



YOUTH 4 CONSERVATION
CONNECTING YOUTH TO NATURE

**SOUTHERN SKY
ADVENTURES**
IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY: SOUTH AFRICA

Join us in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa and be immersed in a wilderness area that gives back to both wildlife and people.



Experience
Conservation
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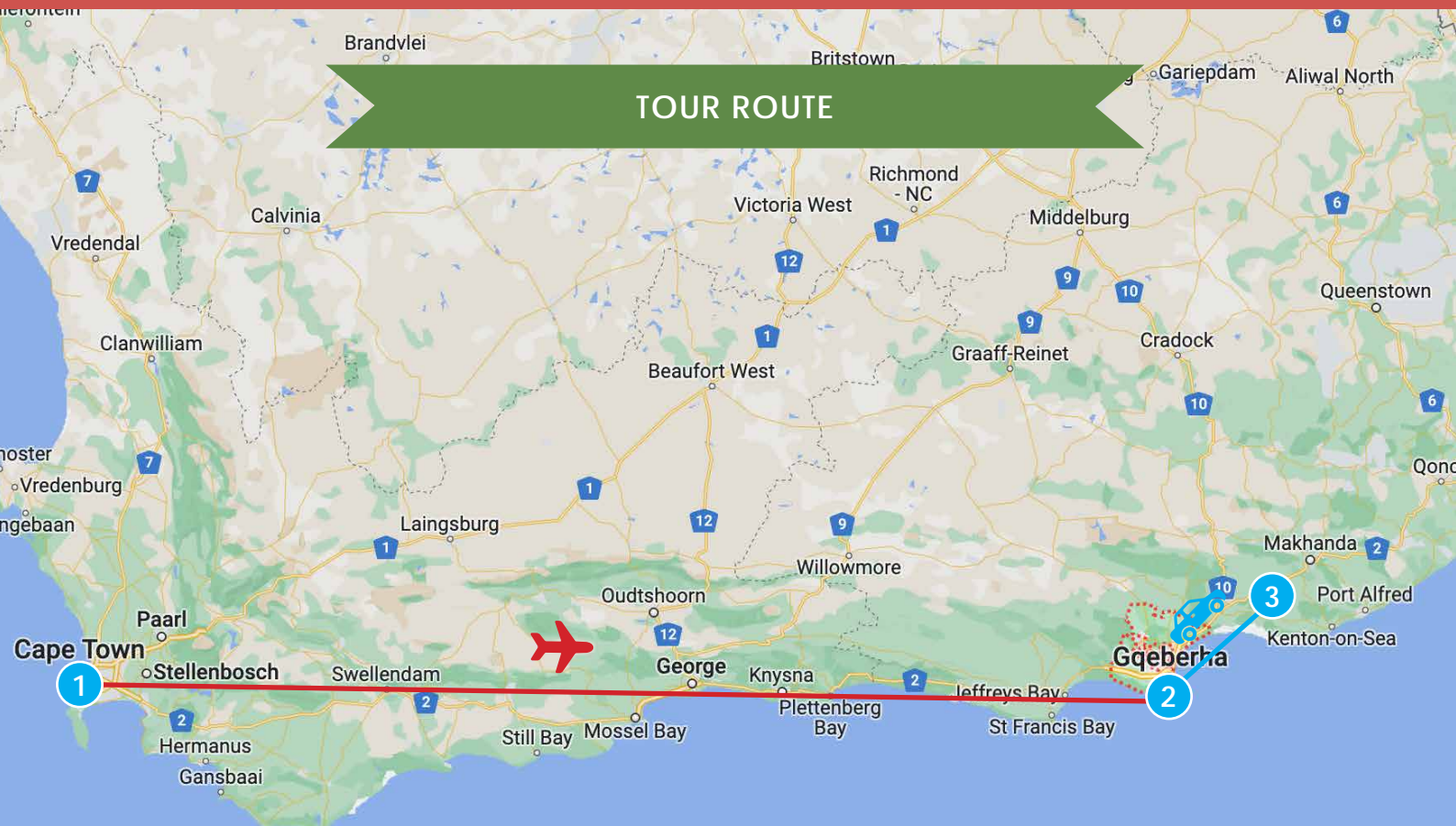
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Conservation



Discover

Wildlife



Community Engagement

ACTIVITIES

Immerse yourself in an African adventure where you observe wildlife, explore wild places and get involved in hands-on volunteering.



CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Participate in projects that are key to protecting and maintaining Africa's biodiversity. Get your hands dirty and make a meaningful contribution to conservation goals.



WILDLIFE

This is a unique opportunity to observe a wide diversity of species in a big-5 game reserve (such as lions, rhinos and elephants) and to learn about less-known animals in the rivers and ocean.



DISCOVER

Immerse yourself in one of Africa's wild places through game drives, bush hikes, river paddling or exploring the nearby coast. This is an opportunity to have fun while connecting with nature.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engage with local communities, understand the relationship between communities and conservation and directly contribute to community projects. Give back while obtaining a deeper understanding of the local culture.

A UNIQUE STORY

Learn about Thandi on your adventure! Thandi, a female Southern white rhino, survived a gruesome poaching attack in 2012. In the local language isiXhosa, her name means "courage" and she recently became a grandmother.

Thandi is one of the few poaching success stories. Hundreds of rhinos are killed each year for their horns. You will meet the anti-poaching team, learn about their work and get a chance to track Thandi. This is conservation in action, being exposed to the realities on the ground, the everyday challenges and, the need for creative solutions.



WHY KARIEGA IN SOUTH AFRICA?



South Africa, on the continent's southern tip, is the 25th-largest country in the world, and boasts a lengthy coastline stretching more than 1,500 miles (almost 3000km) along two oceans. South Africa is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, with many endemic plants and animals in unique and varied ecosystems. Almost 10% of South Africa's total land area is protected and managed for biodiversity conservation.

The Kariega Game Reserve is a 10,000 hectare protected wilderness area that was recovered from fifteen farms. This process began in the 1990s, and the resulting wilderness area is now an important sanctuary for the wildlife and biodiversity of the region. This program was developed in partnership with the Kariega Foundation, a non-profit organization that works closely with impoverished communities to create a sustainable balance between eco-tourism, community rejuvenation and advanced conservation practices.

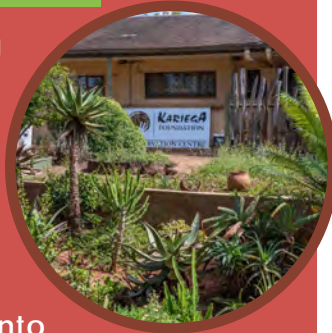
This program not only contributes to the conservation objectives of the wilderness area, but it also provides benefits to the local communities. Together, we aim to provide a meaningful nature-based adventure that gives back, and highlights the link between community and conservation.

DAY TO DAY

DAY 1

Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to the city of Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) with a domestic flight, followed by a road transfer to Kariega Game Reserve. Settle into your new surroundings with a warm welcome and introduction to Kariega Conservation Centre.

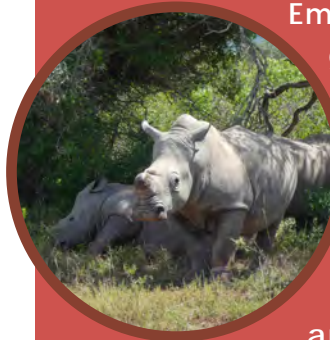
An evening around the fire will provide a perfect opportunity to learn about the history and the Kariega conservation success story.



DAY 2

Embark on your first game drive to identify and observe Africa's wildlife species while being exposed to the rich biodiversity of the region. Meet the anti-poaching K9 unit and learn the story of rhino Thandi. You will enjoy a midday break, picnic lunch and swim in the river.

Fireside chats with the anti-poaching team will provide insight into the challenges and successes of their work.



DAY 3

Contribute to natural resource management activities such as alien plant clearing and habitat restoration. Activities are split between morning and afternoon sessions with a midday break and canoeing on the Bushman's River. This day focuses on learning about conservation projects and getting directly involved with the team on the ground.

