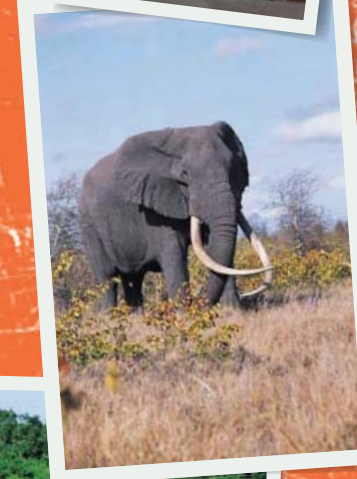


Africa

"THOSE CUDDLY LITTLE CHARACTERS LOOKED SO HARMLESS... BUT WE KNEW DIFFERENTLY. AN HOUR BEFORE WE HAD WATCHED THEIR MOTHER HUNT DOWN DINNER!"



Morocco

You don't have to fly all night to get an African stamp on your passport, the North of the continent contains wonder after wonder and it isn't too far away. Over in Morocco, exotic sounding places such as Casablanca and Marrakech are as mysteriously sexy as you might imagine, and are the perfect places to have your heart broken, before you take off into the Sahara desert on a camel to find some kind of solace.

Egypt

Egypt lies in a unique position, just across the Mediterranean from mainland Europe, on the fringes of the Middle East, but positioned quite firmly on the continent of Africa. The result is a magical land brimming with historical and cultural wonder. No trip to the country is complete without a cruise down the Nile. Drift gently along and dream of magnificent Pyramids, ancient treasures and scary Mummies, which are all probably just around the next bend!

South Africa

Things become a little wider down in South Africa, where you can pull out your favourite safari suit and go off in search of the big five at the enormous Kruger National Park. If you manage to survive your time with the lions and hippos, then you could always chain yourself into a cage and go for an underwater party with a couple of Great White Sharks. Or you could just kick back in Cape Town and enjoy the flavours of Africa's most cosmopolitan city.

And the rest...

Africa is the original and the best backpacking location and we've been helping people live out their African dreams for many a moon. Our brilliant adventure trips illuminate a large chunk of the dark Continent including Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania and Kenya. So wherever you want to lose yourself in Africa, you can trust us to help get you there.

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Monster Trips in Africa

IF YOU HAVE THE TINIEST OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOURSELF ON THIS MONSTER TRIP, THEN PLEASE MAKE IT HAPPEN! IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY WILDLY INTERESTING AND ROMANTICALLY MYSTERIOUS, THEN YOU WILL BE BY THE TIME YOU GET BACK.



SOUTH EAST ADVENTURE

31 days, Nairobi – Johannesburg

fr £995



- Day 1-3: Great Rift Valley, Masai Mara Game Reserve
- Day 4-5: Tanzania Border Crossing, Arusha, Meserani Snake Park
- Day 6-7: Olduvai Gorge, Serengeti National Park
- Day 8: Ngorongoro Crater, Arusha
- Day 9: Dar es Salaam
- Day 10-12: Zanzibar
- Day 13: Dar es Salaam
- Day 14: Mikumi National Park, Southern Tanzanian Highlands
- Day 15: Boabab Valley, Iringa
- Day 16: Lake Malawi, Chitimba
- Day 17-18: Kande Beach
- Day 19: Livingstonia Beach, Lilongwe
- Day 20: Zambia Border Crossing, Chipata
- Day 21: Lusaka
- Day 22-25: Livingstone, Victoria Falls
- Day 26: Kasane, Chobe National Park
- Day 27: Nata, Francistown
- Day 28: Martins Drift, Polokwane, South Africa
- Day 29-30: Kruger National Park
- Day 31: Johannesburg

All those childhood African fantasies come to life in this action packed monster trip that takes you all the way from Kenya to South Africa via Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Botswana. Instead of interminable waits for overcrowded buses that are likely to break down every ten minutes, this trip will whisk you around in a big comfortable self-contained truck, that's designed for the rough and ready terrain that lies across much of this route. Instead of scary nights in dark, damp hotels you'll be happily ensconced under the glittering stars as you spend your nights at permanent campsites, with washing and shower facilities on hand. Despite the comforts, there is nothing conventional about this trip, as you explore the South East of Africa with expert guides and a group of like-minded people soon to be your best friends.

