

Gauteng to KKNK & National Parks

Including the Northern, Western & Eastern Cape

Self-Drive Guided Road Trips hosted by Platteland Tours
Travel in your own vehicle

Duration: 15 Days/14 Nights **Dates:** 20th March to 3rd April 2027
Saturday to Saturday

Depart: Engen One Stop N1 (South)
Near Grasmere, Johannesburg **Return:** Total Petroport N3 (West)
Near Heidelberg, Gauteng

Departure time: 08:00 (Route briefing and welcome **at 07:30**)

Price: R23 500 per person **Distance:** 3093 km + optional routes
R3000 pp Single supplement About 420 km on gravel roads

Last Updated: 23rd April 2026

Tour Details:

South Africa is worldwide known for its game and game parks (especially the Kruger Park), beautiful nature, mountain ranges and interesting small towns.

Come and explore some of the lesser known and smaller National Parks in the 'platteland' AND spend a couple of days at the KKNK ('Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees') in ostrich town, Oudtshoorn.

You'll travel mainly on tar roads, some gravel roads (**NO** 4x4 needed), good jeep tracks and easy bush tracks!

We'll stop en route for sightseeing, snacks, road stalls, photographic opportunities, toilets, coffee/tea, tourist destinations and less familiar places. Enjoy the drive and ride in your own vehicle. This is the ideal opportunity to experience lesser-known South Africa.

Come and enjoy and experience it with us at an affordable price, staying at good and interesting venues (NO camping) and going home with lots of pictures and many good memories. Visit our Facebook Page and see many pictures of previous tours: <https://www.facebook.com/plattelandtours>

At night and en route you'll have the opportunity to mix, mingle and have fun with the other people on the trip. It is an informal and casual tour, though thoroughly planned and organised.

Departure & Return Location: Depart from Engen One Stop N1 (South), just South of Johannesburg. The Road Trip will end on the N3, close to Jo'burg, late afternoon on the last day, **OR you can join or leave** the group at a suitable place en route closer for you to home. Just inform us accordingly on the Booking Form.

Price includes: Accommodation for 14 nights (B&B), five dinners, a tour leader with his own vehicle, all administration and leading of the tour (including booking of accommodation, meals & excursions, etc.), high frequency two-way radio per vehicle to use during the tour, LOTS of relevant info, lots of photos, daily briefings of the tour, limited vehicle breakdown support, group safety, peace of mind, new friends & new routes.

Tour price excludes: Other meals on tour (breakfasts are included), fuel for vehicle, Comprehensive Travel Insurance, gratuities, entry fees to venues or places, drinks, breakdown recovery costs and personal expenses.

Wild card: We suggest that you obtain the National Parks Wild Card and save on daily entry fees at all the National Parks. Apply here: <https://www.sanparks.org/rewards/wild-card/overview> The **SANParks Cluster** is usually the best option. We'll visit four National Parks on this tour.



Accommodation: We stay overnight in good family guest houses, guest farms, hotels & lodges. Only two persons per room – all with en suite bathroom facilities.

Dinner: Five dinners are included in the tour package. All other meals are **optional**, but budget for about R350+ pp/dinner.

Lunch: Enjoy your own snacks en route. We don't stop for official lunch breaks.

Bookings: Bookings have opened and will close once all the available places are booked. A completed Booking Form, with the Proof Payment (PoP) for the deposit, must be send to us at info@plattelandtours.co.za and it will secure your place on this Road Trip. Your booking will be confirmed in writing.

Deposit: At least 25% of the tour price with the booking, another 25% three (3) months before departure date and the outstanding balance by latest 6 weeks before departure date. Book **NOW**.

If booked within the 3 months period prior to departure of the Road Trip, 50% deposit is required.

If booked within the 6 weeks period prior to departure of the Road Trip, full payment is needed.

Take on tour (suggested): Your vehicle, your family & friends, pocket money (cash), a smile and goodwill. Some other extras should include: Sneakers (walking shoes), a hat, binoculars, toilet paper, wet wipes and eateries in your car, drinking water, camera, torch and sunglasses.

Vehicle: Any 4 x 2 or SUV or 4 x 4 or Sedan vehicle **with high ground clearance**, for when traveling on the gravel roads, is suitable for the tour. Low profile tyres are not recommended. We do not speed whilst on tour, but we expect all vehicles to travel at the speed set by the tour leader.

