EXPLORE! Tour Notes

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Cycle the Cape (CTC 2015)

CYCLING

TOURDURAT
10
DAYS

Tour Style: Classic
Tour Comfort: Standard
Tour Type: Small Groups
Cycling Grade: Moderate
tour Code: CTC

Tour Highlights - Cycle the Cape

- ✓ Cycle Cape Town - Ride on the slopes of Table Mountain
- ✓ Cape Peninsula National Park - Scenic coastal cycle from Cape Point and Cape of Good Hope
- ✓ Stellenbosch winelands - Cycle through stunningly beautiful vineyards and farmlands
- ✓ Redstone Hills - Cycle through the dramatic orange and red sandstone scenery
- ✓ Tsitsikamma National Park - Dramatic forest covered Indian Ocean coastline
- ✓ Knysna - Ride through the Knysna Harkerville Forest
- ✓ Cape Agulhas - Cycle to the Southernmost point of Africa

Tour Essentials

Accommodation:	4 nights Standard Hotel 3 nights Standard Guesthouse 2 nights Standard Lodge
Included Meals:	9 breakfasts, 0 lunches, 0 dinners
Start Point:	Join tour: Cape Town
End Point:	Tour ends: Cape Town
Included Bike:	24 gear Schwinn Messa mountain bike with front suspension
Transport:	Bus, Bicycle
Countries:	South Africa

Cycle The Cape

Cycle with us through South Africa's Western Cape Province. We pedal along the rugged coastline of Cape Point and through the forested shorelines of the 'Garden Route'. In Stellenbosch we ride through vineyards and enjoy a glass of the locally produced wine. Along the way we explore the dripstone caverns of Cango Caves and visit Boulders Beach - home to a colony of African Penguins.

Why Book this tour

Unlike many other operators, we include the hire of your bike in the overall cost of the holiday: you don't need to bring your own or pay extra to hire one locally. We also provide a support vehicle, spare parts and take care of day to day bike maintenance. All you need bring is your own helmet.

Cycling Information

On this tour we cycle 242 km over nine days (an average of 27 km per day) with further optional rides available. We cycle on minor roads and good tracks. A support vehicle accompanies the rides throughout the tour. We have graded the route as moderate.

Suitability

We've given each of our tours a comfort rating and a tour pace, walking or cycling grade to give you a general idea about the level of activity on each tour and the standard of accommodation you will be staying in at the end of your day's adventure.

Often you'll stay in different styles of accommodation during your tour; so we make an average rating across the entire tour. For more information on where you'll stay each night, please refer to the day by day tour itinerary.

Tour Comfort: Standard

Our mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en-suite facilities.

Tour Style: Classic

Packed with adventure, these tours offer inspiring destinations and authentic travel experiences at a reasonable price. Using all kinds of transport and accommodation, we'll take you off the beaten track to discover the true heart of the people and places you visit.

Cycling Grade: Moderate

Medium length rides are suitable for cyclists who are used to undulating routes with occasional energetic climbs. You'll be cycling mainly on trails and quiet roads and you should have a reasonable level of fitness.

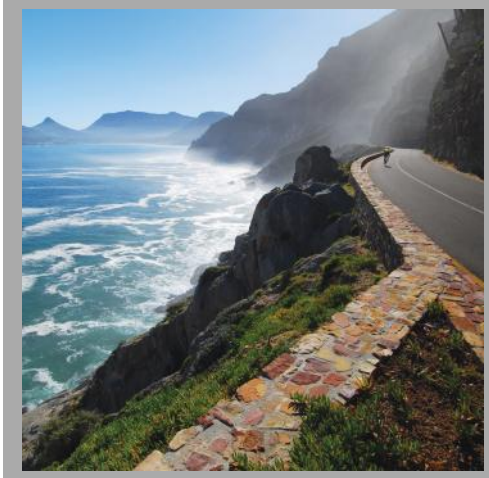
Your tour itinerary

Tour itinerary notes

While our intention is to adhere to the day-by-day itinerary as printed below, a degree of flexibility is built in. Overnight stops may vary from those suggested.