Think of Africa, and think of all those wonderful animals. This trip takes you exploring to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, Meserani Snake Park, Serengeti National Park and Kruger National Park. This means countless opportunities to see lots and lots of wonderful African wildlife. From big, scary lions to cute and cuddly warthogs, you should be able to tick off the 'Big five', the 'Little five', the 'Famous five' and any other list or group you can think of.

The beauty of Africa isn't just on show within the animal population of Africa. This monster trip ensures that you appreciate every curvature of Mother Nature. You'll gaze at the massive Mt Kilimanjaro, explore the immaculate beaches of Zanzibar, dip your toes into the fresh waters of Lake Malawi, cruise down the delightful Chobe River and stand in awe, as the thunderous roar of the Victoria Falls pulsates your eardrums.

Don't think for a second that you'll get away with simply sitting back in awestruck appreciation of everything around you. Action and adventure is everywhere! Try your hand at scuba diving, snorkelling, sailing and horse back riding at Kande Beach. Get yourself all pumped up at the Victoria Falls, where you can go white water rafting, bungee jumping, gorge swinging, canoeing or skydiving. And if this all seems just a little too silly, then you'll get a chance to stretch your legs with guided walks throughout the 31 day trip.

Possibly the most rewarding aspect of this trip is the opportunity it gives you to interact with the local people and experience their unique cultures. Marvel at the red-robed Masai herdsmen and the skilled fishermen on Lake Malawi. Barter the price down at the colourful curio markets in Dar es Salaam, and walk the intriguing alleyways of Stonetown on Zanzibar. Fascination is everywhere and inspiration can be found wherever you go looking.

Accommodation: Large 2 person dome tents **Meals:** Most meals included **Departs:** Most Sun and selected Wed **Group Size:** Ave 16 Max 24 **Local Payment:** USD 1245 **Please note:** Meals and accommodation on Zanzibar not included. AC SEAS1

DESERT TRACKER

25 days, Cape Town – Jo'burg

fr £695



- Day 1: Cape Town, Citrus Area
- Day 2: Orange River
- Day 3: Fish River Canyon
- Day 4-5: Sesriem, Namib Naukluft Park
- Day 6-7: Swakopmund
- Day 8: Cape Cross, Spitzkoppe, Bushman Paintings
- Day 9-10: Estoha National Park
- Day 11: Windhoek
- Day 12: Ghanzi, Bushman Walk
- Day 13: Maun
- Day 14: Okavango Delta, Mokoro
- Day 15: Maun
- Day 16: Kasane
- Day 17: Chobe National Park
- Day 18-19: Livingstone, Victoria Falls
- Day 20: Kasane, Chobe National Park
- Day 21: Nata / Francistown, Botswana
- Day 22: Martins Drift / Polokwane, South Africa
- Day 23-24: Kruger National Park
- Day 25: Mpumalanga Region, Johannesburg

There are quite a few ways of getting from Cape Town to Johannesburg. This one is definitely not the smoothest, quickest or most direct, but it's undeniably the most fun. Your fully equipped, overland truck will take you to places that your average family sized saloon couldn't get anywhere near. Travel to eerie, barren desert, lush game parks and peaceful wildernesses. You'll start from Cape Town and head through Namibia, Botswana and Zambia on your way over to Jo'burg.

Just a quick glance at the itinerary should be enough to convince you that this monster trip is a pretty exciting affair. Namibia will leave you enchanted as you explore the world's oldest desert – Namib Naukluft Park, Africa's deepest canyon – Fish River, the country's best coastal resort – Swakopmund, and Etosha, the 20,000 sq. km National Park that teems with wildlife. Over in Botswana, you'll adore Chobe National Park and the Okavango Delta, where you'll venture out in search of animal life by boat. The mighty Zambezi River and Victoria Falls are Zambia's wonderful contribution to this itinerary, where you can go white water rafting, bungee jumping, or take a sunset cruise. Things finish up with a visit to Kruger National Park, where you'll spend your last few days on safari looking for the 'Big five'.

