

General considerations in South Africa

- Ride on the **left** side of the road.
- You can drink the water.
- The exchange rate is about 6 Rand to the US\$.
- Expect it to get light around 6 am and dark at 8:30 pm. This changes as we go south and west towards Cape Town.
- South Africa does not have daylight savings time and is on one time zone.
- Expect sun, heat (maybe even greater than 100° F) and dry weather until you hit the coast, then we will add some humidity. Use plenty of sunscreen, carry lots of water and fill up often.
- South Africa can have pretty demanding terrain, even if it has some of the most beautiful country in the world. It promises to be hot, remote and mostly rural without many full service areas. So, leave early, carry plenty of water, always carry food and snacks, and pace yourself in such a way as to enjoy every kilometer.
- Many of South Africa's roads don't have shoulders and can be quite busy, so ride alertly. Some are in need of repair, though most are good roads.
- South Africans move onto the shoulder to allow others to pass. Great custom, but can be a little hair raising for cyclists. We don't expect problems, of course, but just be aware.
- South Africa feels like most "first world" nations, though you will see a lot of poverty. Change is slow and agonizing.
- As you will find, most all South Africans are extremely friendly and welcoming people. You will get lots of smiles and waves.
- There are many stores along the way and many have lots of people hanging around them, especially in small towns. Even though this can be a little intimidating, don't worry about it. Feel free to get what you need. The people are normally very friendly.
- Security is a big issue in South Africa. You will see lots of guards-some armed, and fences and barbed wire around homes, businesses and compounds-it looks pretty intimidating at times. It's very unlikely any of us will have any problems, especially if you follow some basic precautions: ride with at least 1 or 2 others at all times; don't leave bikes unattended unless they are locked securely, then not for long; take your "easily removed" items when you go into a store or leave your bike; keep an eye on your stuff; and use common sense.
- Phones are rare except in the bigger communities. Use 'em when you see 'em.
- In South Africa a robot is a traffic light. Seriously.

Day 46 Bariloche, Chile to Johannesburg, South Africa

15-Feb Tue

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Km Accum

0.0	0.0	LEFT from terminal 2 to exit airport. Stay left.
0.4	0.4	BEAR RIGHT toward R24.
0.2	0.6	BEAR LEFT towards Engen Sky Shop, then an IMMEDIATE STRAIGHT to avoid ramp on left.
0.3	0.9	BEAR LEFT toward Holiday Inn.
0.3	1.2	RIGHT at stop sign at Holiday Inn.
0.3	1.5	RIGHT toward Isando at stop sign.
0.9	2.4	STRAIGHT to follow Electron Rd (unsigned).
1.7	4.1	STRAIGHT to follow Electron Rd at junction of Isando Rd.
1.0	5.1	RIGHT onto Purlin St at light at "T".
0.1	5.2	RIGHT onto Barbaraweg
0.5	5.7	LEFT onto Brabazonweg.
0.2	5.9	STRAIGHT to follow Sandvale Rd at junction of Harris.
0.1	6.0	LEFT into City Lodge in Johannesburg (ele approx 1760 m).
	6.0	Today's Kilometers
	6.0	Total Stage in Kilometers
4218.8		Total Trip Kilometers

Today:	Short pedal to the City Lodge, one of the two hotels we will use in the City Lodge chain. Great little place.
Camp Services:	Most within easy walking distance of the City Lodge.
Toilets:	Excellent in room facilities.
Showers:	Excellent in room facilities.
Dinner:	Walk to both evening dinners at Mozarella's Italian Restaurant .4 km from hotel. Feb 15 dinner will be from 6 to 7:30.
Breakfast:	Breakfast at hotel 6:30 to 7:30 am.
Tomorrow:	153.5 kms. Relatively flat day to rolling terrain on busier roads. Beautiful rural area.

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16-Feb Wed

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Km Accum

0.0 0.0 Exit City Lodge.
0.1 0.1 **RIGHT** onto Sandvale Rd.
0.2 0.3 STRAIGHT at Mozzarella's Restaurant.
0.1 0.4 **RIGHT** onto Driefonteinweg.
0.5 0.9 **LEFT** onto Purlin Rd and an **IMMEDIATE LEFT** onto Tungsten Rd (becomes Electron Rd ahead).
1.0 1.9 STRAIGHT to follow Electron Rd at Jct Isando Weg and ENTER Isando.
2.6 4.5 **RIGHT** toward Kempton Park at stop light at "T."
0.2 4.7 **LEFT** onto M57S (Pretoria Rd).
2.3 7.0 STRAIGHT to follow M57 at Jct Griffithsweg.
1.6 8.6 CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.8 9.4 **BEAR LEFT** onto M44 toward Witfield at stop light.
1.0 10.4 Caltex Gas station on left. Store. Still plenty of services ahead.
0.3 10.7 STRAIGHT at entrance to N12.
0.7 11.4 **LEFT** to follow M44 (North Rand Rd) at light/yield sign.
1.7 13.1 East Rand Mall on right.
3.3 16.4 STRAIGHT at Elizabethweg as road becomes two-lanes.
1.3 17.7 STRAIGHT follow North Rand Rd (changes to Lakefield Rd) at Jct Atlas Rd.
0.6 18.3 ENTER Benoni.
0.7 19.0 CROSS over N12.
1.4 20.4 **BEAR LEFT** as road splits and becomes one-way.
0.6 21.0 ENTER Northmead.
0.6 21.6 Penny Farthing Restaurant and Pro Cycles on right.
1.4 23.0 **RIGHT** onto Pretoria Rd at light.
0.1 23.1 **LEFT** onto freeway N12 towards Witbank. Freeway riding for 16.6 km with good shoulder. Stay well left.
3.7 26.8 STRAIGHT to follow N12 at turnoff to Benoni.
13.2 40.0 **EXIT LEFT** towards Springs.
0.4 40.4 **RIGHT** onto R555 toward Bakerton and Springs at stop sign. No shoulder.
3.0 43.4 **LEFT** to follow R555 toward Delmas. Small shoulder.
1.3 44.7 ENTER Persida.
2.5 47.2 ENTER Sundra, Province of Mpumalanga. Full services.
0.2 47.4 Outspan Cafe & Fast Foods store on right. O2 informed. Small market on left ahead.

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17-Feb Thu

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Km Accum

6.7	54.1	BEAR RIGHT towards Eloff. No shoulder. Services.
7.5	61.6	ENTER Delmas. Full services.
0.3	61.9	CHECKPOINT at American Snack Bar & Take Away Foods.
1.8	63.7	BP station on right. Store. Last services for about 34 kms.
0.4	64.1	STRAIGHT at stop sign to follow R555 toward Witbank.
6.3	70.4	BEAR LEFT to follow R555.
10.4	80.8	Maybe a coke machine on left near service station.
16.3	97.1	Small store on left.
10.1	107.2	ENTER Ogies. Full services. Gas.
0.3	107.5	STRAIGHT to follow R555 at junction of R545 toward Bethal at stop sign. Eraroe Motors on left for services. O2 informed.
11.7	119.2	CROSS under N12.
0.2	119.4	ENTER Witbank municipal area. Full services.
3.9	123.3	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.6	123.9	ENTER Witbank. Full services.
1.4	125.3	STRAIGHT at Jct President Ln toward the center of town.
0.3	125.6	BEAR RIGHT to follow R555 toward Middelburg.
0.3	125.9	LEFT to follow R555 onto Foottrekker Rd at light.
1.5	127.4	CAUTION RR Tracks. Services diminish. Possible construction ahead.
11.1	138.5	Small store right
4.2	142.7	Small store left.
6.8	149.5	STRAIGHT to follow R555 toward Middelburg at Jct R575 to Nelspruit.
0.8	150.3	ENTER Middelburg (ele approx 1592 m).
3.1	153.4	RIGHT into Garden Inn Conference Center.
0.1	153.5	ARRIVE at check-in for an interesting night of camping.
	153.5	Today's Kilometers
	159.5	Total Stage in Kilometers
	4372.3	Total Trip Kilometers

Camp Services: We will be camping on the grounds of the Garden Inn Conference Center. Full services in town a couple of kms away.

Toilets: Several in the facilities we have rented.

Showers: Several in the facilities we have rented.

Dinner: Dinner is from 6:00 to 7:30 pm the Garden Inn.

Breakfast: Breakfast is from 6:30 to 8:00 am the Garden Inn.

Tomorrow: 106.4 kms. Getting into some hills. The people are great!

Day 49 Middelburg to Dullstroom

18-Feb Fri

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Km Accum

0.0	0.0	Leave the grounds of the Garden Inn Conference Center. Stock up.
0.2	0.2	RIGHT onto R555 at stop sign.
1.9	2.1	RIGHT onto Jan Van Riebeeck St toward N11 S at stop light.
0.6	2.7	Shopping center on left.
2.7	5.4	CROSS under the railroad.
0.8	6.2	STRAIGHT onto R104 at light.
21.6	27.8	Small store on left.
19.5	47.3	LEFT onto N4 toward Nelspruit at stop sign at "T". CAUTION busy road but usually has a shoulder.
0.6	47.9	ENTER Wonderfontein. Limited services.
0.5	48.4	Total Petroport Service Station and George's Restaurant on left. O2 informed.
8.6	57.0	Restaurant on left might be open.
9.2	66.2	Small store on right. Expect construction ahead.
1.7	67.9	LEFT onto R33 toward Belfast at stop sign at "T".
1.4	69.3	ENTER Belfast. Full services.
1.0	70.3	LEFT toward the Tourist Market/Information Center at steam roller. CHECKPOINT.
0.4	70.7	RIGHT onto R540 toward Dullstroom and Lydenburg.
15.6	86.3	Store and restaurant on right.
17.2	103.5	ENTER Dullstroom (ele 2076 m). Full services.
1.1	104.6	Visitor Info Center (say hi to Leslie) and other services on right.
0.3	104.9	Old Transvall Inn on left.
0.1	105.0	LEFT onto Teding Van Berkhoud (unmarked) toward the Dullstroom Inn and Dullstroom Dam.
0.2	105.2	Dullstroom Inn on right.
0.1	105.3	RIGHT toward the Dullstroom Dam
0.1	105.4	BEAR LEFT with road toward Dullstroom Dam.
0.2	105.6	BEAR RIGHT as road becomes dirt.
0.8	106.4	LEFT into the Dullstroom Dam Caravan Campground.
	106.4	Today's Kilometers
	265.9	Total Stage in Kilometers
	4478.7	Total Trip Kilometers

Camp Services: Camp is remote, so there are no services. We are less than 1.5 km from town, however.
Toilets: The campground has two separate facilities with several toilets.
Showers: The campground has two separate facilities with several showers, plus TK&A showers.
Dinner: Walk to dinner at the Dullstroom Inn from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.
Breakfast: Pedal to breakfast at the Dullstroom Inn from 6:00 to 7:30 am.
Tomorrow: 158.8 kms. One of the more challenging days in South Africa. A very beautiful, long and hilly day with several major climbs, so get an early start.

