

# Along the South-African Coastline

From **28/3/2021**  
to **5/4/2021**

Ship: **LE LYRIAL**

From **Cape Town**  
to **Durban**

Discover a **PONANT** itinerary that explores the essential towns and sites of **South Africa's** wild east coast.

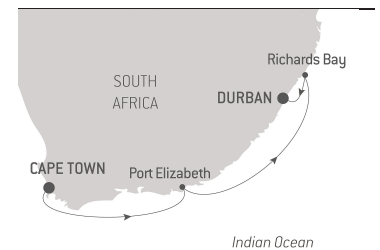
At the crossroads of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, embark aboard **Le Lyrial** on a **9-day cruise** between **Cape Town**, mother-city of the country, dominated by Table Mountain, and **Durban**, a cosmopolitan seaside city.

This journey in South Africa will also allow you to discover **Port Elizabeth**, nicknamed "the friendly city" for its welcoming inhabitants, and **Richards Bay**.

A land of ethnic diversity, **South Africa** is often described as "a world in one country". Its incredible melting pot of **cultures, religions, and histories** infuse its rich heritage.

**The diversity of fauna and flora** is also one of South Africa's treasures: the nation is home to three of the largest terrestrial mammals—the elephant, rhinoceros and hippopotamus—and its plant life alone represents one tenth of the world's botanic heritage, with some 25.000 species.

Between its bustling metropolises and its **breathtaking natural beauty**, we invite you to discover the two contrasting sides of this incredible country.





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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### CAPE TOWN

Embarkation 28/3/2021 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 29/3/2021 at 19h00

Dynamic and peaceful, cosmopolitan and hip, **Cape Town** offers its visitors a most unique mix. Here, the locals like to say that their city is “the quintessential melting pot of South Africa”. Located in the heart of one of the most beautiful bays in the world and dominated by the famous **Table Mountain**, it is graced with extraordinary landscapes including sheer cliffs that plunge into the Atlantic Ocean and vast whitesand beaches. We invite you to discover this incredible city, the South African capital of fashion, the art of living, and gastronomy. Further on, the **Cape of Good Hope** Nature Reserve awaits you and is home to a wide variety of endemic fauna and flora.

### AT SEA

Arrival 30/3/2021

Departure 30/3/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

### PORT ELIZABETH

Arrival 31/3/2021 early morning

Departure 1/4/2021 late afternoon

Discover Port Elizabeth, one of South Africa's major cities. Located in the province of Eastern Cape, Port Elizabeth is nicknamed “The Friendly City”, in reference to the hospitality of its inhabitants. Renowned for the beauty of its beaches, Port Elizabeth is also home to rich wild life, particularly in the Addo National Park, famous for its elephants. Another key site in the city, the Donkin reserve is a public space home to numerous historic monuments. Port Elizabeth also reflects an important aspect of South African history, through both its colonial heritage and its

contemporary history marked by the end of apartheid.

## AT SEA

Arrival 2/4/2021

Departure 2/4/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## RICHARDS BAY

Arrival 3/4/2021 early morning

Departure 3/4/2021 evening

A simple fishing village in the past, Richards Bay is now South Africa's second port. Despite the significant development of industrial activity, particularly in terms of mineral extraction, Richards Bay is one of the country's cleanest and most environmentally responsible towns. Bordering the Indian Ocean, the town is a haunt for water sport enthusiasts. In the heart of the Hluhluwe Game Reserve, nature lovers will be able to observe the wild fauna, made up of crocodiles, hippos and different bird species, as well as rich subtropical flora. Richards Bay is the departure point for many excursions heading off to discover Zulu country.

## DURBAN

Arrival 4/4/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 5/4/2021 at 08h00

As your vessel cruises along the coast of Durban, from the exterior decks you will be able to admire the long beaches washed by waves from the Indian Ocean and the skyscrapers that overlook the jacaranda-lined avenues. Not far from there, you will be captivated by the Valley of a Thousand Hills, the ancestral land of the Zulu people. The undulating, soft green hills are home to a multitude of small villages with traditional round huts. In the heart of the Phezulu Safari Park, the beliefs and rituals of the fascinating Zulu culture will be revealed to you and you will be treated to a show that pulsates to the beat of Zulu drums.