



9 Day, 10 Night Beach and Mountain Trail Itinerary

Arrival:

Arrive mid afternoon at overnight accommodation for dinner and bed.

Day 1 – approx 4 hours

Today we make our way through protea and fynbos plantations via the hilltops overlooking the wide Valley of the Uilkraalsrivier, where we cross the river and climb the kloofs to a mountain flower farm. From here we descend the mountain to Baviaansfonteyn and our overnight destination.

Day 2 - approx 4 hours

Today we take a round trip including climbs and mountain top canters, returning back to our overnight stop.

Day 3 - approx 5 hours

We ride down into the lowlands and towards the sea, reaching the coast just before lunch, after which we ride over a long undisturbed beach with a lot of rocky outcrops and pools. Depending on time, weather and our horses' moods, there will be an opportunity to play and swim on the beach. The horses are always alive to the splash of the waves cooling their feet.

Day 4 - approx 5 hours

We continue along the coast to our overnight stop, situated right on the coast, where we enjoy the stars under the bright African sky and listen to the sound of the ocean while we cook over an open fire.

Day 5 - approx 5 hours

Today we experience incredible dune systems and rocky coastlines. This day is short with regards to distance and allows us time to take in the powerful nature of this untouched area. We will have lunch in the middle of the dune system and take advantage of this surreal terrain for photography and exploration. Our overnight stop is in an historic building, with a plaque at the roadside indicating that the buildings are amongst the oldest in the area, dating to around 1795. Our meal will be prepared by the local community around the open fire, affording us the opportunity to relish an authentic South African evening.

Day 6 - approx 6 hours

Today we visit Cape Agulhas, the southernmost tip of Africa, the meeting place of the mighty Indian and Atlantic oceans. This is a wild and powerful place with strong winds and fierce elements and a dramatic windswept coastline. Once we leave the southernmost tip, for hours there will be only you and the rest of the small group of horse riders in undiscovered parts of the Western Cape. We will be alone with nature and without any other human beings or man-made structures. Public roads will be rarities you will cross at a few short intervals.

Day 7 - approx 4 hours

We continue exploring the Agulhas Plain, stopping for lunch under the protective canopies of Milkwood trees. After lunch we continue towards Raterivier where we paddock the horses at one of the oldest farms in the

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Overberg Strandveld. A limestone mansion and luxurious stables tell a story of gracious and extravagant living, stories that span more than 240 years. We spend the night at a beach chalet.

Day 8 - approx 7 hours

After days on the coast and exploring the coastal lowlands, we experience unspoilt mountain fynbos and spectacular views. We follow a stone wall (built in the early 1900s) for over 10 km along the mountain top and then descend the rocky fynbos slopes, riding past spectacular limestone cliffs. This is an incredible opportunity to view a landscape totally unique, not only in the Western Cape or in Africa, but in the whole world. We continue through farms, nature reserves and sleepy rural villages on our way to our overnight stop.

Day 9 - approx 3 hours

After a late breakfast we traverse kloofs and gullies of the Koudeberge, making our way to the Palmietberg and climbing to Perdekop. Its sweaty work for our horses but Perdekop, the highest peak in the area, is rewarding where we can wallow in remarkable views a magnificent part of the Western Cape, and the areas we covered – Klein Rivier lagoon near Stanford to Klein Rivier Mountains and over the Agulhas Plains separating the Overberg from the ocean.

A slow descent brings us past the Koudeberg-dam and a swim with the horses in the dam, after which we make a slow return to our destination, in time for lunch, a lazy afternoon and back to luxurious rest with a final dinner feast with plenty of local wine.

Included

- Horses, riding gear and hardhats
- Guide
- Overnight accommodation
- All meals of the day
- Luggage transport
- Non-alcoholic beverages

Excluded

- Transfers to and from stables (can be arranged on request)
- Additional snacks, refreshments & wine purchases
- Personal, medical or rescue insurance
- Gratuities

Notes & Requirements

- Riders must be comfortable and confident in a trot and canter.
- Must be physically fit and not have any recent injuries.
- Be prepared for long hours in the saddle under the African sun. Sun protection a must.
- Maximum weight \pm 100kgs (depending on outride/ tour).
- Riding hats are supplied and are compulsory but if you have your own, please bring it along as there is no guarantee that supplied hats will fit. Most of our hats are about a medium.
- We reserve the right to sub contract outride/ tour to our registered network partners.
- Rates subject to change without prior notification, bookings subject to availability.
- You are personally responsible for arranging your own insurance and cost thereof. When arranging your insurance please ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for this type of outride/ tour. Please note that you, your personal property, baggage and money, are at all times during the course of the outride/ tour your own responsibility. Cape Town Horse Riding will not be held liable for any damage, injury, ill health or loss of life sustained during the course of the outride/ tour.

Cancellation Policy

It takes time to arrange guides and to have the horses ready for you. The following cancellation fees will apply should you wish to cancel. Please note we will charge a cash-handling fee of 15% if you should cancel 31+ days before outride/tour to cover our bank charges:

- 31+ days prior to your outride – full refund less 15% handling fee.
- 0-30 days prior to your outride – no refund whatsoever, full amount will be payable.
- No refunds will be given by the company for no-shows or late arrivals.
- No refunds will be granted should you not complete the outride/ tour.

Cancellation due to bad weather

- We plan to ride rain or shine
- In the event we cancel an outride/ tour due to conditions we feel are unsafe for the trails (ie. heavy rain/ lightning, high winds, extreme heat), you have the option to reschedule your outride or receive a full refund.
- If you cancel because you don't want to ride in the rain, and we plan to carry out the ride, no refunds will be given.
- All bookings must be confirmed and paid in full 1 month prior to outride/ tour.