Day 50 Dullstroom to Hazyview (Page 1 of 2)

19-Feb Sat

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Km Accum

0.0 0.0 **RIGHT** from the Dullstroom Dam Caravan Campground.
0.8 0.8 **BEAR LEFT** onto paved road.
0.2 1.0 **BEAR RIGHT** at yield sign.
0.1 1.1 **LEFT** at stop sign.
0.1 1.2 The Inn of Dullstroom for breakfast.
0.3 1.5 **LEFT** onto R540 at stop sign. Stock up. Good road.
6.2 7.7 Big white rock (old monument, we believe) on left.
2.8 10.5 Bird of Prey Sanctuary on right.
10.0 20.5 Summit of Santo Pass (ele 2042 m). Enjoy a great descent.
5.9 26.4 STRAIGHT at turnoff to Vermont.
27.5 53.9 Caravan park on left with services.
1.0 54.9 **LEFT** onto R36 toward Lydenburg.
0.2 55.1 ENTER Lydenburg. Full services.
0.4 55.5 Interesting sculptures on left.
1.2 56.7 Uitspan Caravan Park on left.
0.5 57.2 **RIGHT** onto Voortrekker (R37) toward Sabie at stop sign.
10.6 67.8 Nice little downhill on your way to the summit of Long Tom Pass.
9.4 77.2 Mauchsberg Mountain. Summit of Long Tom Pass (ele 2150 m).
Congratulations on climbing at least 680 meters (2176 ft).
2.4 79.6 Scenic area on left.
11.5 91.1 Long Tom Canyon on right. Historical (Anglo-Boer War) site.
12.7 103.8 STRAIGHT onto T532 towards Sabie as R37 goes right towards Nelspruit.
1.0 104.8 Picnic area on left. NOTE: this distance might be slightly off.
5.6 110.4 Welcome sign to the Sabie area.
2.2 112.6 ENTER Sabie (ele 1020 m). Full services.
0.2 112.8 **CHECKPOINT** in the Sabie Country Club parking lot. Okay to use the restaurant and other facilities. Nice area.
0.4 113.2 BP Station on left.
0.2 113.4 **RIGHT** onto R536 toward Hazyview and Kruger National Park.
0.4 113.8 **BEAR LEFT** to follow R536 toward Hazyview just past the stop sign. Last services in town. More climbing ahead with a great end of day descent.
27.2 141.0 End of last major climbing of day.
6.2 147.2 Fruit stand and small store.
1.7 148.9 Aan Die Vliet Resort with store on left.

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20-Feb Sun

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Km Accum

8.1	157.0	RIGHT onto R40 toward Hazyview at stop sign.
0.9	157.9	STRAIGHT to follow R40 at turnoff to Kruger National Park.
0.6	158.5	LEFT into the Hotel Numbi.
0.1	158.6	RIGHT toward reception.
0.2	158.8	ARRIVE at check-in for directions to the campground and surrounding facilities.
	158.8	Today's Kilometers
	424.7	Total Stage in Kilometers
	4637.5	Total Trip Kilometers

Camp Services: This is our overnight for visiting Kruger National park, 16 kilometers away. Since cycling in the park is impossible (animals might snack on walkers and cyclists), this is an excellent location for us. The well known Hotel Numbi will be our host for the next 2 nights of camping. The hotel has 2 restaurants, 2 small pools, a bar, hotel rooms, and bungalows.

Toilets: There are several toilets in the camp's restrooms plus we have reserved 4 bungalows for additional services.

Showers: There are several showers in the camp's restrooms plus our 4 bungalows.

Dinner: Dinner tonight will be from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and from 5:00 to 6:30 pm the next two nights at the hotel.

Breakfast: Breakfast tomorrow will be from 8:00 to 9:30 am and Sunday from 6:30 to 7:30 am at the hotel.

Day 50 Hazyview layover day

20-Feb Sun

Day 51 Hazyview layover day

21-Feb Mon

Tomorrow: 109.7 kms. Pretty demanding (hilly) day as we close in on Swaziland.

Day 52 Hazyview to Barberton (Page 1 of 2)

22-Feb Tue

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	DEPART the Numbi Hotel camping area.
0.1	0.1	LEFT onto R40 as you EXIT the hotel at "T".
0.6	0.7	Total Service Station on left.
1.2	1.9	RIGHT onto R40 towards Witrivier as R38 continues straight. Excellent shoulder for much of the way.
6.2	8.1	Shell Station on right.
1.3	9.4	Total Station on left. Supermarket as well.
16.6	26.0	Fruit stand on right.
3.2	29.2	Small Braai Shack store on left.
14.4	43.6	Services on right.
1.9	45.5	White River area. Full services.
0.4	45.9	RIGHT onto Tom Larencestr toward Nelspruit at light.
1.2	47.1	LEFT onto R40 toward Nelspruit at light at "T".
0.2	47.3	RIGHT to follow R40 onto Kruger Parkstr toward Nelspruit at light.
1.4	48.7	STRAIGHT to follow R40 toward Nelspruit at Jct R37 to Sabie.
3.6	52.3	ENTER Rocky Drift. Services. Still nice road.
9.0	61.3	Large shopping center entrance just ahead.
1.9	63.2	ENTER Nelspruit. Full services in the capitol city Mpumalanga Provinces.
0.8	64.0	BEAR RIGHT onto Nelspruit on 4-lane road.
2.1	66.1	CHECKPOINT at BP Station and O'Hagan's Irish Pub and Grill on left.
5.0	71.1	Lose shoulder, ride well. This section is likely to be very congested.
1.2	72.3	Small store on right.
13.5	85.8	CROSS the Noord Kaap River. Road conditions have improved a little.
10.7	96.5	Small airstrip on left.
5.0	101.5	STRAIGHT toward Barberton at turnoff to Badplass.
2.0	103.5	Small store on right.
1.4	104.9	RIGHT toward Barberton.
2.0	106.9	ENTER Barberton. Full services.
2.5	109.4	STRAIGHT to follow Generaalstr at light.
0.1	109.5	LEFT into Barberton Karavaan Park on left.
0.1	109.6	BEAR RIGHT immediately after entrance.
0.1	109.7	ARRIVE at camping area.

109.7 Today's Kilometers

534.4 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: Excellent city campground. Full services in area, including a campground pool.

Toilets: 2 separate facilities exist with 3 toilets in each. Plus we are bringing in 2 portable potties for use.

Showers: 2 separate facilities exist with a total of 10 showers plus a few bathtubs.

Dinner: Dinner is from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Phoenix Hotel, 1.2 km from campground. Go left from camp, left onto Pilgram Rd (1st left past 2nd robot) and you will find the Phoenix Hotel just beyond the next stop sign.

Breakfast: Pedal to breakfast is from 6 to 7:30 am at the Phoenix Hotel, then return to camp to begin using the route guide.

Tomorrow:Tougher, long day with some major climbing and super downhills. Beautiful scenery. Welcome to Swaziland.

Day 53 Barberton to Ezulweni, Mbabane, Swaziland (Page 1 of 2)

22-Feb Tue

Km Accum

- 0.0 0.0 EXIT camping area.
- 0.2 0.2 **RIGHT** onto General Sr from the Barberton Karavaan Park at stop sign.
- 4.9 5.1 **LEFT** onto R40 toward Nelspruit and R38 toward Badplaas at stop sign at "T".
- 1.4 6.5 Small store on left.
- 2.1 8.6 **LEFT** to follow R38 toward Badplaas (the translation is "bath farm", but I think it describes the actual pass). Overall, a great road with plenty of shoulder.
- 0.7 9.3 Small fruit stand on left.
- 23.6 32.9 Approx ele 4910 ft. Huge commercial forest plantations.
- 11.4 44.3 Nelshoogte Pass at 1554 m (5098 ft). NOTE: this mileage might be a couple of kms off. Enjoy a great and very scenic day.
- 8.2 52.5 Small store.
- 13.0 65.5 STRAIGHT toward Badpaas.
- 3.4 68.9 **CHECKPOINT** at the Total Service Station on right.
- 1.3 70.2 **LEFT** onto R541 toward Lochiel.
- 13.5 83.7 Store on left. Good shoulder.
- 7.3 91.0 **RIGHT** to follow R541 towards Lochiel. **Don't miss this turn.**
- 18.0 109.0 **LEFT** onto N17 towards Oshoek and Mbabane, Swaziland at stop sign at "T". Store to right.
- 1.6 110.6 Caltex Service Station (small store in back) on right. We are in the heart of Locheil, a very small village.
- 5.7 116.3 Small store. Approx ele 5700 ft.
- 19.0 135.3 Swaziland Border.
- 0.3 135.6 EXIT South African and Swaziland customs and immigration. No shoulders.
- 5.2 140.8 BP Service Station. You are on M3 going toward Mbabane. Swaziland is a beautiful country filled with extremely friendly people.
- 2.5 143.3 Small store.
- 5.7 149.0 Welcome to Mbabane sign.
- 1.5 150.5 CAUTION rumble strips. Great descent.
- 3.1 153.6 Services.
- 4.9 158.5 Tourism office and mall to left at light. Full Services begin.
- 0.3 158.8 **RIGHT** to follow M3 toward Manzini.
- 1.2 160.0 STRAIGHT to follow M3. Hotel to left. CAUTION rumble strips ahead.

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22-Feb Tue

Km Accum

- 6.5 166.5 **EXIT** towards the MR103 toward Ezulweni.
- 0.2 166.7 **LEFT** onto the MR103 toward Ezulweni .
- 0.1 166.8 **BEAR LEFT** to follow the MR103 toward Ezulweni.
- 1.6 168.4 **RIGHT** into the Timbali Caravan Park.
- 0.2 168.6 **RIGHT** into the Timbali Caravan Park.
- 0.1 168.7 ARRIVE at campsite.

168.7 Today's Kilometers

703.1 South Africa Kilometers

- Camp Services: Timbali Caravan Park is an excellent facility located very close to the National Capitol. Full services near camp. Camp has a pool and might have a small store, Including alcohol.
- Toilets: Two different ablution blocks have 8 toilets, augmented by 3 portable toilets.
- Showers: Two different ablution blocks have 6 showers and 6 baths.
- Dinner: Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 pm at campground organized by Raw Africa.
- Breakfast: Breakfast is from 6 to 7:30 am at campground organized by Raw Africa.
- Tomorrow: Tomorrow is a lot easier than today. Hilly in the morning and rolling terrain later in the day. You will lose over 3000 ft of elevation.

