

Golf Tour SA – Cape Town & Garden Route

Self Drive – 10 Days / 9 Nights

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Introduction



South Africa offers a wonderful variety of types of courses ranging from some of the best parkland courses to unique bushveld courses.

This itinerary introduces you the coastal courses of the Cape and the Garden Route.

Golf was introduced to South Africa in the Cape, with the first club, Royal Cape forming in 1885.

Just outside Cape Town are the world-renowned Winelands, which themselves have numerous excellent layouts amongst the vines.

The Garden Route is so-called because of the natural beauty on the route up the Western Cape's east coast and this area is fast becoming Africa's golfing Mecca.

South Africa as a golfers' destination is becoming not-to-be-missed!

Day 1 Welcome to Cape Town

You will be warmly welcomed on arrival at Cape Town Airport by an XO Africa representative.

Pick up of your rental car and drive to your first accommodation (approx. 30mins.) with the assistance of our XO representative.

We suggest that you spend an afternoon of leisure exploring the City (see the suggestions thereafter) or relax.

Check in at your 4* Guest House

Over night at Cape Riviera BB



Located 40 kilometres from the Cape of Good Hope, Cape Town is one of the most isolated metropolises in the world. Cape Town's city centre lies cradled in a vast blue-grey amphitheatre formed by Table Mountain, Lion's Head and Devil's Peak. Few cities in the world can boast a more spectacular setting and it is certainly unrivalled in South Africa for its cosmopolitan ambience redolent with history.



The city centre includes the historic centre and residential districts, the Waterfront (the old harbour was transformed into an extensive shopping centre with cinemas, hotels, restaurants and bars) and the modern harbour. The rest of Cape Town is comprised of a series of suburbs and residential areas spreading around Table Mountain. Like many other South African cities, Cape Town is a city of contrasts. Not really European and not totally African, it is a curious blend of the Third World and the First. The diversity of its population and the number of varied districts make Cape Town a hybrid city set between two oceans.

Suggestions: Cape Town attractions

Table Mountain: This World Heritage Site is undeniably the largest tourist attraction in Cape Town, and indeed in South Africa, and draws holidaymakers from the four corners of the globe. The summit can be reached by trails or cable-car.

V & A Waterfront: This busy commercial harbour is set in the midst of a huge entertainment venue with pubs, restaurants, specialty shops, craft markets, theatres and movies. Boat trips around the harbour are popular. Visit the Two Oceans Aquarium.

Cape Town Beaches: The western coastline is characterised by rocky outcrops and beautiful beaches. The Atlantic Coast features the world-renowned pristine beaches of Clifton, Camps Bay and Llandudno, while the Indian Coast boasts the warmer ocean water.

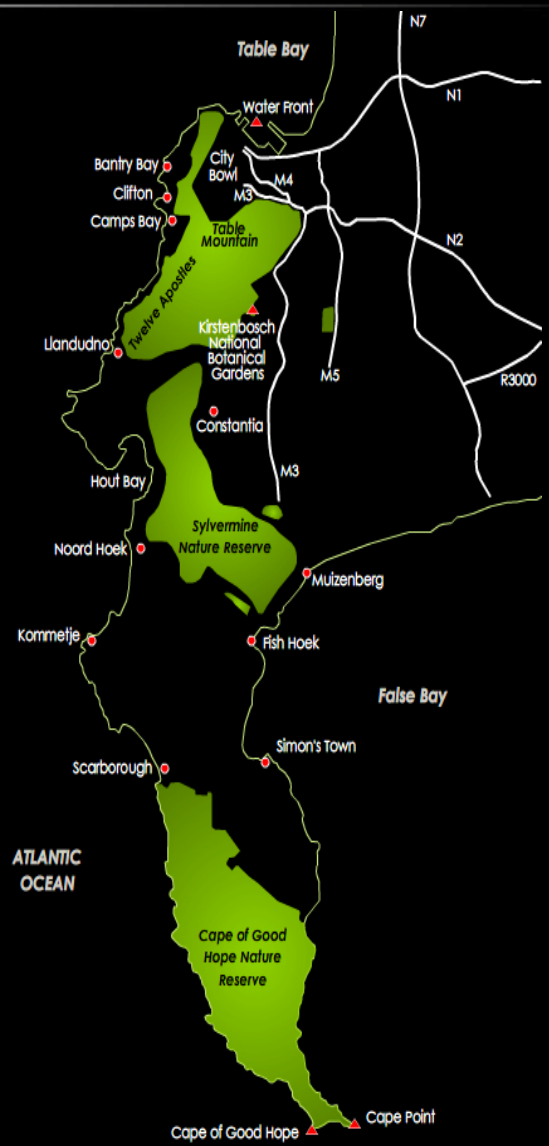
Cape Town Shopping: Shopping in Cape Town and its suburbs can be an exciting experience. For the international Tourist, shopping in Cape Town is relatively inexpensive due to the favourable exchange rate and comparatively low production costs.

