

# GardenRoute&Safari



**GRIS5P: 5-night package – Malaria-free Safari + Garden Route**

## Day 1

You will be met at **Port Elizabeth Airport** by a safari lodge representative and transferred 45-minutes to your beautiful malaria-free **Private Game Reserve**.

Check in, settle in and relax in your African surroundings, before enjoying your first **safari game drive in an open-top game-viewing vehicle**, accompanied by a lodge ranger.

Hopefully see several of the **Big Five** this evening, before returning to your lodge for dinner.

## Day 2

Rise before dawn to take advantage of the best game viewing conditions of the day, as you search for the **Big Five** – lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard. You may also see giraffe, wild dogs, wildebeest, antelope and many other species of plains game.

Accommodation is on a **full board basis** and includes **two game-viewing drives** per day in an open game-viewing vehicle, with an experienced ranger (early morning and late afternoon).

Between game drives relax at your safari lodge, which has a swimming pool and also offers guided walks. Bird watching is also outstanding.

## Day 3

Enjoy another early **open-top game drive** this morning, before returning to your lodge for breakfast.

Mid-morning you will be collected from your game lodge and transferred to the beautiful **Garden Route**, a scenic 3-hour drive along the coast across the dramatic **Storm's River Gorge** and through **Tsitsikamma**.

Check in to your luxury hotel in **Knysna** or **Plettenberg Bay** and relax in this area of outstanding natural beauty.

## Day 4

This morning you will be transferred to the ferry to visit **Featherbed Nature Reserve** situated on the **Western Head**, one of two magnificent sandstone cliffs guarding the entrance to the vast **Knysna lagoon**. This spectacular nature reserve is only accessible by ferry, followed by a short trailer ride to the top of the reserve, which offers panoramic views.

Most visitors choose to return on foot via a 1-mile **Guided Nature Walk** through natural coastal forest onto the cliffs, through caves and along a scenic coastal path. A seafood buffet lunch is then served under the old Milkwood trees.

## Day 5

Today is free for relaxation and independent sightseeing in **Knysna**. This lively town is famous for its bohemian artists and oysters, which are grown in the lagoon. It offers many interesting craft shops and several excellent seafood restaurants.

Many optional excursions are available such the **Outeniqua Choo Tjoe** steam train to Wilderness, or a day visit to **Oudtshoorn** to see ostriches and the Cango Caves. Visit neighbouring **Plettenberg Bay**, South Africa's playground for the rich and famous with spectacular sweeping beaches. Schools of dolphins are regularly seen in the warm Indian Ocean and whales may be seen in season (August to November).

*One set of return transfers to town or to the beach are included in your package per day. Additional transfers can be arranged with your hotel and paid locally.*

## Day 6

Today you will be transferred along the coastal route to **Cape Town Airport**, a scenic 6-hour drive.

*[Alternatively 45-minute transfer to **George Airport**; or 3-hour transfer to **Port Elizabeth Airport**]*

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

### GARDEN ROUTE SAFARI

- ❑ 2 nights luxury private game lodge accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ 2 open-top game drives per day
- ❑ Walking trails
- ❑ All game park fees and local taxes
- ❑ English breakfast daily
- ❑ Lunches and dinners daily

### GARDEN ROUTE

- ❑ 3 nights luxury accommodation in Knysna or Plettenberg Bay, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ Featherbed Nature Reserve
- ❑ English breakfasts daily

### WHAT IS INCLUDED:

All airport and ground transfers in air-conditioned vehicles  
Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis  
Activities specified in itinerary, including transfers and entrance charges

### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

International & domestic flights (quoted separately)  
Lunches & dinners (unless specified)  
Drinks & refreshments  
Tips for porters and restaurants  
Telephone calls, laundry & other incidental personal expenditure  
Visa fees, in countries where these apply  
Airport departure taxes, in countries where these apply  
    e.g. Victoria Falls: currently US\$20 per person  
    Mozambique: currently US \$10 per person  
*Please ensure you take the necessary US dollars for this purpose*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

All activities are subject to prevailing weather conditions

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES – please enquire for supplements**

**GARDEN ROUTE – All Holidays**

**PORT ELIZABETH:**

**Port Elizabeth City Tour** – historical and cultural highlights of this holiday city, situated on the sweeping shores of Algoa Bay (half day)

**Addo Elephant Park** – unique conservation efforts to save the African Elephant (full day)

**PLETTENBERG BAY & KNYSNA:**

**Featherbed Nature Reserve** – dramatic unspoilt scenery, accessible only by ferry. Includes optional walking trail down to the lagoon and buffet seafood lunch

**Oudtshoorn** – visit an Ostrich Farm in the Little Karoo and the world famous Cango Caves