Day 54 Mbabane, Swaziland to Nsoko

23-Feb Wed

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	EXIT camping area.
0.1	0.1	LEFT from the Timbali Caravan Park
0.2	0.3	RIGHT onto MR103 at "T". Grocery store. Stock up.
2.1	2.4	Shell Station on right.
3.1	5.5	Store on left.
1.7	7.2	CAUTION rumble strips. More ahead.
1.0	8.2	Caltex Service Station left.
4.9	13.1	Services in a small village. Approx ele 2488 m.
9.3	22.4	STRAIGHT (more or less) onto MR 3 toward Manzini and the airport at rotary. Full services.
0.2	22.6	Engel Service Station on left.
2.2	24.8	STRAIGHT to follow MR3 toward Manzini at turnoff to airport.
1.5	26.3	STRAIGHT to follow MR3 toward Manzini at turnoff.
2.0	28.3	ENTER Manzini. Full services.
0.9	29.2	STRAIGHT into Manzini as bypass goes left. Busy and congested but interesting.
2.4	31.6	STRAIGHT to follow MR3 toward Big Bend as you leave Manzini at rotary.
7.2	38.8	RIGHT onto MR80 toward Big Bend as MR3 continues straight. Shell Service Station. Excellent, quiet road. Watch for cattle on the road.
2.1	40.9	CAUTION rumble strips.
4.2	45.1	CAUTION speed bumps for slowing traffic at pedestrian crossing.
13.9	59.0	Store and small "shopping center" on left.
0.9	59.9	ENTER Gilgal. No services. CAUTION speed bumps.
4.9	64.8	ENTER Phonjwane. Two stores and a modest supermarket. CAUTION speed bumps.
4.5	69.3	CAUTION speed bumps at entrance to school.
4.8	74.1	Store on right.
1.3	75.4	ENTER Siphofaneni. Two stores and a modest supermarket. CAUTION speed bumps.
0.7	76.1	CHECKPOINT on left in small shopping center. Nokuphila Supermarket and Restaurant plus other stores, including Siyosa (you buy the meat at butcher and they cook it for you).
4.6	80.7	CAUTION speed bumps at entrance to school.
1.4	82.1	ENTER Phuzamoya. Limited services. CAUTION speed bumps.
5.3	87.4	CAUTION speed bumps at entrance to big farming enterprise.

- 12.7 100.1 STRAIGHT to follow MR8 toward Big Bend at Jct MR16 toward Siteki. Mhlosingo Game Park on right ahead. Note electrified fence.
- 4.3 104.4 ENTER Big Bend. Services ahead and rumble strips as well.
- 1.7 106.1 STRAIGHT toward Lavumisa at turnoff to Sugar Mill.
- 0.5 106.6 STRAIGHT toward Lavumisa at turnoff to Big Bend.
- 1.8 108.4 You've just crossed the Lusuth (also Usuthu) River, Swaziland's main river.
- 3.5 111.9 Lumbombo Lobster Restaurant and services on left. O2 informed.
- 1.7 113.6 Riverside Complex (supermarket, restaurant, curio shop, toilets, garage, fuel, and lovely people). O2 informed. Say hello to Georgina.
- 16.7 130.3 Entering a game reserve.
- 1.7 132.0 Nisela Safaris on left. No services.
- 0.1 132.1 Drive through the entrance gate to head for the bush. Say hi to Gordon and Fraci. CAUTION gravel road.
- 0.1 132.2 **BEAR LEFT** at sign to Caravan Park.
- 1.7 133.9 ARRIVE at check-in for camping instructions.

133.9 Today's Kilometers

837.0 South Africa Kilometers

- Camp Services: Nisela Safaris is a superb location for our final night in Swaziland. It has three separate facilities: the campground and Swazi Village (10 huts with 2 beds in each) at the entrance; the lodge 2 km further up the road where we are going to camp; and the Guest House 4 km south of the entrance. Bar and pool.
- Toilets: 5 toilets at the restaurant and 1 toilet in each of 5 lodges.
- Showers: 1 shower in each of 5 lodges and 6 showers at the pool.
- Dinner: Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 pm at campground organized by Nisela Safaris.
- Breakfast: Breakfast is from 6 to 7:30 am at campground organized by Nisela Safaris.
- Entertainment: We might have some local Swazi dancers perform.
- Tomorrow: Tomorrow is another beautiful day, with rolling terrain.

Day 55 Nsoko to Hluhluwe, South Africa

24-Feb Thu

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	EXIT campsite.
1.7	1.7	EXIT the lodge entrance.
0.1	1.8	LEFT onto MR80 toward points south.
4.0	5.8	Spar Service Station on right.
0.1	5.9	STRAIGHT at the entrance to the Nisela Guest House.
4.2	10.1	CROSS over railroad.
29.9	40.0	Services as you ENTER the border.
0.2	40.2	Border crossing.
0.2	40.4	CAUTION RR Tracks. Welcome to Kwazulu-Natal Province. Note "Danger-Big Game on Road" sign. If you are lucky, you might see some stuff.
5.8	46.2	Pongoloa Biosphere on left. They are experimenting with a holistic approach to game farming. Small store. Great view of Josini Dam ahead on left.
4.1	50.3	LEFT onto the M2 toward Empangeni at stop sign at "T".
2.9	53.2	CROSS the Pongola River.
9.5	62.7	The southern entrance to the Pongola Game Reserve on left. Small store.
5.1	67.8	STRAIGHT to follow N2 toward Empangeni at Jct R69 towards Vryheid.
9.2	77.0	STRAIGHT to follow N2 toward Empangeni at turnoff to Josini.
10.6	87.6	LEFT toward Mkuze.
0.5	88.1	CHECKPOINT at the Engen Service Station (restaurant, toilets, services) on left. Then RIGHT from service station to return to the N2. Nice folks. Expect construction.
0.5	88.6	LEFT onto the N2 toward Empangeni at stop sign at "T".
10.0	98.6	STRAIGHT at the entrance to the Mkuze Nyla Lodge.
10.6	109.2	Baobab Inn on left. Services. Entibane Lodge is 10 km to the right.
11.1	120.3	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at turnoff to Bonnie Lodge.
4.4	124.7	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at turnoff to Phida Sodwana Bay.
10.2	134.9	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at turnoff to Hluhluwe. Services.
10.2	145.1	LEFT into the Malala Lodge and Safaris.
0.1	145.2	PASS through gate. CAUTION soft sand.
1.0	146.2	BEAR LEFT toward the Malala Lodge. CAUTION loose sand...you will fall if you don't walk.
0.3	146.5	ARRIVE at camp.

146.5 Today's Kilometers

983.5 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: Malala Lodge is another super location for our first night back in South Africa. No other facilities close to camp. Small store, bar and pool.

Toilets: 2 toilets at the pool, 3 portable toilets in camp and 1 toilet in each of 4 chalets, 6 bungalows and a cottage with 2 baths.

Showers: 1 shower in each of 4 chalets and 6 bungalows and the cottage has 2.

Dinner: Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 pm at the campground, organized by Malala Lodge.

Breakfast: Breakfast is from 6 to 7:30 am at the campground, organized by Malala Lodge.

Tomorrow: Tomorrow is flat to rolling terrain before checkpoint and more serious rolling after, picking up more traffic as we approach the coast. Sugar cane is king.

Day 56 Hluhluwe to Mtunzini

25-Feb Fri

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	EXIT camping area. CAUTION soft sand.
0.3	0.3	BEAR LEFT , then RIGHT , then LEFT at "Y" to follow road to N2.
1.0	1.3	PASS through gate.
0.1	1.4	LEFT onto N2 at "T".
0.8	2.2	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at turnoff to Bushman.
9.5	11.7	Small store on left and right.
7.1	18.8	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at cutoff to Charters Creek.
19.4	38.2	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at R618 towards Mtubatuba to left.
3.5	41.7	Caltex "Four of Us" Service Station and Lynn's Take-a-Way on right. Great little place. O2 informed. Remote ahead, so stock up.
11.9	53.6	Kwambo Conservancy area.
21.1	74.7	LEFT into the Afrika Curios. CAUTION cement cattle guard and soft sand. Suggest using this exit.
0.1	74.8	CHECKPOINT at store. Tea Garden and toilets.
0.6	75.4	STRAIGHT at D249. Expect construction ahead.
3.4	78.8	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at turnoff to Richards Bay.
2.2	81.0	Entrance to the Enseleni Nature Reserve on right. We even spotted a couple of zebra along the road behind the Reserve's fence.
7.7	88.7	RIGHT onto the R102 alternate route towards Stanger.
4.1	92.8	ENTER Empangeni. Services ahead. Main part of town to right.
11.8	104.6	CROSS over a small river. Note the lack of metal railings. They are often stolen from the bridges and sold for scrap.
7.2	111.8	Small store on right.
4.3	116.1	Forest Inn on left. Store, restaurant and toilets on right.
7.3	123.4	LEFT toward Mtunzini. Services.
0.9	124.3	CROSS over the N2.
0.6	124.9	ENTER Mtuzini. Full services.
0.5	125.4	BEAR LEFT to follow Hely Hutchinson.
0.8	126.2	RIGHT onto Hulley Ln just before St Mary's Anglican Church. Services.
0.2	126.4	RIGHT onto Archibald St as road turns right.
0.9	127.3	ENTER the Umlalazi Nature Reserve.
0.3	127.6	RIGHT toward campground.
0.2	127.8	LEFT into campsite.
0.1	127.9	ARRIVE at group campsite for a super evening.

127.9 Today's Kilometers

1111.4 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: Umlalazi Nature Reserve is an excellent facility, located .6 km from the beach. Laundry.

Toilets: 4 men's toilets and 4 women's in main facility. Second facility about .5 km away in the park. We are augmenting the bathrooms with 2 or 3 portables.

Showers: 4 showers in men's and 2 showers plus 1 bath in women's bathroom at campsite. Second facility is .5 km away. Look for a couple of TK&A showers. Also a couple of outdoor showers in area.

Dinner: Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 pm at campground organized by the staff of the Reserve and the community.

Breakfast: Breakfast is from 6 to 7:30 am at campground organized by the staff of the Reserve and the community.

Entertainment: Meet some local history buffs, walk on the beaches of the Indian Ocean .6 km from camp, and nature walks.

Tomorrow: Hilly day with short rollers.

Day 57 Mtunzini to Durban

26-Feb Sat

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	LEAVE campsite.
0.1	0.1	RIGHT onto paved road at "T".
0.2	0.3	LEFT at "T".
0.3	0.6	STRAIGHT from the Umlalazi Nature Reserve gate to return to R102.
0.7	1.3	BEAR RIGHT up the hill.
0.4	1.7	LEFT onto Hely Hutchinson St at stop sign. Full services.
0.4	2.1	CAUTION rumble strip.
0.3	2.4	BEAR RIGHT to continue toward 102.
1.4	3.8	CROSS over the N2.
0.7	4.5	CAUTION rumble strips.
0.3	4.8	LEFT onto R102 towards Gingindlovu and Stanger at stop sign at "T".
18.2	23.0	ENTER Gingindlovu. CAUTION rumble strips.
0.3	23.3	LEFT to follow R102 towards Gingindlovu at stop sign at "T".
0.9	24.2	CAUTION rumble strips. More ahead.
0.1	24.3	RIGHT to follow R102 towards Gingindlovu.
0.1	24.4	STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Mandini at turnoff to Gingindlovu.
14.5	38.9	Store on left.
2.4	41.3	Store on right.
5.4	46.7	STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Darnel at exit to the N2.
0.9	47.6	CROSS the Tugela River (with railings)
3.5	51.1	Services on right.
10.1	61.2	STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Darnel at turnoff to Zukwazi at light.
9.4	70.6	ENTER Stanger.
1.0	71.6	STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Tongaat at turnoff into Stanger.
3.2	74.8	Services on right.
2.9	77.7	CAUTION rumble strip.
3.5	81.2	CAUTION rumble strip.
1.5	82.7	CAUTION rumble strip.
1.0	83.7	Welcome to the Dolphin Coast.
3.9	87.6	STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Tongaat at turnoff into Tinlkey Manor.
0.3	87.9	BP Service Station on left.
0.7	88.6	ENTER Shakaskraal. Services.
0.4	89.0	STRAIGHT at rotary at yield sign.
1.7	90.7	ENTER Umhlali. Services.
1.0	91.7	STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Tongaat at turnoff toward Salt Rock.