Robben Island: Lies about 11km north of Cape Town. It has become synonymous with the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa. Nelson Mandela was imprisoned on Robben Island, because of his opposition to apartheid. Robben Island has been designated a Cultural World Heritage Site.

Cape Point: Cape Point is one of Cape Town's main attractions and is home to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, which is noted for its floral diversity and especially its wild flowers that bloom in the spring. The lighthouse at Cape Point is the most powerful on the South African coast.

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens: Beautifully situated on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, these world-renowned gardens are dedicated to the preservation of the indigenous plants of Southern Africa. Some 6000 different species are grown here, including proteas.

Table Mountain National Park: The narrow portion of land with its many beautiful valleys, bays and beaches is circled by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean in the west and the warmer waters of False Bay in the east. The Park has two world-renowned landmarks within its boundaries.



Cape Town Accommodation

Accommodation Days 1 - 3

Cape Riviera Guesthouse

The Cape Riviera Guesthouse is situated on the slopes of Table Mountain in the suburb Oranjezicht. The guesthouse consists of 12 rooms, each with en-suite bathroom, room safe, hairdryer, telephone, European plugs, air-conditioning, heaters, wireless internet, satellite television, mini-bar, snack basket and tea / coffee making facilities. The guesthouse has its own swimming pool, reading room and lounge.

Website: www.caperiviera.co.za



Day 2 & 3 Cape Town

On day two we suggest you enjoy a round of Golf at Royal Cape Golf Club. Optional coaching session with our PGA Golf Professional .

On day three we suggest a round of Golf at Steenberg Golf Course and hone your skills further with your personal PGA Professional!



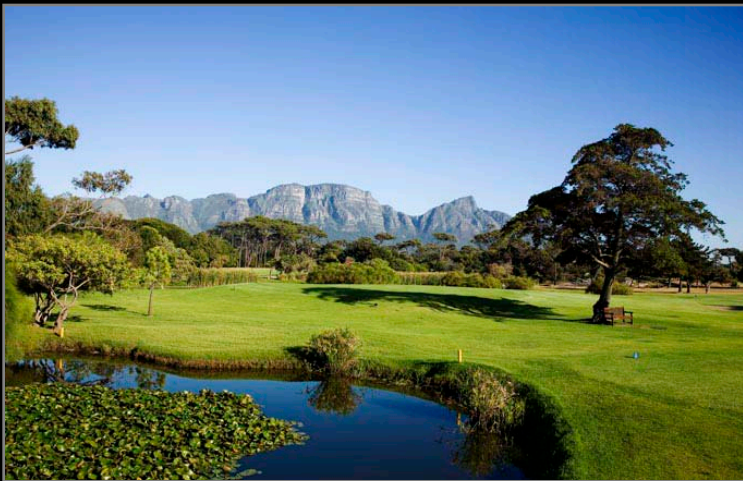
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Royal Cape Golf Club

