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EXCURSIONS
Discoveries designed for you

Port Elizabeth

NATURAL WONDERS



SCHOTIA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (Code: PE11)



Duration
5h



Depart for Schotia! Departing from pier by bus a 60-minute drive will bring you the private game reserve. You will leave the bus and board your 4x4 for this exciting experience as close as possible to nature. Get the best viewing of rhino, hippo, giraffe and the king of the beasts, lion! Spending approx. three hours guided game drive with a short refreshment at the halfway point. After the visit, your return journey brings the tour to a close.

Please note: Guests are recommended to wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen and a hat.

Minimum number of participants required: 0
undefined (English)

CULTURE AND HISTORY



DISCOVER XHOSA CULTURAL HERITAGE (Code: PLZ02)



Duration
4h



This half-day excursion is a journey to discover the ancient history and culture of the Xhosa. After leaving the port to reach the village in the forest, you will travel by coach along the coastal strip of Algoa Bay with its beautiful landscapes and views. Once you reach the village, you will feel like you are entering a place full of magic. Having arrived in South Africa almost 1500 years ago and originally a clan, the Xhosa have always been open to other communities and very inclusive. This welcome still remains today and you will have the opportunity to witness it once you arrive in this unique place. Discover their culture and a heritage rooted in deep spiritual beliefs and be fascinated by the beaded decorations and colorful accessories of their clothes that reflect their identity and status. The historical significance of their culture is evident in the lasting legacy of leaders such as Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu, who were born into the Xhosa tribe. Spend approximately 2.5 hours in this indigenous forest setting, enjoying local music and dance performances, interactive drumming, and dancing, as well as a taste of traditional South African cuisine. And before leaving the place to return to the port you will have the opportunity to go shopping in an African curio market.

Please note: Limited number of guides in languages other than English or German. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be provided in English only. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. Bus windows cannot be opened. Participants may take photographs through the window glasses.

Minimum number of participants required: 25
undefined (English, Italian, Français, German, Spanish)

CITY TOUR



DISCOVER GQEBERHA, THE FRIENDLY CITY (Code: PLZ03)



Duration
3.5h



The "friendly city", as Gqeberha is locally called and formerly known as Port Elizabeth, welcomes you on this short but interesting excursion of a few hours. A sightseeing coach tour allows you to discover the city and make some photo stops in the main places of interest. As you leave the port, you will pass by a 52-metre-high memorial, the Bell Tower, built in 1923 in memory of the first British settlers who arrived in 1820. It is located where the settlers landed and contains a carillon of 23 bells. Traveling along the waterfront to the suburb of Summerstrand, a very popular seaside area with many guesthouses and hotels, you will reach the campus of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University before continuing towards the Donkin Memorial, a stone pyramid erected in memory of Sir Rufane Donkin's wife, Elizabeth, after whom Nelson Mandela Bay takes its name. From here continue to Fort Frederick for an external view of this monument which takes its name from Frederick, the Duke of York. The itinerary also includes the Nelson Mandela Stadium, passing the Horse Memorial and St. George's Cricket Ground to return to the port via the city centre. You will pass the feather market, the library, the post office, the town hall, severely damaged by a fire in 1977 and subsequently restored and the Old Mayor's Garden, rebuilt as an ornamental area. Enjoy a brief stop in front of the town hall with the replica of Diaz's cross, erected on the coast at Kwaaihoek, where Bartolomeo Diaz and his men first landed in 1488 before returning to the ship.

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CITY TOUR



PORT ELIZABETH CITY TOUR (Code: PE01)



Duration
3 h



Depart the quayside and embark on a city tour of Port Elizabeth, the third largest port and fifth largest city in South Africa. When leaving the harbour, you will pass a 52-metre-high memorial, the Campanile, built in 1923 in memory of the first British settlers who arrived in 1820. It is situated on the site where the settlers landed and contains a carillon of 23 bells. Drive along the beachfront to the suburb of Summerstrand, which is a very popular beach area, with many guesthouses and hotels. Take a drive through the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Campus before continuing to the Donkin Memorial, a stone pyramid erected in memory of Sir Rufane Donkin's wife Elizabeth - Port Elizabeth was named after her. From here continue to Fort Frederick, a monument which was named after Frederick, the Duke of York. Thereafter, proceed to the Nelson Mandela Stadium, passing the Horse Memorial and St. George's Cricket Ground en-route. Return to the quayside via the city centre. Notable buildings you will pass by include the Feather Market, the Library, the Post Office - and the City Hall, which was seriously damaged by fire in 1977, resulting in a major restoration program. The Old Mayor's Garden was rebuilt as an ornamental area. In front of the City Hall stands a replica of the Diaz Cross, which was erected on the coast at Kwaaihoek, where Bartholomew Diaz and his men first landed in 1488. After a short photo stop at the City Hall, you will return to the ship.