Invite friends and family to travel with you in your vehicle and share the travel costs. We all know that fuel has become very expensive.

Who should go on this tour: People who love travelling, enjoy back roads, singles, couples, those who have never been to the KKNK and the smaller National Parks and those who'd like to go again; people who would like to enjoy the natural beauty and friendliness of the local people, people who are unfamiliar with driving at foreign places, people who'd prefer **to travel with other people in a safe environment**; people who don't like getting lost; those who'd like to be well informed as they drive along; those who like driving their own cars; people who like sharing their lives, interest, knowledge, fun and care with others. People who enjoy life at an easy pace.

Who should NOT go on this tour: Moaners, groaners, whiners, speedsters, hooligans, boozers, people who can't drive on a gravel road, etc. People talking about their illnesses, medicines, pills and operations they've had!

VHF Radio: We provide each vehicle with a high-quality two-way radio for the duration of the tour in order to communicate with everyone. It works on the vehicle's cigarette lighter. (Please make sure your vehicle's cigarette lighter is working **before** the tour starts).

Money: A credit or debit card, plus some cash, will be needed.

Cell phones: Reception available all over South Africa. WiFi is available at all the places where we stay.

Fuel: We'll stop regularly to fill up. When one fills up, we all fill up.

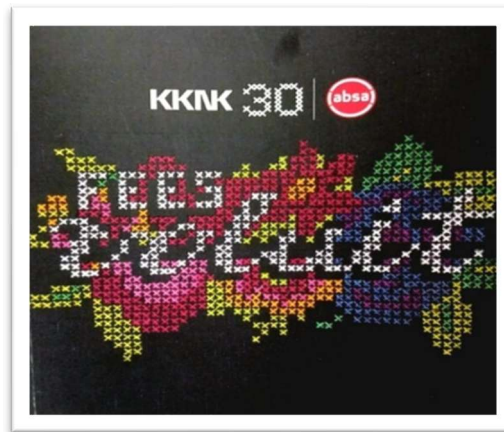
Clothing: Casual – warm during the day and it can get cold at night.

Excursions: Entry fees are not included in the tour price. You can book and pay an excursion on the day of arrival at the venue or earlier if so informed.

When in Oudtshoorn, we'll drive out in the mornings (optional) to places of interest close to the town. I.e. Cango Caves, an ostrich farm, Cango Wildlife Ranch, a wine cellar, etc.

KKNK: It is recommended that show tickets at the KKNK be booked in advance. Visit their website at <https://www.kknk.co.za/en/> for more information about shows and where to book. Visit their Facebook as well at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=kknk>

Book **only** for shows on Wednesday & Thursday, 24th & 25th March 2027. On Wednesday from 14h00 onwards.



What you DO need: (Before departure)

- A vehicle in a good condition (check the tyres, spare wheel & tools to replace a flat tyre)
- A credit or debit card, as well as some cash (pocket money).
- Energy to drive long distances – it is after all a Road Trip
- A big smile

What to expect: An orderly and well-planned Road Trip, with a few surprises en route. Good food, interesting roads and routes, tar and gravel roads, scenic mountain passes and many very small towns, cute shops and road stalls, bushveld, interesting landscapes, friendly people and something new...

Just some of the towns and places to be visited or driving through on tour:

Victoria West, Klaarstroom, Herold, Karatara, De Rust, Kirkwood, Hobhouse, Lady Grey and many more....

We are looking forward to welcoming you on this Road Trip.

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Note: All the venues where we overnight do not have a bar facility available. You're welcome to take along your own refreshments.



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Itinerary:

Day # 1 **Engen One Stop N1 (South) – Johannesburg to Mokala (Modder River) 554 km**
Saturday

Welcome, briefing & handing out 2-way radios before departing via Klerksdorp, Christiana and Kimberley to Mokala National Park in the Northern Cape province.

Book in and overnight for two nights in this National Park. This one of the newest National Parks with lots of antelope and beautiful nature.

Dinner (a 'braai') is included in the tour package.

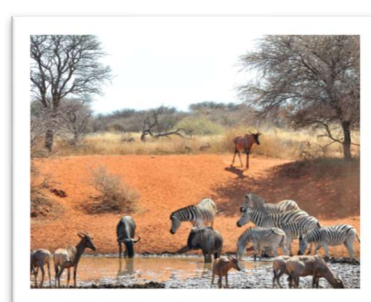


Day # 2 **Mokala (Modder River, Kimberley)** **+50 km (Optional)**
Sunday

Today you'll have the opportunity to explore this park on your own. Sit next to a waterhole, look down from a hill, explore the park or just sit and relax whilst enjoying nature.