Wynberg, cape Town

Designed by :	Charles Murray
Type :	Combination of Links and parklands
Holes :	18
Par :	72
Fairway Grass :	Kikuyu
Greens Grass :	bent Grass
Length :	Championship : 6121m Ladies : 5392m



Featuring a course with narrow fairways lined by trees. The Royal Cape Golf Club is an 18-hole parkland course and is situated on the eastern side of Table Mountain, about 20 minutes from the Cape Town city center. A true championship course, having hosted the South African Open eleven times and the South African Amateur Championships eight times, it has recently undertaken a reconstruction of all eighteen greens strictly to the specifications of the United States Golf Association. The course today is a fine test of golf especially when the South-Easter is blowing. Essentially it is a flat parkland course, well maintained and a pleasure to play with lovely views of the Table Mountain range. The fairways are narrow and tree-lined. There is also plenty of water on the course, particularly at the corner of the 3rd and 4th and 5th holes and also at the 14th, 15th and 16th holes. Regulations: Appropriate golf attire required. The Golf Course is reserved for members on Saturdays, closed Good Friday and Christmas Day. Handicap certificates compulsory. Soft spikes are required on the golf course.

Royal Cape Golf Club has wonderful mountain views, tree lined fairways with some water features and has bent grass greens. Royal Cape was formed in 1885 and is the oldest club in Africa.

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Steenberg Golf Club

Tokai, Cape Town

Designed by :	Peter Matkovich
Type :	Parklands Golf Course
Holes :	18
Par :	72
Fairway Grass :	Kikuyu
Greens Grass :	Bent Grass
Length :	Championship : 6115m Senior : 6115m Club : 6115m Ladies : 6115m



The course was designed and built by one of South Africa's leading golf course architects, Peter Matkovich. The golf course has been designed to take full advantage of natural features and hazards. The 18 hole championship golf course meanders leisurely through the Steenberg vineyards, pine forests and gentle waterways. The course features four distinct areas: Wetlands, Parklands, The Cape Flats and Fynbos. With five different tees, the course can be enjoyed by all, from championship to junior level. There are also a number of practice areas, including a driving range, chipping area with sand traps and a large putting green. Many golfers envy the superb condition of this soft spike course and it is widely renowned for having the best greens in Cape Town..

Regulations: Handicaps allowed: 36 for Ladies and 34 for Men. Handicap certificates will be asked on the day of play.

Golfers are requested to dress conservatively within the guidelines laid down by Steenberg Golf Club.

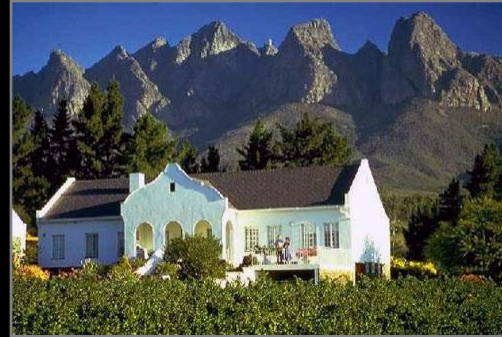
Day 4 The Cape Winelands

After breakfast self drive to the Cape Winelands (approx. 1h.)

Check in at your luxury 4* Guest House

Spend the remainder of the day exploring the area or enjoy a round of Golf on one of the numerous excellent layouts amongst the vines.

Over night at River Manor BB



Today the Cape's wine industry as well as the historic estate homesteads is one of the country's most highly treasured assets. The first consignment of vines from German, French, Spanish and Bohemian vineyards arrived in the Cape in 1655. Jan Van Riebeeck, then governor of the area, recorded in his diary on 2nd February 1659 that "Today, for the first time, the Lord be praised, wine was made from Cape grapes".