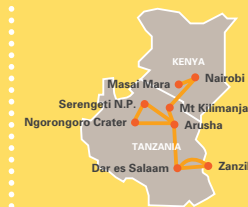
Accommodation: Large 2 person dome tents **Meals:** Most meals included **Departs:** Every 2nd Sat **Group Size:** Ave 16 Max 24 **Local Payment:** USD 930 AC DTMS



KENYA & TANZANIA ADVENTURE

13 days, Nairobi – Dar es Salaam

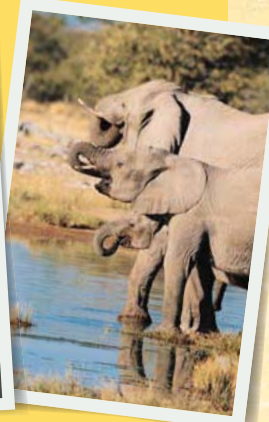
fr £595



- Day 1: Nairobi, Great Rift Valley, Masai Mara Game Reserve
- Day 2: Masai Mara Game Reserve
- Day 3: Nairobi
- Day 4-5: Arusha, Meserani Snake Park
- Day 6-8: Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater
- Day 9: Dar es Salaam
- Day 10-12: Zanzibar
- Day 13: Dar es Salaam

This is the ultimate combination of world renowned 'Big 5' game parks and shimmering Indian Ocean beaches. You'll spend time exploring the Masai Mara and the Serengeti. Both are home to millions of animals, which you won't see mooching about the British countryside. After a full day in sprawling Dar es Salaam, you'll take the ferry over to exotic Zanzibar. Three nights on the island, with its idyllic sandy palm fringed beaches, romantic winding cobbled alleys and lush tropical forests will leave you more relaxed than a meditating monk who's just enjoyed a full body massage.

Accommodation: Large 2 person dome tents **Meals:** Most meals included **Departs:** Most Sun, and selected Wed **Group Size:** Ave 16 Max 24 **Local Payment:** USD 815 AC KTA12



Egypt & Beyond



Places to Stay



King Tut Hostel, Cairo
SINGLE INC B'FAST fr £8
TWIN INC B'FAST fr £28
TWIN ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £12

This cute little hotel is right in the heart of downtown Cairo. King Tut has 10 comfortable rooms, a relaxed Arabian-style lounge/breakfast area, and TV room. Friendly English-speaking staff are always on hand to help!



Indiana Hotel, Cairo
SINGLE ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £20
TWIN ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £28

Located in the Dokki part of the city, downtown Cairo is just a ten minute taxi ride away from this great value, fun hotel. The Indiana boasts some great facilities including an outdoor swimming pool, rooftop terrace, restaurant and bar.



New Pola Hotel, Luxor
SINGLE ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £14
TWIN ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £18

The New Pola sits on the east bank of the Nile, a five minute stroll to Luxor's historic museum and temple. All rooms have a TV and mini-bar, but the definite highlight is the rooftop swimming pool, with sun beds, parasols and a small bar.

Top Tip
If you like to sample the local food, then you need to try pigeon (hamaam). Stuffed with seasoned rice and grilled, they are considered a national delicacy. One taste, and you'll be cooing with delight.



Getting Around

GO BUS

Go Bus offers flexible, comfortable and safe jump-on jump-off travel in Egypt with a choice of 3 amazing travel passes. Go Bus is a much better alternative to the local transport network, which can't always be trusted when it comes to reliability. You will be travelling with like-minded, fellow backpackers, all eager for adventure. All the below passes are valid for up to three months and all include one night's hotel accommodation right in the middle of Cairo plus airport transfers.

Please note: The Go Bus doesn't run from June to August.

FR £113



The Reeper

This one nicely combines culture, adventure, fun and relaxation. Ancient Alexandria and the Pyramids of Cairo tick the culture box. The great diving sites around Nuweiba will cater for the more adventurous in spirit. The wild nights out in Sharm el Sheikh will provide all the fun you need. And the resort of Dahab will allow you to sit back, bake in the sun and do nothing.



The Tomb Raider

This is classic stuff. Included is Cairo, with its ancient Pyramids and Sphinx as well as Alexandria, with its beautiful coastline. The highlight for many is 4000 year old Luxor, and a trek through the Valley of Kings. And if all that wasn't enough, a two night Felucca cruise up the Nile from laid back Aswan to Kom Ombo is also included on the itinerary.

FR £135



The Whopper

To make this simple, the Whopper is the Tomb Raider and the Reeper combined. It is everything you need to see and do in Egypt. You can travel around the country at your own pace, and make your plans, as you pick up the best tips and advice from fellow travellers. This is a great value option for those with a little bit more time on their hands.

FR £181



Big Adventures

THINK BIG PYRAMIDS, ANCIENT TREASURES, LOTS OF SAND, AND A BIG LONG RIVER THAT MAKES THE THAMES LOOK LIKE A TRICKLE. SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURES, AND ROMANCE AWAIT IF YOU BOOK YOURSELF ONTO ONE OF THESE BIG ADVENTURES.



