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SOUTH AFRICA

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THE FIRST CLASS DIFFERENCE

Making your holiday dreams a reality starts with understanding what really matters to you. Whether you're a beach lover or adventurer, a lover of history and culture or the great outdoors, at one with nature or the big city; prefer luxury or authentic, being independent or part of a group. Our travel specialists will get to know what your heart most desires and then create a holiday to match. You'll experience superb service all along the way and we'll use our wealth of experience to create your holiday as if we were creating our own. You can be sure that before you go, whilst you are away and even when you come home, we'll be with you every step of the way.

AWARD WINNING SERVICE

We were founded in 1996 with a desire to provide outstanding levels of service and customer satisfaction and this is still the case today. With thousands of satisfied customers and a raft of awards for exceptional service, your holiday is in the best possible hands. We are very proud that our personal, friendly service and attention to detail has led to us becoming an industry leader in providing personalised holidays. We have been recognised through the years by winning a number of prestigious awards from within and outside of the travel industry. Some of our awards include Best Long-Haul Operator, Outstanding Service Award and Best Specialist Destination Operator.

EXPERT ADVICE

With a team of over 50 people all sharing a great passion for travelling we have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Many of us have taken the holidays showcased throughout this brochure, and we know that there is nothing more important than first-hand knowledge when planning your dream adventure.

We understand that no two people are the same, and that everyone's dream holiday is different, that's why we curate individual holidays to individual requirements with the emphasis on what you want to see and do. We can create itineraries for all budgets, applying the same first-class level of service to all. Whether you are looking for a touring holiday, a city break or perhaps that once in a lifetime celebration, it is not a decision to be taken lightly and you need a travel company you can trust; that company is First Class Holidays.

TRULY PERSONAL

Our itineraries are meant to inspire you and we have crafted a fantastic range of holidays but if you find that none include everything you want to do, then our personalised travel service is just for you. We have been involved in the planning and preparation of detailed holidays for many years and would be delighted to share our knowledge to help you plan your perfect holiday. Simply visit your local travel agent, call us on **0161 888 5610** or email enquiries@fcholidays.com and one of the experts from our friendly team will plan your ideal holiday from start to finish.

PRICE MATCH PROMISE

We work very hard in sourcing competitive prices and have great relationships with our airlines and suppliers to ensure you get the best value for money. We regularly check prices against our competitors, however if you find a better price elsewhere sold with the same service conditions, we will happily lower our price to match. Please see terms and conditions on our website www.fcholidays.com for more details on our policy.

PEACE OF MIND

We are here whenever you need us, before you go, whilst you're away and when you come home. We are fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority ATOL scheme (Licence Number 5421) and with the Association of British Travel Agents (Licence Number W3550). You can book your travel arrangements with the peace of mind that your money is safe. We are also members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO) and abide by their Code of Conduct and the AITO Quality Charter that requires high standards of quality and service. As a member of African Travel & Tourism Association (ATTA) we are committed to promoting African tourism and working with suppliers and products that maintain high standards.

OUR FRIENDLY TEAM

Our team of experts are passionate about South Africa and there is nothing more important than speaking to someone who has been there, and we have! We are able to provide first-hand knowledge on everything, from flights and hotels to sightseeing and excursions. We are also happy to share those smaller elements that help create your perfect holiday from finding the best coffee spots to that hidden gem in your favourite city; we want to share our experiences with you.

HOLIDAYS YOU CAN TRUST

We are committed to making your holiday as incredible as possible, but don't take our word for it. We have thousands upon thousands of satisfied customers who would highly recommend our services to make your dream holiday become a reality. Why not have a look at the customer reviews on our website: www.fcholidays.com and check out our FEEFO rating.

Average Customer Rating:
★★★★★ 4.9/5 **feefo**



IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

YOUR HOLIDAY; YOUR WAY. EXPERTLY PERSONALISED JUST THE WAY YOU WANT IT.

It's your holiday and the arrangements should be just how you want them. Over the years we have developed expertise in creating unique holidays that meet the requirements of our discerning clients.

This brochure is full of holiday suggestions, and all of them except our guided tours can be personalised to meet your own specific needs. Change the itinerary, the hotels, add in extra sightseeing - no problem, we've got it covered. But better still, if there's nothing that meets your exact wishes just tell us what you want to do and we'll take care of the rest. We'll choose the right hotels and lodges, the sightseeing and transport, wildlife and adventure experiences and put them together to create the holiday you've been dreaming about. Like the idea of an escorted tour but prefer not to be with a group? No problem, we can create a private tour with your own driver/guide and luxury car to include all the places you'd like to see. Whatever your holiday dreams, our team of travel specialists can make them come to life.

CONCIERGE BY FIRST CLASS HOLIDAYS

If you are looking for something truly exceptional, perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, then CONCIERGE by First Class Holidays is just what you need.

Our Concierge team can arrange those extra special things that make a great holiday into a fantastic one. Maybe you'd like a private jet or a helicopter transfer; vetted babysitters, specialist dining in hard to book restaurants or personalised sightseeing with the best guides; your own chauffeur and car or luxury lodge with butler service and personal chef.

CONCIERGE by First Class Holidays can arrange all this and much, much more.



SOUTH AFRICA

At the Southernmost tip of the African continent, South Africa offers diverse wildlife and cultural experiences. From spectacular coastlines defined by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, over breath taking mountains, numerous National Parks and private game reserves abundant with wildlife to the history and traditions of its multicultural inhabitants, this is a country filled with hidden gems just waiting to be explored.



WESTERN CAPE

Magnificent winelands, with microclimates created by spectacular mountains and wild coastlines, home to the smallest most diverse Floral Kingdom, a coastline offering Southern Right whale watching and a city famous for the iconic Table Mountain and the infamous Robben Island; the Western Cape is on every visitor's itinerary.



EASTERN CAPE

Birthplace of South Africa's most famous citizen, Nelson Mandela, home to the Xhosa tribe, this province includes Tsitsikamma National Park, the dramatic Wild Coast, British settler history and diverse wildlife experiences in recently formed game reserves.



NORTHERN CAPE

Hidden gems aplenty in the largest of the nine provinces. From the wild flowers of Namaqua National Park to the Ai-Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park and the Kalahari Gemsbok Park, there is fauna and floral aplenty.



FREE STATE

With its historical origins as a Boer Republic prior to the Union of South Africa being formed this province has Boer war history aplenty and is home to the Golden Gate Highlands National Park, along with some of South Africa's most valued San rock art. With rich deposits of gold and diamonds, the Big Hole of Kimberley was created by a prospector rush in 1873.



NORTH WEST

Bordering Botswana with a landscape defined by mountains and bushveld and home to an extinct volcano this province is rich in wildlife. Parts of two UNESCO World heritage sites fall within this province, Vredefort Dome, the world's largest meteor impact site and the Taung hominid fossil site.



KWAZULU - NATAL

With the Indian Ocean lapping its beaches, rich Zulu culture, famous Anglo Zulu history and battlefields, KwaZulu-Natal offers even more with the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, the mountains of uKhahlamba- Drakensberg Park and the famous Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, the oldest game park in Africa and the birthplace of Rhino preservation, bringing them back from the brink of extinction.



MPUMALANGA

Known as 'the place where the sun rises' this Eastern province is home to the 3rd largest canyon in the world, the Blyde River Canyon. Mpumalanga's spectacular scenic beauty includes God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Panorama route. The Kruger National Park offers unrivalled diversity of wildlife, in addition to historical and archaeological sites.



GAUTENG

The smallest province is packed with history, from the UNESCO Cradle of Humankind site, with a 2.3 million year old fossil called Mrs Ples to the modern political struggle to end segregation. The administrative capital of the country, Pretoria and the economic hub of Johannesburg have created a province with a rich tapestry of history and economics.



LIMPOPO

Named after the river forming the Western and Northern borders with Botswana and Zimbabwe this province contains a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve shaped by hundreds of millions of years of riverine erosion.

TOUR TYPES

We understand that each holiday is a unique experience which is why we offer a variety of tour types so you can have the best holiday. Guided tours enable you to experience the sights and sounds of a country, to absorb its culture and learn about its history and people, with guidance of an experienced tour director. Self-drive tours provide you with a choice of pre-planned itineraries with hotels and sightseeing in place but the freedom to explore in your own time. If you want the security of knowing that everything's been planned and arranged in advance, then a pre-organised independent tour is just up your street. With several options available to you, including scheduled coaches and a choice of seat in coach day tours, hotels, lodges and B&Bs to suit all tastes, we're bound to have something for you; not forgetting car hire and information on the different airlines we offer to get you to the Southernmost continent in Africa.



GUIDED TOURS

Our carefully selected collection of Guided Tours showcases the very best of South Africa. These are ideal if you prefer to travel as part of a group and have the reassurance of an experienced guide with you along the way, allowing you to sit back, relax and take in the surrounding beauty of South African landscape. Travel by modern coach and have the opportunity to make new friends with fellow travellers who may be from anywhere in the world as you enjoy the sights. From your comfortable seat high above the hedgerows there's no chance that you'll miss a thing along the way.



SELF DRIVES

Driving in South Africa is easy; driving on the left-hand side of the road and well signposted routes make your driving experience a pleasurable one. With a car and hotels included, each of our routes has been planned to include all the main attractions of the area, distances have been well thought out, and they all allow ample time for sightseeing en-route. You'll find a selection of self-drive itineraries that offer the top highlights of this beautiful country. If you're a free spirit and prefer to take to the open road with not much pre-planned, we can offer something for you too - just let us know.



RAIL JOURNEYS

South Africa is home to two iconic trains, The Blue Train and Rovos Rail. Combining the luxury of a hotel with the charm of rail travel the Blue Train travels between Pretoria and Cape Town. Relax in luxurious surrounds and enjoy the changing scenery on this spectacular 2-night / 3-day journey. The Rovos Rail experience is based on a bygone era with vintage coaches dating between 1911 to 1956. Restored to a charming level of elegance and luxury the train operates numerous itineraries throughout South Africa including golf safaris, wildlife safaris and the iconic Pretoria to Cape Town route.



WILDLIFE & SAFARI

One of the reasons people visit South Africa is to see the wildlife; being on safari is a once in a lifetime experience. Stay in one of our carefully chosen game reserves and experience the wildlife and bushveld. Your early morning game drive awakens the senses and the late afternoon drives allow you to track the animals beyond the sunset and observe their nocturnal behaviour. Land based whale watching or a whale watching cruise is a great way to view the magnificent Southern Right Whales along the Atlantic coastline. Simon's Town is home to a land based African Penguin colony. Walkways to the beach allow you to view them nesting and parading around the beach.

GUIDED TOURS

There is no better way to experience the sights and sounds of this amazing country, to absorb its culture and learn about its history and people, than on one of our Guided Tours. New places and experiences unfold each day and as you meet and make new friends, your tour guide will ensure that you see all the sights and introduce you to history and new cultures. They'll choose the best photo stops, the best places for coffee or lunch and make sure that you have the time of your life.

Each of the tour packages over the following pages have been carefully selected to showcase the best of South Africa, explore top destinations supported by professional, expert guides. Enjoy luxury transport, exquisite accommodation and unforgettable sightseeing. Rest easy knowing that you always have the total support and security of a personal guide along with you. The top-quality and highly experienced guides help take a remarkable experience and turn it into an extraordinary one through fascinating insights and stories.



Table Mountain from Bloubergstrand



Johannesburg



Kruger National Park



Cape Town



Seek out the Big Five

SOUTH AFRICA EXPLORER

12 DAYS
From **£2,250**

This extraordinary journey will highlight the unbelievable diversity that South Africa has to offer. Your journey begins in beautiful Cape Town and follows the lush Garden Route visiting some of the oldest and prettiest towns in the region. A 3 night stay in Johannesburg introduces you to the region's amazing history & game drives in the famous Kruger National Park are sure to be a true highlight.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Most Mondays - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 11 nights accommodation
- Big Five Game viewing in Kruger National Park in open vehicle safaris
- 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- Group Tour - Maximum 25 guests
- All sightseeing as stated



CLASSIC SOUTH AFRICA

15 DAYS
From **£1,687**

Highlights are many on this Classic Tour; from Cape Town, the beautiful "Mother City", the lush Garden Route and the extraordinarily scenic Mpumalanga Escarpment. You will be enthralled by the game viewing in the famous Kruger National Park and astounded by the contrasts of Eswatini & Zululand and the Drakensberg Mountains, a truly fascinating tour of the country's remarkable diversity.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Selected Sundays - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 14 nights accommodation
- 14 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Big Game drive in Kruger National Park
- Group Tour - Maximum 40 guests
- All sightseeing as stated



DAY 1: Mossel Bay

An early morning departure from Cape Town to Mossel Bay. Travel via Sir Lowry's Pass to Cape Agulhas the most southern tip of Africa. From here you visit the historic town of Swellendam before continuing to Mossel Bay, from where the Garden Route extends to the Storms River in the east. Overnight in Mossel Bay.