Mokala National Park offers a peaceful and exclusive safari experience. Expect beautiful open landscapes, excellent game viewing — including rare species like sable and roan antelope — and the opportunity to explore at your own pace in a quiet, unspoiled setting.

We 'braai' again tonight.



Day # 3
Monday

Mokala (Kimberley) to Karoo Park (Beaufort West)

451 km

This morning we'll leave the park early and enjoy a brunch en route to Beaufort West in the Western Cape province.

We'll drive on the N12 and N1 through small towns like Strydenburg, Britstown and Victoria West before arriving at our destination. We'll stop en route at places where people normally don't stop and visit.

We book into the Karoo National Park, where we'll stay for two nights and enjoy dinner in the local on-site restaurant.



Day # 4
Tuesday

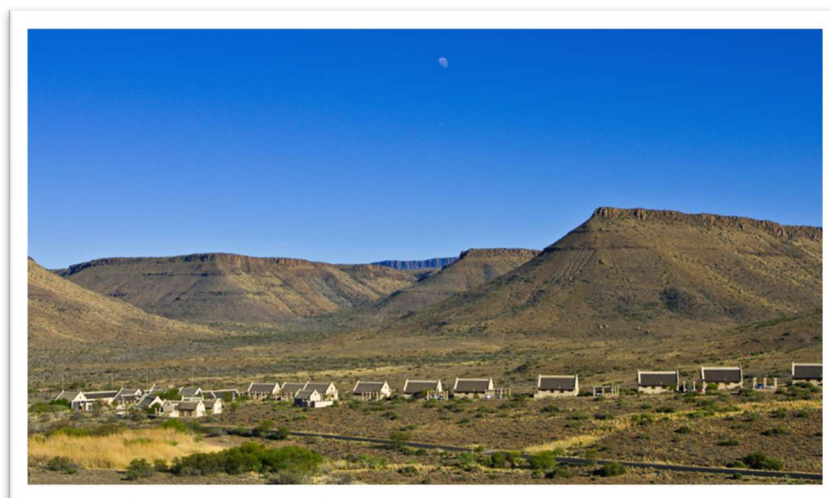
Karoo Park (Beaufort West)

+50 km (Optional)

Today you'll have the opportunity to explore the park again on your own.

At Karoo National Park near Beaufort West, expect dramatic mountain backdrops, wide plains, and unique wildlife adapted to this harsh environment. Enjoy relaxed game drives, sightings of species like kudu, springbok, and possibly black rhino, as well as unforgettable sunsets under big Karoo skies.

We dine again in the Karoo Park.





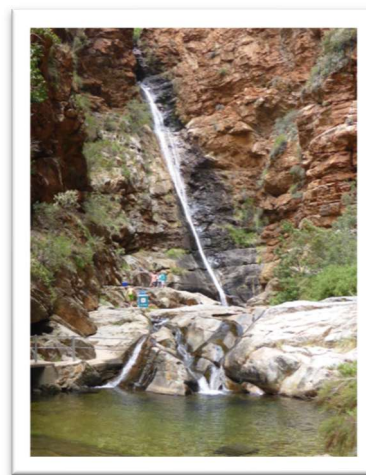
Day # 5 **Karoo Park (Beaufort West) to Oudtshoorn**

177 km

Wednesday

We depart after breakfast for a short drive to Oudtshoorn.

En route we'll drive through the spectacular Meiringspoort before arriving in the ostrich capital town of South Africa.



Tour members can either visit the KKNK festive area **OR** attend shows (from 14h00 onwards) **OR** discover the town **OR** do excursions in the area. Show tickets should be booked in advance.

We stay in a hotel, walking distance from the main festive area.

Dinner will be at a place of your choice – not as a group.

Day # 6 **Oudtshoorn**

+110 km (Optional)

Thursday

During the morning we'll drive out into the district to visit some of the well-known tourist destinations in the Oudtshoorn region.