Your Tour Leader

A Tour Leader is an integral part of any Explore tour and your tour will be led by one of our experienced tour leaders who have been handpicked and expertly trained. We believe that our Tour Leaders are the key to the success of our tours; they are passionate travellers who are bursting with first-hand local knowledge which they love to share. Your tour Leader will also take care of all the planning and



organisation throughout your journey. Their passionate approach will make this tour fun and inspiring, bringing the destination to life whether you're travelling alone or with others.

DAY 1 Join tour Cape Town; introductory ride

Join the tour in the wonderful city of Cape Town. Cape Town embodies the feeling of energy and hope that South Africans feel for the future of their country - with its spectacular natural assets, modern high-tech city centre and mixed population. Cape fur seals can often be seen playfully frolicking in the harbour waters. Having settled in to our hotel we waste no time in getting fitted up with our bikes. We then head out on an introductory ride, most likely on the face of Table Mountain for spectacular views, then back to our hotel. Weather permitting we will cycle down Kloof Rd, into Seapoint beach front and then follow the cycle track to the Mouile Point lighthouse. This will be our first encounter with some of the unique and colourful flowers from the Cape Floral Kingdom, which has more indigenous plant species per square metre than anywhere else on earth! Our total cycling distance today is approximately 30 kilometres

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**
Single Room Available **Swimming Pool Available**

Included Meals: None

DAY 2 Drive to Cape Point Nature Reserve via Hout Bay; cycle to Kommetjie, or Simon’s Town

The focus of our activities today is the area of the Cape Peninsula. The Cape of Good Hope was first seen by a European in 1488 when Diaz sailed round it on his search for a sea route to the East Indies. A century later Sir Francis Drake described it as 'the fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth'; but it was another century before the Dutch East Indies Trading Company established a permanent settlement to supply ships with cattle and water traded from the indigenous Khoi who reared livestock in the land around the coast. In Hout Bay, weather permitting, we enjoy a boat ride to view Seal Island, where a population (7,000 approx!) of Cape Fur Seals have made their home. There might be whales or even pods of porpoises there too. From Hout Bay we drive over Chapman's Peak to Cape Boulders beach where we get a close up view of Africa's only resident penguin species, the African Penguin. From here we continue on to Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope for lunch and a chance to explore this wild place. After lunch we cycle back through the Nature Reserve and head out along the Atlantic seaboard to the seaside village of Simon's Town or Kommetjie. Our total cycling distance today is approximately 33 kilometres

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**
Single Room Available **Swimming Pool Available**

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 Drive to Stellenbosch; cycle through wine farms to Jonkershoek Reserve

Today we'll head out of Cape Town to explore the Stellenbosch region. To the north and east of Cape Town are the Cape Winelands, whose rugged mountains rise sheer from rolling green valleys, neatly planted with vineyards and dotted with whitewashed manor houses. This is an image more reminiscent of a central European fairy tale than 'Darkest Africa'! A settlement was first established in Stellenbosch in 1679 following the discovery of a river running through a fertile, green valley by Simon van der Stel, then Governor of the Cape. Grapes were planted in the fertile valleys and soon Stellenbosch became the centre of the wine industry. It now produces some of the finest 'New World Wines', wines that have been honed over several centuries by the Afrikaans wine growers. So after enjoying a cycle ride through the stunning scenery you may like to reward yourself by sampling some of the latest vintages. Our total cycling distance today is approximately 18 kilometres

Overnight: **Standard Guesthouse**
Single Room Available

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 Drive and cycle through Red Stone Hills to De Poort

We start early on our scenic drive along Route 62 to the 'Little Karoo'. En route we pass through the heart of the verdant Breede River Valley, the largest of the Western Cape's fruit and wine producing valleys. As we continue eastwards along the world's longest wine route, passing through Barrydale and Ladismith the scenery changes dramatically to the stark and arid landscapes of the Little Karoo. At Calitzdorp, we turn off the main road into the beautiful Red Stone Hills at the foot of the Swartberg Mountains. Here we take to the bikes and marvel at the dramatic panorama of ancient red and orange sandstone the area is famed for. Our total cycling distance today is approximately 18 kilometres and 23km optional