DAY 2: Oudtshoorn

This morning, continue to Oudtshoorn, visit an ostrich farm for a guided tour. Enjoy a wine tasting at a local wine estate before setting off on a tour of the Cango Caves. Located in the Swartberg Mountains these Precambrian limestone formations are breathtaking.

DAY 3: Knysna

Journey to Knysna, the heart of the Garden Route. Enjoy a lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve (weather permitting). The afternoon is at leisure to explore the local arts and crafts or relax with a view of the lagoon and a plate of the famous Knysna oysters.

DAY 4: Knysna

Explore the natural beauty of the Knysna area. Visit the wet forest, the Garden of Eden, followed by a visit to Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary and the famous Eastern Head. Afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 5: Tsitsikamma

Travel to Plettenberg Bay, before visiting Birds of Eden sanctuary, home to over 220 species of birds. Continue to the Tsitsikamma National Park which encompasses a marine reserve and Storms River Mouth (weather permitting). This National Park incorporates 80km of rocky coastline with spectacular sea and landscapes.

DAY 6: Johannesburg

Head eastwards to Port Elizabeth for an onward flight to Johannesburg* where you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to relax.

DAY 7: Johannesburg

Spend a full day exploring Soweto and surrounds. Visit the Apartheid Museum and the Hector Pieterse Memorial in Soweto. Continue to the Liliesleaf Heritage Site, once the nerve centre of the liberation movement and site of the police raid that formed the basis of the Rivonia Treason Trial.

DAY 8: Johannesburg

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Why not book one of our optional day tours and explore the city with an expert guide?

DAY 9: Kruger National Park

This morning you journey to your game lodge and enter Kruger National Park. Spend the afternoon game viewing in your closed touring vehicle. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. Hotel for 3 nights: Protea Hotel Kruger Gate or similar

DAY 10: Kruger National Park

Morning game viewing with a pre-packed breakfast followed by an afternoon game viewing, both activities are from the comfort of your touring vehicle. Optional open vehicle game games are available at an additional cost.

DAY 11: Kruger Park or sightseeing

Explore the Panorama Route, one of the most scenic routes in the region. Visit the 3rd largest canyon in the World, the Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes created by the confluence of the Blyde & Treur Rivers and the spectacular viewing site at God's Window. Optional (own account) game drives are available, should you prefer not to join the Panorama Route tour.

DAY 12: Johannesburg

Your tour ends with a transfer to Johannesburg. Tour ends at approx. 2.30pm at O.R. Tambo International Airport.

* Day 6: Flight required, price additional, we will include in our quotation.

DAY 1: Johannesburg

On arrival in Johannesburg you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Meet your guide at 7pm for a tour briefing and a chance to meet up with your fellow travellers.

DAY 2: Mpumalanga

Leaving Gauteng, travel through Mpumalanga via the Panorama Route, stopping at the third largest canyon in the world, the Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes at the confluence of the Blyde & Treur Rivers, God's Window and the town of Graskop along the way.

DAY 3: Mpumalanga

An early start today to experience the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle to seek out the Big Five. This internationally renowned game reserve of nearly 2 million hectares supports the largest variety of wildlife species on the African continent. Return to your hotel around lunch time for an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 4: Eswatini* (Swaziland)

This morning depart for the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland). Visit an authentic Swazi village and have the fantastic opportunity to gain an authentic knowledge of traditional Swazi culture and watch some traditional dancing.

DAY 5: St Lucia and surrounds

Journey into Zululand, where ancient traditions and modern cultures of both Zulu and Settler have combined into a vibrant society living in peace and harmony. Arrive this afternoon in the iMfolozi area for your overnight stay near Hluhluwe.

DAY 6: Durban

Take an optional morning boat cruise (own expense) on the UNESCO listed St. Lucia estuary to view the hippo and crocodile or simply relax before heading off later in the morning to Durban via an orientation tour of the city.

DAY 7: Drakensberg

Head into the majestic Southern Drakensberg Mountains, visit the 300 foot high Howick Falls, arriving at your hotel mid-afternoon. Your afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 8: Drakensberg

Enjoy a full day at leisure in these spectacular surrounds.

DAY 9: Eastern Cape Coast

Continue south to the Eastern Cape, visit Nelson Mandela's birth place and house, arriving late afternoon in Chinsta East.

DAY 10: Port Elizabeth

Morning at leisure before heading south to Port Elizabeth.

DAY 11: Knysna

Continue along the Garden Route, arriving in Knysna late afternoon.

DAY 12: Mossel Bay

Travel inland, visit a working ostrich farm and explore the famous Cango Caves.

DAY 13: Cape Town

Travel Route 62 via Swellendam, Worcester and the Huguenot Tunnel arriving in Cape Town in the late afternoon.

DAY 14: Cape Town

Enjoy a day of leisure in the 'Mother City'. Explore this beautiful city or join an optional day tour (additional expense) to Cape Point or the Cape Winelands.

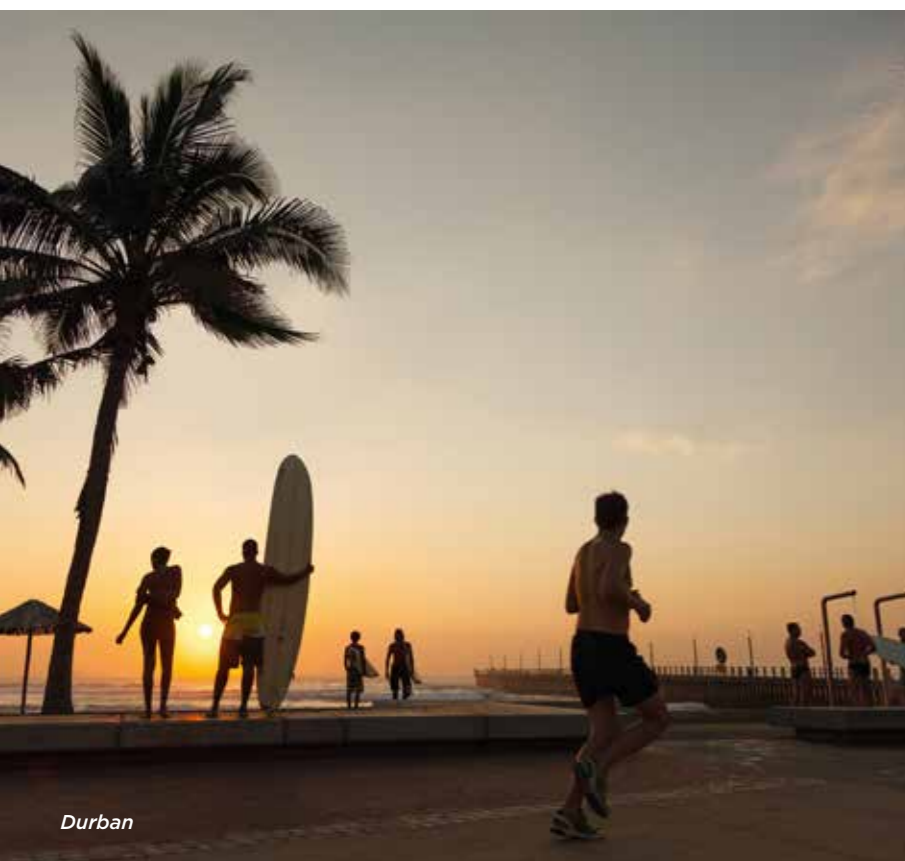
DAY 15: Cape Town

This morning after breakfast, check out of the hotel by 11am. The remainder of the day will be at leisure until your transfer to Cape Town International Airport.

* Day 4: Tour travels into Eswatini, see page 97 for visa information.



Kruger National Park



Durban



Cape Town

SOUTH AFRICA ODYSSEY

14 DAYS

From £2,471

Explore all South Africa's highlights on this comprehensive two-week tour. Seek out the 'Big Five' during your game drive in Kruger National Park, then head to Eswatini (Swaziland) and experience the different cultures of this independent Kingdom that sits within the borders of South Africa. Visit Zululand and perhaps take the optional game drive to a game reserve that is renowned for its conservation of the black & white rhino, before heading to Durban to sample the golden beaches of the Indian Ocean. You will travel along the spectacular Garden Route and see some amazing scenery as you visit Knysna and Oudtshoorn. For all wine lovers, take the option to stay one night in Franschhoek in the heart of the Cape Winelands, before finally ending your tour in beautiful Cape Town.

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * 13 nights accommodation
- * 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- * Big Game drive in Kruger National Park
- * Optional choice to visit the Winelands
- * Group Tour - Maximum 25 guests
- * All sightseeing as stated

DEPARTURE DATES:

Most Sundays - January to December

DAY 1: Johannesburg

On arrival in Johannesburg Airport you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. At 7pm meet at reception for a briefing on the tour and a chance to meet fellow travellers.

DAY 2: Mpumalanga

Depart after breakfast for Pretoria and enjoy a short orientation tour before continuing to the Mpumalanga province. After traversing the famous Long Tom Pass arrive late afternoon into Hazyview, the safari hub of the Kruger National Park.

DAY 3: Mpumalanga

After an early morning breakfast, drive along the spectacular Panorama Route, offering views of amazing scenery including the 26 kilometre-long Blyde River Canyon and a breathtaking view (weather permitting) of the edge of the escarpment taking in the Kruger National Park.

DAY 4: Mpumalanga

Your day begins early with an open vehicle safari through Kruger National Park, one of the world's greatest national parks. Search for the 'Big Five' (rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, and elephant). The afternoon is at leisure at your hotel. Late afternoon open vehicle game drives are available (optional, not included).

DAY 5: Eswatini* (Swaziland)

This morning travel to Eswatini (Swaziland), an independent kingdom within the borders of South Africa, known for its lovely scenery, crafts and colourful indigenous culture. Travel via the capital city, Mbabane, to the beautiful Ezulwini valley for overnight stay.

DAY 6: Zululand

After breakfast continue south to re-enter South Africa. Travel into Zululand, There is an option to enjoy an afternoon open vehicle safari (optional, not included) in the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, which is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhino.

DAY 7: Durban

This morning join a cruise on Lake St Lucia (weather permitting) before departing for Durban. Arrive early afternoon and the enjoy time at leisure to on golden beaches of the Indian Ocean.

DAY 8: Knysna

After breakfast, transfer to Durban airport for the short flight to Port Elizabeth** where you will be met and once everyone has arrived, set off to explore the spectacularly beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River Mouth (weather permitting) before arriving at your hotel in Knysna, nestled in the heart of the Garden Route.

DAY 9: Knysna

Enjoy a morning lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve (weather permitting), where you can take a trailer ride to the top of the western head to enjoy panoramic views of the town and lagoon.

DAY 10: Oudtshoorn

Travel to Oudtshoorn, known as the "Ostrich Capital" and the centre of the world's ostrich farming industry. Visit an ostrich farm for a guided tour and light lunch, before taking a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves, one of the world's great natural wonders. Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon.

DAY 11: Cape Town

There is an option (cost not included) to enjoy an early morning Meerkat Safari. Witness these incredible creatures emerging out of their burrows in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities (weather permitting). After breakfast, continue to Barrydale, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school, interact with the children and teachers before travelling to Montagu, a picturesque and historic spa town (school visit is subject to the school being open). Continue to Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain.

*** Overnight Winelands option: Replace tonight's stay in Cape Town with one night in Franschhoek, a picturesque village surrounded by spectacular vineyards. Stay overnight and tomorrow after a leisurely breakfast, your guide will take you through Franschhoek village, sharing with you the fascinating history and enjoy a wine tasting before continuing to Cape Town, where you will re-join the main tour.

DAY 12: Cape Town

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Although a small city, Cape Town is packed with sightseeing attractions, excellent bars, cafés and restaurants as well as colourful craft markets.

DAY 13 : Cape Town

Enjoy a full day tour of the Cape Peninsula. Drive through Sea Point, the fishing village of Hout Bay and then on to Cape Point where (by tradition) it is said that the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. Return to Cape Town via Simon's Town, where you have the option to visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, Fish Hoek fishing village and Muizenberg.

DAY 14: Cape Town

Enjoy some last-minute shopping or sightseeing. You will be transferred to the airport for your onward journey.

* Day 5: Tour travels into Eswatini, see page 97 for visa information.