- 4.5 96.2 STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Tongaat at turnoff toward Shakas Rock.
- 1.4 97.6 **LEFT** toward Ballito. **Don't miss this turn.**
- 1.9 99.5 CROSS over the N2.
- 0.7 100.2 **CHECKPOINT** at the Shell Service Station on right. Use caution crossing traffic.
- 0.2 100.4 ENTER Ballito. Full services most of the way to Durban.
- 0.4 100.8 **RIGHT** onto M4 (A) at light toward Durban. NOTE: Ballito town is straight ahead and there is a shopping center behind the BP Service Station. Overall an excellent road, but busy.
- 3.8 104.6 STRAIGHT to follow M4 (A) toward Durban at turnoff toward Port Zimbali.
- 4.7 109.3 Westbrook Beach on left. Bathrooms and small store.
- 6.6 115.9 STRAIGHT to follow M4 (A) toward Durban at turnoff toward South Beach Rd and La Marcy.
- 3.3 119.2 STRAIGHT to follow M4 (A) toward Durban at turnoff toward Umholdti.
- 7.3 126.5 **BEAR LEFT** toward Umhlanga as freeway goes right.
- 0.3 126.8 **LEFT** onto Lighthouse Rd at yield sign.
- 0.1 126.9 **RIGHT** onto Ridge Rd at light.
- 0.2 127.1 **LEFT** onto Stanley Grace Cres at stop sign.
- 0.3 127.4 **RIGHT** onto Marine Dr.
- 2.9 130.3 STRAIGHT to follow Forest Drive at rotary.
- 1.1 131.4 **RIGHT** onto Ann Arbor Rd.
- 0.1 131.5 **LEFT** onto Ypsilanti Ave just before the entrance to the M4.
- 0.1 131.6 **RIGHT** onto Inca Dr to PASS under the M4 at stop sign.
- 0.1 131.7 **BEAR LEFT** immediately after crossing under the M4 to follow Inca Dr.
- 0.1 131.8 **RIGHT** onto David Ave at "T".
- 0.2 132.0 **BEAR LEFT** at "Y".
- 0.1 132.1 **RIGHT** onto Aubrey Dr at stop sign at "T".
- 0.1 132.2 **LEFT** onto Marion Ave at "T".
- 0.5 132.7 **LEFT** onto Potomac Ave.
- 1.0 133.7 **LEFT** onto Hinton Pl at rotary.
- 0.1 133.8 **LEFT** toward the M4 and North Coast City. NOTE: Don't enter the M4.
- 0.1 133.9 CROSS under the M4 and **RIGHT** toward Fairway at "T".
- 2.3 136.2 **RIGHT** toward the M4 North Coast and Broadway at stop sign at "T".
- 0.1 136.3 **LEFT** onto Old Mill Way just past the yield sign, then an **IMMEDIATE LEFT** onto Milldene Dr. Road changes names several times ahead.
- 1.8 138.1 **LEFT** onto Riverside Rd toward the M4.
- 0.1 138.2 **RIGHT** onto the M4 at "T". Consider using the sidewalk to CROSS bridge. Stay well left.
- 0.8 139.0 **BEAR LEFT** towards Athlone Drive/Blue Lagoon at end of bridge.
- 0.1 139.1 **LEFT** at end of ramp towards Blue Lagoon (at yield sign) and an

IMMEDIATE RIGHT onto Snell Parade toward beaches at yield sign at "T". Nice ride ahead.

- 2.8 141.9 **LEFT** to follow Snell Parade at stop sign at "T". Swimming pool on left-okay to cool yourself off in this knee-deep wonder.
- 0.1 142.0 **BEAR RIGHT** to follow Snell Parade.
- 0.1 142.1 **BEAR LEFT** to stay close to beach for a scenic ride.
- 0.4 142.5 STRAIGHT to follow Snell Parade at rotary.
- 0.2 142.7 STRAIGHT to follow Snell Parade at rotary.
- 0.2 142.9 STRAIGHT to follow Snell Parade at rotary.
- 0.1 143.0 STRAIGHT to follow Snell Parade at rotary.
- 0.2 143.2 **RIGHT** onto Old Fort Rd.
- 0.1 143.3 STRAIGHT to follow Old Fort Rd at yield sign.
- 0.4 143.7 **LEFT** onto Brickhill Rd (unsigned-but a major road). Only choice you have.
- 0.1 143.8 **RIGHT** onto Ordance Rd at light.
- 0.1 143.9 **RIGHT** into the City Lodge for two days of beds.

143.9 Today's Kilometers

1255.3 South Africa Kilometers

- Camp Services: The City Lodge is an excellent hotel in downtown Durban, the second largest city in South Africa. Full services, pool, bar, and super staff.
- Toilets: In room.
- Showers: In room.
- Dinner: Dinner tonight is from 6 to 7:30 pm and tomorrow night from 5 to 6:30 pm at the hotel or adjacent restaurant, prepared by the hotel staff.
- Breakfast: Breakfast tomorrow is from 8 to 9:30 am and on Monday from 6 to 7:30 am at the hotel, prepared by the hotel staff.

Day 58 Durban layover day

27-Feb Sun

- Tomorrow: Quite a bit of congestion as you leave Durban, then the route becomes pretty hilly.

Day 59 Durban to Port Shepstone

28-Feb Mon

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	RIGHT onto Ordance as you leave the City Lodge. Same street you came in on.
0.1	0.1	LEFT onto Prince Alfred St at light.
0.4	0.5	STRAIGHT to follow Prince Alfred at Jct Pine St at light.
0.6	1.1	RIGHT onto Victoria Embankment (at Winder St) at light. Note Customs and Excise Building.
0.9	2.0	Dick King Statue on left. English horseman who did a Paul Riviere ride in South Africa.
0.4	2.4	LEFT at light, CAUTION RR Tracks (2 sets) and an IMMEDIATE RIGHT onto street along waterfront.
0.8	3.2	BEAR RIGHT at modified "T". CAUTION RR Tracks (2 sets going both directions).
0.3	3.5	LEFT onto Maydon Rd at stop sign at "T".
0.1	3.6	CAUTION RR Tracks (14 sets ahead).
0.9	4.5	JOG LEFT, RIGHT and an IMMEDIATE LEFT to CROSS tracks to follow Maydon Rd at "T".
0.5	5.0	CAUTION RR Tracks (at least 8 sets ahead-some diagonal).
0.8	5.8	STRAIGHT to follow Wisely Rd at Jct Francois Rd at light.
0.5	6.3	CAUTION RR Tracks. Road becomes South Coast Rd ahead.
1.9	8.2	CROSS under the M4.
0.5	8.7	STRAIGHT to follow South Coast Rd (R102 toward Mobeni) at Jct Edwin Swales V C Dr at light.
1.4	10.1	STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Mobeni at Jct Blamey Rd at light.
0.5	10.6	Some containers, huh?
2.4	13.0	BEAR SLIGHTLY LEFT to follow R102 at "Y".
1.1	14.1	STRAIGHT to follow R102 at turnoff to Lamont and Merewent.
1.2	15.3	CROSS under the M4.
0.3	15.6	BEAR RIGHT to remain on R102.
0.6	16.2	BEAR RIGHT to follow R102. This intersection (close to the airport) is likely to change due to construction. Ride alertly and follow R102 toward Isipingo.
0.4	16.6	Leaving the major congestion of the city on a brand new road. Road is still busy.
1.9	18.5	LEFT onto Prospection Rd to follow R102 toward Isipingo Beach at light.
0.3	18.8	CROSS over the M4.

- 1.0 19.8 STRAIGHT to follow R102 at Jct Avenue East Rd at light.
- 0.4 20.2 CAUTION RR Tracks.
- 1.4 21.6 STRAIGHT to follow R102 (Prospection Rd) at Jct Joyner Rd at light.
- 2.3 23.9 Crest a 1.5 km climb and enjoy the views.
- 4.7 28.6 BP Service Station on left.
- 1.1 29.7 **BEAR RIGHT** to follow R102 (Kingsway Rd) to CROSS bridge.
- 0.2 29.9 **BEAR LEFT** to follow R102.
- 0.3 30.2 **BEAR LEFT** to follow R102 at light in city center.
- 1.2 31.4 **BEAR LEFT** onto Rockview into small community.
- 0.6 32.0 ENTER Kingsburgh.
- 0.5 32.5 **RIGHT** onto Beachway to follow R102 towards Warner Beach Strand at stop sign at "T".
- 0.1 32.6 **LEFT** to follow R102 toward Warner Beach Strand at light at "T".
- 0.8 33.4 **LEFT** onto Kingsway toward Warner Beach at yield sign.
- 1.2 34.6 ENTER Warner Beach. Services.
- 2.0 36.6 STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Umkomaas at Jct R603 at light.
- 0.4 37.0 **RIGHT** onto Gordon Rd to follow R102 toward Umkomaas at light.
- 3.2 40.2 BP Service Station on left.
- 10.0 50.2 CROSS the Umkomaas River. Great beach areas.
- 9.0 59.2 ENTER Scottburgh.
- 1.6 60.8 **BEAR RIGHT** to follow R102 at turnoff into Scottburgh.
- 3.3 64.1 **CHECKPOINT** in small shopping area.
- 1.5 65.6 CAUTION rumble strips.
- 2.4 68.0 ENTER Pennington.
- 10.7 78.7 CROSS over the N2.
- 0.7 79.4 **LEFT** to follow R102 toward Bazley.
- 11.7 91.1 Narrow one-lane bridge.
- 1.2 92.3 **BEAR LEFT** toward Port Shepstone. Store at intersection.
- 3.7 96.0 **RIGHT** onto the N2. CAUTION cattle guard after turn. Ride well left on freeway.
- 7.0 103.0 **EXIT LEFT** onto R102 (A) toward Hibberdene.
- 0.4 103.4 **LEFT** to follow R102 (A) at end of ramp.
- 2.9 106.3 Full services in Hibberdene, including fast food.
- 4.5 110.8 ENTER Umzumbe. No services on route.
- 8.6 119.4 ENTER Sunwich Port. Services.
- 1.1 120.5 ENTER Anerey. Services.
- 0.8 121.3 Total Service Station on left.
- 2.4 123.7 ENTER Sea Park. No services on route, except for Las Vegas.
- 1.6 125.3 ENTER Umtentweni. Caltex Service Station on right.
- 4.0 129.3 CROSS the river in Shepstone.

- 0.5 129.8 **LEFT** and an **IMMEDIATE LEFT** just before the Engen Service Station at the first light. We're heading for the beach area.
- 0.4 130.2 Entrance to lighthouse. NOTE: The overnight facility might change to another location. Watch for signs and/or other directions as you approach end of day.
- 0.9 131.1 **RIGHT** as road turns right.
- 0.1 131.2 **LEFT** at "T".
- 0.1 131.3 **LEFT** into the Kapenta Hotel for an excellent bonus night of beds and beach life.

131.3 Today's Kilometers
1386.6 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: The Kapenta Hotel is an excellent location with a great staff, a pool and an ocean. Full services at hotel and in town.

Toilets: In room.

Showers: In room.

Dinner: Dinner tonight is from 6 to 7:30 pm in the hotel.