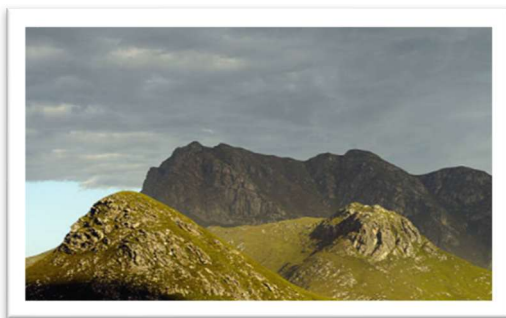
Enjoy the lively atmosphere of the Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, filled with theatre, music, food, and local culture. Beyond the festival, the area offers fantastic excursions including the Cango Caves, Swartberg Pass, ostrich farms, and charming local shops and restaurants — making this a perfect blend of culture, adventure, and exploration.



Day # 7 **Oudtshoorn to Storms River**
Easter Friday

211 km

Today we leave behind the festivities and continue via spectacular mountain passes and via George and Knysna and Natures Valley to Storms River and the Tsitsikama Forest in the Eastern Cape province.



Although it is Easter weekend, we'll follow some back roads to avoid any possible heavy traffic on the N2. The back roads will give you observation access to beautiful nature, forests and lakes.

One can consider doing a bungee jump at the Bloukrans Bridge.



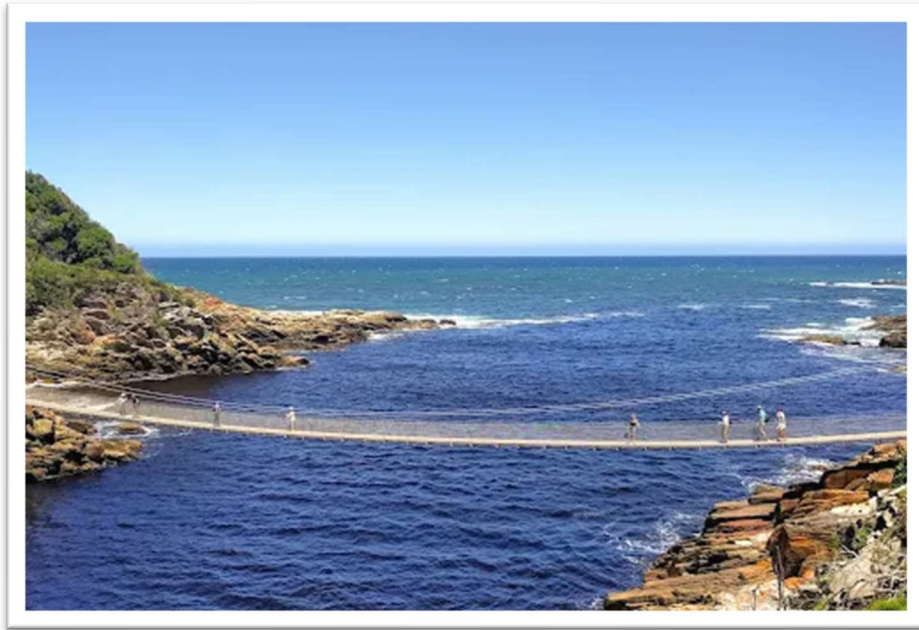
Tonight you have a choice of places to dine at the village.