EGYPT EXPRESS

9 days, Start & Finish: Cairo

fr £179

This great value tour allows you to see and experience all the very best stunning sights of Egypt, it includes 2 nights sailing down the Nile on a felucca, air-conditioned transport, accommodation in comfortable hotels and the services of an experienced guide. You and your brilliant group of young explorers will see the magnificent treasures of King Tutankhamun, the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, the incredible temples in and around Aswan and Luxor and the Valley of the Kings. All this for a crazily brilliant price, what more do you want?

- Day 1: Cairo
- Day 2: Cairo to Aswan
- Day 3: Aswan
- Day 4-5: Nile Cruise
- Day 6: Nile Cruise, Luxor, Felucca sailing
- Day 7: Luxor to Cairo
- Day 8-9: Cairo

Accommodation: Hotels, recliner seat (train), Felucca boat Meals: 8 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners Departs: Every Saturday Group Size: Avg 35 Local Payment: GBP 120



ASWAN TO ALEXANDRIA

15 days, Start & Finish: Cairo

fr £295

This is a great action packed tour that combines a twist of Mediterranean romance in Alexandria with an adventure that takes you towards the borders of Libya and Sudan in the remote Western Desert. Over the 15 days you will travel by bus, train and felucca, in which you will cruise down the Nile and sleep under the stars. As if that wasn't enough, the historic wonders of Cairo and Luxor are also on the itinerary.

- Day 1-2: Cairo
- Day 3-4: Aswan
- Day 5-6: Felucca Nile Cruise
- Day 7-8: Luxor, West & East Banks
- Day 10-11: Siwa
- Day 12-13: Western Desert
- Day 14-15: Cairo

Accommodation: Hotels, first class train, felucca Nile cruise, desert camp Meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners Departs: Every Sun, does not go in July Group Size: Max 12 Local Payment: USD 250



EGYPT AND JORDAN DISCOVERED

15 days, Start & Finish: Cairo

fr £349

Why not combine the spectacular scenery, culture and history of both Egypt and Jordan. The ancient treasures of Egypt and the romance of the River Nile are loved the World over. You will definitely be won over by the mysterious and subtle charms of Jordan, as you lie under glittering stars at Wadi Rum and hike around the archaeological site of Petra in your best Indiana Jones hat.

- Day 1: Cairo
- Day 2-3: Aswan
- Day 4-5: Felucca Nile Cruise
- Day 6: Luxor
- Day 7: Luxor, Valley of the Kings
- Day 8-10: Dahab
- Day 11-12: Wadi Rum
- Day 13-14: Petra
- Day 15: Cairo

Accommodation: 3-5 Star hotels, Desert camp, felucca Nile cruise, Meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners Departs: Every Sat, every two weeks Group Size: max44 Local Payment: GBP 90



Morocco



AIRPORT TRANSFERS
FR £20

Places to Stay



Riad Lena, Marrakech
SINGLE ROOM INC B'FAST fr £42
TWIN ROOM INC B'FAST fr £43
TWIN ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £58

Perfectly situated in the Medina near the Dar Bacha Palace, all of the 11 air-conditioned bedrooms are en-suite and furnished in a distinctive Moroccan style. Breakfast is included and can be taken on the patio or by the lovely swimming pool



Equity Point, Marrakech
DORM fr £17

A haven for backpackers and travellers the world over. In the best location, just 300 meters from Plaza Djemaa el-Fna, you'll love the exquisite sofas, cushions, mirrors and paintings that adorn the dorms and common areas.



Volubilis, Casablanca
SINGLE ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £48
DOUBLE ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £56

Just ten minutes from the train station and the old town, this charming, little town has comfortable and spacious rooms that feature a private bathroom, air conditioning, TV, telephone and a mini-bar. Facilities include a bar, safe and a 24 hour reception.

Top Tip
The shopping experience in Morocco is made so much more fun, because the first price you are offered is rarely the right one. Barter those strange souvenirs down to the lowest possible price!

