

Private 4day Garden Route tour for AIFS Study Abroad – SRJC Group

TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 – 23 June 2017

Cape Town to Still Bay

- Depart from Cape Town and see the Cape Peninsula and False Bay spread out beneath you from the top of Sir Lowry's pass as we journey to Still Bay on the N2.
- The Blombos Museum of Archaeology - The Museum is located in Still Bay in the historic de Jagerhuis-opstal at Palinggat. This little specialised museum is dedicated to presenting to the public, the stone age history of the area and specifically, the findings at the Blombos cave and the work carried out by Professor Chris Henshilwood.
The displays include descriptive panels and stone tool artefacts of the earlier, middle and later stone age and artefacts from the Blombos cave itself.
- Visvywers - Built by the Khoi people the visvywers (tidal fish traps) were basic structures built by hand with stones on the beach. Fish were trapped in the half-moon shaped structures as the tide resided. The site was declared a national heritage site and today the ancient fish traps are maintained by a group of locals. The amazing structures are clearly visible from the land and the fish traps still do their job the same as it did hundreds of years ago.
- Overnight in Still Bay

Day 2 – 24 June 2017

Still Bay to Sedgefield

- Point of Human Origins - Discover the pinnacle of ancestral history on a scenic visit to the Pinnacle Point Caves accompanied by a knowledgeable guide. Cave13B contains some of the earliest evidence for modern human behavior in the world, dated to 162 000 years ago. Pinnacle Point is now a Provincial Heritage Site and is also listed with UNESCO for nomination as a World Heritage Site. Access to the Cave is via a series of steep wooden stairways and boardwalks and requires some level of fitness.
- Game Drive - Spot most of Africa's Big 5 from the safety of a 4x4 vehicle in their natural habitat on a malaria-free game reserve. Led by an experienced game ranger you'll search for lion, white rhino, buffalo, elephant, kudu, zebra, wildebeest and giraffe - just to name a few. Leopards are rarely seen.
- Overnight in Sedgefield

Day 3 – 25 June 2017

Sedgefield to Oudtshoorn

- Myoli Beach - An undiscovered paradise and your accommodation is situated right on the beach, perfect for an early morning stroll along the beach.
- Knysna – This popular holiday town with a lively buzz lies between forested mountains and the sea, curving around a big lagoon. We will visit the Heads, where the sea crashes through two massive sandstone cliffs.

- Wilderness National Park – With 18km of beaches shrouded in sea spray, five lakes, five rivers and two estuaries, Wilderness is one of nature's jewels in the crown. Canoe on the Wilderness lagoon and watch the bird life while we glide over the water in our pure nature encounter.
- Travel over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass to reach Oudtshoorn.
- Oudtshoorn – A town in the semi-desert Klein Karoo, offering a more harsh kind of beauty as the setting sun paints the Swartberg and Outeniqua mountains in shades of pink.
- Overnight in Oudtshoorn

Day 4 – 26 June 2017

Oudtshoorn to Cape Town

- Ostrich farm visit – We visit an ostrich farm, and learn more about the world's largest bird. They're an entertaining bunch, so get ready for a unique experience.
- Cango Caves – These caves are an illuminated wonderland of subterranean magic and mystery, with passageways and chambers meandering far below. The tour will explore the narrow passages and vast halls filled with colorful ancient stalactites.
- Elephant bush walk - An experienced elephant guide will inform you all about these incredible gentle giants as you walk alongside them in their natural habitat.
- Cape Route 62 – Along South Africa's famous country road you'll capture the beauty of high mountains, twisting passes, rugged Karoo plains, vineyards and orchards in your personal road movie.
- We arrive back in Cape Town by nightfall.

Includes:

- Visit and presentation at The Blombos Museum of Archeology
- Visit to Visvywers
- Visit to the Point of Human Origins
- 4x4 Game drive in a Private Game Reserve
- Visit to the Heads in Knysna
- Entrance to Wilderness National Park
- Wilderness canoeing
- Tour of Ostrich Farm
- Tour of the Cango Caves
- Elephant Bushwalk
- Friendly, professional and informative local driver-guides
- Transport to and from all tourist HOTSPOTS with licensed and insured vehicles. We use comfortable Toyota Quantum vehicles that take 13 passengers each. We will make use of 2 vehicles, depending on the final numbers of the group.
- Accommodation for 3 nights in backpacker dorm rooms.

Price excludes:

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks

