

Itinerary for Southern Africa International Tour 2024
Short Tour dates: 23 February to 2 March 2024
Long Tour dates: 23 February to 8 March 2024

Please note that venues and timeslots are subject to change based on final booked itinerary.

Wi-fi available on the bus for the duration of the tour

Arrival Day – 23 February - Friday

Meet and greet at the Airport with Shuttles throughout the day as delegates arrive

- Welcome and Registration at the Premier Hotel Sea Point. A room will be arranged for early arrivals in order to shower and change.
- Baggage storage will be made available at the hotel until check-in times at 14:00
- Welcome pack will be handed out on registration
- The Welcome and Cocktail Function will be held at the Pool Deck overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and Promenade

Overnight accommodation at The Premier Hotel Cape Town Sea-Point.

 [premierhotels.co.za/hotels/western-cape/cape-town/sea-point/](https://www.premierhotels.co.za/hotels/western-cape/cape-town/sea-point/)



Day One – 24 February - Saturday

After breakfast, depart for a tour of **Table Mountain**

Table Mountain and the Cable Car for Picturesque views over Cape Town, combined with its fauna and flora, is a spectacle to behold, now an official New 7 Wonder of Nature.



tablemountain.net



Table Mountain Cable Car

Lunch at Roundhouse Restaurant overlooking Camps Bay

After lunch, International Board Meeting

For non-board members an opportunity to explore the V&A Waterfront for shopping

Dinner at the Grand Africa Café – Granger Bay Grand Africa Café & Beach embraces a free-spirited beach café culture, nestled poignantly on the sea-front shoreline and flaunting her majestic views of the mighty Atlantic and Robben Island.



grandafrica.com



Roundhouse Camps Bay



Grand Africa Café

Overnight accommodation at The Premier Hotel Cape Town Sea-Point.



Day Two – 25 February - Sunday

A morning tour of the beautiful **Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens**, acclaimed as one of the great botanic gardens of the world.

 www.sanbi.org



A scenic coastal drive to **Cape Point** where the rugged rocks and sheer cliffs towering more than 200 metres above the sea and cut deep into the ocean, and provide a spectacular background for the park’s rich bio-diversity. Cape Point falls within the southern section of Table Mountain National park. The natural vegetation of the areas – fynbos – comprises the smallest but richest of the world’s six floral kingdoms.

 www.capepoint.co.za

Arrival at Cape Point Nature Reserve taking the Flying Dutchman funicular saving you an uphill walk from the car park to see the old lighthouse and enjoy the panoramic views of where the two oceans, Atlantic and Indian meet.



Chapman’s Peak Drive on the Atlantic Coast between Hout Bay and Noordhoek in the Cape Peninsula is one of the most spectacular marine drives in the world. Chapman’s Peak Drive is affectionately known as “Chappies” and is a must for anyone who is passionate about the majestic scenery of Cape Town.

 www.chapmanspeakdrive.co.za



 Arriving at **Earthworx Boutqie Retail Nursery** for a short tour

 www.earthworx.org

Dinner at The Lookout Restaurant Hout Bay

Overnight at the Premier Hotel Cape Town Sea Point



Kirstenbosch



Cape Point where two oceans meet



Chapman's Peak Drive



Hout Bay

Day Three – 26 February - Monday

Morning International Board Meeting

Non-board members enjoy a Cape Town City Tour taking in the sights and historical buildings of Cape Town.



Cape Town



A drive up the West Coast to Hopfield to the visit the protea farm, **Arnelia Nursery**, a specialist in Proteaceae

 www.arnelia.co.za



A relaxed beach 'braai' at Die Strandloper (Afrikaans for the beach walker)

A restaurant on the beach with the sound of the waves, and crackling open fires serving "Local is Lekker" old-fashioned, down-to-earth, West Coast seafood and locally brewed beers and wines.

 www.strandloper.com



Arnelia



Overnight accommodation at Saldanha Bay Hotel

 www.saldanhabayhotel.co.za



Die Strandloper



Saldhana Bay Hotel




Day Four – 27 February - Tuesday

 Drive to Tulbagh to visit and tour **Tulbagh Nursery**, a family-owned Wholesale Production and Retail Nursery.
 tulbaghnursery.co.za



Lunch at Tulbagh Nursery
From Tulbagh a drive down to Stellenbosh to Devon Valley Hotel with a stop at Kloovenburg Wine and Olive estate for a wine and olive tasting.

Check-in at Devon Valley Hotel

Overnight at the Devon Valley Hotel
 devonvalleyhotel.com



Day Five - 28 February - Wednesday

Pre-Conference Nursery Visits

Nursery and Garden visits

 **Arboreta Nursery**

 **Samgro Wholesale Seedling Plug Nursery**

Exclusive supplier to nurseries, garden centres, retail groups, plant brokers and landscapers, serving both local and international clients.

 samgro.co.za

Shuttle available to collect Local 3 Day delegates from the airport and transfer to Samgro Nursery to join the tour – 69km (56min)

 **Fall Creek Nursery - Blueberry**

As a family-owned business, Fall Creek® is proud to play a part in the story of Africa's emerging berry industry. It's an honour to partner with knowledgeable farmers with a top work ethic and a proven track record in the fresh fruit industry to produce premium quality blueberries, together.

 fallcreeknursery.com

Lunch at Fairview, The Goatshed

 **Babylonstoren**

Babylonstoren is one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms, set at the foot of in the Franschhoek wine valley. It has a fruit and vegetable garden of beauty and diversity, fine food and wine, and evokes a sense of wellbeing.

The garden comprises 15 clusters spanning vegetable areas, stone and pome fruits, nuts, citrus, berries, bees, herbs, ducks and chickens, a prickly pear maze, and more. Gravity feeds water from a stream by rills into the garden, flowing through ponds planted with edible lotus, nymphaea lilies and waterblommietjies.

 babylonstoren.com



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Fall Creek



Babylonstoren

Day Five - 28 February - Wednesday

Pre-Conference Nursery Visits

Local IPPS Board Meeting to take place at Boschendal Wine Estate

Local Delegates attending two day, two nights join the Welcome Dinner.

Welcome Dinner at Boschendal enjoying a typical South African braai experience

Our deliciously nourishing, soil to fork fare is created especially for you by our artisan chefs, butchers, growers and bakers. Come and enjoy a celebration of our farm's bounty and award winning wines, overlooking spectacular views.



Overnight at Devon Valley Hotel



Day Six - 29 February - Thursday

Conference Day One

Morning Conference Speaker Program commencing at 8am and finishing with a lunch



If you are attending the conference, we would like to invite you to be a Guest Speaker. We look forward to Presentation Topic submissions.

Afternoon Nursery visits to:

Bristle Nursery

Specializes in propagating fynbos for the restoration of our natural spaces, as well as for the industry suppliers market.

www.bristlenursery.co.za



Bristle Nursery

Trees SA

Offering arguably the widest selection of trees – from indigenous to exotic and special feature trees

[trees-sa.co.za](http://www.trees-sa.co.za)



Trees SA

Nonke Plants Wholesale Nursery

The biggest non-specializing wholesale plant nurseries in the Western Cape

[nonkeplants.com](http://www.nonkeplants.com)



Nonke Plants

Gala dinner at the Devon Valley Hotel with local band entertainment



Day Seven - 1 March - Friday

Conference Day Two


Morning Conference Speaker Program commencing at 8am and finishing with a lunch



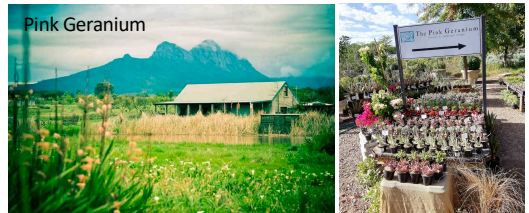
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Afternoon Nursery visits to:

 **Radical Seedlings**

 **Pink Geranium Boutique Nursery**
 Specializing in succulents and water wise plants

 fisk.co.za/retail/the-pink-geranium/




 **Alimandi Boutique Wholesale Nursery**

Family owned and run, specializing in indigenous and water wise plants grown in a drought conscious environment

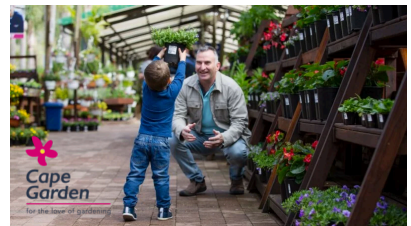
 alimandi.co.za



Two day Conference Delegates depart from Cape Garden Centre

 **Cape Garden Centre Joostenberg Vlakte**
 Opened in 1996, it has evolved into the largest Garden Centre in the Western Cape.

 capegardencentre.co.za




Dinner at Bamboo Restaurant at Cape Garden Centre

Overnight at the the Devon Valley Hotel
For 3 day conference delegates checking out Saturday morning



Day Eight – 2 March – Saturday

Departure day for Short Tour delegates

 After breakfast, a visit to the **Abalimi Garden Centre**. These centres are based in the community and run by fieldworkers from the community, thus making them accessible and affordable to our target ‘grassroots’ communities.