Things to do

ESSENTIAL MOROCCO
8 days, Start & Finish: Casablanca

FR £199



- Day 1: Casablanca
- Day 2: Casablanca, Rabat, Fes
- Day 3: Fes
- Day 4: Fes, Midelt, Erfoud
- Day 5: Erfoud, Tineghir, Todra Gorge, Quarzazate
- Day 6: Quarzazate, Marrakech
- Day 7: Marrakech
- Day 8: Marrakech, Casablanca

You'll immediately notice the frenetic energy of Morocco's towns and cities, but you'll also pick up on the tangible harmony that courses through everyday life. Morocco is a fusion of traditions and ideologies, over the many years of its colourful past; Berbers, Arabs, Jews and Christians have all learnt to live quite happily together. The result is a country with more amazing sights, sounds and smells per square mile than just about anywhere else on the planet. This trip will gently immerse you in all that is wonderful about Moroccan culture.

If you don't want to spend your time in Morocco stuck in a resort, then this brilliant 8 day trip takes you on an adventure to some of the country's real highlights. These include an extensive tour of Casablanca, a wander through some of the 10,000 tiny streets of Fez, a trip through the Atlas Mountains to the city of Midlet, a journey past the breathtaking desert landscape around Tineghir and a day checking out the story tellers, snake charmers, acrobats, and musicians that inhabit Djemaa el Fna Square in Marrakech.

Accommodation: 3 star hotels **Meals:** 7 breakfasts **Departs:** One Sat every 14 days
Group Size: Max 44 **Local Payment:** GBP 90

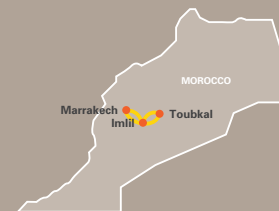


Big Adventures

IF YOU LIKE TO WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU'RE UP TO ON YOUR TRAVELS, THEN YOU HAD BETTER BRING A VERY FAT JOURNAL FOR THESE TWO BIG ADVENTURES. EVERY DAY HAS ENOUGH GOING ON TO KEEP YOU SCRIBBLING AWAY FOR YEARS.

ATLAS MOUNTAIN TREK
8 days, Start & Finish: Marrakech

fr £260



- Day 1: Marrakech
- Day 2: Imllil, Aremd
- Day 3: Tamartert
- Day 4: Tizi M'zik
- Day 5: Sidi Chamharouch
- Day 6-7: Imllil, Marrakech
- Day 7-8: Marrakech

Away from the medinas, falafel, and funny looking hats sit the magnificent Atlas Mountains. The Atlantic coastlines separate the Mediterranean from the Sahara Desert, and stretch through Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. The rocky valleys, desolate summits and steep mountain sides are mostly inhabited by Berber tribes, who exist in obedience to the landscape around them. This adventure will take you on a hike right through one of the most beautiful sections in the range. So stretch your legs, lace up your boots, and slap on your sun screen for a real Moroccan adventure.

Arrive in Marrakech at anytime on the first day and get yourself a good night's sleep before things really kick off the next morning. You'll travel to Imllil in the Toubkal region where you'll have a chance to explore the scenic city streets. Just out of town is the little village of Aremd so suck in the clean mountain air and gawk at the fantastic views - this will be your home for the next 4 nights! You'll spend the next five days hiking the surrounding landscape and you'll encounter lots of local people, with a story or two to tell. You'll descend into the deep, imposing valleys, and climb to the top of isolated peaks. Just make sure your camera is up and running, because some of the views will leave you awestruck.

The last day sees a change of scenery as you journey back to Marrakech, where you'll enjoy an historical tour and plenty of free time to explore the many souks. So prepare to get haggling for all those last minute souvenirs!

Accommodation: Hotel and multi share Gite **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 3 picnic lunches, 4 dinners **Departs:** Twice monthly on a Sat **Group Size:** Max 15 Ave 10
Local Payment: EUR 100



ALL MOROCCO
15 days, Start & Finish: Tangier

fr £399



- Day 1: Tangier
- Day 2: Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen
- Day 3: Volubilis, Fes
- Day 4: Fes
- Day 5: Gorge du Ziz, Meski Oasis
- Day 6: Sahara Camel Trek
- Day 7-8: Todra Gorge
- Day 9: Atlas Mountains, Marrakech
- Day 10: Marrakech
- Day 11-12: Essaouira
- Day 13: Moulay Bousalhem
- Day 14: Asilah, Cap Spartel
- Day 15: Tangier

Travel Morocco from its northern tip, Tangier, through mountains and gorges to the Saharan region. This is the ultimate trip for anyone who wants full exposure to the various joys and pleasures of Morocco. If you've got a thirst for romance, adventure and cultural discovery, this trip provides them all on tap. You'll get around in an overland truck, and for nine of your nights you'll camp out under the stars.