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**
Single Room Available **Swimming Pool Available**

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 Cycle Swartberg Pass; optional visit to Cango Caves

After a hearty country breakfast in view of the magnificent surrounding mountains, we board the coach and head to the top of the dramatic Swartberg Pass. Once at the top we mount the bikes for the steep, exhilarating cycle down, enjoying the fresh air, magnificent views and birdlife. The towering mountain walls provide welcome cool and an extraordinary backdrop for our cycle as we move through from one distinct ecological area to another. The Swartberg Pass is one of 34 that were built by Andrew Gebbes Bains in the middle of the 19th century to open up the interior and extend the trade routes down to the coastal areas. Our cycle ride takes us to the world famous Cango Caves. There we have an optional guided tour of the natural chambers and an insight into how the area has changed through the ages. Our total cycling distance today is approximately 23 kilometres and 9km optional Please note: in the high summer this ride can be very hot and exposed. Your Tour Leader may substitute another route if necessary.

Overnight: **Standard Lodge**
Single Room Available

Swimming Pool Available

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 Drive to Plettenberg Bay via George to Knysna; cycle through the Knysna Harkerville Forest

Driving south and east today through George, we return to the coast and arrive at Knysna. Knysna was originally a harbour, as well as a forestry and mining centre. Today it is noteworthy as an artists' retreat and adventure activity base. After some exploration and lunch here, we ride through part of the Harkerville Forest for an exciting afternoon ride through an original forest, then onto our hotel in Plettenberg Bay. Our total cycling distance today is approximately 11 kilometres and 30km optional

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**
Single Room Available

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 Drive to Tsitsikamma NP; cycle Bloukrans & Nature’s Valley Passes

This morning we drive out to Tsitsikamma NP and the Storm's River mouth. The Tsitsikamma NP is a marine and forest reserve stretching for 50km from Nature's Valley to the mouth of the Groot River. Afterwards we drive into the NP and walk to the Storm's River mouth. A popular short walk is to the suspension bridge that spans the mouth of the river. With lunch taken en route, we begin our afternoon ride at the forestry village of Coldstream. From here we ride through the magnificent Tsitsikamma Forest along the Bloukrans and Nature's Valley Passes. The descents through the forest are a real highlight of the trip. Our total cycling distance today is approximately 37 kilometres

Overnight: **Standard Hotel**
Single Room Available

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 Drive to Witsand, cycle to Malgas Pont, drive Swellendam

We begin today with an optional trip to the Knysna Elephant Park where one can feed, touch and experience the majesty of these great animals. The Park provides sanctuary for orphaned and translocated elephants that need a new home. Afterwards we drive along the world renowned 'Garden Route' into the wheat fields of the Overberg to Witsand, on St Sebastian Bay. We then cycle on a quiet gravel backroad through the rolling farmlands to Malgas Pont, the only remaining manual pont in Africa. This carries vehicles over the Breede River. We then continue to Swellendam in the bus with views of Langeberg Mountains. Please note that the route cycled may be reversed dependant on head winds that day. Our total cycling distance today is approximately 28 kilometres

Overnight: **Standard Guesthouse**
Single Room Available

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 Cycle to Cape Agulhas; return Swellendam

The destination for our last cycle ride is the wild and dramatic Cape Agulhas, the southernmost point in Africa, where the warm Agulhas current from the Indian Ocean meets the cold Benguela current from the Atlantic in a turbulent clash. The route to Cape Agulhas takes in fantastic open sheep and livestock farmland and indigenous fynbos and other vegetation and will take most of the morning to complete on some good flat gravel surfaced and sealed roads. (Please note that the route cycled may be reversed dependant on head winds that day). Our total cycling distance today is approximately 44 kilometres

Overnight: **Standard Guesthouse**
Single Room Available

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 Drive via Hermanus to Cape Town where tour ends

On our ultimate day we follow by bus the acclaimed 'Whale Route' along the dramatic south coast back to Cape Town. The small seaside resort of Hermanus is regarded as one of the premier spots for whale-watching in Africa. Every year between June and November Southern Right whales spend a few months in the Cape, mating and calving. Hermanus is one of the better places to see them as they come quite close inshore and the cliff-top offers many convenient viewing points. If time allows we may make a short stop en route here before driving to Cape Town via Betty's Bay and Gordon's Bay. Out of whale season we may arrive in Cape Town earlier in the day, where the tour ends.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation Rating

Standard - Our mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en-suite facilities.

