

**30Aug - 16 Sep 2018 (18-days) South Africa's Capetown & the Garden Route**  
**Rm9,200 (per pax for group of 14 pax) and Rm8,800 (per pax for group of 15 or more)**

**Based on MYR1.00 = Rand 0.3225. Cost will be adjusted accordingly depending on rate in Aug 2018**

**Update 11 April 2018** Cape Town city is currently facing a water crisis due to lack of sufficient rains during the past few years. All eyes on upcoming winter months in April and May to determine outcome of the water situation. We will update again in June 2018 on trip run status.

**Update 5 Oct 2017** Trip costs is based on Qatar Airways 2017 group flight fares at Rm3,400 (taxes Rm370 extra). **Do read the trip itinerary carefully especially the part about self-catering & self-drive options.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!



Table Mountain / Bonteboks at De Hoop National Park

**Cape Town** has been rated one of the most beautiful cities by Lonely Planet, and justifiably so. However, to truly appreciate this wondrous slice of South Africa, nothing beats self-driving on the open roads - past quaint towns, endless vineyards, the rugged Karoo hinterland, and charming coastline dotted with secluded beaches, and decorated with colourful fynbos flowers. But beyond driving, we will also do short walks, enjoy dips in hot pool and several optional adrenaline activities available along Garden Route. Lastly, September is a wonderful month to visit Cape Town because the Southern right whales that can be viewed at numerous spots along the coast and wild flowers blooming throughout our journey.

**Please pay careful attention the following remarks. We hire vehicles and self-drive, starting and ending in Capetown. We stay in cottages and chalets. To economise, we'll prepare our breakfasts and dinners. The group is expected to help in meals preparation, cleaning up, driving and carry own luggage. A group fund of Rm500 is collected from each participant to pay for provisions and fuel for the vehicles. Excess will be returned and if insufficient, members will top up.**



Enjoying self-cooked dinner / Vans stopping for many photo sessions

**Day 1: 30 AUG THURSDAY** Assemble at KLIA by 600PM for flight Qatar Airways **QR849 825pm** to Doha, arriving 1055pm (7:30hr flight). Transit 3hr.

**Day 2 Hermanus:** Connect on **QR1369** leaving **0155am** to Cape Town **arriving at 11:15am** (10:20hr flight). After picking up our vehicles, we drive to Hermanus 104km 1:30hr. Along the way, we stop at Somerset Mall, one of the most popular local shopping center for late lunch and groceries. After check-in, we spend the rest of the evening wandering around this pretty

little tourist coastal town. Overnight (O/N) Hermanus.

**Day 3 Hermanus SAT:** Hermanus is world famous for being the best off-shore whale watching site. You'll be taken to a few of the favourite viewing spots. We will start the day at Hermanus Saturday market for handicrafts and local food. Then off to nearby Fernkloof Nature Reserve with its rich diversity of wildflowers and some good walking trails. O/N Hermanus.

**Day 4 Struisbaai & De Hoop Nature Reserve :** We drive to Struisbaai 122km 1:45hr via little town of Bredasdorp. We check into our guesthouses in Struisbaai before proceeding to the De Hoop Nature Reserve, nursery for the Southern Right Whales. Enjoy own packed lunch whilst whale watching from coastline. We also drive to Arniston to view the centuries-old fishermen cottages, a local heritage still inhabited by the coloured fishermen. We return to Struisbaai for our first night stay.

**Day 5 Struisbaai & Cape Agulhas:** Early morning, we drive to Cape Agulhas, the true southern-most tip of Africa. It is also known as the Foot of Africa and the place where the Indian Ocean meets the Atlantic Ocean. In the afternoon, we return to Bredasdorp to visit the Kapula Candle Factory. Stay Struisbaai for second night.

**Day 6 Montagu:** On our way to Montagu 121km 2:30min, we stop at Swellendam where we visit the Drostdy Musuem, one of the finest museum complex in South Africa. After lunch, we move on to Montagu for the first of our two nights stay. Members have opportunity to soak in hot mineral pools of Montagu Springs or enjoy a spa treatment. O/N Montagu

**Day 7 Montagu:** Early morning we drive 30km 40min to Koo Valley for a tractor ride up Langeberg Mountain and a local hearty Potjie-kos lunch([www.proteafarm.co.za](http://www.proteafarm.co.za)). Rest of afternoon free & easy to explore the quaint town of Montagu or enjoy more dips at Montagu Springs. Stay 2nd night in Montagu Springs Resort. Tractor trip & lunch cost about Rm80 is included in trip cost.

