

Beyond Reach Golfing the Garden 15 Day



DAY 1: Arrival in P.E. – The Kelway *** & ****

Welcome to South Africa and the beginning of the Garden Route. Port Elizabeth generally referred to as the Industrial mecca town of South Africa is our home for the first two nights...as it should be. We drive to and check-in at The Kelway hotel in the upmarket region of town a stones throw from the ocean and the casino complex offering lot more than only lady luck. The evening is free for you to do as you please, sleep, chat, gamble or eat. Your guide will assist with all taste requirements.

Free evening.

Depart: N/A

Stops: Port Elizabeth

Activities: N/A

Breakfast: All breakfasts for entire tour included.

Lunch: N/A

Dinner: N/A

DAY 2: Golfing in P.E – The Kelway *** & ****

After breakfast you will be driven to arguably the most famous Links course in South Africa at the Humewood Golf Club. A pure links course – challenging and much more so when the wind picks up on these shores. The course is only a few minutes from our accommodation and after the days golfing a dip in the waters is highly recommended.

The Humewood Golf Club in Port Elizabeth was opened in 1931 and is one of the few links courses in South Africa. It belongs to the top ten in the country and hosted the South African Open four times. The course surrounds the impressive double-storey club house, from where one can enjoy the beautiful view of the course itself and Algoa Bay.

Humewood is known to be difficult. The fairways are undulating, the bunkers deep, and the frequent strong winds, often gale force between October and January, top it up.

The club's symbol is the "Kiewietjie", a peewit species. These birds are nesting on the grounds and their nests are marked with red flags. If a ball lands too close to a nest (less than the length of two golf clubs), it may be lifted and dropped without penalty.

Depart: 08:30

Stops: Humewood Golf Course

Activities: Golfing Day

Lunch: N/A

Dinner: Local Restaurant.

DAY 3: P.E – Knysna – The Knysna Log Inn or Knysna River Club ****

After breakfast drive towards Knysna. With Pine plantations on either side as we depart Port Elizabeth we see the environment change to the more indigenous species till we enter the only tropical indigenous wood still left in South Africa in the heart of the Garden Route. We then drop dramatically into the Storms River mouth which was once the playground of the Khoi-San. Views from the restaurant are legendary and one must see it to understand why words do it no justice. Planned route/stops along the way: Tsitsikamma National Park, Storms River Bridge, Groot River Pass. Time permitting we will make a stop at Monkeyland.

Depart: 09:00 – 09:30

Stops: Jeffreys Bay

Activities: Tsitsikamma National Park, Storms River Bridge, Monkeyland.

Lunch: At Tsitsikamma National Park

Dinner: Local Restaurant in Knysna. (Lush or Similar)

DAY 4: Knysna - The Knysna Log Inn or Knysna River Club ****

After breakfast you will have the half day excursion to the Featherbed Nature Reserve.

Featherbed Nature Reserve is a prime example of eco-tourism and in order to protect the splendour of the natural beauty, access to the Reserve is controlled. Numbers are limited and visits are only permitted in the company of the Reserve's specialist guides

The Featherbed eco-experience starts with a 25-minute ferry cruise. Your local guide on board will share fascinating tales about the Lagoon, the early shipping industry and oyster cultivation. On arrival at the Reserve, visitors can enjoy a drive to the top of the Western Head in a 4 x 4 unimog vehicle with trailers, stopping at a magnificent view point en route. Here unsurpassed views of the Lagoon, mountains and Knysna can be enjoyed, whilst our knowledgeable guides explain the history and ecology of the Reserve. After the drive, your specialist guide will take you on an optional 2.2 kilometre downhill walk

Free afternoon

Depart: 08:30

Stops: N/A

Activities: Featherbed Eco-Experience

Lunch: 3 Course Buffet on the Featherbed Island.

Dinner:N/A

DAY 5: Knysna - The Knysna Log Inn or Knysna River Club ****

After breakfast we head toward the rolling mountains and the stunning Pezula Residential Estate. Considered a challenging but highly enjoyable golfing experience.

The Pezula Championship Golf Course is one of the most scenic and spectacular courses of South Africa. It is situated high over the Atlantic Ocean and the lagoon of Knysna. There is no other course in the country with such stunning views. The course was designed and harmoniously integrated into the coastal landscape by the Americans Ron Fream and David Dale. The modern clubhouse overlooks the lagoon and provides for all your needs. Besides the excellent restaurant, there is a cosy lounge with bar, a tennis court, a gym and a heated swimming pool.

Depart: 08:00

Stops: N/A

Activities: Golfing day – If you would like we can stop off at Plett main beach after your game for a dip in the waters in Plettenberg Bay or stroll the streets of this coastal playground of the rich and famous.

Lunch: N/A

Dinner:N/A

DAY 6: Knysna - The Knysna Log Inn or Knysna River Club ****

Free day or alternatively a game at either Simola or Pezula?

Depart: N/A

Stops: N/A

Activities: N/A

Lunch: N/A

Dinner:N/A

DAY 7: Mosselbay – The Point Hotel ****

We leave Knysna and head on the N2 straight to Mosselbay and The Point Golf Club for those wanting to pit themselves against arguably the most scenic course on the South African Coastline.

The - still relatively new - Pinnacle Point Beach and Golf Resort in Mossel Bay is one of the most spectacular golf developments on the Garden Route of South Africa. Pinnacle Point lies on a huge property of 400 hectares right at the sea and looks down on a four kilometre long beach. The championship course was designed by master architect Peter Matcovitch, who himself called it the most dramatic course he had ever worked on. Several of the holes are situated right above the ocean. The fairways and greens are strikingly green and manicured and lined by Fynbos vegetation.