Food & Drink

Included meals: 9 breakfasts, 0 lunches,0 dinners included in the price of this tour. Please be prepared to pay for non-included meals. Please note that costs for drinks and meals can vary depending on location.

Budgeting for your Tour

You will need some extra money to cover meals and drinks not included in the tour price, any optional sightseeing, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry.

Food

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide.Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

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Lunch £: 6.00

Dinner £: 12.00

Drink

The prices for drinks can vary greatly depending upon location and the prices detailed below are an average guide. In general you would expect that drinks purchased in a supermarket or local bar to be less expensive, whilst drinks in an upmarket bar or restaurant may be more expensive.

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Bottle of Beer £: 1.20

Water £: 1.00

Other Sightseeing & Activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations.

Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Optional Excursions

Table Mountain Cable Car - £18.00.
Stellenbosch Wine-Tasting - Approx. £5.00.
Cango Caves - £7.00.
Knysna Elephant Park - £18.00.

Tipping - Tour Leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Tipping - Local Crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour. Accordingly, you should allow £15 for tipping.

Foreign Exchange

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ATM Availability: Cash can be drawn on debit cards from ATM's in most South African towns.

Credit Card Acceptance: In large shops and restaurants.

Travellers Cheques: Can be exchanged in Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Knysna and Oudtshoorn.

Local Currency: Rand.

Recommended Currency for Exchange: Take your money in a combination of cash and an ATM card. Both GBP and USD are readily exchanged.

Where to Exchange: Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Knysna and Oudtshoorn.

Joining your Tour

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found on our website at www.explore.co.uk, in the tour specific dates and prices section.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer. For more information please refer to https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer please refer to https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Important Information

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of joining any of our tours that you must have valid travel insurance. It must indicate that you have cover for (at least) medical expenses and emergency repatriation in the event of illness or injury. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling in England and Scotland. We also strongly recommend your policy includes curtailment, personal effects and cancellation protection as all deposits paid are non-refundable. You will also need to ensure your travel policy covers you for all activities you intend to do whilst on tour.

We are delighted to include FREE travel insurance **for all qualifying customers** who book an Explore trip from 01 January 2015.

For more information about Travel insurance and to check whether you are eligible to receive free cover, please visit www.explore.co.uk/insurance. Explore Worldwide Ltd are an Appointed Representative of Campbell Irvine Limited. who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The registration number can be checked by visiting the the FCA's website www.fca.gov.uk or by contacting them on 0800 111 6768.

Visa Information

South Africa: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

British visitors should ensure their passport has two consecutive blank pages for the entry stamp. The South African Immigration

officials will not allow child/ infant pages to be used for this purpose and visitors without the stipulated blank pages will be denied entry.