Professional winemaking in the Cape began only after Simon van der Stel, the new commander of the settlement and future governor of the East India Company, founded the second oldest Dutch settlement in South Africa. It was named Stellenbosch, after himself, and is situated in a sunny and fertile valley to the east of Cape Town.

A great boost was given to wine production in South Africa by the arrival of Huguenot refugees from France, who settled around Franschoek ("French Corner"), to the east of Paarl and Stellenbosch, between 1688 and 1690, and developed what is still an important wine-growing region. At the end of the 19th century, phylloxera ravaged South Africa's vineyards, but by importing phylloxera resistant vines from America, South African winegrowers managed to reach their previous production level again by 1918.

Winelands accommodation

Accommodation Days 4 & 5

River Manor Country House & Spa

River Manor is a National Monument situated a mere 2-minute stroll from the Stellenbosch town centre. It has 16 en-suite bedrooms: 2 standard, 6 classic and 8 superior. Antiques combined with modern conveniences give a "Colonial Charm" feel to the rooms. All are equipped with a television, hairdryer, ceiling fan, wall safe, bar fridge, heating, complimentary port and sherry trays and bathrobes. Rooms with air-conditioning are available on request. An exclusive spa is set in the manor gardens, as are 2 large pools. The country house also has 2 lounges with fireplaces and a conservatory.

The Stellenbosch wine lands has some of the best golf courses in the country, River Manor is ideally situated for easy access to many of these courses and is a perfect base for golfers ensuring easy access to all of the best courses.

Website: www.rivermanor.co.za



Day 4 & 5 Cape Town

On day four we recommend a round of Golf at De Zalze Golf Course in Stellenbosch

On day five you will be playing golf at Pearl Valley Golf Course in Paarl

If you would like to bring more value to your experience, we can arrange for our Golf Specialist to spend the day coaching and playing 18 holes with you.



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De Zalze Golf Course

Winelands, Stellenbosch

Designed by :	Peter Matkovich
Type :	Combination of links and Parklands
Holes :	18
Par :	70
Fairway Grass :	Kikuyu
Greens Grass :	Cool Season Bent Grass
Length :	Championship : 6385m Club : 6385m



The De Zalze Golf Course situated within the De Zalze Winelands Golf Estate was designed by Peter Matkovich who has made the most of the stunning setting and created a course that places a premium on accuracy. The course has an excellent mix of parkland holes with its main defenses coming from the water features on several of the holes as well as the Oak tree lined Blaauwklippen River which winds its way through the golf estate and comes into play at various intervals.

De Zalze Golf Club welcomes visiting golfers from around the globe and is geared to provide an exceptional experience from the moment you arrive. After your round of golf you may be tempted to relax on the open scenic terrace and enjoy a delicious meal together with a selection of some fine wines from both Spier and Kleine Zalze, two of the regions premier wine producers.

With our PGA Professional's background and expertise, combined with the wonderful practice facilities at De Zalze, he can make a difference to your game!

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Pearl Valley Golf Course

Winelands, Paarl

Designed by : Jack Nicklaus

Type : Parklands Golf
course

Holes : 18

Par : 72

Fairway Grass : Combination

Length : Championship : 6511m
Club : 6090m
Ladies : 4703m



South Africa's premier new sporting residential development situated among orchards and vineyards on the outskirts of two of the Cape's most famous wineland towns, Franschhoek and Paarl. Pearl Valley is the latest addition to the Jack Nicklaus's repertoire of signature-designed courses worldwide. The Pearl Valley Golf Estate is surrounded by the Simonsberg and Drakenstein Mountains and bordered by vineyards with The Berg River water hazard running through it. Pearl Valley Signature Golf Estate and Spa is destined to become the premier residential golf estate in South Africa. Designed on 212 hectares of tranquil surroundings for those who expect exclusivity and the finest quality lifestyle yet unmatched in this country. Nicklaus has stayed true to his design principles by working closely with nature and has provided a golf course that fits in with the environment. This fairly flat and largely uninterrupted terrain enabled Nicklaus the freedom to develop hole strategies making this a golf course the golfer has to think his/her way around.