They are the only garden resource centres in these communities and they serve to provide accessible farming resources, advice centres and workshops for food security, nutrition and income generation

 www.abalimibezekhaya.org.za

Then a scenic coastal drive to **Stony Point Penguin colony**



Stony Point offers the public the chance to see these wonderful flightless birds up close, via the boardwalk through the colony, which allows the public to observe the penguins go about their daily activities in their natural habitat, without disturbing or disrupting them.

 www.capenature.co.za/reserves/stony-point-nature-reserve/



Arrive at **Harold Porter Botanical Gardens** for tour of gardens

This lovely garden is situated in the centre of the coastal fynbos where the flora is at its richest. It encompasses mountain slopes with wind-clipped heathlands, deep gorges with relict forests, flats and marshes with restios, sedges and bulbs, as well as dunes adjacent to the beach with specialised salt-adapted plants. The Garden is renowned for its waterfalls and amber pools.

 www.sanbi.org/gardens/harold-porter/



Day Eight – 2 March – Saturday

After the tour of the garden a drive to Hermanus for lunch at Bientangs Cave Restaurant



After lunch onto the Caledon Hotel and Spa for an overnight stay
Home to the famous mineral-rich natural hot spring, The Caledon Hotel & Spa is a haven of tranquility, nestled in the Overberg.

Dinner at The Black Sheep Restaurant



www.tsoqosun.com/hotel/the-caledon-hotel-spa/



Day Nine – 3 March – Sunday

After breakfast, a drive through the Karoo with a short stop at Barrydale at Joseph Barry Distillery for Brandy and chocolate tasting.

Today, as you enter the small town hub of artisan creativity that is Barrydale, you are greeted by the sight of Barrydale Cellars, its storage tanks standing tall and proud against the startling Karoo backdrop. The Cellars boast a state of the art tasting room, complete with craft brewery, and a magnificent shiny antique copper potstill still used to this day to produce the legendary Joseph Barry Cape Brandy



josephbarry.co.za

barrydaleweavers.co.za

Lunch in Calitzdorp at the De Krans Wine Cellar for a wine tasting and cheese platters.

De Krans Wine Cellar is situated along the upper reaches of the picturesque Gamka River Valley near Calitzdorp. The history of the farm dates back to 1890, when it was bought by the Nel family. Since 1985, most of the classic Portuguese port and wine varieties have been planted. De Krans is widely known as one of the leading port-style wine producers, as well as one of the most innovative cellars in South Africa.

With a walking trail in the vineyard, the route is mostly planted with table grapes, because of the richness of the sandy-loam alluvial soils along the river with the option to pick your own Hanepoort grapes at this time of year.



dekrans.co.za



Joseph Barry Distillery



De Krans



Day Nine – 3 March – Sunday

After lunch a drive through to the historic town of Oudtshoorn for a tour of an Ostrich Farm


Safari Ostrich Tour

Join us for the worlds only Tractor Tour at Safari Ostrich Farm. Safari is a working ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn, Garden Route, South Africa. Everything about us is focused on you having a wonderful interactive encounter with Ostriches and learning something new about the world's largest bird.

 www.safariostrich.co.za



Overnight accommodation in one of South Africa's oldest four star and third oldest of all hotels in the country. Operating since 1880, it was even visited by the late Queen Elizabeth in 1947 when she was 21 years old.

 bonhotels.com/hotel/queens-hotel/



Day Ten – 4 March – Monday

After breakfast, a trip to Cango Caves

The oldest tourist attraction in South Africa, the Cango Caves are located in Precambrian limestones at the foothills of the Swartberg range near the town of Oudtshoorn. The Cango Caves are Africa's largest show caves, and one of the Seven Wonders of Southern Africa.



[westerncape.gov.za/general-publication/exploring-cango-caves](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/general-publication/exploring-cango-caves)



Cango Caves

Then a drive to Groot Brakrivier and lunch at Transkaroo restaurant.