Breakfast: Breakfast is from 8 to 9:30 am at the hotel restaurant.

Entertainment: The Indian Ocean.

Tomorrow: Remote, very hilly demanding day. Beautiful. Stock up.

Day 60 Port Shepstone to Kokstad

29-Feb Tue

Km Accum

- 0.0 0.0 **LEFT** from the hotel. Remote hilly day so stock up.
- 0.4 0.4 CAUTION RR Track.
- 0.2 0.6 **LEFT** at "T".
- 0.1 0.7 ENTER Oslo Beach.
- 0.1 0.8 **RIGHT** toward R102 toward Marburg and Harding and an **IMMEDIATE LEFT** onto Harding Rd (N2). Engen Station on left with excellent services.
- 1.6 2.4 CROSS over the toll way to Pt Edward.
- 1.2 3.6 CAUTION rumble strips. Services.
- 10.4 14.0 Kind of flattens out a little. Approx ele 1200 ft. Watch for rough roads ahead, especially on the descent.
- 6.3 20.3 Services on left.
- 3.7 24.0 Engen Service Station on right. A couple of more little ones ahead.
- 7.9 31.9 Begin great downhill from about 2000 ft.
- 6.6 38.5 Craft center on left. Store.
- 3.4 41.9 Store on left.
- 8.8 50.7 Store and services on left.
- 8.8 59.5 Store on left with a coke on a pole.
- 5.0 64.5 Services on left.
- 10.5 75.0 **LEFT** into Harding. Welcome to Harding sign after turn.
- 1.9 76.9 Harding center. Full services.
- 0.7 77.6 **CHECKPOINT** at Harding city park on left.
- 1.0 78.6 **LEFT** onto the N2 at stop sign at "T".
- 13.8 92.4 CAUTION rumble strips and speed bumps.
- 0.9 93.3 **LEFT** to follow N2 toward Kokstad.
- 0.1 93.4 Total Service Station on left.
- 4.8 98.2 CAUTION rumble strips.
- 22.9 121.1 CAUTION narrow bridge.
- 2.8 123.9 **BEAR RIGHT** toward Kokstad.
- 0.3 124.2 **RIGHT** onto R56 toward Kokstad.
- 0.6 124.8 Mount Currie Inn and Conference Center. Whimpys, food. Engen Service Station.
- 2.1 126.9 CAUTION RR Tracks as you ENTER the city center. Full services.
- 2.8 129.7 **LEFT** towards St Patrick's College. Note sign to Adam Kok or Mount Currie.
- 0.6 130.3 **RIGHT** into the St Patrick's College.
- 0.6 130.9 ARRIVE at camping area school field.

130.9 Today's Kilometers
1517.5 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: St Patrick's College and the local community are hosting our stay in Kokstad. Full services in town, none at camp. The Round Table charitable organization is working closely with St Patrick's School during Odyssey's stay to raise money to benefit St Patrick's programs.

Toilets: Ask for the locations of the dozen plus toilets.

Showers: TK&A showers.

Dinner: Dinner is at the school from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Breakfast: Breakfast is at the school from 6 to 7:30 am.

Entertainment: The community is arranging something exciting and the school is supplying bus shuttles into town during the day.

Tomorrow:As you have already experienced, this section of South Africa is one of Odyssey's most challenging. Today is remote and very hilly. The Transkei region (Eastern Cape Province) is very poor and has few overnight options. So, today's kilometers are the longest to date on Odyssey, 184.6 (114.5 miles) kilometers. Even though you will likely be tired, tonight will be an interesting evening.

Day 61 Kokstad to Umtata

1-Mar Wed

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	LEAVE campsite.
0.6	0.6	LEFT onto gravel road to return to town at "T".
0.6	1.2	RIGHT onto paved road towards town.
1.5	2.7	Kokstad city center. Stock up.
1.3	4.0	CAUTION RR Tracks as you leave the city center.
2.1	6.1	Mount Currie Inn and Conference Center. Whimpys, food and Engen Service Station. Stock up.
0.5	6.6	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Harding. Begin 6.3 km climb over Brooksnecks Pass. Expect some construction.
6.3	12.9	Brooksnecks Pass. Unsigned. Approx ele 5200 ft. Enjoy the 8.7 km, 1400 ft descent.
16.6	29.5	CAUTION rumble strips as you approach small community.
0.3	29.8	Store on left.
9.5	39.3	Store on left.
7.7	47.0	Store on right.
9.3	56.3	Store on left.
7.2	63.5	Store on right.
7.1	70.6	CAUTION rumble strips.
12.8	83.4	Supermarket on left.
0.5	83.9	CHECKPOINT at Engen Service Station with a Wimpy's in the heart of Mount Frere.
25.5	109.4	Store up hill on left.
2.1	111.5	CROSS the Tina River. Approx ele 2600 ft.
0.3	111.8	Tina Bridge Store on right.
10.2	122.0	ENTER Qumbu. Services ahead.
1.5	123.5	Total Service Station on left.
4.3	127.8	Store on right.
6.1	133.9	CROSS the Tina River.
11.6	145.5	Caltex Service Station on right.
10.9	156.4	Store on right in Sidwadweni. TK&A shuttles to the finish for those who want it.
11.7	168.1	Store on right.
3.9	172.0	Store on right.
7.7	179.7	Dual carriage way begins. Entering Umtata. Full services.
2.3	182.0	CROSS Umtata River.
0.7	182.7	STRAIGHT to follow N2 Madeira St at Jct Sutherland St at light.

- 0.5 183.2 **RIGHT** onto Nelson Mandela Dr to follow the N2 to East London at light.
0.3 183.5 STRAIGHT to follow N2 at turnoff to Tourist Board. Stadium on left.
1.1 184.6 **LEFT** and an **IMMEDIATE RIGHT** into Rugby Field.

184.6 Today's Kilometers

1702.1 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services:

Toilets:

Showers:

Dinner:

Breakfast:

Entertainment:

Tomorrow:

Day 62 Umtata to Butterworth

2-Mar Thu

Km Accum

0.0 0.0 **LEFT** onto Hoadley St from Rugby Stadium and an **IMMEDIATE LEFT** onto Nelson Mandela Dr at stop sign. Absolutely remote day so stock up.

2.6 2.6 Speed bumps and a Holiday Inn on the right.

2.2 4.8 Shell Service Station on right.

2.4 7.2 CAUTION speed bumps.

11.0 18.2 Store on left.

36.8 55.0 CROSS the Umzimvybe River. Approx ele 1400 ft.

29.5 84.5 **CHECKPOINT** at the BP Service Station on right as you ENTER Idutwya. Full services. CAUTION crossing traffic.

0.3 84.8 STRAIGHT to follow the N2 at KFC.

0.2 85.0 Market and stores on left.

0.3 85.3 Services diminish. Somewhere in next 10 or so kilometers, you will pass by President Mandela's house.

26.3 111.6 **LEFT** into Eastern Cape Technikon College.

0.2 111.8 PASS through guard's gate.

0.2 112.0 **RIGHT** into college parking lot for check-in.

112.0 Today's Kilometers

1814.1 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: We are being hosted by the Eastern Cape Technikon College for the evening. This should be a super evening, perhaps with a visit from President Mandela.

Toilets:

Showers:

Dinner:

Breakfast:

Entertainment:

Tomorrow:

Day 63 Butterworth to East London

3-Mar Fri

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	LEAVE campsite.
0.2	0.2	Say hi to guards.
0.2	0.4	LEFT onto N2 at "T".
6.1	6.5	ENTER Butterworth. Full services.
1.3	7.8	Shell Service Station on left as you leave town. Great meat pies.
11.2	19.0	Engen Service Station and the Jujuju Grocery Store on left.
4.2	23.2	Nowezile store on left.
2.8	26.0	Trading services store on right. Expect construction ahead. Also a short, narrow hilly section ahead.
6.9	32.9	Store on left.
8.3	41.2	CAUTION rumble strips.
0.3	41.5	CHECKPOINT at the Shell Service Station on right at bottom of hill just before you CROSS the Kai River. Plenty of services. This is the old border post.
10.4	51.9	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at Jct R63 toward Komgan.
1.9	53.8	Total Service Station on right.
13.8	67.6	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at Jct R349 towards Haga Haga.
2.7	70.3	Store on right.
6.9	77.2	First view of ocean.
14.1	91.3	STRAIGHT to follow the N2 at exit 26.
4.7	96.0	Road divides into four lanes.
1.4	97.4	LEFT toward Beaconbay and Gonubi at exit 25.
0.5	97.9	RIGHT onto R102 toward Beaconbay at stop sign.
0.2	98.1	CROSS under the N2.
0.2	98.3	STRAIGHT to follow R102 toward Beacon Bay.
0.9	99.2	BEAR LEFT to follow R102.
2.0	101.2	LEFT onto the M8 toward Beacon Bay at turnoff to East London at yield sign.
0.7	101.9	CROSS over the N2.
1.4	103.3	RIGHT onto Batting Rd (M7) toward East London.
1.3	104.6	BEAR RIGHT to follow M7 at Jct Beaconhurst Dr.
0.2	104.8	CROSS over the Nahoon River.
0.4	105.2	BEAR LEFT onto the Old Transkei Hwy (M11) at light.
0.9	106.1	STRAIGHT to follow Old Transkei Hwy (M11) at Jct Hanson at light.
1.1	107.2	LEFT onto Gleneagles (Gleneaglesweg) Rd toward the Nahoon Beach Reef.
0.6	107.8	RIGHT onto John Bailie Rd (Hwy M13) at stop sign.
1.4	109.2	LEFT immediately after white bridge toward beachfront. Watch for this

turn on a fast downhill. Beautiful beach route.

0.9 110.1 Hotel Osner on right.

0.6 110.7 Kennaway Hotel on right.

0.3 111.0 **RIGHT** into the Regent Hotel for two nights of beds in a new hotel.

111.0 Today's Kilometers

1925.1 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: We are being hosted by a new property called the Regent Hotel, right across the street from the Indian Ocean. Full facility hotel in the action of East London.

Toilets: In room.

Showers: In room.

Dinner: Tonight's dinner is at the hotel (or the nearby King David Hotel) from 6 to 7:30 pm and tomorrow night from 5 to 6:30 pm.

Breakfast: Tomorrow's breakfast is at this hotel from 8 to 9:30 am and on Sunday from 6 to 7:30 am.

Tomorrow: Have a blast.

Day 64 East London layover day

4-Mar Sat

Tomorrow: No real services until you reach checkpoint. Hilly, rolling day, with the second half becoming more scenic. No shoulder for much of day, so ride well.