Day # 8 **Storms River**
Saturday

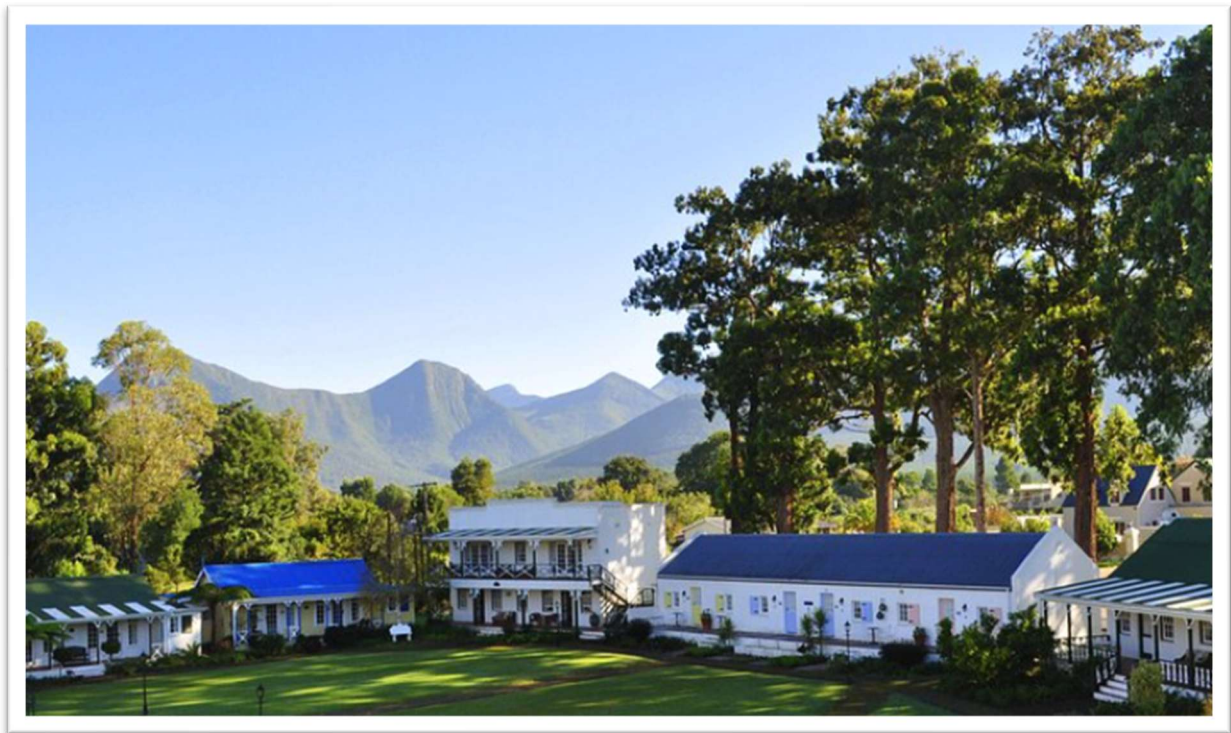
+50 km (Optional)

At Storms River, expect towering indigenous forests, dramatic coastline, and fresh ocean air. Explore the Tsitsikama National Park, walk across the famous suspension bridge, enjoy forest trails, and take in spectacular ocean views. This is a place to slow down, reconnect with nature, and experience the wild beauty of the Eastern Cape coast.

Crossing the suspension pedestrian bridge at Storms River mouth is always an exhilarating experience.



The village at Tsitsikama, where we stay, has a variety of interesting places to visit with lots of activities. I.e.: Canopy tours, the local brewery, a café out of the 1950's, local shops and the forest.



Day # 9
Sunday

Storms River to Addo Elephant Park (Gqeberha)

266 km

The drive from Storms River to Addo Elephant Park will take us from sea to bush.

We'll follow some back roads and visit a town or more where tourists normally don't go – off the beaten track. Drive through Hankey & Loerie, Kariega & Kirkwood.

A stop at a huge sundial outside Hankey is always interesting. The venue is on a hill overlooking the scenic Gamtoos River valley.



When entering the Addo Elephant Park it is not only about the 'Ellies'. There is an abundance of other antelope, including magnificent kudu.

Day # 10 **Addo Elephant Park (Gqeberha)**
Easter Monday

+50 km (Optional)

You'll have the opportunity to drive on your own through this park - which have the Big 7!

Addo Park is different to other parks in the sense that it includes a coastline, bush and public roads!

There is lots of opportunities for photography, bird watching and enjoying a leisure day in the park

At Addo Elephant National Park, expect incredible wildlife encounters, especially large herds of elephants in their natural habitat. The park offers excellent self-drive game viewing, with opportunities to spot lion, buffalo, antelope, and a variety of birdlife. This is a classic Big 5 safari experience, set in a diverse and accessible landscape.

We'll dine at the local park restaurant.



Day # 11 **Addo Elephant Park to Hogsback**
Tuesday

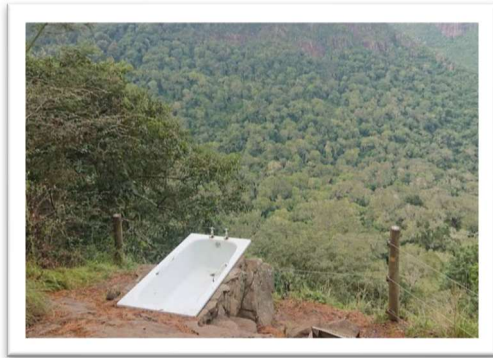
236 km

The Eastern Cape province has got some of the most beautiful natural landscapes in South Africa, not known to many people in South Africa, plus it has several interesting small towns.