** Day 8: Flight required, price additional, we will include in our quotation.

*** Day 11: Winelands option - please request at the time of booking, supplementary cost applies.





Knysna



Safari in Mpumalanga



Look out for whales in Hermanus

SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA

15 DAYS
From **£3,785**

This spectacular tour will have a maximum of just eight guests, allowing a much more intimate touring experience with some days tailored to suit the specific needs of each guest. You will travel in a luxury vehicle and stay at specially selected boutique style properties.

Sightseeing highlights are many; from Cape Town, the beautiful "Mother City", to the lush coastal Garden Route. A stay in tropical North Coast is sure to be a highlight before heading north to Zululand and Eswatini (Swaziland). You will be enthralled by the game viewing in the famous Kruger National Park, travelling in an open sided vehicle with an experienced ranger and tracker, you will go in search of a diverse range of animal and bird species and hope to encounter the Big Five - lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo.

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Exclusive small group
- * Maximum of just 8 guests
- * Travel in a luxury vehicle
- * Stay in exclusively selected boutique style properties
- * 14 nights accommodation
- * 14 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- * Private Game Lodges
- * Big Game drives in Kruger National Park
- * All sightseeing as stated

DEPARTURE DATES:

Selected Wednesdays - January to December

DAY 1: Cape Town

On arrival in Cape Town you will be met and assisted to your transfer. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: Cape Town

After breakfast meet your tour guide and fellow travellers and set out to the picturesque Winelands, where century old vineyards are surrounded by awe inspiring mountain scenery. With extraordinary wine estates from Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek and fascinating historical landmarks to explore, your highly knowledgeable tour guide will discuss the many possibilities and tailor-make a memorable Winelands experience for the whole group.

DAY 3: Cape Town

This morning ascend majestic Table Mountain (weather permitting), for unrivalled views of Cape Town. Afterwards drive along Millionaires Paradise to Camps Bay, heading towards the charming working harbour at Hout Bay. After a lunch stop visit the wild and beautiful Cape of Good Hope, an integral part of the world-renowned Cape Floral Kingdom.

DAY 4: Hermanus

A stunning coastal drive takes you to the Harold Porter National Botanical Garden with its delicate coastal Fynbos and then onto visit the small breeding colony of African Penguins at Stoney Point. In the "Hemel en Aarde" region, one of South Africa's newest wine routes, indulge in a wine tasting at a boutique winery before arriving in Hermanus.

DAY 5: Oudtshoorn

This morning explore the unique cliff paths of Hermanus and see the outstanding views of Walker Bay. During July- Nov there is the possibility of whale sightings. Depart late morning with a stop at the pretty village of Barrydale on the scenic "Route 62", then onward to Oudtshoorn.

DAY 6: Knysna

Today you will visit the impressive Cango Caves, filled with wonderful stalactite and stalagmite formations before enjoying a guided tour at an ostrich farm for insight into why Oudtshoorn is known as the feather capital of the world. Continue via to Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa.

DAY 7: Knysna

This morning cruise the vast Knysna Lagoon and visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve, where you will learn more about the fascinating history, fauna and flora of the area. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 8: Tsitsikamma

Travel to Plettenberg Bay for an ocean safari (weather permitting). During the summer months you may encounter bottle-nose and common dolphins as well as seals in their natural environment. During the winter months we may see Southern Right and humpback whales. Arrive late afternoon at the picturesque village of Storms River.

DAY 9: Durban

Enjoy the splendour and tranquillity of the Tsitsikamma National Park as you head to the Storms River Mouth for unrivalled views of the Indian Ocean. Continue to Port Elizabeth airport for your onward flight* to Durban. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation on the tropical North Coast of KwaZulu-Natal.

DAY 10: Zululand

After breakfast head north to the tiny village of St Lucia, a World Heritage Site and one of South Africa's wilderness treasures. A cruise on the St Lucia Estuary (weather permitting) affords wonderful photographic opportunities. Continue to a private game reserve where you can experience the unique richness that this peaceful region has to offer. Enjoy an afternoon game drive within the heart of Big Five territory.

DAY 11: Eswatini** (Swaziland)

Set out on an early morning safari in search of the Big Five, enjoying the delightful scenery and excellent safari opportunity. After breakfast head north and cross the border into the tiny Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland), a former British Protection Territory. Arrive in the afternoon at your luxury lodge set in a beautiful, secure estate with stunning views of the Royal Mdzimba Mountains.

DAY 12: Mpumalanga

After breakfast visit a Swazi village to gain an insight into the fascinating Eswatini culture where the residents invite you to participate in the traditional practices. Afterwards, cross the border back into South Africa for an afternoon arrival in the lush Sabie River Valley.

DAY 13: Mpumalanga

Traverse the glorious Panorama route and your safari adventure continues at Kapama Private Game Reserve described as an African Eden. After checking in, depart on an open vehicle safari in search of a diverse range of animal and bird species and hope to encounter the Big Five, lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo.

DAY 14: Mpumalanga

The day starts with an early morning safari. Return to the lodge for a few hours of relaxation. In the afternoon enjoy high tea, before heading out for the afternoon safari. As darkness falls, the nocturnal animals of the bush come out. A variety of completely different species can be seen on the night drive back to the lodge.

DAY 15: Mpumalanga

Enjoy a final early morning open vehicle safari, before returning to the lodge for brunch. Upon checking out, you will be transferred to nearby Hoedspruit's Eastgate Airport for your onward flight to Johannesburg (please arrange onward flights to depart after 12noon).

* Day 9: Flight required, price additional, we will include in our quotation.

** Day 11: Tour travels into Eswatini, see page 97 for visa information.



Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sole use from £4,805 per person.



GARDEN ROUTE, SAFARI & WINELANDS

6 DAYS
From **£1,088**

Relish the scenery of the Garden Route on a circular journey. Explore the popular Oudtshoorn and Knysna, visiting the many attractions in the region before heading to a private game reserve where you will enjoy a thrilling game drive in search of the Big Five. Return to Cape Town via the coastal town of Hermanus and Franschhoek, the heart of the Winelands.

DAY 1: Oudtshoorn
Depart Cape Town this morning and travel via the many highlights of the region enroute to Oudtshoorn, the “ostrich feather capital” and centre of the world’s ostrich farming industry.

DAY 2: Knysna
Enjoy a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves then return to Oudtshoorn for a tour and light lunch at an ostrich Farm. Continue to George, and then onto Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa, nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon in the heart of the Garden Route.

DAY 3: Knysna
Enjoy a lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve to enjoy panoramic views of the town and lagoon, returning for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 4: Albertinia
Travel via George and Mossel Bay to Albertinia, a town set against the backdrop of the majestic Langeberg Mountain Range.

Enjoy an afternoon open vehicle game drive, at a malaria free private game reserve, home to an abundance of animal and birdlife, including the Big Five.

DAY 5: Hermanus
Your safari adventure continues with an early morning open vehicle game drive. Leaving the bush behind, your journey further continues to the seaside resort of Hermanus, known as the heart of the whale route, offering the best land-based whale watching (Aug-Nov) in the world.

DAY 6: Cape Town
Travel to Franschhoek, a picturesque village surrounded by spectacular vineyards where your guide will take you through Franschhoek village, sharing with us the fascinating history of the French Huguenots. Then return to Cape Town, the oldest city in South Africa, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain where the tour ends on arrival.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Selected Thursdays - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * 5 nights accommodation
- * 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- * Private Game Reserve
- * Group Tour - Maximum 25 guests
- * All sightseeing as stated

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sole use from £1,286 per person.



INSPIRATIONAL GARDEN ROUTE

6 DAYS
From **£1,259**

A small group tour with just 8 guests, this tour will provide the ultimate Garden Route experience. Stay in exclusively selected boutique style properties and travel in a luxury vehicle. Beginning in Cape Town travel on a one-way journey ending in Port Elizabeth, from where you can choose your next journey, perhaps a stay at an Eastern Cape Private game lodge or fly north to the Kruger National Park.

DAY 1: Hermanus
Depart Cape Town early this morning on a stunning coastal drive including a stop to seek the small breeding colony of African Penguins at Stoney Point. In the Hemel en Aarde region, one of the newest wine routes, indulge in a wine tasting at a boutique winery before arriving in Hermanus.

DAY 2: Oudtshoorn
Explore the unique cliff paths of Hermanus and the outstanding views of Walker Bay. During July-Nov, there is a possibility of whale sightings. Depart late morning via the scenic Route 62 to Oudtshoorn.

DAY 3: Knysna
Visit Cango Caves filled with wonderful stalactite and stalagmite formations. Afterwards enjoy a guided tour at an ostrich farm, which will give insight into why Oudtshoorn is known as the “feather capital of the world”. Continue to Knysna.

DAY 4: Knysna
Cruise the vast Knysna Lagoon and visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve, where you will learn more about the fascinating history, fauna and flora of the area. Return for lunch. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 5: Tsitsikamma
Travel to Plettenberg Bay for an ocean safari (weather permitting). During the summer months you may encounter bottle-nose and common dolphins as well as seals in their natural environment, in winter you may see Southern Right and humpback whales. Arrive late afternoon at the picturesque village of Storms River.

DAY 6: Port Elizabeth
This morning experience the splendour and tranquillity of the Tsitsikamma National Park as you head to the Storms River Mouth for unrivalled views of the Indian Ocean (weather permitting). Continue your journey to Port Elizabeth where the tour ends on arrival.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Selected Saturdays - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Small Exclusive Group - just 8 guests
- * 5 nights accommodation
- * 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- * Exclusive boutique style hotels
- * All sightseeing as stated

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sole use from £1,474 per person.



GARDEN ROUTE UNCOVERED

4 DAYS
From **£731**

This one-way tour takes you west from Port Elizabeth along the spectacular Garden Route to Cape Town. Designed for those short on time, you will spend just three nights on this tour but you will see all the main sights of the area. Ask us about pre & post tour stays to help you make the best of your limited time in the region.

DAY 1: Knysna
Depart Port Elizabeth early today and head westwards along the Garden Route, which follows the Indian Ocean coastline and is bordered inland by soaring mountain ranges and indigenous forests. Visit the spectacular Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River Mouth (weather permitting). You’ll arrive at your hotel in Knysna this afternoon with some time at leisure to relax or explore the town.

DAY 2: Knysna
Enjoy a lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve (weather permitting), where you can take a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head to enjoy panoramic views of the town and lagoon, returning for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 3: Oudtshoorn
Travel to Oudtshoorn, known as the “ostrich capital” and the centre of the world’s ostrich farming industry.

Visit an ostrich farm for a guided tour and light lunch, before taking a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves, one of the world’s great natural wonders, sculpted by nature through the ages. Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon, in time to check in and relax.

DAY 4: Cape Town
There is an additional option this morning to enjoy an early morning Meerkat Safari. Witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows, in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities (weather permitting). After breakfast, continue to Barrydale, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school, interact with the children and teachers before travelling to Montagu, a picturesque and historic spa town. (The school visit is subject to the school being open). Continue to Cape Town arriving late afternoon where your tour concludes.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Most Sundays - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * 3 nights accommodation
- * 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- * Group Tour - Maximum 25 guests
- * All sightseeing as stated

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sole use from £784 per person.



GARDEN ROUTE DISCOVERED

4 DAYS
From **£717**

This one-way tour takes you east from Cape Town along the spectacular Garden Route to Port Elizabeth. Designed for those short on time, you will spend just three nights on this tour but you will see all the main sights of the area. We can add pre & post tour stays to this - perhaps seek the Big Five at an Eastern Cape Game Reserve, please ask us for details.

DAY 1: Mossel Bay
After an early morning departure from Cape Town travel along Sir Lowry’s Pass, to Grabouw and Elgin, a lush landscape surrounded by majestic mountains. Continue to Cape Agulhas, the southernmost tip of Africa, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. Continue via historic Swellendam, the third oldest town in South Africa, to Mossel Bay, from where the Garden Route extends to the Storms River in the east.

DAY 2: Oudtshoorn
After breakfast continue your journey to Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of the world and home to the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves. Visit an ostrich farm for a guided tour. Enjoy a wine tasting at a local wine estate before setting off on a tour of the Cango Caves, one of the world’s great natural wonders, sculpted by nature through the ages.

DAY 3: Knysna
After breakfast, travel to George, the sixth oldest town in South Africa then to Wilderness, an attractive holiday resort to Knysna, nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon in the heart of the Garden Route. Enjoy a lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve (weather permitting), where you can take a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head to enjoy panoramic views of the town and lagoon, returning for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 4: Port Elizabeth
After breakfast, you’ll be transferred to Port Elizabeth. You’ll head eastwards along the Tsitsikamma Forest to Port Elizabeth. The tour ends on arrival in Port Elizabeth.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Most Mondays - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * 3 nights accommodation
- * 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- * Group Tour - Maximum 25 guests
- * All sightseeing as stated

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sole use from £782 per person.