Day 65 East London to Port Alfred

5-Mar Sun

Km Accum

0.0 0.0 **RIGHT** from the Regent Hotel. As always, remote so stock up.
1.1 1.1 **LEFT** onto Fleet (R72) toward East London Airport at light.
0.7 1.8 STRAIGHT to follow Fleet at Jct Oxford St.
0.4 2.2 **BEAR LEFT** onto Pontoon St.
0.6 2.8 **BEAR LEFT** to CROSS the bridges.
0.6 3.4 **BEAR LEFT** onto Dr Zahn Rd at end of bridge at "T".
0.8 4.2 **BEAR LEFT** onto Bank St at "T".
0.2 4.4 CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.8 5.2 **RIGHT** onto Strand St.
2.9 8.1 Toilets on left.
0.4 8.5 **BEAR RIGHT** onto a smooth road-it's actually their Grand Prix Circuit race track.
2.0 10.5 STRAIGHT to EXIT the track as the track goes left.
3.5 14.0 STRAIGHT at the entrance to caravan park.
2.5 16.5 **BEAR RIGHT** to follow road.
1.5 18.0 **LEFT** onto R72 toward Port Alfred at stop sign.
17.3 35.3 STRAIGHT to follow R72 at Jct R347 toward Kids Beach.
17.4 52.7 Road narrows and loses shoulder. It is rough in places. Expect construction ahead.
4.6 57.3 Kayalabantu Store on left. Might stock up on a few things, but still slim pickings. O2 informed.
11.5 68.8 CAUTION rumble strips.
9.1 77.9 STRAIGHT to follow R72 at Jct R345 to Petty.
12.9 90.8 **CHECKPOINT** at the Macular Cash and Carry and M&J Cottage Kitchen. A very unique store, shop, restaurant, etc. Explore it, you will be surprised. They are preparing for you.
27.4 118.2 CAUTION rumble strips at Fish River Casino entrance.
1.4 119.6 Fish River Diner on left. O2 informed.
9.9 129.5 STRAIGHT to follow R72 at turnoff to Seafield. Services in town.
15.2 144.7 ENTER Port Alfred. Full services.
2.0 146.7 CROSS bridge.
0.2 146.9 LEFT toward and into Willows Caravan Park.

146.9 Today's Kilometers

2072.0 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: Welcome to the Willows Caravan Park, situated on a peninsula in the Kawie River. Nice facility.

Toilets: 12 toilets in 2 separate facilities in the campground.

Showers: 8 propane showers and one bathtub in 2 separate facilities in the campground.

Dinner: Dinner is next door at the Port Alfred River and Ski Boat Club from 6 to 7:30 pm. Feel free to go over early and enjoy their bar.

Breakfast: Breakfast is at the Port Alfred River and Ski Boat Club from 6 to 7:30 am.

Tomorrow: Few services today (unusual, huh?) so stock up. More rolling hills, only a little less demanding. The terrain and vegetation are becoming more coastal and it is very beautiful.

Day 66 Port Alfred to Port Elizabeth

6-Mar Mon

Km Accum

- 0.0 0.0 EXIT campground.
- 0.1 0.1 **LEFT** onto R72 toward Port Elizabeth. Stock up.
- 0.1 0.2 STRAIGHT to follow R72 toward Port Elizabeth.
- 0.6 0.8 City center to right.
- 1.0 1.8 Caltex Service Station on right.
- 21.6 23.4 CROSS the Kariega River.
- 26.9 50.3 ENTER Alexandria. Full services.
- 1.1 51.4 Shell Service Station on left. Shoulder ahead on a super road.
- 7.7 59.1 Store on left.
- 0.1 59.2 **CHECKPOINT** at second store on left.
- 11.2 70.4 CAUTION RR Tracks.
- 11.4 81.8 Shoulder ends, ride well.
- 6.5 88.3 Might be services on what looks like a private game park about 500m off road to right.
- 11.9 100.2 **BEAR LEFT** onto the N2 toward Port Elizabeth. Picks up an excellent shoulder.
- 2.4 102.6 Small farm staff store on left.
- 3.9 106.5 Small store on right.
- 1.5 108.0 Picnic area on left. No services.
- 5.5 113.5 ENTER Colchester.
- 0.3 113.8 BP Service Station on left. O2 informed.
- 16.9 130.7 CROSS the Coega River.
- 5.4 136.1 Welcome to Port Elizabeth as dual carriage way begins. Use caution when lanes merge ahead.
- 0.7 136.8 STRAIGHT to follow N2 at turnoff toward R335 and Motherwell on exit 761. Joorst Caravan Park.
- 3.7 140.5 STRAIGHT to follow the N2 at exit 758.
- 3.7 144.2 **BEAR LEFT** toward John Tallantweg at exit 754.
- 0.5 144.7 **RIGHT** onto John Tallantweg at stop sign.
- 0.9 145.6 **LEFT** onto R102 S toward Deal Party at light.
- 1.5 147.1 Total Service Station on left. Full services ahead.
- 1.3 148.4 STRAIGHT to follow Grahamstown Rd at Jct Baxter St at light.
- 2.5 150.9 **SLIGHTLY BEAR RIGHT** to follow R102 at rotary.
- 1.4 152.3 Grahamstown Rd merges with Govan Mbeki Ave.
- 3.0 155.3 STRAIGHT to follow Govan Mbeki Ave as you CROSS under the M4.
- 0.2 155.5 Tourist info to right.

- 0.3 155.8 **BEAR RIGHT** to follow Baakenstr around a great building.
- 0.4 156.2 **BEAR RIGHT** toward Summerstrand and Walmer under the freeway.
- 0.1 156.3 CAUTION as you MERGE with traffic from the left.
- 0.6 156.9 **LEFT** onto Humewood Rd at light.
- 0.9 157.8 ENTER Humewood.
- 0.5 158.3 ENTER Kings Beach.
- 0.3 158.6 ENTER Humewood sign.
- 0.9 159.5 City Lodge on right.
- 1.6 161.1 STRAIGHT to follow Marine Dr at Jct 8th. Mall to your right.
- 0.9 162.0 Lighthouse on left.
- 2.2 164.2 **LEFT** into the Pine Lodge.
- 0.4 164.6 **LEFT** into the Pine Lodge Campground. Full facilities.

164.6 Today's Kilometers
2236.6 South Africa Kilometers

- Camp Services: Welcome to the Pine Lodge Campground. Excellent facility with restaurant, bar, pool, store, super ablution block, and a pool.
- Toilets: 12 toilets in one facility in the campground.
- Showers: 12 showers in one facility in the campground.
- Dinner: Dinner will be catered at the campground from 6 to 7:30 pm.
- Breakfast: Breakfast will be catered at the campground from 6 to 7:30 am.
- Entertainment: Ocean is 40 meters away.
- Tomorrow: Nice quiet start, some ocean riding, some hill work, and even some relatively flat terrain.

Day 67 Port Elizabeth to Jeffreys Bay

7-Mar Tue

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	RIGHT from the Pine Lodge Campground.
0.4	0.4	LEFT onto M4 S at stop sign at "T".
7.6	8.0	Beach toilets on left. Gorgeous waterfront.
1.6	9.6	Willows Campground on left.
6.1	15.7	CAUTION speed bump.
0.3	16.0	RIGHT onto Victoria Dr (M18).
4.1	20.1	LEFT onto Glendore Rd. Might be unsigned from this direction so be alert.
2.7	22.8	LEFT onto Buffelsfonteinweg (M9) at stop sign at "T". Services. Stock up.
0.6	23.4	Engen Service Station on left. Good one.
11.1	34.5	Shoulder ends. Looks like a quiet road.
4.7	39.2	Ocean views return.
2.2	41.4	Seaview Cash Store on left.
5.6	47.0	ENTER Colleen Glen.
0.4	47.4	LEFT onto Doorly Rd. Note Mikro Mark at Cow Corner at turn.
1.8	49.2	CAUTION 270° turn on downhill.
0.3	49.5	LEFT at stop sign at "T".
3.6	53.1	STRAIGHT as another paved road goes left.
3.0	56.1	LEFT onto unmarked road.
3.6	59.7	STRAIGHT to CROSS the road to Van Stadens Mouth.
1.8	61.5	CROSS over the M2.
0.9	62.4	Small store.
0.4	62.8	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.1	62.9	LEFT onto R102 at yield sign at "T".
3.3	66.2	Store off to right.
0.3	66.5	R102 merges with road towards Humansdorp.
1.1	67.6	CAUTION RR Tracks.
2.7	70.3	Wide shoulder begins.
0.6	70.9	CROSS under the M2.
0.4	71.3	Small store on right. Shoulder ends, but quiet road.
0.8	72.1	BEAR RIGHT at Woodbridge School at "Y".
2.5	74.6	Bottom of canyon.
5.3	79.9	RIGHT into small village toward Thornhill and Thornhill Petro Station. CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.2	80.1	CHECKPOINT at Total Service Station.
0.4	80.5	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.1	80.6	RIGHT onto R102 at "T".

- 1.5 82.1 STRAIGHT at turnoff to the N2 towards Humansdorp and Port Elizabeth.
- 5.5 87.6 CROSS under the N2. Nice descent ahead.
- 4.5 92.1 Single lane bridge at stop sign.
- 3.7 95.8 Store and restaurant. Might be closed.
- 10.5 106.3 **LEFT** into Jeffreys Bay.
- 0.6 106.9 ENTER Jeffreys Bay. Full services.
- 1.3 108.2 STRAIGHT to follow Da Gama Rd at stop sign.
- 1.7 109.9 Engen Service Station on right.
- 1.4 111.3 **LEFT** onto Karavanpark street.
- 0.1 111.4 ENTER Jeffreys Bay Caravan Park.

111.4 Today's Kilometers
2348.0 South Africa Kilometers

- Camp Services: Welcome to the Jeffreys Bay Park, situated on the ocean. Nice facility.
- Toilets: 19 toilets in 2 separate facilities in the campground.
- Showers: 12 showers and 2 bathtubs in 2 separate facilities in the campground.
- Dinner: Dinner is at the camp and prepared by the community from 6 to 7:30 PM.
- Breakfast: Breakfast is at the camp and prepared by the community from 6 to 7:30 am.
- Tomorrow: Remote and beautiful. Much on relatively quiet roads away from the N2. Like always, you will find some climbing.

Day 68 Jeffreys Bay to Storms River

8-Mar Wed

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	LEFT from the Jeffreys Bay Campground. Stock up before leaving town.
0.6	0.6	RIGHT onto De Reyger St at stop sign at "T".
0.1	0.7	STRAIGHT to CROSS Da Gama Rd at light.
0.2	0.9	RIGHT toward the N2 and Humansdorp at stop sign at "T".
0.7	1.6	Caltex Service Station on right.
2.0	3.6	CAUTION rumble strips.
0.2	3.8	LEFT onto R102 (unmarked) toward Humansdorp.
10.4	14.2	Welcome to Humansdorp.
0.8	15.0	Services on left.
0.8	15.8	Tourist Info Center on left.
17.9	33.7	STRAIGHT to follow R102 at turnoff toward Kareedouw.
9.1	42.8	CROSS over the N2.
27.6	70.4	CHECKPOINT at the Oude Bosch Farm Store. Nice spot in an otherwise serviceless day.
11.2	81.6	Small store in village.
7.2	88.8	RIGHT toward the N2 and George as R102 deadends ahead.
0.1	88.9	LEFT onto N2 toward George at stop sign at "T".
1.0	89.9	Lose shoulder.
1.2	91.1	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at the entrance to the Tsitsikamma Lodge.
8.5	99.6	RIGHT into Dieseland (Total Service Station) immediately after crossing the Storm River Bridge for an interesting camping evening.
0.2	99.8	BEAR LEFT toward Dieseland's campground.
0.2	100.0	ARRIVE at check-in for camping instructions.