A discussion with the ecologist will provide an overview of the reserve's objectives and clarify how your contribution is making an impact to their vision.



DAY 4

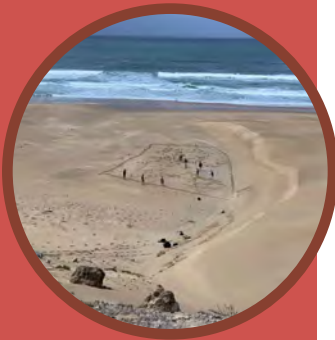
Today is an introduction to local culture, communities living adjacent to the reserve and conservation issues. Work together with school children, help out with community gardens, get involved in community projects, learn traditional sports and play a game of soccer! You will be treated to a traditional lunch and introduced to traditional dancing.



DAY TO DAY

DAY 5

Spend the day on the coast and learn about marine ecology and the estuarine system. Identify intertidal species and explore the coastal zone, stopping for lunch and a swim in the sea. Hike the coastal trail, feel the sand between your toes and enjoy the beautiful ocean views.



If the weather allows, an evening of tidal pool exploration will be part of the experience!

DAY 6

Learn about permaculture and get your hands dirty with the indigenous plant nurseries and composting systems. In the afternoon, engage with local communities and assist with community gardens and plant indigenous trees. Make friends and make a lasting contribution!



Enjoy your evening around a fire under Africa's night sky.

DAY 7

Complete your adventure with a final game drive or bush walk, learning the tracks and signs of the bush while being exposed to both large and small animals. After lunch, prepare for your departure back to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) and your onward journey to Johannesburg and then home.



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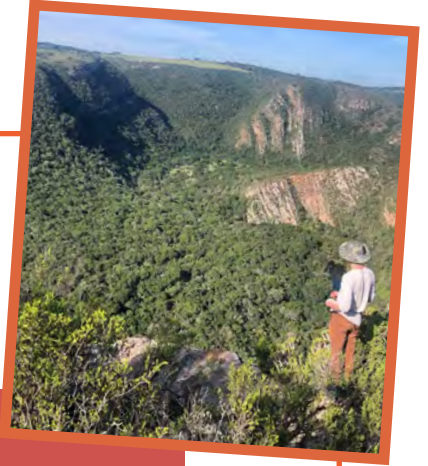
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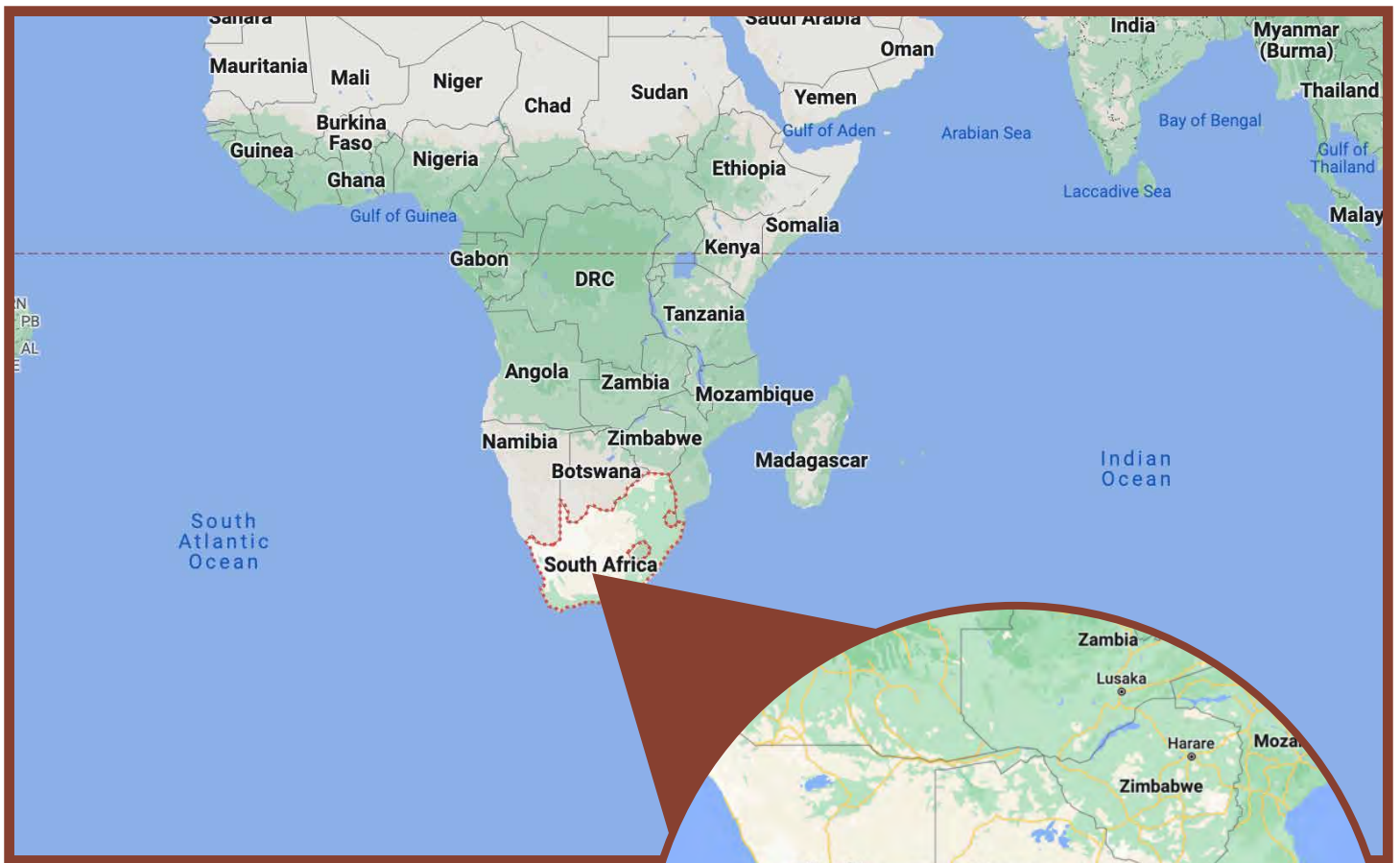
- 6 Nights stay at Kariega Conservation Centre
- All food and activities
- Ground transfers
- Program certificate

