



# TourSouthAfrica

## **Tour Brochure**

### **Namaqualand Flower Tour – 6 day fly/8 day drive**

Namaqualand is a place where one can experience nature in a special and extraordinary way and is steeped in the story of the Namaqualand daisies; an abundance of fertile flowers that transform the almost lifeless Namaqualand into a beautiful floral display of beauty in spring. It was once the hunting ground of the Bushman, with wonderful stories of survival in an unfriendly and unforgiving world, until the rains come and everything unfolds in an unprecedented floral splendour. See and experience much more on this trip than only flowers.

#### **Start points: (same costs)**

1. If you want to drive for 8 days: O.R.Tambo Airport Johannesburg or Irene Mall Pretoria
2. If you want to fly to Cape Town and start on day 3: Dolphin Beach Hotel, Bloubergstrand

#### **End points:**

We drop off at the Irene Mall and OR Tambo International Airport

#### **Highlights:**

1. Women's Monument (with drive option)
2. Gariep Dam (with drive option)
3. Waylands Wild Flower Reserve
4. Evita se Perron
5. West Coast National Park
6. Rooibos tea shop in Clanwilliam
7. Ramskop Nature Park
8. Hantam Botanical Garden

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9. Nieuwoudtville Waterfall
10. Namaqua National Park
11. Augrabies falls
12. Wine tasting near Upington
13. Big Hole of Kimberley
14. West Coast seafood

## **Itinerary:**

### Day 1: Johannesburg to Gariep Dam - 650km

Drive from Johannesburg to Gariep Dam via Bloemfontein where we pay a short visit to the Women's Monument (Afrikaans: Nasionale Vrouemonument), a monument commemorating the women and children who died in concentration camps during the Second Boer War. On arrival at the dam, we do a walk over the dam wall where the Guide will give you all the interesting facts of this amazing dam. Overnight at A'damsview (or similar) which is considered a place with one of the best views over the interior of South Africa.

### Day 2: Gariep Dam – Cape Town - 820km

After breakfast we leave for Cape Town. Experience the open spaces of the Karoo before we cross the Cape fold mountains. The Cape Fold Belt is a late Paleozoic fold and thrust belt, which affected the sequence of sedimentary rock layers of the Cape Supergroup in the southwestern corner of South Africa. It's a long road but we often stop to stretch our legs, listen to podcasts, music, and visit the Karoo road stalls. Stay at Dolphin Beach Hotel, Bloubergstrand, Cape Town. (or similar)

**This is where the fly-in group members will wait for us and join the tour from tomorrow.**

### Day 3: Cape Town – Darling - 80km

On the way to Darling, our flower viewing almost starts immediately with a short visit to the Waylands wild flower reserve. Visitors have been allowed access to the spectacular spring display of approx. 300 species of wild flowers every season on the private farm. We go to Evita se Perron where you can take a stroll through the unique Nauseam Museum, find the perfect gifts at the deli, enjoy a delicious rusk tasting at the Swartland Kitchen tasting room, and pick up a snack for lunch. A visit to the Darling Wine Shop follows, and we then drive to Langebaan. We did not forget the delicious West Coast seafood and have dinner at Pearly's Restaurant, Langebaan.

#### Day 4: West Coast National Park Langebaan to Elands Bay - 130km

Against the background of the blue lagoon, white dunes, rare fynbos, green wetlands and boundless waves, there is much to experience, we see the wildlife in the park, and especially enjoy the fields of flowers in the Postberg part. The park is renowned for its rich biodiversity and seasonal wildflower blooms. If the weather is not ideal for the flowers to open today, we can visit this park on the previous afternoon. We spend the night in Elands Bay Hotel. (or similar)

#### Day 5: Elands Bay - Kamieskroon – 350km

After breakfast we drive to Clanwilliam and visit the Rooibos tea factory shop and the Ramskop Nature Park. Then in the direction of the Bokkeveld mountain range where we will drive up the Van Rhyns Pass which offers some incredible views over Namaqualand. We visit the flower bulb capital of the world, Nieuwoudtville, where the bulb species grow in the 'Boland of the Namaqualand'. We hunt the most beautiful areas for wildflowers, for common flower species, and also visit the Hantam Botanical Garden. If time allows, Nieuwoudtville Waterfall follows, creating a striking contrast against the rugged landscape. After this we travel through the Knersvlakte to Kamieskroon where we stay in the comfortable accommodation venues.

#### Day 6: Kamieskroon – Augrabies Falls - 380km

Then to the Namaqua National Park where fields of flowers, quiver trees, enormous granite outcrops and the richest bulb flora of any arid region in the world are but a few wonders that await the visitor. With its winter rainfall, Namaqualand is home to the richest bulb flora of any arid region in the world and more than 1 000 of its estimated 3 500 plant species are found nowhere else on earth. Situated in the heart of the Succulent Karoo the Park has grown enormously and stretches from the well-known Skilpad section, near Kamieskroon, on the escarpment westwards to the coast. The gradient to the coast is important from an upland-lowland and rainfall perspective and contributes to the richness of species within the Park.

We drive to Springbok and enjoy lunch, and then to our lodge near the Augrabies Falls.