Mpumalanga

WILD KINGDOMS SAFARI

Explore the diverse and scenic eastern region of South Africa on this 7-day tour. Big game, traditional African experience and bushveld, mountains & beaches - all combine to create a unique and special itinerary. Why not combine this with one of our Garden Route Tours & create the ultimate tour, or perhaps extend your stay in Durban and enjoy some time relaxing on the shores of the Indian Ocean.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Most Sundays - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 6 nights accommodation
- 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Kruger Game drive
- Group Tour - Maximum 25 guests
- All sightseeing as stated



Enjoy an authentic safari

7 DAYS From £1,234

DAY 1: Johannesburg

On arrival in Johannesburg you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. At 7pm meet your guide and fellow travellers for a tour briefing.

DAY 2: Mpumalanga

Depart Johannesburg and head to Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, for a short orientation tour. Continue to Mpumalanga Province, known as "the place where the sun rises" passing the coal mining region of Witbank, down the Long Tom Pass through Sabie with its commercial forestry to Hazyview, the safari hub of the Kruger National Park.

DAY 3: Mpumalanga

After an early morning breakfast drive the spectacular Panorama Route, offering views of amazing scenery. Marvel at the spectacular 26 kilometre-long Blyde River Canyon (the third largest canyon in the world and the largest green canyon), visit the natural wonder known as Bourke's Luck Potholes at the confluence of the Blyde & Treur Rivers. Stop at the famous viewpoint, God's Window, for a breathtaking view (weather permitting) of the edge of the escarpment taking in the Kruger National Park and neighbouring Mozambique.

DAY 4: Mpumalanga

Enjoy an early morning open vehicle safari through the Kruger National Park, one of the world's greatest national parks, home to a stunning array of wildlife. This reserve forms part of the Transfrontier Park - a collaborative venture between South Africa and her neighbours to protect wildlife in the region. Search for the 'Big Five' - rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, and elephant - as well as prolific birdlife and numerous other general game. The afternoon is at leisure at your hotel to relax and enjoy the surrounds. Late afternoon open vehicle game drives are available (optional, costs apply).

DAY 5: Eswatini* (Swaziland)

This morning travel to Eswatini, an independent Kingdom within the borders of South Africa. An interactive cultural experience introduces us to the charming people of Eswatini and their traditions, enjoy some traditional dancing before travelling via the capital city, Mbabane, to the beautiful Ezulwini Valley for overnight in Eswatini.

DAY 6: Zululand

After breakfast continue south to re-enter South Africa. Travel into Zululand, passing traditional round huts and endless vistas. There is an option to enjoy an afternoon open vehicle safari (optional, costs apply) in the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, which contains an immense diversity of fauna and flora. Hluhluwe is the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa and is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhino. The park contains the largest population of White Rhino in the world and was responsible for bringing this prehistoric animal back from the brink of extinction.

DAY 7: Durban

This morning you will join a 2-hour cruise on Lake St Lucia (weather permitting). Part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999, iSimangaliso Wetland Park, offers a unique opportunity to view hippo and crocodile and a diverse birdlife before departing for Durban. Your journey takes you through Zululand, past traditional Zulu Kraals, Eucalyptus plantations and sugar cane fields. Arrive in Durban in the early afternoon where the tour ends on arrival.

* Day 5: Tour travels into Eswatini, see page 97 for visa information.

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sole use from £1,481 per person.



Mpumalanga



See the Big Five

DEPARTURE DATES:

Selected Tuesdays - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 3 nights accommodation
- 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Morning & Afternoon Game drives in Kruger Park
- Group Tour - Maximum 25 guests
- All sightseeing as stated

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sole use from £1,057 per person.



DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 2 nights accommodation
- 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Morning & afternoon Game drive in Kruger
- Operates daily - Minimum 2 guests
- Transfers as stated

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sole use from £789 per person.

KRUGER PARK EXPLORER

4 DAYS
From £909

Escape on a short but fulfilling mini tour to this fascinating region. You will enjoy an awe inspiring journey to the world-famous Kruger National Park seeking out the Big Five during morning and afternoon vehicle safaris; then discover the Panorama Route, one of the most scenic routes in the region with spectacular mountain and landscape views.

DAY 1: Kruger National Park

This morning you will be collected from your Johannesburg hotel to head east to the Mpumalanga region. After freshening up at your lodge enter the world-famous Kruger National Park and spend the afternoon game viewing in your closed touring vehicle. The park offers some of the best game viewing and wildlife opportunities in the world. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 2: Kruger National Park

The day begins early with a thrilling open vehicle game drive through Kruger National Park. Your guide will endeavour to spoil you with sightings of the "Big Five", general game and prolific bird life. In the afternoon you will journey once again through the magnificent expanses of the Kruger National Park to enjoy an afternoon of game viewing in your closed touring. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Mpumalanga Region

Enjoy breakfast before setting out to explore the magnificent Panorama Route, one of the most scenic routes in the region, offering glorious views, spectacular landscapes and exquisite waterfalls. Visit majestic sights including God's Window, the Three Rondawels and Blyde River Canyon - the third largest canyon of its kind in the world, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the charming village of Graskop, one of the first gold mining camps in the country. Optional (own account) open vehicle game drives are available, should you prefer not to join the Panorama Route tour. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: Johannesburg

Enjoy breakfast before starting the return journey to Johannesburg. Arrive in Johannesburg city or airport at approximately 2.30pm where your tour ends on arrival.

KRUGER PARK UNCOVERED

3 DAYS
From £689

A short 3 day package designed to give a taste of Kruger for those who may be short on time. Experience the Kruger National Park and enjoy its sights and sounds and exciting close encounters with the 'Big Five' and many other animals and birds. You will enjoy guided open vehicle safaris, return coach transfers from Johannesburg and two nights in relaxing hotel accommodation.

DAY 1: Kruger National Park

You will be collected from your hotel this morning (driver only, not fully escorted with commentary), head east to the Mpumalanga region. After freshening up at your lodge enter the world-famous Kruger National Park and spend the afternoon game viewing in your open safari vehicle. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 2: Kruger National Park

The day begins with early morning coffee or tea, followed by a thrilling open vehicle safari through Kruger National Park with pre-packed breakfast. Your guide will endeavour to spoil you with sightings of the "Big Five", general game and prolific bird life. Stop at one of the rest camps for lunch (own account). Spend the remainder of the afternoon game viewing. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Johannesburg

Enjoy breakfast before starting the return journey to Johannesburg. Arrive in Johannesburg in the early evening at approximately 6.30pm (unescorted) where the tour ends on arrival

Note: Approximate transfer time from Johannesburg to Protea Hotel Kruger Gate is 7 hours, with a short comfort stop en route.

COMBINE THIS TOUR:

This tour is designed for those who are short on time but would still like a guided Safari experience from Johannesburg. Combine this tour with any of our Garden Route Tours and perhaps our Victoria Falls package - ask for details on how best to create your perfect itinerary.

SELF DRIVE TOURS

Touring South Africa with one of our expertly crafted self-drive itineraries is always a real pleasure. It is the perfect combination of adventure and comfort. If you want the freedom of self-drive but want the pre-planning taken care of, our self-drive tours take care of all the details. Itineraries include car hire with GPS, all hotels and may also include sightseeing tours or attraction admission tickets. Each route is planned to highlight the areas main attractions but allow you achievable drives without early starts or late arrivals and time to explore along the way. Our comprehensive information pack provides essential information on the areas included in the itinerary, local sightseeing suggestions, route maps and where relevant detailed driving instructions.





Find the Marine Big 5



Grootbos Reserve



Oudtshoorn



Cape Town

DISCOVER THE CAPE

Explore three of South Africa's most unique and picturesque regions. Spend three full days in Cape Town before driving the short distance to the Cape Winelands. Here you will explore the historic village of Franschhoek, exploring the many wineries in the region on the unique Wine Tram. Your final three nights are at Grootbos Private Reserve, home to the Marine version of the 'Big Five'.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily Departures - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 4 nights in Cape Town at the Cape Grace Hotel
- 2 nights in Franschhoek at The Last Word Franschhoek
- 3 nights at the Grootbos Forest Lodge
- 10 days Group C Car rental, Premium Package inclusions
- Breakfast daily
- Breakfast, light lunch and 5-course dinner at Grootbos Lodge
- Selected activities at Grootbos Lodge
- Meet & Greet on arrival in Cape Town
- Franschhoek Wine Tram Experience



10 DAYS

From **£2,765**

DAY 1: Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town Airport you will be met by a representative who will assist you to the car rental location. Collect your car and drive to your hotel. Your accommodation is the stunning Cape Grace Hotel, a luxury hotel situated on a private quay between Cape Town's bustling V&A Waterfront and the tranquil yacht marina. From this ideal location you can access a variety of coffee shops, bars and restaurants. The Two Oceans aquarium is well worth a visit if you have time to spare.

DAY 2: Cape Town

Three full days to explore Cape Town. Drive along the Southern Cape Peninsula to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve via the fishing village of Hout Bay where you can take a boat trip to view the seal colony on Duiker Island. Visit the lighthouse at Cape Point and look over False Bay before continuing your journey back in time to the historic naval base village of Simon's Town where you can visit the land-based African penguin colony at Boulders Beach.

DAY 3: Cape Town

Visit the Castle of Good Hope, built by the Dutch East India Company in 1679. Head towards the Houses of Parliament and Company Gardens to visit the Iziko South African Museum and Iziko National Gallery.

DAY 4: Cape Town

Don't forget to head up the cableway to the summit of Table Mountain for views over the city and Table Bay followed by a visit to the famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

DAY 5: Franschhoek

Today you will take the short drive to the Winelands region and your home for the next 2 nights in Franschhoek. You will stay at The Last Word Franschhoek, an exclusive five-star historic residence in the heart of Franschhoek village, the gourmet capital of South Africa.

The Huguenot Memorial Museum details the arrival of the French Huguenot settlers to South Africa and their impact on the South African winemaking industry.

DAY 6: Franschhoek

A free day to explore the winelands and the village. Included is admission to the Franschhoek Wine Tram, a unique journey through rolling vineyards in a vintage style railway tram and open-air tram-bus stopping at some of South Africa's oldest and most distinguished wine estates.

DAY 7: Grootbos Reserve

Your drive south today takes you to Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, nestled between forest, mountain and sea, this five-star eco-paradise showcases the incredible Flora and Marine life of the Southern Tip of Africa. Home of the "Marine Big 5" - whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins; and with unparalleled floral diversity, Grootbos offers you a one-of-a-kind luxury African experience in one of 64 National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Forest Lodge is a masterpiece of sophisticated contemporary design reflecting the breath-taking natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. Your stay at Grootbos is in a Forest Lodge in a luxury suite.

DAY 8 & 9: Grootbos Reserve

Two full days to explore this unique region taking in a marine safari, birdwatching, walks and hikes on the reserve or relax at the spa.

DAY 10: Cape Town

A two-hour drive to Cape Town concludes your itinerary. After returning your car to the rental office at the Airport proceed on your journey.

DISCOVER THE GARDEN ROUTE

Discover the spectacular Garden Route on this 11-day one way tour. Beginning in Cape Town, enjoy four nights at the heart of V&A Waterfront. Your journey then takes you east, first to Paarl and then to Oudtshoorn and on to Knysna. Two night stays at each destination afford time to explore the region while staying at some of South Africa's most special hotels.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily Departures - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 4 nights in Cape Town at the Table Bay Hotel
- 2 nights in Paarl at the Grand Roche Hotel
- 2 nights at Oudtshoorn at the Rosenhof County House Hotel
- 2 nights near Knysna at the Turbine Boutique Hotel
- Breakfast daily
- 11 days Group C Car rental, Premium Package inclusions
- Meet & Greet on arrival in Cape Town



11 DAYS

From **£1,549**

DAY 1: Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town Airport you will be met by a representative who will assist you to the car rental location. Collect your car and drive to your hotel. Your accommodation is the Table Bay Hotel, situated adjacent to the Victoria & Albert Waterfront shopping and entertainment complex overlooking the Cape Town harbour.

DAYS 2-4: Cape Town

Three full days to explore Cape Town and the surrounding region. Why not visit Table Mountain for a view over the city and Table Bay, explore the city highlights including the Castle of Good Hope, the Bo-Kaap with its Cape Malay influence, Houses of Parliament alongside the Company Gardens and sunset from the top of Signal Hill. Perhaps enjoy a day trip to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve via Hout Bay for a boat trip to view the seals on Duiker Island. Visit the historic lighthouse at Cape Point before heading to Simon's Town to view the land-based African Penguin colony at Boulders Beach. Time permitting head to the famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

DAY 5: Paarl

A short drive today takes you to the Grand Roche Hotel, nestled at the foot of the magnificent Paarl Rock. This is a small, luxury hotel unlike any other where the atmosphere of a bygone era brings a sense of gracious, unhurried living.