100.0 Today's Kilometers

2448.0 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services:	Welcome to Dieseland, a full service Total Service Station with a large camping area in the back. Plus info center, stores, biltong shop, crafts, bathrooms, cash machine, fast food and a large restaurant.
Toilets:	4 toilets in the campground and several at the service station.
Showers:	2 showers at the campground and TK&A showers.
Dinner:	Dinner is at Dieseland from 6 to 7:30 pm.
Breakfast:	Breakfast is at Dieseland from 6 to 7:30 am.
Entertainment:	Wonderful hiking areas, possible river rafting, bungee jumping.
Tomorrow:	A few more services along this relatively level route on an excellent road.

Day 69 Storms River to Sedgefield

9-Mar Thu

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	EXIT the campground towards the N2.
0.2	0.2	RIGHT onto the N2 at stop sign at "T".
0.1	0.3	ENTER the Plaatbos Nature Reserve.
3.1	3.4	Huge Yellow Wood Tree on right.
0.8	4.2	STRAIGHT to follow the N2 at the turnoff to Stormsrivier and the Old Village Inn. Road improves ahead with an excellent shoulder.
4.6	8.8	STRAIGHT to follow the N2 at the turnoff to Tsitsikamma National Park Stormsrivier Mouth.
5.3	14.1	STRAIGHT to follow the N2 at Jct R102 (R). NOTE: We are remaining on the N2 because the R102 is pretty hilly as it climbs in and out of three gorges.
11.7	25.8	STRAIGHT to follow the N2 at the entrance to the Tsitsikamma Forest Village Market and Bungy Jumping off the Bloukrans River Gorge. It's 1.3 km to the bungy jumping viewing area. Even if no one is jumping, it's a scenic overlook.
1.2	27.0	CROSS the Bloukrans River. ENTER Western Cape Province.
2.8	29.8	CAUTION rumble strips just before Toll Bridge. Bikes free, <i>cars 7 Rand.</i>
6.9	36.7	CROSS the Grootrivier River.
2.4	39.1	CROSS the Bobbejaans River.
5.4	44.5	BP Service Station on left. Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary on left as well.
1.2	45.7	ENTER Craggs. Services.
11.4	57.1	CHECKPOINT at the Keurbooms Service Station on left.
5.4	62.5	ENTER Plettenberg Bay. There is a 6 km loop through Plettenberg Bay that is very scenic. This area is one of the most popular in South Africa.
1.8	64.3	Shell Service Station on left.
7.4	71.7	Clipton Winery on left. Mucho services.
4.0	75.7	Store on right.
1.8	77.5	Stores on both sides of road.
16.0	93.5	Knysna services begin.
0.7	94.2	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at Jct George Rex Drive.
0.9	95.1	BEAR RIGHT to follow N2 at light. City center ahead.
2.1	97.2	Services diminish as we leave Knysna on a neat water route.
5.0	102.2	CROSS the Knysna Lagoon. Begin a 2.5 km climb.
5.5	107.7	CAUTION rumble strips on a fast downhill.
10.9	118.6	LEFT toward Groenvlei and the Lake Pleasant Caravan Park.
0.2	118.8	ENTER the Lake Pleasant Holiday Resort immediately after the speed bump.

0.1 118.9 ARRIVE at camping area.

118.9 Today's Kilometers

2566.9 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: Lake camping tonight at the excellent Lake Pleasant Holiday Resort. Store, great bathrooms, restaurant and a nearby hotel.

Toilets: In one block they have 13 toilets.

Showers: In one block alone they have 11 showers plus 3 baths.

Dinner: Dinner is at campground from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Breakfast: Breakfast is at Dieseland from 6 to 7:30 am.

Entertainment: The ocean is less than 3 km from the campground.

Day 70 Sedgefield to Albertinia

10-Mar Fri

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	EXIT Lake Pleasant Holiday Resort.
0.3	0.3	LEFT onto the N2 toward George.
0.6	0.9	ENTER Sedgefield. Services.
1.0	1.9	Begin dual carriage way.
1.0	2.9	Store on left.
3.9	6.8	CROSS the Swartvlei Lagoon.
14.6	21.4	ENTER Wilderness. Services.
3.2	24.6	CROSS the Touw River in Wilderness. Full services.
7.6	32.2	Engen Service Station on left.
0.6	32.8	LEFT to follow the N2 toward Mossel Bay. Begin freeway riding for 17 kms. Great shoulder. Remain well left.
12.2	45.0	LEFT onto R102 toward Glentana. Exit 419.
0.4	45.4	LEFT toward Glentana at yield sign at "T". Excellent descent ahead.
2.7	48.1	ENTER Glentana in the middle of your descent. Services off route in town.
7.6	55.7	STRAIGHT at turnoff toward The Island.
0.5	56.2	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.1	56.3	LEFT onto R102 toward Little Brak River.
0.8	57.1	CHECKPOINT at the Total Service Station on right.
7.0	64.1	STRAIGHT to follow R102 at turnoff to Reebok.
1.0	65.1	Services on left.
0.3	65.4	RIGHT to follow the R102 toward Hartenbos.
0.2	65.6	CROSS over the N2.
0.5	66.1	LEFT to follow R102 toward Hartenbos at stop sign at "T".
0.4	66.5	Small store on right.
0.8	67.3	CROSS the Little Brak River.
4.9	72.2	LEFT to follow R102 toward Hartenbos at yield sign at "T".
0.5	72.7	STRAIGHT to follow the R102 toward Mossel Bay at light.
2.7	75.4	RIGHT toward the N2 and Cape Town just past the Shell Station at light.
0.1	75.5	RIGHT to ENTER the N2 toward Cape Town.
0.1	75.6	MERGE with the N2.
8.3	83.9	Engen Service Station of left.
27.1	111.0	Bungy jumping off the Gouritz Bridge to your right.
11.8	122.8	STRAIGHT to follow N2 at Jct Garden Route Game Lodge & Hot Springs.
4.6	127.4	RIGHT toward Albertinia at Shell Station.
0.2	127.6	RIGHT into Albertinia Resort for camping. The Albertinia Hotel is about .8 km straight ahead.

127.6 Today's Kilometers
2694.5 South Africa Kilometers

Toilets: 4 in the camp restrooms plus 6 portable toilets we are bring in for the night.
Showers: 3 showers plus 2 baths at the campground plus TK&A showers.
Dinner: Dinner TBA from 6 to 7:30 pm.
Breakfast: Breakfast TBA from 6 to 7:30 am.
Entertainment: Great welcome by town.

Day 71 Albertinia to Swellendam

11-Mar Sat

Km Accum

- 0.0 0.0 **RIGHT** from campground to return to N2 toward Cape Town.
- 0.2 0.2 **RIGHT** onto N2 toward Cape Town. Stock up for some remote riding.
- 11.1 11.3 Take-a-way Restaurant in Soutpan.
- 24.5 35.8 Pub N' Grub fast food restaurant on right.
- 2.1 37.9 ENTER Riversdale. Full services.
- 29.5 67.4 ENTER Heidelberg. Full services.
- 0.5 67.9 **CHECKPOINT** at the Engen Station with a Whimpy's offering Odyssey specials. NOTE: 2.9 km down the road (see next line) is a great farm restaurant offering super Odyssey specials.
- 2.9 70.8 Blue Crane Farmshop on right. Look for Odyssey specials-worth a visit. Say hi to little Michael and ask about his Ostrich Egg.
- 25.4 96.2 ENTER Overberg. No services on route.
- 15.0 111.2 BP Service Station on left.
- 0.7 111.9 Restaurant on left.
- 7.2 119.1 **RIGHT** toward Swellendam. NOTE that Bontebokpark is to the left.
- 0.9 120.0 ENTER Swellendam. Full services.
- 0.5 120.5 Drostdy Museum on the left and the Zanddrift Restaurant on the right. Dinner and breakfast will be at Zanddrift's.
- 0.1 120.6 STRAIGHT at stop sign.
- 0.3 120.9 **RIGHT** onto Van Oudtshoornweg at small park.
- 0.1 121.0 **RIGHT** toward campsite at stop sign at "T".
- 0.2 121.2 STRAIGHT at stop sign.
- 0.1 121.3 **BEAR RIGHT** onto Gleen Barryweg toward campground.
- 0.1 121.4 **RIGHT** into the Swellendam Caravan Park.
- 0.1 121.5 ARRIVE at check-in for camping details.

121.5 Today's Kilometers

2816.0 South Africa Kilometers

- Camp Services: Welcome to the municipality's Swellendam Caravan Park. Full services within walking distance.
- Toilets: 12 toilets in two separate facilities at camp.
- Showers: 6 showers plus 4 baths at the campground plus TK&A showers if needed.
- Dinner: Dinner is an easy walk to the Zanddrift Restaurant from 6 to 7:30 pm.
- Breakfast: Pedal to breakfast at Zanddrift's from 6 to 7:30 am.
- Entertainment: Local entertainment.
- Tomorrow: Still some rolling terrain and lots of open terrain.

Day 72 Swellendam to Stanford

12-Mar Sun

Km Accum

- 0.0 0.0 EXIT the camping area. Stock up, another remote day.
- 0.1 0.1 **LEFT** onto the road after leaving the campground at "T".
- 0.1 0.2 **BEAR LEFT** at yield sign at angled "T".
- 0.1 0.3 STRAIGHT at stop sign.
- 0.4 0.7 JOG STRAIGHT onto Voortrek St at stop sign. NOTE: breakfast is at the Zanddrift Restaurant to the left.
- 1.1 1.8 **LEFT** on Stasie at stop sign. **Don't miss this turn.**
- 0.6 2.4 **RIGHT** onto Cooper St toward the N2 and Cape Town at stop sign.
- 0.3 2.7 **RIGHT** onto the N2 toward Caledon.
- 32.3 35.0 CROSS the Kwassadierivier.
- 4.5 39.5 STRAIGHT to follow N2 at Jct R317 toward Stormsvlei.
- 0.6 40.1 STRAIGHT to follow N2 at the turnoff to the southern most tip of Africa. Don't go...it's about 97 km down and back.
- 19.0 59.1 ENTER Riversonderend. Full services.
- 0.3 59.4 **CHECKPOINT** at the Caltex Service Station and BJ's Restaurant. BJ's has new owners who are ready for your visit.
- 11.3 70.7 **LEFT** onto R326 toward Stanford and Hermanus. If you miss this turn, you will be sorry.
- 27.7 98.4 STRAIGHT to follow R326 toward Stanford at Jct R316 toward Caledon at stop sign. Store to right of route.
- 13.1 111.5 STRAIGHT at construction site, unless there is a detour sign, then follow detour.
- 1.3 112.8 Construction ends for bridge that was washed out.
- 8.7 121.5 ENTER Stanford. Full services.
- 0.1 121.6 STRAIGHT at turnoff to Hermanus at stop sign.
- 0.4 122.0 **LEFT** onto Langmark St at stop sign.
- 0.1 122.1 ARRIVE at city center green for a unique evening of camping.

122.1 Today's Kilometers

2938.1 South Africa Kilometers

- Camp Services: Our stay in Stanford should be awesome. The folks we met are really excited and thinking of all kinds of things to make our stay memorable.
- Toilets: The community is supplying 10 portable toilets.
- Showers: TK&A showers if needed.
- Dinner: Local community groups are going to feed us dinner from 6 to 7:30 pm.
- Breakfast: Local community groups are going to feed us breakfast from 6 to 7:30 am.
- Entertainment: Local entertainment. Should be a super night.