#### Day 7: Augrabies Falls – Kimberley - 520km

Breakfast is followed with a brisk walk to the Augrabies Falls. This National Park is situated on the banks of the mighty Orange River. The Khoi people called it “Aukoerebis”, or place of Great Noise, referring to the water thundering its way downwards in a spectacular waterfall, which freefalls 56 meters into the 18km gorge below. Panoramic viewpoints can be visited. We start the drive from here to the capital of the Northern Cape: Kimberley. Dried fruit can be bought along the road at some of the stalls. Wine tasting can be arranged at Bezalel Wine & Brandy Estate; a winery and distillery located near Upington, offering wine and brandy tastings.

History lies dotted on the R64 that runs East from Upington over places with names such as Groblershoop, Griquatown and Campbell to Kimberley. We can also see some of the Kalahari sand dunes along the way and if we are lucky gemsbok and springbok. We spend the night in Kimberley.

Day 8: Kimberley - Johannesburg - 520km

A scrumptious breakfast is followed by a tour through the Kimberley diamond mine museum and you view the great hole during which the glory of the social life that followed the discovery of diamonds is experienced. Depart to Johannesburg through the plains of the old Western Transvaal and across the Vaal River. After another long day we come home with beautiful memories.

Included:

- Entrance fees
- National Park fees
- Breakfast and Dinner
- Driver/Guide
- Transport by comfortable vehicle suitable for the group size
- One way economy flight to Cape Town, or 2 day drive to Cape Town
- One water bottle per day

Excluded:

- Lunch
- Alcoholic drinks
- Gratuities (recommended)
- Travel insurance
- Visa fees

Notes:

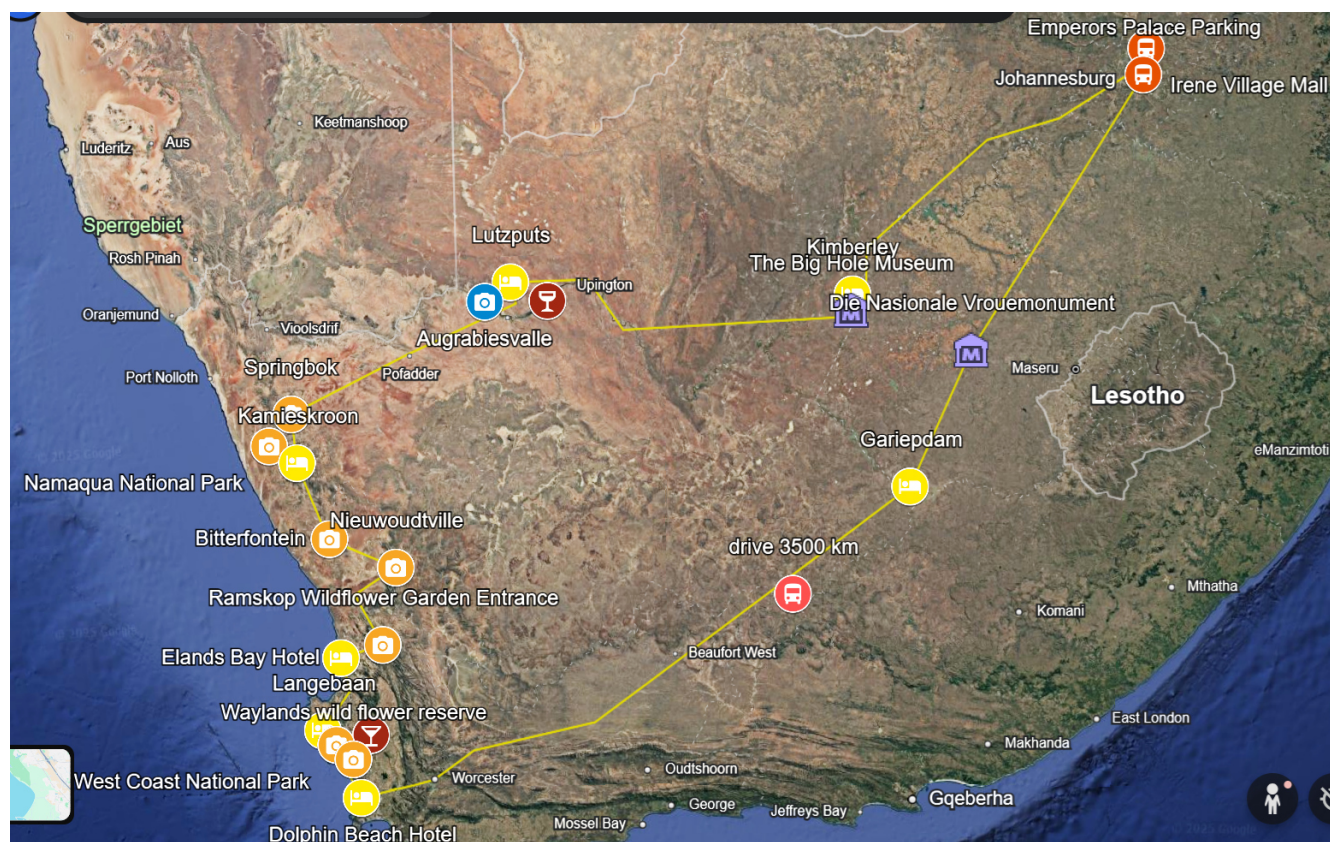
*The start of this tour requires a minimum of 4 adults.*

*It is important to remember that the flowering season is determined by the rainy season in the Western Cape, and therefore we reserve the right to change our daily travel plans to suit the weather. We can also change the program according to the place where the flowers are best during the tour and for the group. Where accommodation is not available, we reserve the right to book similar places.*

*In the event where buffets are not served, meal vouchers for the following amounts will be given:  
breakfast: R 130, dinner: R 290.*

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