All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

Vaccinations & Protection

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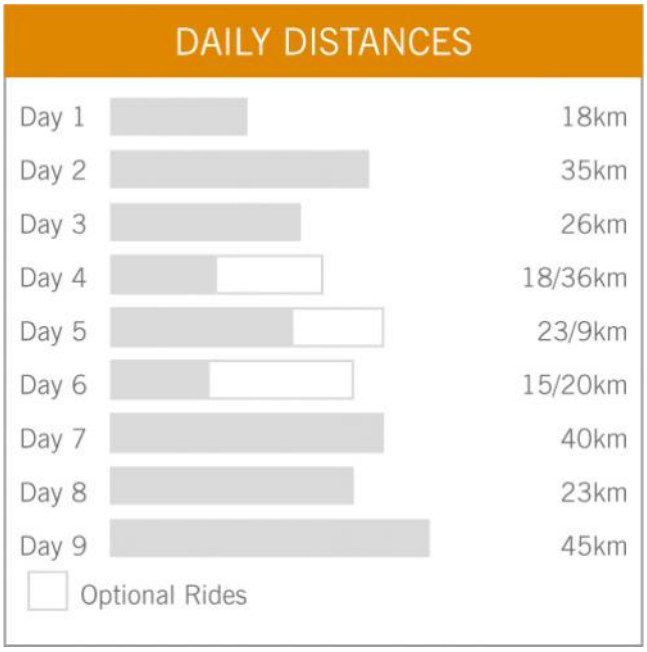
Please note that you will be required to supply a yellow fever certificate that has been issued at least 10 days prior to arrival in South Africa if you have travelled from or via a country where yellow fever is endemic. We recommend protection against hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid, polio and diphtheria. According to various travel health sources, the Western Cape is not regarded as a malaria risk area. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/ and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.

Preparing for your Tour



Bike Details

Your included bike is a 24 speed Schwinn Messa mountian bike with front suspension and will be the correct frame size for your height. A water bottle holder is included as well as the facility to fit your own pedals or saddle if you wish to bring them. A support vehicle accompanies the rides throughout the tour. We provide spare parts and take care of the day to day maintenance. All you need to bring is your own helmet.

Climate

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Mild throughout the year and can thus be visited year round. The Western Cape has a Mediterranean-type climate, with warm, dry summers and cold winters with rainfall. Summer runs from November to March, with temperatures averaging 22oC to 34oC. The months of April and October are generally warm and sunny. Winter is also a good time to visit as towns and sites are not so crowded and the countryside is more verdant, but it can be cold. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at http://www.explore.co.uk/weather. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

Clothing

In general pack for warm and hot weather. However, you must bring a warm sweater or jacket for cycling on cool days and for wearing during the evenings. We recommend you bring padded cycle shorts, cycle gloves and quick drying cycle shirts. In case of rain, waterproofs are essential.

Equipment

A puncture repair kit and lock are provided - we recommend you bring your own cycle helmet. We strongly advise that helmets are always worn whilst cycling. Bring a water-bottle that clips on to the bike. Wraparound sunglasses help protect your eyes. For added comfort you may like to bring a gel seat cover. A torch is useful in case of powercuts/ emergencies. Please consider carrying all or some of your cycling equipment, e.g. helmet, as part of your hand luggage.

Footwear

Lightweight walking shoes/trainers for cycling and comfortable shoes/sandals for evenings and visiting the sites and towns.

Luggage: On Tour

Unfortunately it does occasionally happen that luggage does not always reach its destination on the same flight as its owner, or possibly it may be damaged in transit. If you are unlucky enough for this to occur, it is important that you file a PIR (Property Irregularity Report) with the airline before leaving the airport. This is essential when you come to make a claim either against the airline or from your travel insurance company One main piece of baggage Total allowance: 33lb/15kg. Also take a day sac for items needed on your cycling days. Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage so don't overload yourself.

Luggage allowance on tour: 15Kg

General Information

Country details

South Africa

Population: 50,586,757

Size of Country: 1,221,037

Major Language: Afrikaans, English

Religion: Christian

Time Difference to GMT: +2

Electric Supply & Plugs

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Why Choose Explore

We've been creating award-winning pioneering adventure holidays for over 30 years, earning the trust of thousands of delighted customers, who feel safe in our hands. Our tour leaders have expert local knowledge and our tours are designed to take you off the beaten track to see the most exotic, inspiring and dramatic places in the world.

- With over 30 years' experience, we are passionate about what we do.
- Pioneering small group adventures, self-guided, private journeys & tailormade holidays.
- Award winning tour leaders who you can trust.
- Responsible travel is and always has been one the driving principles of Explore.

Our adventure holidays are full of exciting things to see and do, exploring in small groups travelling by bus, boat, plane, rickshaw, camel, elephant, or any number of unusual forms of transport . Often you will stay in family run hotels and village houses and enjoy authentic local cuisine. In this way, it's easy to discover the true heart of the people and the place you travel to – and make some new friends along the way. Each tour is uniquely different, so please feel free to browse through our tours to see what may whet your appetite.