Club regulations: Appropriate golf attire is required. No handicap is required unless you are entering a competition. Facilities: Bar; Carts for hire; Carts/Buggies; Clubs for hire; Driving Range; Halfway House; Locker Facilities; Putting green and Shower Facilities.

Day 6 Overberg region

After breakfast drive to Hermanus (approx. 1.30h)

Check in at your luxurious 4* accomodation

Enjoy an afternoon Tee time at Arabella Golf Course

Over night at Auberge Burgundy BB



Arabella Country Estate

Within an hour's drive of the Winelands is the spectacular Arabella Country Estate near Hermanus, whale-watching capital of South Africa.

Arabella is home to the Nelson Mandela Invitational, South Africa's premier charity golf event, and its layout is also highly ranked, featuring among Golf Digest USA's top 100 courses outside of America.

The Overberg Region accommodation

Accommodation Day 6

Auberge Burgundy

The Auberge Burgundy is a charming guesthouse located in the heart of Hermanus with a total of 17 en-suite rooms. Its 10 garden bedrooms – 5 with sea views and 5 with a garden view – all open on to a balcony or garden. There are 3 poolside rooms as well as 3 suites on the 1st floor with sea views. The penthouse has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (one en-suite), a fully equipped kitchen, lounge, dining room and large balcony with sea and mountain views. Each bedroom has a telephone, television, coffee and tea making facilities, mini-bar, wall safe, hair dryer, heated towel rails, under floor heating and secure parking. The Auberge Burgundy has a good à la carte restaurant which specialises in seafood. Breakfast is also served at this restaurant from 08h30 to 09h30.

Website: www.auberge.co.za



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Arabella Country Estate

Kleinmond

Designed by :	Peter Matkovich
Type : Parklands	Combination of links and Parklands
Holes :	18
Par :	72
Fairway Grass :	Kikuyu
Greens Grass :	Bent Grass
Length :	Championship : 6300m Club : 6300m



The course is 6381 meters in length. It borders the largest natural lagoon in Southern Africa, and the 9th, 17th and 18th run parallel to the lagoon. Choosing a signature hole proves to be an extremely difficult task as all of the holes are well designed with spectacular views. Peter Matkovich, who designed the Arabella Golf course, ensured that the 18 holes encompass the Mountain backdrops, lagoon frontage and forests on the estate near Kleinmond. These provide for links, parkland and coastal aspects, while the individual fairways provide natural corridors as vantage points to savour nature's true beauty. Facilities: Bar; Caddies graded; Carts for hire; Conference facilities; Gym; Halfway House; Locker Facilities; Pool and Practice Area.

Visitor Policy: Visitors are welcome at Arabella Golf Club. They require every golfer to have an official handicap and membership card or handicap certificate to be brought on the day of play. Non-resident golfers may only book tee-off times up to a maximum of seven days prior to day of play. Preference for tee times is given to hotel guests and members. Dress Code: The dress code for the Golf Club is smart casual or accepted golf attire. All players are required to wear a collared shirt. No jeans or t-shirts are allowed on the golf course. It is a soft spike only course.



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Hermanus Golf Club (Optional suggestion)

Hermanus

Designed by : Bob Grimsdell
Type : Parklands Golf course
Holes : 18
Par : 73
Fairway Grass : Kikuyu
Greens Grass : Bent Grass
Length : Championship : 6025m
Club : 5741m