DAY 6: Paarl

Overlooking vineyards and mountains, the Grande Roche Hotel is the ideal base from which to explore the Cape Winelands or relax at the pools. Visit the famous KWV for a wine and brandy tasting or explore cape winelands with visits to Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. Enjoy a game of golf on a nearby, internationally acclaimed course at Pearl Valley Golf estate.

DAY 7: Oudtshoorn

Today's drive takes you east to Rosenhof Country House, situated on the outskirts of Oudtshoorn. The carefully renovated homestead with its yellowwood beams and a tasteful collection of antique furniture exudes an aura of authenticity.

DAY 8: Oudtshoorn

A free day to explore Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of the world. Take time to visit one of the working ostrich farms and the C.P. Nel museum depicting the role of ostrich farming in the development of the town. A short drive out of town are the spectacular Precambrian limestone Cango Caves, Africa's largest show cave system; an ecological hotspot where three distinct plant biomes converge.

DAY 9: Knysna

A short drive over the Outeniqua Mountains brings you to Knysna and The Turbine Hotel and Spa, an exceptional boutique hotel situated on Thesen Island. Explore the town and estuary waterfront on foot, taking in local arts and crafts. Visit the local nature reserve in the town centre, famous for its Fynbos plants and enjoy oysters in one of the many restaurants. Take a boat trip on the Knysna Estuary (referred to as the lagoon by locals) to the Featherbed Nature Reserve for a guided tour of the reserve or a sunset cruise (not included).

DAY 10: Knysna

A full day to explore the Garden Route region. Visit the Tsitsikamma National Park, a combination of indigenous forest and marine coastal reserve or opt for the adventurous stop at the world's highest commercial bridge bungee - a 216 metre bungee jump from Bloukrans Bridge.

DAY 11: George

A short drive to George Airport concludes your itinerary, return your car and continue home, or ask us about extending your tour, perhaps adding a safari package to seek the Big Five.

CAPE TOWN, SAFARI & VICTORIA FALLS

11 DAYS
From **£4,439**



Sabi Sabi Game Reserve

This 11-day tour is designed to introduce you to the different sides of this unique destination. Driving distances are kept to a minimum to ensure that quality time is spent at each specially chosen overnight location. Four nights in Cape Town gives lots of time to explore this amazing city, with time to visit Table Mountain and enjoy the many shops and restaurants of the V&A Waterfront. Take a flight to Kruger National Park for a special 3-night stay in the remarkable Sabi Sands Reserve. Daily game drives will take you in search of the 'Big Five' - elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as wild dog and cheetah. A short drive takes you to the stunningly romantic Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, before heading to your final destination, the spectacular Victoria Falls.

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * 10 nights accommodation as shown
- * Breakfast daily
- * All meals & selected drinks at Sabi Sabi Game Reserve plus game drives
- * 7 days Avis Group C car hire (2 rentals)
- * All transfers as shown
- * Meet & Greet Service at Cape Town Airport on arrival
- * Sunset Luxury Cruise at Victoria Falls
- * Victoria Falls Tour of the Falls, including park fees

DAY 1: Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town Airport you will be met by a representative who will assist you to the car rental location. Collect your car and drive to your hotel. Your accommodation is the Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel, located in the suburb of Gardens in the heart of Cape Town's City Bowl. This original Georgian-Victoria townhouse holds National Monument Status and looks more like a private residence than a hotel. Hotel for 4 nights: Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel

DAY 2-4: Cape Town

Three full days to explore Cape Town. Spend your days exploring the city and it's range of sights and attractions. You have car hire included so after exploring the city itself, perhaps drive the short distance to the winelands region or drive along the Southern Cape Peninsula to visit the lighthouse at the Cape of Good Hope, visit the historic village of Simon's Town and the land-based penguin colony at Boulders Beach.

DAY 5: Sabi Sabi

Return your car today at Cape Town Airport before you check in for your flight* (cost not included) to Skukuza Airport. On arrival at Skukuza Airport you will be met and transferred to the Sabi Sands Game Reserve. With no fences between the Sabi Sands reserve and the Kruger Park, big game abounds, moving freely through this unspoiled part of the ancient African continent. The reserve is blessed with a great biodiversity of habitat and wildlife giving an excellent chance of close encounters with the 'Big Five' - elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as wild dog and cheetah. Safaris take place each morning and evening in open safari vehicles which drive through a wide variety of habitats, allowing visitors to view the vast interactions of the wild. After breakfast, guests on guided walking trails can experience the natural environment on foot. The dedicated, highly trained and experienced rangers lead you to discover miracles of nature you may never have dreamed existed. Hotel for 3 nights: Sabi Sabi

DAYS 6 & 7: Sabi Sabi

Two full days at the Lodge. Your accommodation at Sabi Sabi is the newest addition to Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve's family, Little Bush Camp. Encompassing six luxurious suites, all overlooking the riverbed, Little Bush Camp boasts all the features of an exceptional bush lodge - beautiful setting, excellent cuisine and abundant wildlife. Your luxury suite has a private viewing deck and heated spa bath overlooking the riverbed, and is decorated in contemporary African design. Thatched roofs, romantic mosquito nets draped over the comfortable beds and beautiful wooden finishes complete the picture. Included are breakfast, lunch, dinner, selected beverages, day and night game drives, walking safaris, return airport to lodge transfers.

DAY 8: Hazyview

This morning you will be transferred to Skukuza Airport, where you will collect your car for the next exciting part of your tour. Drive the short distance (approx. 40 miles) to Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, a stunning place to relax and the ideal place for a romantic getaway. Accommodation is in 5-star luxury Tented Suites by the river under a canopy of Jackalberry and Tambotie trees, set in a 100 acre macadamia, granadilla and lychee plantation. The tented suites have uniquely designed bathrooms that open onto the sound of the cascading water, while modern touches facilitate the ultimate indulgence in total comfort. Hotel: Summerfield Rose Retreat & Spa

DAY 9: Victoria Falls

Take the short (approx. 40 mile) drive south to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport to return your car and check in for your flight* to Livingstone Airport (cost not included). On arrival an included transfer will take you to your accommodation, the Victoria Falls Hotel. The famous Victoria Falls are just a ten-minute walk away using the hotel's private pathway. There are great photo opportunities against often-spectacular African sunsets. Your hotel is furnished in traditional Edwardian style with an Out of Africa ambience, rooms are tastefully furnished with soft fabrics and warm colours, in tune with Zimbabwe's celebrated climate and diverse beauty and have spectacular views of the gardens and some overlook the Batoka Gorge and Victoria Falls bridge. Included tonight is a Sunset Luxury Cruise on the Zambezi River, a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the River. Hotel for 2 nights: Victoria Falls Hotel

DAY 10: Victoria Falls

Your tour today takes you to the Falls, a truly awe-inspiring experience, the sight, the sound, the smell and the humbling feeling that here indeed is Nature's Supreme Masterpiece. No photograph can begin to depict the reality, and nothing prepares you for your first sight. You will be accompanied through the Rainforest by a qualified Guide who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Raincoats are provided when needed.

DAY 11: Victoria Falls

Your tour concludes with a transfer back to Livingstone Airport. We can include onward flights to anywhere in South Africa or arrange connections back to the UK.

* Days 5 & 9: Flights required, price additional, we will include in our quotation.



Victoria Falls



Cape Town

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily - January to December



Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Sightseeing tours not included unless stated in "Tour Inclusions".

EXCEPTIONAL SOUTH AFRICA



Oudtshoorn



Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve



Johannesburg

As the title says, this is an exceptional 14-day tour of South Africa. Four nights in Cape Town gives lots of time to explore this amazing city, with time to visit Table Mountain and enjoy the many shops and restaurants of the V&A Waterfront. Drive inland to Oudtshoorn, then eastwards along the renowned Garden Route to Plettenburg Bay and Port Elizabeth. A short flight takes you north to Johannesburg and onto a special highlight of your trip - a stay in the Sabi Sands Game Reserve. Daily game drives will take you in search of the 'Big Five' - elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as wild dog and cheetah. Staying in some of South Africa's most special hotels and lodges, this is truly a tour that will create many everlasting memories.

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 13 nights accommodation as shown
- Breakfast daily
- All meals & selected drinks at Sabi Sabi Selati Camp, Sabi Sands Game Reserve
- Sabi Sands Reserve game drives
- 12 days Avis Group C car hire (2 rentals)
- All transfers as shown
- Meet & Greet Service at Cape Town Airport on arrival

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily - January to December

DAY 1: Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town Airport you will be met by a representative who will assist you to the car rental location. Collect your car and drive to your hotel. Your accommodation is the Cape Cadogan Boutique hotel, located in the suburb of Gardens in the heart of Cape Town's City Bowl. This original Georgian-Victoria townhouse holds National Monument Status and looks more like a private residence than a hotel. Hotel for 4 nights: Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel

DAY 2-4: Cape Town

Three full days to explore Cape Town. Spend your days exploring the city and its range of sights and attractions. You have car hire included so after exploring the city itself, perhaps drive the short distance to the winelands region or drive along the Southern Cape Peninsula to visit the lighthouse at the Cape of Good Hope, visit the historic village of Simon's Town and the land-based penguin colony at Boulders Beach.

DAY 5: Oudtshoorn

Today's drive takes you east through the scenic inland route to Oudtshoorn. It's a fairly long drive today, around 270 miles so we'd recommend an early start to allow plenty of sightseeing and rest stops along the way. Your destination is La Plume Guest House, a 1902 Victorian homestead on a working ostrich, alfalfa and vine farm in Oudtshoorn. Set in the tranquil Olifantsrivier Valley it demands spectacular views of the Swartberg Mountains. A warm welcome awaits you at this charming homestead, combining old world charm with modern comforts. Hotel: La Plume Guest House

DAY 6: Plettenburg Bay

Today's drive is a highlight of your tour as you drive along the Garden Route. Whilst not an overly lengthy drive (approx. 120 miles), there are plenty of sights along the way so be sure to plan your day to allow some rest stops. Your destination is around 10 miles east of the coastal Town of Plettenburg Bay, here you will stay at Hog Hollow Country Lodge & Villa, set on the edge of indigenous forest with breathtaking views of the surrounding valleys and Tsitsikamma Mountains. Hotel for 2 nights: Hog Hollow Country Lodge & Villa

DAY 7: Plettenburg Bay

A free day to explore the area.

DAY 8: Port Elizabeth

Continue eastwards today towards Port Elizabeth. Your destination is The Windermere, a charming boutique hotel in Port Elizabeth's beachfront suburb of Humewood. The Windermere is located less than 5 minutes from a pristine Blue Flag beach, numerous restaurants, and wholesome experiences for the whole family. Hotel: The Windermere

DAY 9: Johannesburg

Return your car at Port Elizabeth Airport and check in for your flight* (not included) to Johannesburg. On arrival, collect your next vehicle and drive to your hotel. Once the iconic 1930's Saxonwold Post Office, the Monarch Hotel is located in Rosebank, a prestigious suburb of Johannesburg. It reflects an ambience of old world elegance with refined period-like interiors with classical and contemporary furnishings complimented by an extensive art collection of established and emerging South African artists. Hotel for 2 nights: Monarch Hotel

DAY 10: Johannesburg

A free day to explore the city.

DAY 11: Hazyview

Today's drive is around 260 miles east to Hazyview. Your hotel is Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, a stunning place to relax and the ideal place for a romantic getaway. Accommodation is in 5-star luxury Tented Suites by the river under a canopy of Jackalberry and Tambotie trees, set in a 100-acre macadamia, granadilla and lychee plantation. The tented suites have uniquely designed bathrooms that open onto the sound of the cascading water, while modern touches facilitate the ultimate indulgence in total comfort. Hotel: Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa

DAY 12: Sabi Sabi

Take the short drive (approx. 40 miles) drive to Skukuza Airport and return your car. Meet your transfer driver who will take you to your lodge, the Sabi Sabi Selati Camp. This intimate all-suite Selati Camp is the most unforgettable of all African experiences. Selati is furnished with a historic railway theme and colonial charm and is meticulously created as an authentic home in the bush. Fashioned in a colonial "Out of Africa" style, this exclusive lodge comprises of just eight opulent thatched suites. From your lodge you will enjoy game drives in open safari vehicles through a wide variety of habitats, allowing visitors to view the vast interactions of the wild. After breakfast, guests on guided walking trails can experience the natural environment on foot. The dedicated, highly trained and experienced rangers lead you to discover miracles of nature you may never have dreamed existed.