When traveling today, you'll drive through some of them, taking you to one of the most picturesque towns in the province: Hogsback.

This town was built on a mountain with spectacular vistas in different directions. There is a labyrinth with one of the longest 'routes' in Africa; an outside bath with a view over the valley; Teepee accommodation at a dog rescue centre; a backpacker facility with the best pizzas in town; spectacular waterfalls and much more.

Explore this town in the afternoon and go and eat a pizza!



Day # 12 **Hogsback to Rhodes**
Wednesday

400 km

The journey continues through the 'platteland' and the closer one gets to mountains the more forestry it becomes. Traversing the Naude's Neck mountain pass is an exhilarating experience; looking down into the valleys, observing the agricultural activities and admiring the engineering successes in building this pass.

When crossing 'The Neck' the road winds down into the small town of Rhodes where we'll be staying for two nights. This town has got no tar roads, no streetlights, no pavements and no petrol filling station.

Though it has a lot of interesting history, quaint little houses, friendly people, lots of fresh air and scenic nature. The Beel River, flowing through the town, add to the ambience of the town.



The meals served at the Rhodes Hotel, where we stay, is traditional 'Boerekos' – in abundance. (You'll go back for more!) Dinner is included in the tour price.

Day # 13 **Rhodes**
Thursday

+70 km (Optional)

During the morning, we drive up the (steep) Carlisle's Hoek Mountain pass, visiting the old Tiffindell Ski Resort.

Walking through this little town of Rhodes, with a local guide, is interesting. It will only take you an hour!

This is a place to be visited once in your life. There is so much to be seen and to be enjoyed.

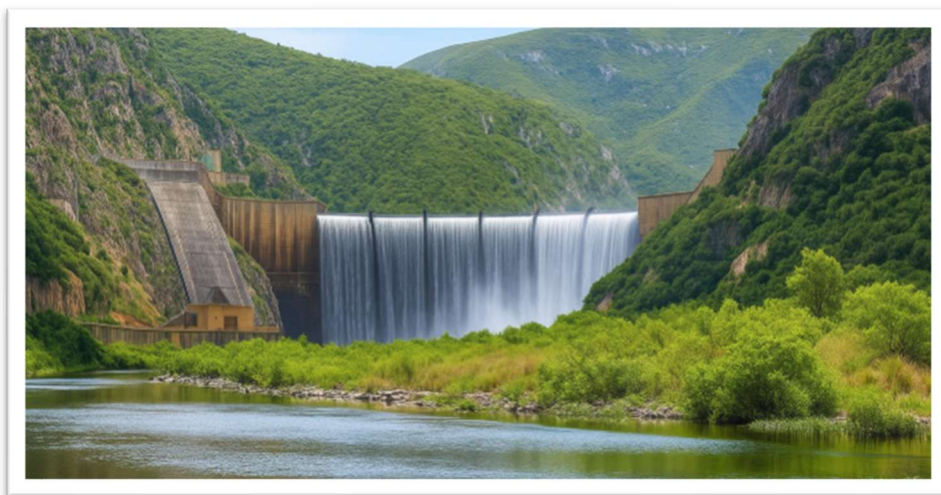
Dinner is included in the tour price.



Day # 14 **Rhodes to IMLA (Clocolan)**
Friday

437 km

After leaving Rhodes we continue driving through the beautiful Eastern Cape via Barkley East, Lady Grey and Sterkspruit into the Free State en route to our final overnight place close to the town of Clocolan in the Eastern Free State, on a guest farm.



We'll tell you about an unique railway track en route, the dam at Lady Grey and the farming in the area.

The venue where we overnight (IMLA Guest Farm) is on an operational farm, staying in a beautiful sandstone guest house on the farm.

The last dinner on tour will be a special one.



Day # 15 **IMLA (Clocolan) to Johannesburg**
Saturday

361 km

Although it is the last day of the tour, the tour is not over yet. We continue our journey via the Eastern Free State through towns like Bethlehem, Frankfort and Villiers to end our journey just South of Johannesburg on the N3.

GENERAL

Please note that we'll stop at many more places, not mentioned in the above itinerary. On a Road Trip the leader driver can fit in anything interesting at any time....

Note: Travellers can leave the group on the final day at any place en route to turn off for home.



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Map:

Note: The Road Trip could & will deviate from the map. I.e.: Due to visits to places not mentioned in the itinerary.



Distance: 3100+ km