EXCLUDED

- All flights
- Visas if required & travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature

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*All itineraries can be adjusted/customized to suit your specific needs
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ABOUT US

SOUTHERN SKY ADVENTURES

For almost two decades Southern Sky Adventures has introduced discerning travelers to the sheer magnificence of AFRICA. A land of warm welcomes, breath-taking sunsets, pristine wilderness areas and diversity as colorful as the local artwork.

Our tailor-made and expertly-guided safaris showcase Africa's finest hidden gems, the elusive BIG 5, wild remote locations and a natural space to unplug from the stress of modern-day living. We pride ourselves on the delivery of exceptional, once-in-a-lifetime and truly memorable travel experiences for not only families, honeymooners and friends but also business travelers, school- & university groups and adventure seekers.

Although passionate about travel, we care deeply for the preservation of these untouched wild areas, the inhabiting wildlife and the surrounding communities. Sit back, relax and allow our team of destination specialists to design and deliver your dream vacation!

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YOUTH 4 CONSERVATION

Youth 4 Conservation is a non-profit organization based in South Africa, committed to creating meaningful conservation experiences for youth while ensuring tangible impacts on the ground.

We began with a vision to connect young people, through their schools and youth groups, to immersive conservation experiences in Africa. This provides an opportunity for personal enrichment while also providing direct support to important conservation projects. This is what we call a 'win-win'!

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TESTIMONIALS

A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE

"I really enjoyed participating in the various projects - it felt like I was making a meaningful contribution. A fantastic experience that I would highly recommend."

- Student



EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS

"What an amazing opportunity - my son absolutely loved it. This experience totally exceeded his expectations!"

- Parent



A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE

"This experience has meant a lot to me. I enjoyed getting to know the wildlife and connecting with nature. It was also an eye-opener for the career that I now wish to pursue."

-Student