Our commitment to the environment

We are passionate about sustainable travel and work hard to create tours where your holiday delivers real benefits to the local communities. We minimise our impact by travelling in small groups, respecting local cultures and traditional, reducing waste and offsetting 100% of the CO2 from our flights.

When you travel with Explore, you are directly contributing to local economies and helping empower the people you meet. We currently support a range of charities and good causes, including: Toilet Twinning (helping to flush away poverty), Lone Buffalo Foundation (a community project based in Laos providing creative skills for young people), Dekamer (a turtle rescue centre in Turkey) and Kids Saving the Rainforest (a wildlife rescue centre in Costa Rica supported through the LATA foundation). We also care passionately about the world's wildlife. We are patrons of the Born Free Organisation and Friends of Conservation.

Cool Earth

Explore are proud to support Cool Earth in their effort to reduce global carbon dioxide levels through the prevention of deforestation in the South America rainforest. Cool Earth focus on areas in immediate danger of deforestation, supporting local communities to be forest guardians. To date 350,000 acres of rainforest has been protected. Saving rainforest also protects rare animals and plants, allows local forest communities to maintain their way of life, and protects a major source of oxygen and fresh water. When you travel on an Explore holiday we make a donation to Cool Earth that exceeds the impact of our customers flights each year.

Earth Matters

- The Travel Foundation

  Explore are active members and supporters of the Travel Foundation which has established a variety of sustainable tourism projects in destinations and works with industry to improve practice. Visit their website www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk
- Tourism Concern

  Explore support the work of Tourism Concern who campaign for fairly and ethically traded tourism, and are part of its Ethical Tour Operator Group www.tourismconcern.org.uk
- For further information on responsible travel go to http://www.explore.co.uk/ResponsibleTourism/

Know before you go

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety andÂ security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. ForÂ UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice follow the link atÂ http://www.explore.co.uk/essential-travel-information/travel-resources/travel-safety

Booking Your Holiday

Peace of mind - book with confidence

You can book your Explore holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected. Explore is a fully bonded tour operator licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by ABTOT.

The air holiday packages (Tours including flights) that we advertise are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's LicenceÂ granted by the Civil Aviation Authority.Â Our ATOL number is ATOL 2595. In addition, As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), Explore has provided a bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Please note that packages booked outside the UK are only protected when purchased directly with Explore.

Reserving your place

To reserve your place on this tour you will need to check availability on the Explore website or through our dedicated call centre based in the UK where you can. Our tours can fill up quickly so you are advised to book as early as possible. If your chosen date is ‘Available’ or ‘Guaranteed’ we will be able to provisionally hold you a space for up to 48 hours.

For Self-Guided holidays and Private Journeys simply choose your date of travel and let us know so we can confirm all ground services.

The easiest way to confirm your booking is through our website. When you are ready to book, we normally require a 10% non-refundable deposit, but for some holidays this may be more to cover such items as permit fees, internal flights or other non-refundable services. If your travel starts within 60 days of booking, full payment will be required at the time of booking

100% No Surcharge Guarantee

The price paid for our holidays is no longer subject to change. Once booked and confirmed we will guarantee the price you pay will not increase, whatever the circumstances. You will not be approached to pay fuel surcharges unlike the vast majority of other adventure tour operators. The price guarantee applies to all new bookings departing between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2015.

Tour Itinerary Versions

Itinerary details may vary depending on departure date and alternative itineraries for this tour may exist. Please refer to the dates and prices page on our website to check which itinerary operates on each departure date.

Please ensure that you have an up-to-date copy of these tour notes immediately before you travel, as from time to time our itineraries may be amended, either for operational reasons or in response to feedback from customers. You will be informed of any major changes to your tour but small changes may just be added to these tour notes.

Please note: 2015 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing in 2015. 2016/17 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing from 1st January to 31st December 2016.

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