Minimum number of participants required: 25
undefined (English, Italian, Français, German, Spanish)

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ADDO ELEPHANT PARK (Code: PE03)



Duration
3 h



Depart the quayside crossing the Swartkops River and then turning inland in a northerly direction. After approximately 75 km arrive at Addo National Park, dedicated to the preservation of the Eastern Cape Elephant and the Cape Buffalo. This National Park was established in 1931 and includes the Zuurberg Mountains and the Sundays River Valley. The park comprises over 51,000 hectares bush land and is home to elephants, buffalo, kudu, black rhino, bush pig, bush-buck, ostriches and an abundance of bird-life. The Addo Elephant, a sub-species of the African Elephant, was almost wiped out by the hired game hunter Major P.J. Pretorius in the 1920s. Today over 450 elephants that have been bred form the few that remained inhabit the park. During your 2-hour Game Drive (in coach) you will be able to observe the natural grace and quick intelligence of these magnificent animals. With some luck you might also spot other members of the "Big 5 (elephant, buffalo, rhino, lion and leopard) as well as a variety of other game. Also, quite notable is the unique flightless dung beetle which is found almost exclusively in Addo. Return to Port Elizabeth port.

Minimum number of participants required: 25
undefined (English, Italian, Français, German, Spanish)

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ADDO ELEPHANT PARK 4X4 (Code: PE09)



Duration
5 h



Depart from the quayside and cross the Swartkops River. Turn inland to the flat valley of the Sunday's River and arrive at the Addo Elephant Park after travelling about 75 km. The Addo Elephant Park, which consists of + 51 000 ha of bush country, is the home to over 450 elephants, which have bred from the few that remained in the area after the herd was almost wiped out by the hired game hunter Major P.J. Pretorius in the 1920's. Although it belongs to the same species as the African Elephant, the reddish Addo Elephant is smaller with more rounded ears, while the females generally have no tusks. On a game drive through the park in 4x4 open vehicles, you will hopefully be able to encounter this rare animal, as well as a variety of other game, which was recently introduced to the reserve. This includes lion, hyena, cheetah, zebra, eland, kudu and red hartebeest. Wild dogs were introduced recently. Also quite notable is the unique flightless dung beetle, which is found almost exclusively in Addo. After this exciting visit, re-board the coaches and transfer back to Port Elizabeth.

Minimum number of participants required: 10
undefined (English, Italian, Français, German, Spanish)



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FULL DAY LALIBELA SAFARI (Code: PE10)



Depart for Lalibela Private Game Reserve, situated 90 km from Port Elizabeth, one of South Africa's major cities and affectionately known as 'The Friendly City'. The Eastern Cape is rich in ethnic culture and diversity, and offers the traveller a unique wildlife experience in a malaria free environment. Upon arrival at the Day Visitor's Centre, you will transfer over into 4x4 vehicles. Depart on a 3-hour game drive in open vehicles, traversing the reserve, where the wildlife roams in profusion and diversity. The game drive brings you face to face with a multitude of game species, ranging from the mighty "Big 5", to the tiny blue duiker and rock hyrax. Lalibela is also home to hippo, giraffe, zebra, warthog and numerous species of antelope such as eland, kudu, bushbuck and wildebeest. Hopefully, you will encounter a variety of wildlife on your game drive. Return to the Day Visitors' Centre for a buffet lunch. After this exciting day, depart the reserve and return to the quayside in Port Elizabeth.

Minimum number of participants required: 25
undefined (English, Italian, Français, German, Spanish)

CULTURE AND HISTORY



WALKING THROUGH ROUTE 67 (Code: PE13)



The Route 67 consists of 67 Public Art Works symbolising Nelson Mandela's 67 years of work dedicated to the Freedom of South Africa and includes 67 steps leading up the second largest flag in Africa. Leaving the pier by bus you will drive to the Campanile where you will start your 3-hour walking tour. The artworks you will find mostly on most of 67 steps were designed by local artists from the Eastern Cape. You will climb the staircase to Vuyisile Mini Market Square, the centre of the City. From here you will continue through the staircase at St Mary's Terrace, the experience of the route erupts in a celebration of colour, art and heritage that meanders up to the Donkin Reserve to the Great flag on top of the hill. The excursion ends with the transfer back to your ship

Minimum number of participants required: 0
undefined (English)

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WALK ON THE TRAILS AND SPOT GIRAFFES (Code: PE14)

