

GARDEN ROUTE

TOUR DESCRIPTION	DAYS OF OPERATION	DURATION
Safari Ostrich Show Farm Tractor Safari Experience the world's only Tractor Tour of an Ostrich Farm in the most unique way possible. Drive inside the breeder bird camps of South African and Zimbabwean Ostriches. Safari Guides explain the natural breeding cycle of ostriches to you with an unmatched view of the largest bird in the world right next to you. Watch how ostriches breed in nature during the breeding season. Continue into the chick rearing compartment and see ostrich chicks in season. In the interactive area, guests can view what ostrich eggs look like from carving and decoupaging. The different types of feathers and their uses. See the best feathers that are sold worldwide known as 'George White feathers. Take the opportunity to touch, feel, and smell the ostrich leather and learn about the products made from ostrich leather. View incubators and see footage of chicks hatching. Learn about how ostrich farming began over 100 years ago during the Feather Boom and todays farming practices.	Daily Every hour between 09:00 - 16:00 **Closed on Christmas Day**	Entrance ticket R157 pp



Tsitsikamma Canopy Tours The first of its kind in Africa, the canopy tour involves zip-lining from one platform to another along a steel cable suspended up to 30 meters above the forest floor. Discover the secrets of the spectacular and unique wilderness of Tsitsikamma Indigenous Forest. As you enter the forest you'll encounter Hard Pear trees, Giant Yellow Woods, beautiful Tree Ferns hundreds of years old and other interesting Forest Flora. Stand beside a colossal Outeniqua Yellowwood and feel like a dwarf against this spectacular giant. The tour consists of ten slides (the longest one measures 91m), each ending on a platform constructed in the trees. No climbing or jumping is necessary. From the start on the launch platform, a new world unfolds as one gently glides through the treetops. The platforms built high up in the giant Outeniqua Yellowwoods, provide an unbelievable view of this enchanting forest. Birdlife is abundant (including Knysna Loerie's and the elusive Narina Trogon), and your guides will explain the ecology of this lush primeval forest. You might be lucky to spot a Vervet monkey or two, too!	Daily Every hour from 08:00 – 14:00	2.5 hours R905 pp **Rate excludes transfers** **Height and weight limits may apply**



Featherbed Co. **MV John Benn Cruise:** The John Benn is a double-decker floating restaurant offering daily Lagoon cruises to the Knysna Heads. A memorable family activity on Knysna Lagoon. One of the best floating restaurants in Knysna.	Lunch Time Cruise 12:30 Winter – 17:00 Summer – 18:00	**1.5 HOURS** R450 per adult R225 per child (04 – 12 years) Under 04 years FREE
Eco Experience Excluding Lunch: The Featherbed Nature Reserve, situated on the Western Head in Knysna, is the premier eco-experience on the Garden Route. Return ferry trip on the Knysna Lagoon to the Western Head. 4x4 vehicle & trailer drive up the headland onto the Reserve, stopping at spectacular viewpoints. Specialist guide giving information on history, fauna & flora. Optional guided 2.2km walk through coastal forest and fynbos into ancient sea caves.	Departs at 14:30	**3 HOURS** R1030 per adult R512 per child (04 – 12 years) Under 04 years FREE
Eco Experience Including Lunch	Departs at 10:00	**4 HOURS** R1 190 per adult R595 per child (04 – 12 years) Under 04 years FREE Departs from Featherbed Ferry Terminus at Cruise Café Restaurant, Remembrance Drive