There's lots going on over the 15 days of this big adventure, so we'll just mention some of the really big highlights. You'll love your trip through the awesome Rif Mountains to the town of Chefchaouen, where the views will have you in raptures. On day 4 you'll devour tangerines, couscous and mint tea with the locals as you explore the amazing streets, alleyways and markets of Fes. Things get very exciting on day 6 as you ride a camel out into the Sahara desert, where you'll stay in a real Berber camp, and have a chance to do some dune boarding. Also included on this adventure is a full day exploring the amazing city of Marrakech, as well as some time enjoying the great beaches and fabulous surf at the fishing village of Essaouira. For the entire 15 days you'll be expertly guided by someone who knows nearly everything worth knowing about beautiful Morocco.

Accommodation: Camping and 2 or 3* hotels **Meals:** 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners **Departs:** Selected Sat May-Sep
Group Size: Max 25
Local Payment: EUR 220



Cape Town & Beyond



AIRPORT TRANSFERS
FR £6

Places to Stay



Ashanti Lodge

DORM fr £9
TWIN fr £24
TWIN ENSUITE fr £34

Nestled in the shadow of Table Mountain, just a short stroll to buzzing Long Street and the city centre, there is usually something going on at Ashanti Lodge, as the groovy Kumasi Café fills up with story-telling fellow travellers nearly every night.

STA 418



Cape Town Backpackers

DORM fr £8
SINGLE ENSUITE fr £24
TWIN ENSUITE fr £30

Right on trendy Kloof Street, just a hop and a skip to the bars and restaurants on Long Street. Sit back on the roof terrace and wallow in the early evening sun, while you enjoy a cool beer, and gaze at the spectacular views of the Cape Town mountains.

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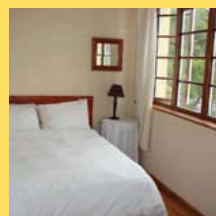


Spring Tide Inn

SINGLE ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £34
TWIN ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £42

For somewhere a little bit more chilled, the Spring Tide Inn in Sea Point is just a minute from the Atlantic Ocean, and still only a five minute drive to the V&A Waterfront. The stylish rooms come with everything from internet to satellite TV.

STA 417



Sunflower Stop

DORM fr £6
TWIN fr £20
TWIN ENSUITE fr £24

Situated between the mountains and the sea in Cape Town's Green Point, Sunflower Stop is close to just about everywhere you need to be. The rooms are comfy and colourful, while the sun kissed pool is cool and refreshing.

STA 418

Things to do

Shark Cage Diving – Full Day

This is one of the only opportunities around to get up close and personal to the Great White Shark. You'll be picked up and taken to Gansbaai, where the sharks like to hang out. No diving qualifications are needed, just a mild predisposition for insanity.

STA419

FR £85

Cape Peninsula Tour – Full Day

With scenic cycling and easy hiking, this is a great way to clear your head. Things kick off with a cruise through Camps Bay. Next is a visit to the penguins of Simons Town. And after a picnic lunch, you will roll on over to Cape Point.

STA420

FR £30

Kamikaze Canyon – Full Day

A feast for adrenaline addicts! Tuck in to an hors d'oeuvres of kloofing in the morning, followed in the afternoon by a trip to Thunderfalls for the main course: a 65m abseil down a raging waterfall! Awe-inspiring stuff.

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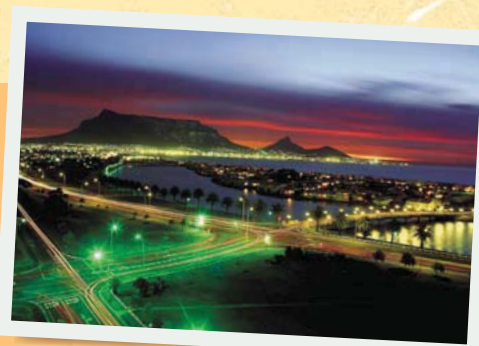
FR £58

Winelands Tour – Full Day

This tour takes you around the cellars of three different regions, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek. A delicious picnic is included as well as lots and lots of tastings, and they don't even mind if you swallow! You shouldn't plan on staying entirely sober.