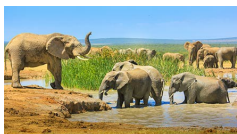


Possibly the most distinctive animal of all, the skyscrapers of Africa dominate the treetops of our bushveld. An exhilarating, authentic African experience is to join a giraffe tracking safari on foot in our 2500-hectare private game reserve. Giraffe are quite remarkable creatures and much more so from the perspective of being on the ground looking up! Leaving the pier, a 1.5 transfer will bring you to Bellevue Forest Reserve. A soft drink will welcome you before you start your walk (approx. 45-60 minutes). You will experience an intimate walk through the heart of the Addo Valley bushveld accompanied by a highly experienced FGASA trained, armed trails guide. This is where beautiful memories are made, as you feel the African sun giving life to this amazing safari experience. The excursion ends with your return to the ship.

Please note: the terrain is suitable for those of average fitness.

Minimum number of participants required: 0
undefined (English)

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ADDO ELEPHANT PARK (Code: PLZ01)



Almost completely decimated in the early 20th century when only 11 remained, the number of elephants has increased over the years thanks to efforts to preserve them and the creation of the Addo Elephant National Park. Located about 75 km from Port Elizabeth, this park is the destination of this approximately six-hour excursion. Leaving the port and crossing the Swartkops River, the road heads inland along a landscape consisting mainly of savannah. After an about 1.45-hour coach drive, you arrive at Addo National Park, which, together with the Woody Cape Nature Reserve and a marine reserve including St. Croix and Bird Island, covers an area of 3.600 square kilometres. Established in 1931, the Park is home to elephant, buffalo, kudu, black rhinoceros, wild pigs, deer, ostriches, and an abundance of birds. Once at the Park, you will begin a safari of about two hours. Arm yourself with a camera and a love of nature. There will be plenty of opportunities to admire these beautiful African elephants. The park is home to more than 450 of them and, with a bit of luck, you may even see some of the other "Big Five" (elephant, buffalo, rhinoceros, lion and leopard) as well as a variety of other animals. The park is also famous for being home to the only dung beetle that cannot fly. The tour ends with a return to the port.

Please note: Limited number of guides in languages other than English or German. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be provided in English only. The sighting of animals depends on their movements, so it is likely, but cannot be guaranteed. We recommend sportswear, closed-toed walking shoes, good mosquito repellent and to bring binoculars useful for spotting animals. It is not permitted to get out of the vehicle and feed the animals during the safari. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. Bus windows cannot be opened. Participants may take photographs through the window glasses.

Minimum number of participants required: 25
undefined (English, Italian, Français, German, Spanish)

KEY TO SYMBOLS

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- Possibility of swimming
- No guide available
- Tasting included
- Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee
- Lunch or dinner included
- Shopping
- Drink included
- Limited seats
- Snack included
- Best seller
- Multilanguage tour
- English Only Tour

- New
- Wheelchair and disabledfriendly tour

Wheelchair guests must be accompanied by their own helper to get on/off the coach. Wheelchairs must be foldable as coaches do not have ramps or lifts. Once on board, please contact the MSC Excursions desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

- Easy**
May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing.
- Moderate**
May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing.
- Strenuous**
Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health.

Please check your ticket for meeting time and location. There will be no announcements to remind you of departure times or meeting points.

OUR EXCURSION CATEGORIES

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE	Thrill seekers can find adventures for sports and fun. Trekking, snorkeling, kayak tours and 4x4 vehicles.
CITY TOUR	The easiest way to explore the city center and local scenery. A guided tour with a comfortable coach ride.
CULTURE AND HISTORY	Learn the destination's history and culture with visits to must-see locations and guided tours.
NATURAL WONDERS	Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination.



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SCENIC ROUTE	Take in the destination's best views and main points of interest in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour.
SEA & SUN	Treat yourself to pure relaxation on a beautiful beach or enjoy stunning views on a scenic boat ride.
SOMETHING SPECIAL	Unique experiences from gastronomic tours and guided shopping trips to religious visits. Explore your passion.
FAMILY FUN	Take your children on a journey of discovery designed for families and kids.
PROTECTOURS	Experience the world in a sustainable way to preserve its beauty for generations to come.
MSC BIKE ADVENTURES	Explore from the unique vantage point of an MSC Bicycle. A truly immersive guided tour of the destination.

Some excursions are very popular and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed. We recommend booking in advance the tours you are interested in. The availability of language guides (ENG-ITA-GER-FRE-SPA-POR) varies depending on the destination. At the time of booking, you will be able to select your preferred language from the available options. The language in which each excursion will be conducted will be confirmed on board during the cruise.