**Day 8 Calitzdorp & Oudtshoorn:** We begin our drive along the picturesque Route 62 besides the Little Karoo (mountain range) to Oudtshoorn 240kms, passing numerous fruit orchards and high mountain terrain. Nearer Oudtshoorn we stop at Calitzdorp, the port wine capital of South Africa. Good wine is sold here at better prices than touristic Stellenbosch. Stay first of two nights in Oudtshoorn.

**Day 9 Cheetah & Caving:** Oudtshoorn is the ostrich capital of the world and we will learn more about this industry at the Cango Ostrich Farm. This is followed by a 1.5hr adventure caving at the Cango Caves, the best cave complex in South Africa. Last stop is the Cango Wildlife Park, best-known for its cheetah breeding and conservation program. O/N Oudtshoorn.



Petting wild cheetahs in Oudtshoorn / Most Southern Tip of Africa at Cape Agulhas

**Day 10 Stormsrivier SAT:** Its a scenic drive to Sedgefield, a pretty little seaside tourist town, with many stops for photography. Along the way, we stop by the weekly Saturday farmers market nearby George where trip members can enjoy variety of food for early lunch and buy many local products and handicrafts. Time-permitting, we will stop at the port of Kynsna. We drive on to Stormsrivier for our overnight stay.

**Day 11 Mossel Bay:** After breakfast, group members have the option for some adrenaline adventure at the Tsitsikamma Canopy Tours or easier scenic walk towards Stormsrivier Mouth Suspension bridge. After lunch, we drive 3 hours westwards towards Mossel Bay for our 2 overnight stays. O/N Mossel Bay.

**Day 12 Mossel Bay:** In the morning, we go on an optional game drive at Botlierskop Game private game park (Guided Game drive about Rm110). After lunch, members have option to visit the Bartholomeu Dias Museum, which is a regular stop for every tour bus on the Garden Route. The beach was the midway water-stop on the shipping route between Europe and Far East during the days of the Dutch East India Company. Stay 2nd night in Mossel Bay.

**Day 13 Stellenbosch:** We have an early start to go to Stellenbosch 366km 4:30hr. Along the way, we stop at Albertinia to visit an Aloe Ferox factory famous for their natural skincare & wellness products. Nearer to Stellenbosch, we will visit Mooiberg Strawberry Farm. O/N Stellenbosch.

**Day 14 Cape Town:** Stellenbosch is in the heart of the wine country. In the morning we visit the Bergkelder Winery, the Braak ( Old Town Square) and the Village Museum, with its collection of 18th century houses. After lunch we travel to Blouberstrand 56km 1:15hr for the first of our 3 nights. Bloubergstrand is 22km 30min from Cape Town city center with great views of Table Mountain. O/N Cape Town.

**Day 15 Cape Peninsular:** We leave early for the popular Cape of Good Hope before the arrival of the tour buses. On the way back, we stop at Simons Town to see the penguins, Muizenberg's colourful bath houses and scenic Chapman's Peak drive. O/N Cape Town.

**Day 16 Downtown Cape Town:** We start the day early at Table Mountain. Travellers will cable up & down and have sufficient time to walk around the top for great views. Back in town we visit Bo-Kaap or Malay Quarter and walk around central Cape Town city. We finish the day shopping at Victoria & Albert Waterfront. O/N Cape Town.

**Day 17 Plane:** We transfer to the Airport for flight **QR1370 departing 0105pm**, arriving Doha 00:30AM (10:25hr flight). Transit for 2:55hr at Doha airport.

**Day 18 Home:** Reconnect on **QR848 at 0225am** (flight 8:05hr flight) arriving KLIA on **16 SEP 2018 SUN AT 3:30PM**



Wild flowers along the coast / Tractor ride up Langeberg Mountain

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Cost covers Qatar return flight fares, accommodation and vehicle hires.
2. Cost does not cover return airport taxes and fuel surcharges about Rm370, food & fuel fund Rm500, entrance fees, meals (Rm50X15days=Rm750) and of course, your shopping.
3. The food & fuel group fund of Rm500 per pax will be used to pay for petrol and also to buy food for self-catered breakfasts and dinners. Lunches will at own expense.
4. This is a group participation trip that requires everyone to assist in food preparation, shopping, cleaning up, packing and some driving.
5. Cost is based on the 2017 exchange rates and subject to review the event of any significant changes.
6. A deposit of **Rm1590** is payable to confirm your place.

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