Located just 120 Kilometers from Cape Town at the southern tip of Africa, the Hermanus Golf Club offers the keen golfer 18 incredible holes of golf. The Hermanus course is set in magnificent scenery with views of the sea and a backdrop of the mountains. Wild life and natural Cape flora are attractive features and the many trees provide the beauty for ideal golfing terrain. The whale capital Hermanus offers in season (July to early December) besides golfing also good whale-watching. When you can't spot whales in the sea, you can watch baboons crossing the fairways. The Hermanus Golf Club has become one of the most popular golf courses in the country - a definite 'must play' course. The Hermanus Golf Club is a private course, offering privacy to the members, yet accessibility to the public. Club Facilities: Bar; Caddies graded; Clubs for hire; Halfway House; Locker Facilities; Practice Facilities; Pro Shop; Restaurant and Shower Facilities. Club Regulations: Golf Union and Home Club Membership Cards are required. No Handicap required unless you are entering a competition. Appropriate golf attire and soft spikes required on golf course. Wednesday & Saturday afternoons members only.

Day 7 Welcome to Knysna

After breakfast self drive to Knysna
(approx. 4h)

Check in at your 5* Boutique accommodation

We suggest you play a round of golf at Simola Golf Estate

Over night at Kanonkop House BB



Knysna

Knysna is known as the "pearl" of the Garden Route. The attractiveness of the town is thanks to its geographic location. Knysna is situated on the banks of a lagoon measuring 13 square kilometers, which joins the sea through a narrow strait bordered by two shoulders of rock known as "The Heads". Water sports form the main activity on the lagoon. The area is also well known for its oysters. The area surrounding the lagoon is covered with pine forests and some indigenous forests. This scenery helps to create a tranquil setting for the picturesque town.

Website: www.visitknysna.com

Knysna accommodation

Accommodation Days 7, 8 & 9

Kanonkop House

Gloriously situated on the apex of Kanonkop Hill above Knysna, South Africa's favourite coastal resort town, Kanonkop House offers unique 5-star boutique accommodation. Set adjacent to the family home, Kanonkop House commands a breathtakingly beautiful view of the Knysna Lagoon stretching all the way to the famous Knysna Heads.

The garden and small indigenous forest attract wildlife and an abundance of birds – from the elusive Knysna lourie to the iridescent sunbirds and humble wagtails. Enjoy their antics while relaxing on a lounge next to the pool, before venturing down the hill to discover and experience all that Knysna and the Garden Route has to offer.

The beautiful rooms each have their own character. They are individually created and named and gorgeously decorated with the ideas and artwork of talented South African artists.

Website : <http://www.kanonkoptours.com/>



Day 7, 8 & 9 Knysna

On day seven, you will play golf at Simola Golf Estate

On day eight, you can spend the afternoon at leisure and explore the area, or add another session with our **Golf Professional**.

On day nine you will be playing golf at Pezula Golf Course



Several hours' drive outside of Cape Town eastwards the coastal resort town of Knysna is home to spectacular Pezula, which boasts some of the most dramatic golfing vistas in the world.

The area around Knysna, Goerge, and Plettenberg bay has seen a dramatic increase in golf-course development with many of the top golfers putting their names to impressive layouts, making the area a must destination for any serious golfer.

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Simola Golf Course

Knysna

Designed by : Jack Nicklaus
Type : Parklands Golf course
Holes : 18
Par : 72
Fairway Grass : Kikuyu
Greens Grass : Bent
Length : Championship : 6580m
Club : 6000m



Keeping your head down at Simola can be a challenge; simply because the views around the course are awe-inspiring, and with this, it is clear to see why Simola takes its place as one of South Africa's premier golfing destinations. It's also the first Jack Nicklaus Signature course on the Garden Route, reflecting the maestro's philosophy of attuning the layout and design to the natural lie of the land.

The course offers challenging and rewarding golf amidst spectacular scenery. Set below the high ridges, it's free from the wind that so often plagues coastal courses. Fairways flow with the natural undulating contours of the terrain and the unusual configuration of five par 5's and five par 3's adds a new dimension to the game. It's par for the course that every hole boasts exceptional views; either out across the Knysna Lagoon all the way to the Heads or over the picturesque Knysna River as it twists and turns through the valley below.