In a beautiful old railway station, beside a quiet lagoon in the tranquil town of Great Brak River, Transkaroo dishes up plates full of passionately created South Africa cuisine.



Transkaroo


From the restaurant, get into the PowerVan for a unique eco experience and a very popular tourist attraction in the Southern Cape, Garden Route. Experience the forest and four passes, waterfalls and tunnels, fynbos and proteas, bird and animal life and the panoramic picnic area – all from the comfort of rail buses.



grexp.co.za/outeniqua-powervan/



Day Ten – 4 March – Monday

 Once in George, a bus trip to the Wilderness and a short tour of **Letsplant Indigenous Boutique Nursery** Hoekwil. Helet Theron started the Nursery in 2011 out of a need to grow plants, it started with growing on demand focusing on medicinal herbs and roses. She expanded to include rare and endangered species.



Overnight accommodation at the Premier Hotel The Moorings in Knysna



premierhotels.co.za/hotels/western-cape/knysna/the-moorings/

Knysna Moorings



Dinner at Siroccos Thesen Island

Situated on the water's edge of Knysna's trendy Thesen Harbour Town with views over the lagoon, Sirocco is evocatively named after the warm wind that blows across the Mediterranean.



sirocco.co.za



Sirocco's

Day Eleven – 5 March – Tuesday

After breakfast a drive to **Knysna Elephant Park**. Visitors to the park are privileged to have a personal encounter with our gentle giants, and leave having gained a new-found respect for these animals, as well as a better understanding of the African elephant and its plight across the continent

 knysnaelephantpark.co.za/



Knysna Elephant Park

Garden of Eden walk

The walk follows over 1km of wooden board walks and bridges across through the beautiful Knysna Forest.

After a light lunch, an afternoon - tour of **Featherbed Nature Reserve**




In 2017 Knysna had the most devastating fires burning more than 100 000 hectares of Plantations and fynbos in the Outenique Mountains and in the Tsitsikamma and Riversdale districts and destroying 1200 homes and killing 7 people.

At Featherbed Nature Reserve which was damaged during the fires, a rehabilitation project commenced not only with the buildings, but the surrounding vegetation of the reserve.

Dinner under the Milkwood Trees

Return Ferry back to the Knysna Moorings Hotel

 knysnafeatherbed.com/featherbed-nature-reserve.html



Garden of Eden Walk



After the fire



Under the Milkwoods



Day Twelve – 6 March – Wednesday

Morning departure for nursery visits near Port Elizabeth at:



Moorland Seedlings

Moorland humbly started as a flower seedling nursery on a piece of leasehold land. Over time, however, it developed as primarily a vegetable seedling nursery. In line with market needs, the nursery has been expanded with modern equipment and cultivation facilities. Currently, Moorland Seedlings has a 20 million vegetable seedling capacity of which 7.5 million seedlings can be grown under plastic in 5 Multi-Spans.



moorland.co.za



Elands Wholesale Production Nursery

Arrive at Elands Nursery for tour and lunch
Third generation nursery started in the 1970's by Dick and Merle Carter, and through the generations believe that a strong bond, family support and hard work has aided them in making Elands Nursery the success it is today.



elands.co.za/



Overnight accommodation at Radisson Blu Hotel and dinner at The Hussar Grill



radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-port-elizabeth?cid=a:se+b:gmb+c:emea+i:local+e:rdb+d:mea+h:ZAPLZ1



Day Thirteen – 7 March – Thursday

A visit to the Addo Elephant National Park
Game drive through the National Park with game ranging from Lions, spotted hyenas, Buffalo, Leopard and Antelope with Dung Beetles having the right of way along the roads



sanparks.org/parks/addo/



A traditional braai for lunch and then onto a tour of ARC



The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) at the Addo Research Station

The Addo Research Station in the Eastern Cape was established in 1947, with the first citrus orchards planted here in 1984. Nearly four decades later, the campus has registered 16 cultivars (grapefruit, mandarins and lemons), with well-known successes being the ARC Nadorcott mandarin (ARCCIT9) and the Eureka!™ Seedless Lemon, the first seedless lemon released on the market.



arc.agric.za/



Overnight at the Radisson Hotel Blu

Day Fourteen – 8 March – Friday

Breakfast, check out and departure day