STA422

FR £33



CAPE TOWN CULTURE

4 days

- 3 nights in a centrally located Cape Town hostel
- Winelands tour
- Township tour
- Arrival transfer

FR £175

This is a superb value starter package for those with limited time in Cape Town. On arrival you'll be picked up and taken to your city centre hostel, the rest of the day is yours to explore. On day 2 you'll head up to the Winelands for a full day visiting the vineyards around the beautiful Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl regions. On day 3 you'll experience Cape Town's local culture, with a tour of the city's townships. You'll visit a local shabean (pub), market, herbalist and women's centre. The final day is free for you to do whatever you like in this great city.

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Getting Around

BAZ BUS

The Baz Bus is the best and in some cases the only way to get everywhere you need to be in South Africa. Check out the map, and plan your trip!

Hop-on Hop-off

- Hop on and hop off as many times as you like
- Totally flexible – you choose where you want to stay and for how long
- No time limit
- You'll be picked up and dropped off at the door of your chosen hostel
- Private shuttles meet the bus and run you to inaccessible areas

Cape Town – Johannesburg or vice versa

This route covers a whole load of the country and is very popular for those flying into one city and out of the other. Particular highlights include the very scenic and sexy Garden Route and the remote coastal stretch through the Eastern Cape. Once you've got to Durban you can choose to check out the awesome Drakensberg Mountains or take a trip through the Royal Kingdom of Swaziland, where the ruling King currently has a total of 13 wives! **STA Travel Exclusive - receive free Cape Peninsula tour.**

FR £177

Cape Town – Port Elizabeth or vice versa

This one's perfect for anyone wanting to travel the fabled Garden Route, which officially runs between Mossel Bay and Storms River. The allusion to Gardens can be misleading. Don't be expecting many quaint, tidy flower beds, or ugly little gnomes. Instead you should prepare yourself for some of the coolest beach towns on the planet and some truly epic scenery.

FR £77

Cape Town – Durban or vice versa

From the whales of Hermanus and the ostriches of Oudtshoorn to the surf beaches at Jeffreys Bay, there is lots going on between these two cities. The amazing Wild Coast is a real highlight. A few nights at the chilled out Coffee Bay can easily turn into many more, as you settle into a lifestyle that involves little more than the odd beach stroll and a drink or two every morning, noon and night.

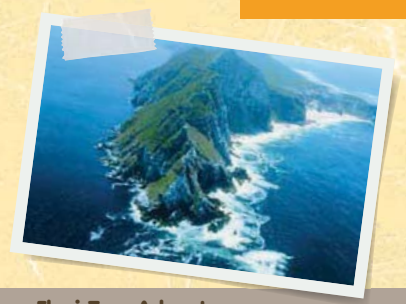
FR £148

Travel Passes

With a Travel Pass, you can travel in any direction you want as often as you like within the time period. You get picked up and dropped off at the door of your hostel. It starts on the first day of your travel and is valid for 7, 14 or 21 consecutive days.

STA Travel Exclusive - receive free Cape Peninsula tour on a 21 day travel pass.

FR £80



Flexi-Tour Adventures

Cape Town – Johannesburg or vice versa

The following options not only give you all the flexibility to hop-on or hop-off whenever you please, they also include some amazing "must do" cultural and wildlife tours.

Flexi-Tour 1 via the Drakensberg Mountains

Hop-on and hop-off pass, Cape Town – Jo'burg or vice versa

FR £499

4 Day Kruger Park Safari

Lions, Leopards, Elephants, 2 meals a day and tented accom.

Face to face with the Zulus – Durban

Walk through the Zulu Village in the Valley of 1000 hills

Township tour – Port Elizabeth

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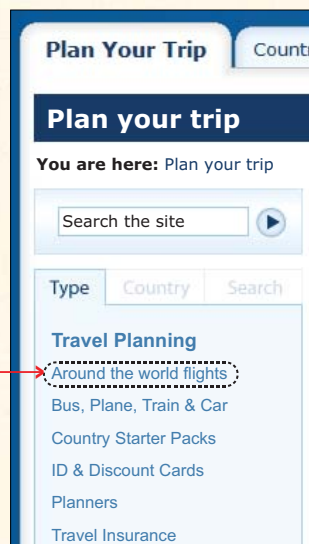
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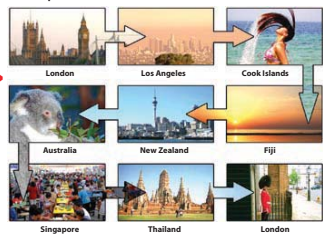
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