Thompsons Holidays

OUR PREFERRED SIGHTSEEING Experiences

Monkeyland and Birds of Eden **Monkeyland:** Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary is the world's first multi species, free roaming primate sanctuary providing ex-captive primates with a healthier, more natural life. Around 500 apes, monkeys and lemurs live at Monkeyland including gibbons, langurs, saki, capuchin, squirrel, vervet, howler and spider monkeys along with black and white ruffed and ring-tailed lemurs in 12 hectares of pristine indigenous forest. **Birds of Eden:** Birds of Eden is the largest single dome free flight aviary in the world. The sanctuary encompasses an area of over 2 hectares of natural forest and waterways, criss-crossed by some 1.2km of walkways. Visitors here are welcome to explore at their own pace with the aid of the Birds of Eden specialised guidebook or with one of the experienced guides. Birds of Eden is home to some 3500 birds comprising of almost 220 species all of whom have the freedom to fly, forage and swim.	Daily 09:00 - 16:00 Single Ticket (Any 1 Sanctuary) Combo Ticket (Any 2 Sanctuaries) Triptic Ticket (All 3 Sanctuaries)	Entrance ticket R430 per adult R215 per child (03 – 12 years) R686 per adult R343 per child (03 – 12 years) R879 per adult R440 per child (03 – 12 years)
Stargazing High 5 Celestial Tour It was once said that the only thing we know for sure about the universe is that there is an inside, nobody knows if there is an outside. The cosmos is said to be approximately 15 000 - 20 000 million years old. Earth came into existence approximately 4 600 million years ago and has undergone major changes since then. The galaxy is commonly known as the Milky Way and is one of hundreds of millions of other galaxies that have been discovered over many years. Galaxies "normally" tend to group together, and the Milky Way is one of a group of 30 galaxies. When conditions are very favourable another massive galaxy can be observed in the Northern Hemisphere. This galaxy is known as M31 or Andromeda and is 2 300 000 light years away. This is also the furthest object to be seen anywhere with the naked eye. M31 is twice the size of the Milky Way and has twice as many stars, therefore M31 is considered the largest galaxy in the group of 30.	Daily 2 – 5 Passengers per Tour 6 – 10 Passengers per Tour	R995 pp R970 pp **Rate excludes transfers & Tourism levy**



Swartberg Mountain & Prince Albert Tour Travel North towards the Swartberg Mountains from where you will commence your scenic eco-tour up the world renowned Swartberg Pass where you will enjoy a scenic walk. Enjoy picture perfect panoramic views over the Klein- and Great Karoo where the dry-stone technique used to construct the pass required extreme manual labour and is as solid as it when it was constructed 127 years ago. Feast your eyes on the full splendour of diverse "fynbos" species ranging from various protea species as well as "cone bush" and "pin cushions" which will accentuate your need for conservation of the natural resources and habitats. The tranquillity and serenity of this unique experience reflects the essence of a bygone era where wagons and riders on horseback was a familiar sight. Departing from Prince Albert, you will be introduced to the arid Great Karoo landscape and its diverse succulents and karroid bush by skirting the northern slopes of the Swartberg Mountains, en-route to Meiringspoort.	Daily 2 – 3 Passengers per Tour 4 – 7 Passengers per Tour 8 – 11 Passengers per Tour	Full Day R3 853 pp R3 319 pp R3 175 pp **Rate excludes Tourism levy**



Swartberg Pass Eco & Cultural Tour & Lunch Travel North towards the Swartberg Mountains from where you will commence your scenic eco-tour up the world renowned Swartberg Pass where you will enjoy a scenic walk. Enjoy picture perfect panoramic views over the Klein- and Great Karoo where the dry-stone technique used to construct the pass required extreme manual labour and is as solid as it when it was constructed 127 years ago. Feast your eyes on the full splendour of diverse "fynbos" species ranging from various protea species as well as "cone bush" and "pin cushions" which will accentuate your need for conservation of the natural resources and habitats. The tranquillity and serenity of this unique experience reflects the essence of a bygone era where wagons and riders on horseback was a familiar sight.	Daily 2 – 3 Passengers per Tour 4 – 7 Passengers per Tour 8 – 11 Passengers per Tour	Half Day R2 435 pp R2 132 pp R1 813 pp **Rate excludes Tourism levy**

Sightseeing options are to be used as a guideline only.

Certain guided tours depart from central points and additional charges may apply for pick up points located outside of the central points. Please enquire directly with Thompsons for pricing and additional information. Standard terms & conditions apply.