Hotel for 2 nights: Sabi Sabi Selati Camp

DAY 13: Sabi Sabi

A full day at Sabi Sabi. Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in search of the 'Big Five' - elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as wild dog and cheetah.

DAY 14: Sabi Sabi

Your tour ends today with a transfer back to Skukuza Airport. On arrival at the airport your arrangements come to an end, but from here we can arrange onward connections to any destination within South Africa or beyond.

* Day 9: Flight required, price additional, we will include in our quotation.



CAPE TOWN, RAIL & SAFARI

11 DAYS

From **£5,741**



Rovos Rail

One of our favourite itineraries, this tour is the ultimate in South African luxury experiences. Stay in some of South Africa's finest hotels, enjoying private tours of Cape Town's coastline and the nearby Winelands, before boarding what is arguably one of the world's finest rail journeys, Rovos Rail. Rest, relaxation and indulgence awaits as you step aboard the reconditioned wood-panelled train and enjoy fine cuisine in five-star luxury. Your final highlight is a three-night stay at one of South Africa's finest lodges. Spend your days searching for the Big Five throughout the reserve, returning to your luxury camp for relaxation and fine dining, your stay is at truly unique Selati Camp at Sabi Sabi Game Reserve, an intimate all-inclusive camp furnished in a historic railway theme with colonial charm.

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Meet & Greet on arrival in Cape Town
- * Private arrival transfer, airport to hotel
- * 4 nights at the Cape Grace Hotel, Cape Town
- * Private full day Cape Point & Peninsula Tour
- * Private full day Cape Winelands Tour
- * Private transfer to Rovos Rail Station
- * 2 nights accommodation on board Rovos Rail
- * Private transfer from Rovos Rail to Pretoria Hotel
- * 1 night in Pretoria
- * 3 nights at the Sabi Sabi Selati Camp, fully Inclusive basis
- * Return flights & road transfers from Johannesburg to Sabi Sabi Selati Camp

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily Departures - January to December

DAY 1: Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town Airport you will be met by and assisted to the meeting point for your private transfer to your hotel. Your accommodation is the stunning Cape Grace Hotel, a luxury hotel situated on a private quay between Cape Town's bustling V&A Waterfront and the tranquil yacht marina. Hotel for 4 nights: Cape Grace Hotel

DAY 2: Cape Town

A full day private tour will take you to Cape Point and beyond. Travel along the Atlantic Seaboard via Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay to Hout Bay, a quaint village and fishing harbour with magnificent mountain views and beaches. Continue, to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve at Cape Point - which is perceived to be the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The day will end with a visit to the well-known Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. The tour ends at approx. 5.30pm with a drop-off at your hotel.

DAY 3: Cape Town

Today a private day tour takes you to the Cape Winelands. Explore Stellenbosch and walk down the canal-lined avenues, in the shade of giant oak trees and beautifully preserved historic buildings. Travel to the town of Franschhoek, historically dating back to the 17th century, to when the French Huguenots first arrived. Enjoy a wine tasting before sampling the culinary delights at one of the many award-winning Franschhoek restaurants (lunch not included in cost). Onward to Paarl, one of the Cape's first farming districts. Return to the bustle of city life after an enthralling day in the countryside, arriving back at approximately 5.30pm.

DAY 4: Cape Town

A free day tour to relax and explore Cape Town at your leisure.

DAY 5: Rovos Rail

An included transfer takes you to the rail station to board your Rovos Rail journey bound for Pretoria. Rovos Rail is synonymous with luxury train travel and for many seasoned visitors to South Africa, there's no finer way to see the country. The traditional train carriages, all 1920 originals, rekindle the excitement of a bygone era. Your train departs at 11am today, travel inland through the winelands. This 1600-kilometre meander is a perfect illustration of South Africa as a world in one country. Highlights include a visit to the historic village of Matjiesfontein; this authentic perfectly preserved Victorian Village, founded by Mr Logan as a refreshment stop in 1890, also boasts an impressive museum on the platform.

DAY 6: Rovos Rail

Your journey continues. An afternoon stop will be at Kimberley providing an opportunity to enjoy a city tour and a visit to the Diamond Mine Museum and the world's largest man-made excavation, the Big Hole.

DAY 7: Pretoria

Breakfast is served in the dining car as your train travels via Krugersdorp and Johannesburg through the goldfields of the Witwatersrand towards Pretoria. Arrival time in Pretoria is at 12noon. On arrival, a private transfer will take you to your hotel, 131 on Herbert Baker, a luxury boutique hotel overlooking the expansive city of Pretoria. The hotel comprises of 8 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites. Exquisite interiors, impeccable service and fine cuisine combine to make this the city's most graceful and elegant hotel. Hotel: 131 on Herbert Baker

DAY 8: Sabi Sabi

A private transfer will take you for your hotel to Johannesburg Airport for your included flight to Skukuza Airport. On arrival a transfer will take you to your lodge for a three-night inclusive stay. Sabi Sabi's intimate all-suite Selati Camp is the most unforgettable of all African experiences. Selati is furnished with a historic railway theme and colonial charm and is meticulously created as an authentic home in the bush. Safaris take place each morning and evening in open safari vehicles which drive through a wide variety of habitats, allowing visitors to view the vast interactions of the wild. Hotel for 3 nights: Sabi Sabi Selati Camp

DAYS 9 & 10: Sabi Sabi

Enjoy two full days at this intimate camp. Enjoy morning and evening open vehicle safaris, environmental awareness walking safaris, all meals daily, selected beverages. Big game abounds, moving freely through this unspoiled part of the ancient African continent. The reserve is blessed with a great biodiversity of habitat and wildlife giving an excellent chance of close encounters with the 'Big Five' - elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard, as well as wild dog and cheetah. Safaris take place each morning and evening in open safari vehicles which drive through a wide variety of habitats, allowing visitors to view the vast interactions of the wild.

DAY 11: Johannesburg

A transfer this morning takes you back to Skukuza Airport to check in for your included flight back to Johannesburg, where sadly on arrival your extraordinary tour comes to an end. We would be happy to help with extra hotels or onwards flight connections to anywhere in South Africa or beyond.



Cape Town



Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve





Durban



Thanda Safari Lodge



Johannesburg



Safari at Shamwari

RELAXING SOUTH AFRICA

8 DAYS
From **£2,310**

A unique safari & beach combination. Spend four days seeking out the Big Five whilst staying in an authentic South African game lodge. Daily game drives with expert guides will offer many close-up wildlife encounters. Combine this with a relaxing few days at one of our favourite hotels, the Oyster Box Hotel. The beachfront location overlooks the Indian Ocean, the perfect place to spend the final few days of your holiday.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 4 nights at the Thanda Safari Lodge
- All meals and selected drinks at Thanda Safari Lodge
- Daily game drives at the lodge
- 3 nights at the Oyster Box Hotel in Umhlanga, Durban
- Breakfast daily
- Private transfers



DAY 1: Durban

On arrival into Durban, a private transfer will take you to your lodge. Driving from Durban along the north coast you pass through fields of sugar cane, one of the provinces main agricultural crops. Venturing further into Zululand you will see traditional Zulu homesteads with their beehive shaped huts and traditional cattle enclosures called a kraal. Heading north past Richards Bay, South Africa's coal export terminal you pass the UNESCO listed iSimangaliso Wetland Park coastline before heading towards Thanda Private Game Reserve. The reserve offers an authentically South African wildlife experience, matched with sincere commitment to the Zulu culture and passionate conservation of the environment. Step out onto your wooden deck, take a dip in your heated plunge pool or admire the African sunset from the circular daybed atop your thatched outdoor sala. Thanda Safari Lodge is known for the beautiful bush suites, shaped like a traditional Zulu homestead, with panoramic views of the surrounding game reserve.

DAY 2-4: Thanda Safari Lodge

An early morning start for your game viewing safari, all your senses awaken during up-close encounters with the Big Five in their home terrain. The lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo: these icons of the African wilderness inspire a lifelong connection with Thanda Safari and this beautiful continent. As a private game reserve Thanda Safari offers an exclusive, up-close experience of these magnificent animals and all the bush inhabitants.

The guides and trackers are experts of the African bush. They will share their tracking skills, knowledge and culture with you. You return to the lodge for breakfast followed by time to relax before you head out on your afternoon game viewing safari.

Tracking animals as the sun sets and observing their nocturnal habits before heading back to the lodge for dinner under the stars.

DAY 5: Durban

A private transfer today takes you back to Durban, for a relaxing 3-night stay. Your hotel is the stunning Oyster Box, standing majestically on Umhlanga's beachfront overlooking the Indian Ocean and the iconic lighthouse, The Oyster Box is the ultimate in colonial charm and style. Step out of the hotel directly onto pristine beach with the Indian ocean lapping at your feet.

DAYS 6: Durban

Optional day trips (additional cost) to enhance your stay include a city tour of Durban, exploring the British settler history and the origins of the largest Indian community outside of India. The uShaka Marine World on Durban's Golden Mile is more than the largest aquarium in the Southern hemisphere with the Wet 'n Wild water park making it a full day out with a variety of restaurants to choose from.

DAY 7: Durban

For history aficionados a full day trip to the Anglo Zulu battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift is a must (not included). For an experience with a difference, visit a local craft gin distillery to taste gin distilled from sugar cane. A spa session followed by afternoon tea at the Oyster Box makes the end of the holiday a memorable experience.

DAY 8: Durban

A private transfer will take you to Durban Airport in time for you to check in for your onward journey.

FAMILY SAFARI

9 DAYS
From **£3,118**

This package is perfect for families. Combine city stays with a three-night stay at the family* friendly Shamwari Lodge, located in the malaria-free Eastern Cape. Daily game drives* will take you in search of the Big Five, whilst back at the lodge a myriad of indoor and outdoor activities are available for kids to enjoy. Shamwari has an entire lodge and programme dedicated to entertaining little ones.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 2 nights in Johannesburg
- 3 nights at Shamwari Game Reserve
- 3 nights in Cape Town
- Breakfast daily
- All meals and selected drinks at Shamwari
- Daily game drives at Shamwari
- Private transfers as shown
- Private Cape Point & Peninsula day tour
- Private Cape Winelands day tour



DAY 1: Johannesburg

On arrival a private transfer will take you to your hotel, the Four Seasons Hotel The Westcliff. This is a stylish urban resort elevated on a hillside with panoramic views, conveniently close to business, culture, shopping and leisure activities.

DAY 2: Johannesburg

Today's private tour takes you out of the city to the Cradle of Humankind, a mere hour's drive away. Highlights include Maropeng Visitor Centre - an exciting, world-class exhibition, focusing on the evolution of humankind and an underground boat ride taking you back in time and retracing the various stages of our planet's evolution. A visit to the Sterkfontein Caves further enhances your visit as you discover the excavation sites of the fossils of Mrs Ples and Little Foot, the latter being an Australopithecus skeleton which is more than 3 million years old.

DAY 3: Shamwari Game Reserve

A private transfer takes you to the airport for your flight** (not included) to Port Elizabeth Airport. On arrival here another private transfer takes you to Shamwari Riverdene Family Lodge, the pinnacle of private game reserves and home to the coveted Big 5.

DAYS 4 & 5: Shamwari

The Interactive game drives take place in the tranquil moods of sunrise and sunset. Your early morning safari enables you to experience the sights and sounds of the African bushveld as it awakens. Track the wildlife as the days stir them into motion. Witness the birds of prey or spot one of the Big 5 from the comfort and safety of open game viewing vehicles. Return to the lodge for breakfast and spend a few hours relaxing before heading out on your afternoon game viewing drive. Watch the sunset and then continue observing the nocturnal behaviour of the wildlife before returning to the lodge for dinner.

DAY 6: Cape Town

A private transfer takes you to the airport for your flight** (not included) to Cape Town. On arrival a private transfer takes you to your hotel, the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront shopping and entertainment complex overlooking the Cape Town harbour. From here you have access to a diversity of shops and restaurants.

DAY 7: Cape Town

A full day private tour to Cape Point & Peninsula is included today. Your tour will travel via Camps Bay to Hout Bay where you can take a boat trip to Duiker Island to view the Cape Fur seal colony. Heading into the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve you will be able to visit the historic lighthouse for a view over False Bay before driving into Simon's Town, a naval base village, home to a land based African Penguin colony. From Simon's Town your last stop is the Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden before returning to your hotel.