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Pezula Golf Resort

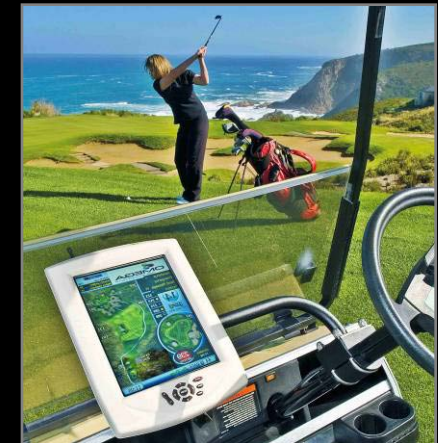
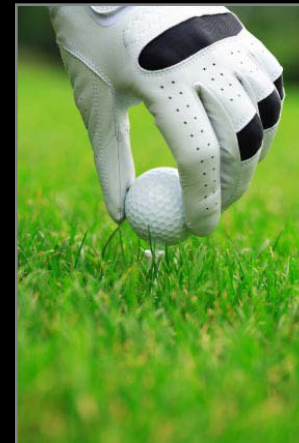
Garden Route, Knysna

Designed by : Ron Fream
Type : Links Golf Course
Holes : 18
Par : 72
Fairway Grass : Kentucky Blue & Rye
Greens Grass : Bent Grass
Length : Championship : 6281m
Club : 6218m



Situated in the very heart of the Garden Route, on sweeping coastal cliffs, east of the charming town of Knysna, Pezula encompasses a Private Estate, a Five Star Resort Hotel, a world-class Championship Golf Course and Club. **Golf Course:** The Championship Golf Course lies high above the Indian Ocean and the vast Knysna lagoon - a sweeping spectacle of fairways and greens rolling through the pristine indigenous landscape. The Championship Course is primarily for member play, offering referred access to visitors on a space-available basis.

The course's designers, Ron Fream and David Dale have compared the look of Pezula golf course to that of Gleneagles in the Scottish Highlands and Pebble beach on the Monterey coastline. A terrain of rolling fairways, fynbos and eyebrow bunkers does, however, make it very difficult to walk this course. (golf carts are provided for all golfers). The five different tee options on every hole cater for all skill levels. No two challenges, or views, are alike. The stylishly appointed Pezula Clubhouse includes a gourmet restaurant, bar, plush private lounge with library, and a boutique pro shop. A heated pool, short game practice area, tennis and leisure facility are also available to members and guests.



Day 10 Departure Day

After your hearty breakfast
self drive to Port Elizabeth Airport
(approx. 3h30)

Drop off your rental car

Check-in for your flight

Flight departure for onward journey



Prices and Conditions

The Price includes:

- *Accommodation (standard room) and breakfasts as per program
- **Car rental cat C (VW Polo 1.6l sedan or similar) with full insurance coverage
- * 24 hour emergency phone assistance
- *VAT and Tourism Levy (accommodation)
- *18 holes Green fees at :
 - Royal Cape Golf Club Day 2
 - Steenberg Golf Club Day 3
 - De Zalze Golf Club Day 4
 - Pearl Valley Golf Estate Day 5
 - Arabella Golf Estate Day 6 (cart included)
 - Simola Gold Club Day 7 (cart included)
 - Pezula Golf Club Day 9

The Price does not include:

- International & Domestic flights as per program
- Optional coaching session
- Travel Insurance
- Visa fees
- Cart and Caddies as per program
- All meals and drinks as per program
- Petrol, contract fees and drop off fees at Port Elizabeth
- Porters and gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Tips at restaurants/Lodges

*Price per person based on 2 adults sharing from

From 1520 Euros*

Rates are valid from 01 November 2009 until 30 April 2010

BB = bed and breakfast

DBB = dinner, bed and breakfast

FI = 3 meals a day, some accommodations also include activities in this rate, please bear in mind that this changes per accommodation.

Usually drinks are not included during the meals unless specified