Depart: 08:00

Stops: N/A

Activities: Golfing Day

Lunch: N/A

Dinner:N/A

DAY 8: Hermanus – The Windsor* or Misty Waves ******

After breakfast you will drive to Hermanus along the N2. We stop off at The Garden Route Game lodge for a morning game drive and a light lunch before heading further West to the Whale watching capital of the world. Most of the town is situated on the waters edge with many cliff faces bearing the brunt of the Atlantic waves pounding against them. A friendly and approachable town with much character. (Season June – November)

Depart: 09:00

Stops: N/A

Activities: Game Drive on Safari Vehicle at Garden Route Game Lodge.

Lunch: At the Garden Route Game Lodge

Dinner: At the Marine Hotel in Hermanus (Seafood Dishes only – please advise any medical conditions)

DAY 9: Hermanus – The Windsor* or Misty Waves ******

Free Day: Spend the day as you would like, maybe play the course at Arabella or the recently renovated Hermanus Golf Club. For the braver why not a dip with a Great White? Your guide can assist in your decision making and choices.

Depart: N/A

Stops: N/A

Activities: N/A

Lunch: N/A

Dinner:N/A

DAY 10: Stellenbosch – Kleine Zalze ****

We take the scenic Clarens Drive via the coastline toward the historic and more recently university town of Stellenbosch and head to the one of the most popular Golf Estates and accommodation venues in Stellenbosch. Today we stop off for lunch and wine tastings at Neethelingshof and bubbly at JC le Roux until we check into our accommodation at 4pm.

Depart: 09:00

Stops: Somerset Mall

Activities: Neethelingshof Wine Tasting, JC le Roux Sparkling Wine Tasting.

Lunch: At Neethelingshof Vineyard

Dinner: The Terroir Restaurant (Voted top5 restaurants in South Africa.)

DAY 11: Stellenbosch – Kleine Zalze ****

A day on the De Zalze Golf Course. Stunning setting, world class course and wrapped up with professional feel all round.

This international championship golf course, designed by Peter Matkovich, lies next to the Stellenbosch Golf Course in front of stunning mountains and surrounded by softly undulating vineyards. The Blaauwklippen river, lined by oak trees, winds its way through the expansive park of the golf estate and comes into the game in some places.

The course is not easy. Water, huge fairway- and deep green-bunkers make it difficult for the player. Spectacular is the tee-off situated on an island.

Depart: 08:30

Stops: N/A

Activities: Golfing Day

Lunch: N/A

Dinner:N/A

DAY 12: Cape Town – Lady Hamilton or similar.

We depart Stellenbosch and head toward Cape Town stopping off at Table Mountain (weather permitting) and including a 3 hour excursion to Robben Island.

Depart: 08:30

Stops: N/A

Activities: Golfing Day

Lunch: N/A

Dinner:N/A

DAY 13: Cape Town – Lady Hamilton or similar.

Today is a full day Cape Point tour including Hout Bay, Seal Island, Cape Point National Park, Boulders Beach. We travel along the Atlantic Seaboard via Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay, stopping at a Llandudno look-out point before continuing to Hout Bay, a quaint village and fishing harbour with magnificent mountain views and beach. Seal Island boat trip.

On through Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breathtaking coastal drives, to Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve, which has magnificent fynbos vegetation, birdlife, endemic antelope species and Zebra, historic lighthouses and shipwrecks. Cape Point is perceived to be the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans – nothing could be further from the truth but your guide will tell you more.

After lunch at Two Oceans or similar restaurant, we go on to historic Simon's Town, a village with charming Victorian architecture, a naval base and a large penguin colony at the beautiful Boulders Beach.

Depart: 08:30

Stops: N/A

Activities: Seal Island, Chapman's Peak, Cape Point, Boulders Beach.

Lunch: At Two Oceans restaurant.

Dinner:N/A

DAY 14: Cape Town – Lady Hamilton or similar.

Free Day: A final round of golf perhaps at the Royal Cape Golf Club or Erinvale. Shop till you drop, laze on the beach... Oh decisions to be made. We finish the day and tour with a luxurious meal at one of the top restaurants in the Cape Town region. B.D

Royal Cape: Extensive work was done on the greens in 2000 to bring them up to the USGA standards and the course today is a fine test of golf and worthy of its championship rating. Essentially it is a very flat parkland course, well maintained and a pleasure to play with lovely views of the surrounding mountains. But don't be deceived by its apparent easiness. The fairways are narrow, demanding extreme accuracy off the tee, wayward shots can be heavily penalized amongst the trees and the greens are well bunkered.

Atlantic Beach: Enjoy our Championship Links style Golf Course with its traditional style and an ocean breeze off the ocean. On calm days you can play your normal lofted shot or on windy days you can use the firm turf to play low running shots, beneath the wind. Either way, we are sure you will enjoy the challenge around this 18-hole golf course.

Depart: N/A

Stops: N/A

Activities: N/A

Lunch: N/A

Dinner: Steenberg Restaurant

DAY 15: HOME

Transfer to the airport.

Flight home.

Tour Inclusion:

14 Nights twin share accommodation on a 3 and 4 star basis.

All Breakfasts

3 x Lunches

5 x Dinners

All Tips and Porterage

Entrance Fees:

Tsitsikamma National Park

Monkeyland primate Sanctuary Entrance

JC Leroux Tasting

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Cape Peninsula National Park

Sightseeing:

Storms River Bridge Viewpoint
Featherbed Excursion
Knysna Heads
Seal Island Visit
Penguin Colony

Tour Exclusions:

International Flights