DAY 8: Cape Winelands

A full day private tour takes you to the historic heart of South Africa's wine industry. Explore the historic university town of Stellenbosch, then visit Paarl, one of the Cape's finest farming districts, home to the famous KWV range of wines and brandy followed by a visit to Franschhoek. Wine tastings are included in each town, with their microclimates influencing the flavours of each wine.

DAY 9: Cape Town

Your tour ends with a private transfer to Cape Town Airport.

* Game drives are not suitable for children under 4 years.

** Days 3 & 6: Flights required, price additional, we will include in our quotation.



Cape Town



Stellenbosch



Explore the Winelands

MANDELA JOURNEY TO DEMOCRACY

8 DAYS
From **£1,548**

Follow the footsteps of South Africa's most famous citizen, Nelson Mandela. This cultural journey will give you a first-hand experience of the route that paved the way to the miracle reform of South Africa into a multicultural democracy. Experience Robben Island, where Mandela was jailed for 18 of the 27 years he spent in prison. Visit the townships at the heart of the struggle movement and the Apartheid Museum.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 4 nights in Cape Town
- 3 nights in Johannesburg
- Private airport transfers
- Full Day Cape Town Tour
- Full Day Humankind & Cultural Tour
- Full Day Journey to Freedom Tour
- Breakfast daily



CAPE & WINELANDS EXPLORER

7 DAYS
From **£809**

This week-long self-drive takes you from Cape Town through the heart of the Cape Winelands region. You will stay at three unique boutique hotels, each with their own individual charm and character. The driving distances between each overnight point are short which affords you the opportunity for leisurely driving days and plenty of time to experience all the region has to offer.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily Departures - January to December

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 2 nights in Cape Town at the Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel
- 2 nights in Wellington at the Grand Dedale Country House
- 2 nights at Stellenbosch at the Majeka House Hotel
- 7 days Group C car rental, Premium Package inclusions
- Meet & Greet on arrival in Cape Town



DAY 1: Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town Airport a private transfer takes you to your hotel, the Table Bay Hotel, located adjacent to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront shopping and entertainment complex overlooking the Cape Town harbour.

DAY 2: Cape Town

A full day Cultural & Robben Island tour is included today. You will visit the Townships for an insight and interaction with different cultures, communities and individuals. Visit Langa, the oldest formal black township in Cape Town. Returning to Cape Town you board the Robben Island ferry and enjoy spectacular views of Cape Town and Table Mountain as you sail across the bay to this island which is so full of history. Historically the island has always been a place of isolation having been used as a leper colony and a place of incarceration by the Dutch East India Company when they colonised the Cape. Once you reach the island you will be given a guided tour of the island and the prison. Part of your tour includes viewing the prison cell that held Nelson Mandela captive for 18 of his 27 years and the lime quarry where prisoners were set to work. The return to your hotel is included. (Tour operates Mon-Sat).

DAY 3 & 4: Cape Town

Two free days to explore Cape Town. Perhaps add an optional (cost not included) tour to Cape Point & Cape Peninsula with a visit to Table Mountain. Your tour will travel via Camps Bay to Hout Bay where you can take a boat trip to Duiker Island to view the Cape Fur seal colony. Heading into the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve you will be able to visit the historic lighthouse before driving into Simon's Town, a naval base village, home to a land based African Penguin colony.

DAY 5: Johannesburg

A private transfer to the airport for your flight* (not included) to Johannesburg. Here, stay at 54 on Bath, a contemporary and fashionable haven right in the heart of Rosebank, Johannesburg's trendy suburb.

DAY 6: Johannesburg

Today go back to the beginning at the World Heritage Site of The Cradle of Humankind. Visit Maropeng Visitor Centre, an exhibition on the development of humans and our ancestors over the past few million years. Explore five cultures at the Lesedi Cultural Village, home to families of a range of African tribes, all living harmoniously in traditional homesteads. (Tour operates Wed, Fri & Sun).

DAY 7: Johannesburg

Today learn about the journey, pain and struggle of the many heroes of this nation. Witness the places and visit the diverse museums where these momentous, tumultuous years have been so well documented. Visit the Apartheid Museum, which takes you from the dark days of 'whites only' privilege, through to Nelson Mandela's historic release. Visit the Hector Pieterse Museum before travelling past Mandela House. (Tour operates Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun).

DAY 8: Johannesburg

A private transfer takes you to the airport where your tour ends.

* Day 5: Flight required, price additional, we will include in our quotation.

DAY 1: Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town Airport you will be met by a representative who will assist you to the car rental location. Collect your car and drive to your hotel. Your accommodation is the Cape Cadogan Boutique hotel, located in the suburb of Gardens in the heart of Cape Town's City Bowl. This original Georgian-Victoria townhouse holds National Monument Status and looks more like a private residence than a hotel.

DAY 2: Cape Town

A free day to explore Cape Town. Why not take an optional city tour of Cape Town (at additional cost), exploring the Castle of Good Hope, the Company Gardens with the Iziko National Art Gallery and Iziko South African museum. Walk through the Bo-Kaap with its Cape Malay influence or visit District Six a site of forced removals under Apartheid legislation that uprooted an entire community. Alternatively enjoy a culinary experience exploring this multicultural cuisine with European, Malay, Indian and African influence. A Robben Island tour covers the history of the island as a leper colony and a place of incarceration by the Dutch East India Company when they colonised the Cape. Once you reach the island you will be given a guided tour of the island and the prison. Part of your tour includes viewing the prison cell that held Nelson Mandela captive for 18 of his 27 years and the lime quarry where prisoners were set to work.

DAY 3: Winelands

Your short drive today takes you through the heart of the Winelands to the town of Wellington. Your accommodation is at the Grand Dedale Country House, nestled at the foot of Bainskloof Pass in a beautiful long valley, this exclusive Estate is set on 380 hectares of vineyard, forest and fynbos and is surrounded by three dramatic mountain ranges.

The Kromme River, which is supplemented by water from "Gawie se Water" runs through the Estate and is a major natural attraction.

DAY 4: Winelands

A free day to explore or relax. Wellington, which is steeped in history and culture is a five-minute drive away. The estate offers a variety of activities such as walking, hiking and mountain biking. Enjoy a private tasting of the Grand Dedale wines. The wine routes of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch can be reached in around thirty minutes. Each town offers a multitude of excellent wine estates that allow you to taste the best of South African wines.

DAY 5: Stellenbosch

Today's short drive takes you south to the heart of the winelands and the famous town of Stellenbosch. Your hotel is the owner-managed and blissfully private, Majeka House, an ideal base from which to explore Stellenbosch with its interesting shops, galleries, museums, and alfresco café culture. A walking tour of this historic university town brings its history to life. Join a walking tour and experience local chocolate and wine pairings, a local produce lunch platter and local arts and crafts.

DAY 6: Stellenbosch

A free day to explore the region. Numerous famous vineyards and award-winning restaurants, dotted along the Stellenbosch wine route, are within striking distance of your hotel.

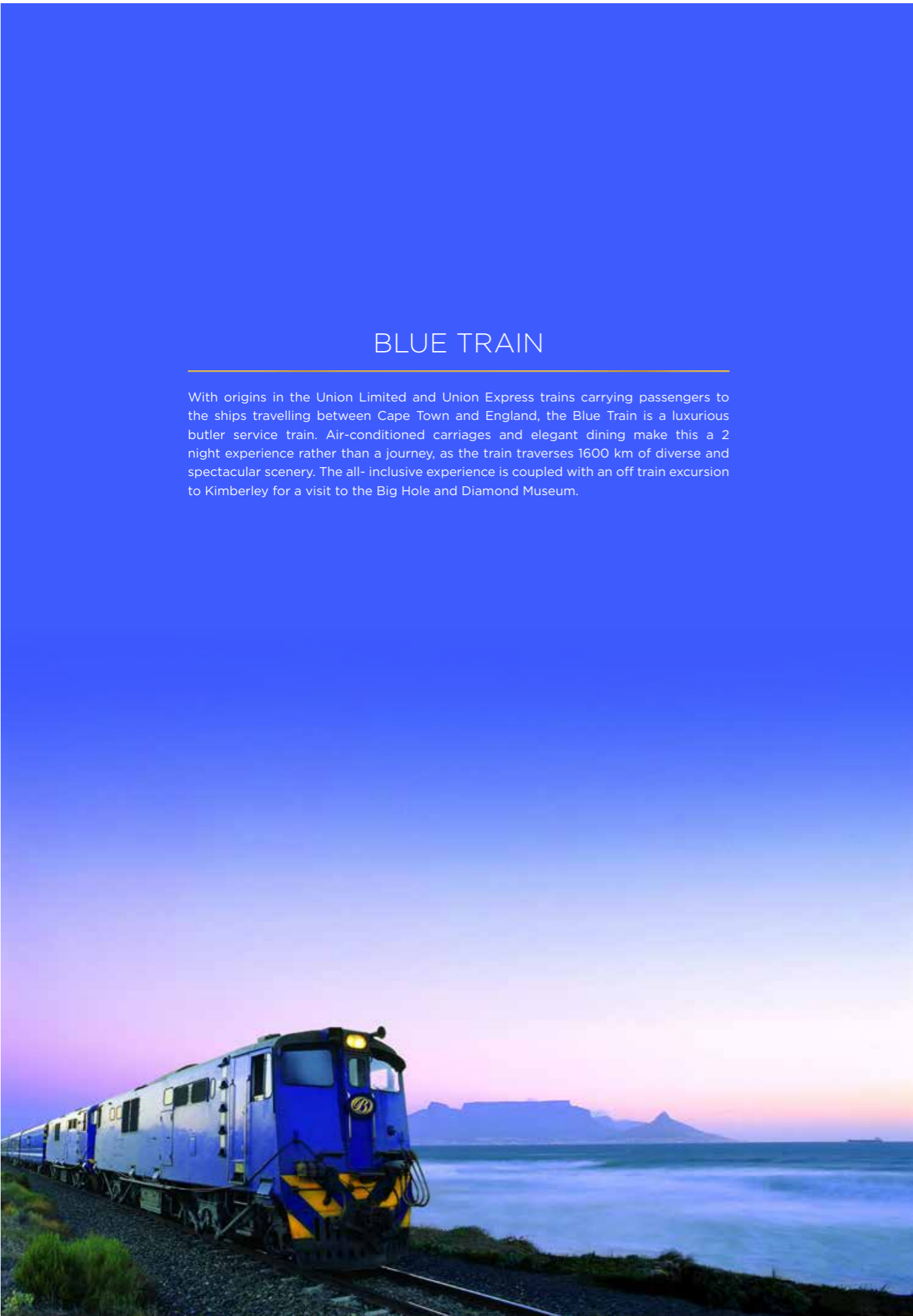
DAY 7: Cape Town

A short (approx. 25 mile) drive will take you back to Cape Town. Return your car to the airport location and continue on your journey.

RAIL TOURS

South Africa is home to two iconic trains, The Blue Train and Rovos Rail. Both trains offer a 2-night / 3-day service between Pretoria and Cape Town, enjoying the comfort of a five-star hotel as you travel through breathtaking scenery. Off train excursions provide the opportunity to explore off the beaten track. A sophisticated level of service and luxury with fine dining make for a memorable experience.

The Rovos Rail experience is based on a bygone era of elegance and luxury with vintage carriages restored to their former glory. Itineraries of varying length are offered throughout the year. Golf safaris, wildlife safaris and a 3-night adventure to Victoria Falls are just some of the South African itineraries. For the rail enthusiast Rovos Rail offer an epic 15-day journey from Cape Town to Dar es Salaam or the brand new 15-day expedition from Tanzania to Angola.



BLUE TRAIN

With origins in the Union Limited and Union Express trains carrying passengers to the ships travelling between Cape Town and England, the Blue Train is a luxurious butler service train. Air-conditioned carriages and elegant dining make this a 2 night experience rather than a journey, as the train traverses 1600 km of diverse and spectacular scenery. The all-inclusive experience is coupled with an off train excursion to Kimberley for a visit to the Big Hole and Diamond Museum.

3 DAYS

PRETORIA TO CAPE TOWN From **£2,520**

This 3-day/2-night journey between Pretoria and Cape Town covers a route of 1,600 kilometres through diverse and spectacular scenery. Equal to a five-star luxury hotel the award-winning train runs on air-suspension together with panoramic viewing and extensive sound proofing to provide you with an unforgettable journey. Stylish interiors combined with butler service and fine dining allow you to arrive at your destination relaxed and refreshed.

DAY 1: The Blue Train

Enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks at The Blue Train Station Lounge before being shown to your suite by your butler. High Tea is served in the non-smoking lounge car after departure from Pretoria. Settle into your suite and prepare for dinner (note there may be 2 sittings for dinner). Dinner is an elegant affair with gentlemen requested to wear a jacket / waistcoat and ladies to dress elegantly. Post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars served in the Club Car before retiring.

