and historical treasures. Route 62, the longest wine route in the country, extends past eccentric little villages, farming communities and established fruit and wine producers. The route is an off-the-beaten-path glimpse of life in the more remote regions of the Cape, and its charm lies in its tranquillity and unpretentiousness. Striking mountain passes such as the Swartberg, Mitchell's and Prince Alfred's Pass cut through the region affording panoramic views from winding roads. View the Cango Cave's underground limestone caverns and dripstone formations as well as Oudtshoorn's ostrich farms: Oudtshoorn, known as the Ostrich Capital of the world, has a large farming industry based on these birds. The endangered species breeding facility at Cango Wildlife Ranch lets you get up close and personal with hand-reared cheetahs. Community tours, a visit to the habituated meerkat colony and numerous activities and adventure sports are available in the region: biking, hiking, ballooning, micro-lights, caving and abseiling.

Rosenhof Country House fast facts

- An oasis in the arid Karoo landscape of Oudtshoorn
- 12 stylish en-suite rooms offer country charm & all the comforts of home
- Quaint 1852 Victorian homestead with lovely mountain & garden views
- Authentic ambiance in beautifully restored house
- Traditional meals & fine wines

DAY 10

Depart: Rosenhof Country House **Arrive:** The Plettenberg
2 nights at The Plettenberg

Inclusions: Breakfast

The Plettenberg Fast Facts:

- Perched on rocky headlands, in the coastal town of Plettenberg Bay
- 37 individually styled rooms, suites & villas with tasteful décor & luxurious comforts
- The ultimate seaside escape, overlooking pristine coastline & majestic mountains
- Breath-taking vistas: large windows, verandahs & infinity pool
- Celebrated cuisine, stunning ocean views & an unforgettable setting



DAY 12

Self drive to Port Elizabeth

Depart: The Plettenberg

Arrive: The Hacklewood Hill Country House
1 night at Hacklewood Hill Country House

Inclusions: Breakfast

Welcome to Port Elizabeth... Port Elizabeth, known as the 'Friendly City' or Nelson Mandela Bay, is a laid-back seaside city where sun, sea and surf are just a part of life. As the jumping off point to a Garden Route Tour, this is an ideal destination to relax after a domestic flight, catch up on your sunbathing and take advantage of the protected swimming beaches.

A regular sleepy hollow, P.E is a major sea port and as the landing site of the 1820 settlers is richly steeped in culture and history. The Donkin Heritage Trail includes 51 sites of historical importance and Port Elizabeth's Route 67 is an arts and culture tribute to Nelson Mandela's public life. Funky and eclectic, Route 67 is a creation of local visual arts, eye-catching design and heart-warming memorabilia. Starting at the city centre, the route encompasses galleries, the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Museum, the Red Location Museum, Athenaeum Building and Uitenhage Market Square. The Kragga Kamma Game Reserve, a short distance from the city, is inhabited by white rhino, buffalo, cheetah and a number of buck species. Nearby Addo Elephant National Park is the third largest national park in the country, and home to large populations of elephant.



Hacklewood Hill Country House fast facts

- 8 classic bedrooms
- Peaceful, residential suburb
- Elegant Victorian manor house
- Pool & tennis court

DAY 13

Self Drive to Shamwari Private Game Reserve

Depart: Hacklewood Hill Country House | **Arrive:** Shamwari Eagles Crag

3 nights Shamwari Eagles Crag

Inclusions: All meals, game drives, guided walks and selected local beverages. Maximum 7 guests per vehicle



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, steeped 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.

Shamwari Eagles Crag fast facts

- Surrounded by imposing cliffs & with expansive views across the gorge
- 9 glass & stone suites with private decks & heated plunge pools
- A contemporary African-chic property, sophisticated but warmly welcoming
- Exquisite natural scenery, elegant luxury & impeccable service
- An exclusive safari getaway & memorable experience

DAY 16

Car Hire return: Port Elizabeth Airport

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