Tomorrow: Still hilly after all these Kms.

Day 73 Stanford to Gordon's Bay

13-Mar Mon

<u>Km</u>	<u>Accum</u>	
0.0	0.0	LEFT from camping area onto Langmark St. Stock up.
0.1	0.1	RIGHT onto Queen Victoria St at stop sign.
0.3	0.4	LEFT onto R43 (at Caltex Station) at stop sign. Road doesn't have a shoulder for quite a distance.
17.5	17.9	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Prawn Flats.
0.5	18.4	ENTER Hermanus. Full services.
2.5	20.9	STRAIGHT to follow Main St at rotary.
3.1	24.0	LEFT onto Lord Roberts Road for a scenic ocean ride at stop sign.
1.0	25.0	BEAR LEFT at yield sign at "T".
1.5	26.5	JOG RIGHT and LEFT to follow route.
0.4	26.9	RIGHT onto Stil St just before a private gated area.
0.6	27.5	RIGHT at stop sign at "T". You are in the middle of the "colored area".
1.3	28.8	LEFT onto N43 toward Botrivier. Busy road with a shoulder.
1.9	30.7	STRAIGHT to follow N43 at Jct 320 to Caledon at light. Craft village on right.
18.3	49.0	LEFT onto the R44 to Kleinmond. This turn comes up fast.
9.5	58.5	ENTER Kleinmond. Full services.
9.9	68.4	ENTER Bettybaai.
1.7	70.1	Store on left.
2.7	72.8	CHECKPOINT at Sloppy Joe's Restaurant. They might have a super lunch for sale. Use caution crossing traffic. Store across the street.
3.1	75.9	Several services, including a cafe.
10.8	86.7	ENTER Rooiels. Full services.
0.6	87.3	Drummond Arms Queens Tavern on left. Beautiful ride ahead.
7.4	94.7	Toilets on the left.
11.9	106.6	ENTER Gordon's Bay.
1.9	108.5	Welcome to Gordon's Bay.
0.2	108.7	LEFT toward Onderheuwel and the police immediately after the large blue Gordon's Bay sign. CAUTION several hefty speed bumps ahead.
0.3	109.0	CAUTION first of several large speed bumps.
0.1	109.1	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Bikini Beach for a scenic detour.
0.9	110.0	Full services in upscale area of Gordon's Bay.
0.1	110.1	Van Riebeeck Hotel on right.
0.7	110.8	BEAR LEFT at yield sign onto one-way street.
0.4	111.2	LEFT into Flueur Park and Hendron Park.
0.2	111.4	LEFT after passing through security gate.

- 0.1 111.5 **BEAR LEFT** toward campground.
- 0.2 111.7 **BEAR LEFT** toward campground. 3 large speed bumps ahead.
- 0.4 112.1 ARRIVE at check-in for camping.

112.1 Today's Kilometers
3050.2 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services:

Toilets:

Showers: TK&A showers if needed.

Dinner:

Breakfast:

Entertainment:

Tomorrow:

Day 74 Gordon's Bay to Cape Town

14-Mar Tue

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- 0.0 0.0 EXIT the Hendron Park Caravan Park camping area. Good idea to ride in pairs or triples for the first half of day. Gorgeous day.
- 0.7 0.7 **RIGHT** to EXIT park at gate.
- 0.1 0.8 **LEFT** onto R44/Faure Marine (main road) at stop sign.
- 2.4 3.2 Small Welcome to Strand sign.
- 1.3 4.5 STRAIGHT at Beach Road at turnoff to Voortrekkerpark.
- 1.2 5.7 **LEFT** onto Hoofweg at light. NOTE: look on curb for signs.
- 0.3 6.0 **BEAR RIGHT** and an **IMMEDIATE RIGHT** at rotary onto Beach Rd to follow beach. Keep the water on your left.
- 2.4 8.4 CROSS a small river.
- 1.1 9.5 **LEFT** onto the R44 at yield sign at "T".
- 1.7 11.2 **LEFT** onto the N2 toward Cape Town.
- 0.5 11.7 MERGE with the N2.
- 4.6 16.3 CAUTION as traffic merges from your left.
- 1.6 17.9 Shell Ultra City on left. Services.
- 3.2 21.1 **EXIT LEFT** onto R310 toward Baden Powell Dr.
- 0.5 21.6 **LEFT** onto the R310 toward Muizenberg at stop sign. Shoulder.
- 6.9 28.5 Wolfgat Nature Reserve on left.
- 5.1 33.6 **LEFT** toward the M7 N.
- 0.1 33.7 **RIGHT** onto the M7 toward City at stop sign at "T".
- 0.1 33.8 **LEFT** just before the overpass.
- 6.2 40.0 **RIGHT** at stop sign at "T".
- 0.2 40.2 **LEFT** toward R310 toward Muizenberg.
- 0.7 40.9 Welcome to the South Peninsula sign.
- 5.6 46.5 **LEFT** to follow the R310 toward Muizenberg at rotary.
- 0.8 47.3 STRAIGHT to follow the R310 toward Muizenberg at rotary.
- 0.6 47.9 **LEFT** onto Vlei and an **IMMEDIATE RIGHT** onto Beach Rd.
- 0.5 48.4 STRAIGHT to follow the R310 as Beach Rd goes left.
- 0.2 48.6 CROSS under RR Tracks.
- 0.1 48.7 **LEFT** onto Main Rd (M4) toward Vishoek at light at "T".
- 1.2 49.9 ENTER St James.
- 1.9 51.8 STRAIGHT to follow the M4 toward Cape Point at light.
- 1.3 53.1 ENTER Fish Hoek. Full services.
- 0.5 53.6 Caltex on left.
- 0.8 54.4 **LEFT** to follow M4 toward Simonstown and Cape Point at rotary.
- 2.3 56.7 ENTER Simonstown. Full services.

- 0.4 57.1 STRAIGHT to follow M4 towards Simonstown at Jct M6 to Kommetjie.
- 2.0 59.1 Big gun on left.
- 8.3 67.4 **CHECKPOINT** at the Black Marlin Restaurant at Millers Point Recreation Area to the left.
- 4.6 72.0 Road turns inland to cross to the Cape.
- 0.9 72.9 STRAIGHT to follow the M65 to Kommetjie at Jct Cape Point Rd.
- 8.2 81.1 **LEFT** to follow the M65 to Kommetjie at Jct M66 to Simonstown at "Y".
- 2.3 83.4 ENTER Scarborough. Full services
- 0.1 83.5 **BEAR LEFT** at stop sign.
- 0.8 84.3 **BEAR RIGHT** at stop sign.
- 5.1 89.4 STRAIGHT to follow the M65 to Kommetjie at Jct of M65 to Fish Hoek.
- 3.7 93.1 Kommetjie area. Full services.
- 2.1 95.2 STRAIGHT to follow M65 at cutoff road to Fish Hoek.
- 4.9 100.1 **LEFT** onto M6 toward Cape Town at light.
- 0.9 101.0 **BEAR LEFT** to follow the M6 toward Hout Bay.
- 3.2 104.2 Restaurant on right. Last services for a bit.
- 0.5 104.7 Begin Chapman's Peak Drive. Extremely scenic.
- 4.4 109.1 Summit of Chapman's Peak Drive.
- 5.4 114.5 Hout Bay full services.
- 2.0 116.5 **LEFT** onto Victoriaweg to follow the M6 toward City and Llandudno.
- 0.8 117.3 **RIGHT** to follow the M6 toward City at light.
- 2.8 120.1 STRAIGHT to follow the M6 toward City at turnoff to Llandudno.
- 6.7 126.8 ENTER Bakoven. Full services.
- 0.2 127.0 STRAIGHT to follow the M6 toward Sea Point at Jct M62 toward Cape Town. Confusing area, so generally keep the water on your left as you enter Cape Town.
- 5.1 132.1 **LEFT** onto Queens to follow the coast.
- 0.1 132.2 STRAIGHT at rotary.
- 0.1 132.3 **RIGHT** onto road in front of beach.
- 2.7 135.0 **LEFT** onto Beach Rd at light.
- 0.6 135.6 Lighthouse on left.
- 1.8 137.4 STRAIGHT at the entrance to the famous Victoria and Albert Waterfront area.
- 0.2 137.6 **LEFT** onto LWR Portswood at stop sign at "T".
- 0.1 137.7 **RIGHT** at rotary at "T". This is the "happening" area of Cape Town.
- 0.1 137.8 **BEAR RIGHT** as road goes right.
- 1.4 139.2 **RIGHT** in front of Caltex Service Station as you EXIT rotary.
- 0.2 139.4 EXIT Harbor area. City Lodge on right.
- 0.2 139.6 **RIGHT** onto LWR Buitengragt toward the Holiday Inn. NOTE: The Cullinan Hotel straight ahead just after turn.

0.2 139.8 **LEFT** into the Holiday Inn for hotel check-in.

139.8 Today's Kilometers

3190.0 South Africa Kilometers

Camp Services: The Holiday Inn will be hosting our final overnights in South Africa.

Toilets: In room.

Showers: In room.

Dinner: Tonight's dinner is at the hotel from 6 to 7:30 pm and tomorrow night from 5 to 6:30 pm.

Breakfast: Tomorrow's breakfast is at this hotel from 8 to 9:30 am and on Thursday from 6 to 7:30 am.

Entertainment: R&R. Table Mountain, Victoria and Albert Waterfront, night-life, day-life, etc. Rent a car, take a hike, mountain bike, boat rides, laundry, rest, etc.

Tomorrow: Enjoy your layover day in this budding world class city. Short, level ride to airport on Thursday.

Day 75 Cape Town layover day

15-Mar Wed

Day 76 Cape Town to Athens, Greece

16-Mar Thu

Km Accum **Cape Town International Airport Directions**

0.0	0.0	LEFT from the front entrance of the Holiday Inn to head for the hotel's exit.
0.2	0.2	STRAIGHT across the street onto Bree (might be unsigned) at light.
0.1	0.3	STRAIGHT to follow Bree at Jct Riebeeck St at light.
0.1	0.4	LEFT onto Strand St (R102) at light.
1.3	1.7	STRAIGHT to follow the R102 to Salt River. Becomes New Market St ahead.
1.6	3.3	STRAIGHT to follow the R102 at light. Not the best area of town, but it works.
1.0	4.3	BEAR LEFT to follow R102 onto Voortrekker Rd toward Maitland at rotary.
1.7	6.0	CROSS under freeway after crossing waterway.
6.0	12.0	STRAIGHT to follow R102 at Jct N7 at light.
3.5	15.5	RIGHT on the M12 (Van Riebeeck) toward the Capetown International Airport at light.
5.1	20.6	RIGHT onto Modderdam Rd onto the N10 toward the airport.
1.2	21.8	BEAR LEFT onto Borchards Quarry towards the M22 and the airport.
1.2	23.0	BEAR LEFT toward the Cape Town International Airport.
0.5	23.5	BEAR LEFT and an IMMEDIATE LEFT toward airport.
0.3	23.8	BEAR RIGHT toward the terminals.
0.2	24.0	ARRIVE at International Departures.

24.0 Today's Kilometers

3214.0 South Africa Kilometers

1992.7 Miles