Cruise Details

Name:	In The Kingdom Of Wild Animals
Reference:	HAPAGEUX2627
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA 2
Regions:	Africa
Departs On:	18 Nov 26
Departs From:	Cape Town
Arrives On:	04 Dec 26
Arrives At:	Port Louis
Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Cape Town (South Africa)

At the foot of the imposing Table Mountain lies Cape Town, a lively metropolis and one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The charming blend of Victorian villas on Long Street and modern skyscrapers in the financial district are what give the city its unique character. The popular Victoria & Alfred Waterfront with its boutiques, cafes and excellent restaurants will make visitors' hearts soar. A cable car ride to the plateau of Table Mountain promises to be an exciting experience and offers a magnificent view over the city and peninsula. This stretches as far as the Cape of Good Hope, where idyllic beach resorts meet unspoilt nature, making Cape Town an even more unforgettable destination.

Arrives On: 18 Nov 26

Day 2: Cape Town (South Africa)

Arrives On: 19 Nov 26

Day 3: Mossel Bay (South Africa)

White sand and settled weather – Mossel Bay is the perfect place for a long walk along the surf. This South African harbour town, also known as Mosselbaai, was discovered by Bartolomeu Dias in 1488 when he landed here to take on fresh water. The Dias Museum Complex stands as a reminder to this historic discovery and lets visitors immerse themselves in the past. The name Mossel Bay comes from Dutch traders who noticed the large number of mussels in the bay. Its fascinating history and natural beauty make Mossel Bay a charming destination on the Garden Route.

Arrives On: 20 Nov 26

Day 4: Gqeberha (ex Port Elizabeth) (South Africa)

Gqeberha, formerly known as Port Elizabeth, offers visitors an inviting atmosphere with its many days of sunshine and long beaches. The coastal resort in the south-east of South Africa was given its new name in 2021, after the isiXhosa name for the Baakens River that flows through the town. Humewood and Summerstrand are particularly popular areas for long walks or watching the sailors and windsurfers. The town is characterised by the brick-red bell tower of the Settlers' Memorial Campanile, commemorating the first settlers in 1820.

Arrives On: 21 Nov 26

Day 5: Gqeberha (ex Port Elizabeth) (South Africa)

Arrives On: 22 Nov 26

Day 6: East London (South Africa)

The warm winds of the Indian Ocean waft over East London's golden beaches, while the sea glitters promisingly in the sunlight. The endless expanse of South Africa's coastline meets the Buffalo River, surfers challenge themselves in the waves and fishing boats gently rock in the surf. The city is packed with history – from traces of the colonial era right up to the present day, when its people still feel a close connection with nature and the sea. Particularly valuable treasures of the past are housed in the East London Museum, including the famous coelacanth fish, a prehistoric species of fish. At Nahoon beach, on the other hand, celebrate the present day, with swimmers, families and water sports enthusiasts all finding their place in the sun.

Arrives On: 23 Nov 26

Day 8: Durban (South Africa)

From Durban, you can explore the breathtaking Drakensberg mountains, which are ideal for hiking and exploring. Phezulu Safari Park offers amazing wild animals and safari experiences. In Durban itself, the uShaka Marine World Aquarium and Golden Mile beach are popular highlights. Durban is

known for its multicultural diversity, lively markets and delicious cuisine.

Arrives On: 25 Nov 26

Day 9: Durban (South Africa)

The lively city of Durban stretches out along the east coast of South Africa. Now the second biggest city in the country, long before the British arrived in 1823, Durban was shaped by its native heritage, as shown by the rock carvings in the Drakensberg mountains. It has since grown into an economic hub with the biggest port in the country, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and a wide range of leisure activities. Long sandy beaches attract the surfers and the beach front is a great place for some sunbathing. Some of the cultural highlights on offer include the Botanic Gardens, the Old Fort and the Juma Masjid Mosque. Durban brings together history with modern life and South African spirit.

Arrives On: 26 Nov 26

Day 11: Maputo (Mozambique)

With its varied architecture, Maputo is a true pearl of the Indian Ocean, with about two million people living in this lively capital city in the south of Mozambique. In 1975 the country gained its independence from Portugal and the city's buildings still stand as testament to its colonial past. The relics on the outlying islands, including impressive ruined fortresses, old churches and historic buildings, are a real highlight for history lovers. The natural world in Mozambique is also impressive: long coastlines and a rich biodiversity, which you can observe in numerous wildlife parks and nature reserves, will get explorers' hearts racing.

Arrives On: 28 Nov 26

Day 14: Tôlanaro (Madagascar)

The region around Port d'Ehoala in south-east Madagascar is one of the most diverse in the country. Nestled between the sea and Pic Saint Louis, you can see an impressive combination of lush natural scenery and cultural heritage here. Tropical rainforests and dry desert landscapes lie close to one another in the Andohahela National Park, which is home to lemurs, birds and exotic plants. Historic remnants like the former Bastion Camp Flacourt stand as witnesses to the region's long colonial past. A visit to local markets for crafts and seafood round off the experience in Port d'Ehoala and give authentic insights into the traditional way of life here.

Arrives On: 01 Dec 26

Day 16: Port de Pointe des Galets (Réunion)

The island of Reunion is shaped by an impressive chain of volcanoes, the highest of which, Piton des Neiges and Piton de la Fournaise, stretch high up into the blue sky. The diverse landscape is a paradise for hikers and nature lovers. Thanks to its fascinating biodiversity on the land and underwater and the natural beauty of its scenery, the island has been awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site status. A visit to Reunion will be rounded off with a tasting of Creole cuisine, with its impressive variety and intense flavours.

Arrives On: 03 Dec 26

Day 17: Port Louis (Mauritius)

A diverse paradise in the Indian Ocean awaits on Mauritius. In the heart of the island, be inspired by lush rainforests, spectacular waterfalls and a colourful plant and animal kingdom. Meanwhile, breathtaking beaches and turquoise waters will tempt you back to the coast – it's often just a short car journey from the white sandy beach to the thick jungle. The capital city Port Louis is busy all day long, while the neighbouring Creole villages exude nostalgic charm and tranquillity. The varied history of Mauritius has resulted in a mix of ethnicities and religions, all living together in harmony today. You can even taste the variety: the local cuisine combines elements of French, Indian, Chinese and Creole cooking.

Arrives On: 04 Dec 26

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