A glass of sherry is served upon your return to Kimberley Station before boarding the train. Lunch is served on board the train. An afternoon at leisure, followed by High Tea in the Lounge Car. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure followed by dinner with post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car.

DAY 3: Cape Town

Breakfast at leisure before arriving into Cape Town Station. Your butler will assist you into the Arrivals Lounge at the journeys end.



DEPARTURE DATES:

Selected Mondays and Wednesdays year round

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * 2 nights accommodation in a Deluxe suite
- * All-inclusive service with 24-hour butler service
- * All meals and drinks
- * Off-the-train excursions (weather and time permitting)
- * Minimum laundry service

Price shown is per suite based on 2 people sharing.
Sole use from £1,890 per suite per person.

DAY 2: The Blue Train

Breakfast is served on board the train before the train arrives at Kimberley Station. Disembark from the train and gather at the Railway Museum, where you board a bus and travel to the Kimberley Open Mine Museum. View interesting and historical sites before viewing the edge of the Big Hole from an enclosed ramp.

3 DAYS

CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA From **£2,520**

This 3-day/2-night journey between Cape Town and Pretoria covers a route of 1,600 kilometres through diverse and spectacular scenery. Equal to a five-star luxury hotel the award-winning train runs on air-suspension together with panoramic viewing and extensive sound proofing to provide you with an unforgettable journey. Stylish interiors combined with butler service and fine dining allow you to arrive at your destination relaxed and refreshed.

DAY 1: The Blue Train

Enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks at The Blue Train Station Lounge before being shown to your suite by your butler. High Tea is served in the non-smoking lounge car after departure from Cape Town. Settle into your suite and prepare for dinner (note there may be 2 sittings for dinner). Dinner is an elegant affair with gentlemen requested to wear a jacket / waistcoat and ladies to dress elegantly. Post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars served in the Club Car before retiring.

A glass of sherry is served upon your return to Kimberley Station before boarding the train. Dinner follows with post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car.

DAY 3: Pretoria

Breakfast at leisure before arriving into Pretoria Station. Your butler will assist you into the Arrivals Lounge at the journeys end.



DEPARTURE DATES:

Selected Thursdays and Saturdays year round

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * 2 nights accommodation in a Deluxe suite
- * All-inclusive service with 24-hour butler service
- * All meals and drinks
- * Off-the-train excursions (weather and time permitting)
- * Minimum laundry service

Price shown is per suite based on 2 people sharing.
Sole use from £1,890 per suite per person.

DAY 2: The Blue Train

Breakfast is served on board the train with a morning at leisure. Lunch is served onboard the train before arriving at Kimberley Station. Disembark from the train and gather at the Railway Museum, where you board a bus and travel to the Kimberley Open Mine Museum. View interesting and historical sites before viewing the edge of the Big Hole from an enclosed ramp.



ROVOS RAIL

Rovos Rail combines luxury travel with Edwardian grandeur presented as 'The Pride of Africa'. Offering a variety of itineraries throughout South Africa, every journey is a combination of spectacular scenery, off train excursions highlighting hidden gems and an opulence and elegance of bygone rail travel. An all-inclusive experience with discreet but friendly service, and fine dining paired with exceptional South African wines make this hotel on wheels a bucket list experience.



THE ROYAL SUITES

From £6,288 per suite for a 3 day / 2 night journey

The Royal Suites, each of which occupy half a carriage, are spacious and elegant measuring 16 sq. metres in size. Each has its own private lounge area and full bathroom with Victorian bath and separate shower. The epitome of luxury with handsome wood paneling and period Edwardian features, the air-conditioned suites accommodate two people offering the option of side-by-side twin or spacious double beds. In the en-suite bathrooms, original fittings combine with the modern technology of hot showers, hairdryers and shaver plugs.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Pretoria to Cape Town: Selected Wednesdays & Fridays
Cape Town to Pretoria: Selected Mondays & Saturdays

Price shown is per suite based on 2 people sharing.
 Sole use from £4,176 per suite per person for a 3 day / 2 night journey.



THE DELUXE SUITES

From £4,716 per suite for a 3 day / 2 night journey

The Deluxe Suites offer passengers the opportunity to travel in privacy, comfort and luxury, with fittings and facilities of the highest standard. All are equipped with a writing surface and a personal safe for valuables. There is a bar fridge filled with beverages of the passengers' choice and room service is available 24 hours a day. The Deluxe Suites (10 sq. metres/108 sq. feet) accommodate two passengers in either twin or double beds and have a sitting area and en-suite bathroom with shower. In the en-suite bathrooms, original fittings combine with the modern technology of hot showers, hairdryers and shaver plugs.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Pretoria to Cape Town: Selected Wednesdays & Fridays
Cape Town to Pretoria: Selected Mondays & Saturdays

Price shown is per suite based on 2 people sharing.
 Sole use from £3,537 per suite per person for a 3 day / 2 night journey.



THE PULLMAN SUITES

From £3,123 per suite for a 3 day / 2 night journey

The Pullman Suites (7 sq. metres/76 sq. feet) are equipped with a comfortable sofa-seat during the day with a conversion to double or twin beds for the evening and have an en-suite bathroom with shower. The wood-panelled rebuilt sleeper coaches, remodeled and refurbished to mint condition, offer every modern convenience and comfort. In the en-suite bathrooms, original fittings combine with the modern technology of hot showers, hairdryers and shaver plugs. All are equipped with a writing surface and a personal safe for valuables. There is a tea drawer and room service is available 24 hours a day.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Pretoria to Cape Town: Selected Wednesdays & Fridays
Cape Town to Pretoria: Selected Mondays & Saturdays

Price shown is per suite based on 2 people sharing.
 Sole use from £2,342 per suite per person for a 3 day / 2 night journey.

HOTELS & SIGHTSEEING

We understand that not everyone wants to take a pre-planned holiday, so we've assembled our favourite hotels and sightseeing across South Africa to help you select the components to create your holiday of a lifetime. If you can't find exactly what you are looking for we have access to thousands more as well, just ask our holiday designers. From five-star deluxe hotels to quirky hidden gems, exciting safaris tracking the Big 5, walking tours through local markets and inner city art tours, you'll find it all.





CAPE TOWN

From humble beginnings as a trading route refreshment station to the home of South Africa's Parliament a walk through the city and its museums will enable you to trace the political history, culminating in a visit to Robben Island. Its most famous citizen, Nelson Mandela, was incarcerated here for 18 out of 27 years in captivity.

An entire floral kingdom is found on the Cape Peninsula; this UNESCO World Heritage site is home to 1100 indigenous species of Fynbos. Magnificent displays of Proteas in Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and spectacular views from the top of Table Mountain. Culinary delights, influenced by the multicultural population that have made Cape Town their home can be found in simple kitchens and 5-star restaurants. Complimented by fine wines from the surrounding wine making regions, each micro-climate creating a delectable experience for the palate. The Cape and all its delights will not disappoint.



CAPE PENINSULA

Adult from £80

A spectacular journey around the Cape Peninsula taking in the highlights and beauty of this world-renowned region. From historic suburbs travel via the Atlantic seaboard, charming fishing villages and awesome viewpoints to Cape Point. Legend states that here the mighty Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. A walking tour of the Kirstenbosch Botanical gardens completes the day. (Optional excursions to Seal Island and Boulder Beach Penguin Colony).

DEPARTS:

Daily except 08 Mar & 11 Apr

DURATION:

9 Hours



CITY & TABLE MOUNTAIN

Adult from £33

Drive through the city centre, via Adderley Street, the Malay Quarter and Company Gardens. Visit the Castle of Good Hope (time permitting) and Diamond Works. Continue to Table Mountain (weather permitting) where you can ascend by cable car to the summit (excludes cable-way ticket fee). Enjoy a birds-eye view of the city surrounded by the indigenous Fynbos. On a clear day you will see Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated.

DEPARTS:

Daily - morning and afternoon (except 24-26 Dec, 31 Dec, 01-02 Jan)

DURATION:

4.5 Hours

TOWNSHIP CULTURAL TOUR

Adult from £43

A unique experience travelling through South Africa's history: The birth - where it all started; Apartheid South Africa - what happened then; the New South Africa - what is different since Nelson Mandela's release from prison. The tour includes District Six, a former mixed-race community destroyed by Apartheid and the oldest Black African township in Cape Town, Langa.

DEPARTS:

Mon - Fri: morning and afternoon; Sat / Sun & Public Holidays (except 25-26 Dec & 01-02 Jan) at 9am

DURATION:

3.5 Hours

WINELANDS TOUR

Adult from £69

The Cape Winelands renowned for its crisp white and classic French-style red wines, fantastic cheeses and olives; also has a stunning wealth of natural rustic beauty with vast estates shaded from the African sunshine by giant oak trees and towering mountains overlooking lush valleys. This full day tour includes the wine routes of Paarl, Franschhoek & Stellenbosch. A wine tasting is held on each wine route, with a cellar tour included in Paarl.

DEPARTS:

Daily (except 25 Dec & 01 Jan)

DURATION:

8.5 Hours

KIRSTENBOSCH & COMPANY GARDENS

Adult from £42

Explore the Company Gardens, established to provide food and medicinal herbs for sickly and malnourished seafarers. The Gardens later blossomed into a gorgeous botanical site. Continue to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, world renowned for the beauty and diversity of the Cape Flora it displays, growing only indigenous plants. The guided tour includes highlights of the season and the oldest and most famous features van Riebeck's hedge & the Dell.

DEPARTS:

Mon - Sat (subject to favourable weather conditions)

DURATION:

4 Hours

AFRICAN DINNER & DRUMMING EXPERIENCE

Adult from £53

Interactive entertainment and delectable food. Cape Malay / African style menu is served in sharing and individual portions. Start with an interactive djembe drumming session, led by a professional djembe drum instructor. A traditional hand washing ceremony signals the start of dinner. Live entertainment during dinner includes a Mali puppet show. The final performance is by the staff who will entertain you with local songs and dances.

DEPARTS:

Daily (except 25 Dec)

DURATION:

5 Hours



ELLERMAN HOUSE

From £741 per room per night

Against the backdrop of Lions Head with panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean, Ellerman House is the perfect place to explore Cape Town from. This Cape Edwardian mansion was built in 1906, with an extensive collection of South Africa art, a 7500-bottle wine cellar. Ellerman House offers an exclusive boutique style urban retreat. The in-house art guide showcases the Ellerman House art collection with a personal tour. Afternoon wine tastings conducted by the in-house sommelier, sunsets enhanced by cocktails, canapés and South

Africa craft gins are some of the distinctive touches of the hotel. The Pantry, open 24 hours a day provides the perfect snack, sweet treat or supplies for your day trip. Ellerman Villas offer entertainment areas, private infinity pools with exclusive and private staffing. Perfect for multi-generational travel or personalised groups.

The Ellerman House spa provides specialised massage techniques, hydrotherapy and soothing skin care therapy for perfect relaxation.

ACCOMMODATION

13 individually styled rooms with TV, minibar, internet, room service, laundry and shoe cleaning service. The Villas each offer 3 bedrooms with personal staff & chef, entertainment area and private pool

FACILITIES

24-hour pantry, heated pools, wine tasting, gym & spa, laundry, shoe cleaning, Wi-Fi

Our Rating: plus



CAPE GRACE

From £557 per room per night

This elegant hotel is located on a private quay between the working harbour and a yacht marina in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. The 120 spacious rooms offer views of either the harbour or Table Mountain. Local art, intriguing artefacts and hints of the Cape Floral kingdom in the fresh flower displays are coupled with antiques and exquisite furniture to create a warm atmosphere enjoyed by Presidents and Heads of State on their visits to Cape Town.

The Bascule bar is home to one of the finest Whisky collections in Southern Africa. Classic Cape cuisine and afternoon teas enhance your stay. A daily Cape Wine experience is hosted in the Signal restaurant, with port and sherry served in the Library every evening.

African inspired treatments in the spa will rejuvenate you after a day of sightseeing or shopping in the bustling V&A. A variety of restaurants, bars and coffee shops are a short walk away.

ACCOMMODATION

120 harbour and mountain view rooms with TV, minibar, espresso machine, iron, ironing board, hairdryer

FACILITIES

Day use facilities, bar, child friendly, conference facilities, daily newspaper, DVD library, internet facilities, Wi-Fi, restaurant, spa facilities, heated swimming pool, transfers, valet facilities

Our Rating: plus



CAPE CADOGAN

From £245 per room per night

Live like a local at the Cape Cadogan in the suburb of Gardens. Walking distance to bistros, boutiques, restaurants and cafés this boutique hotel is close to historical landmarks, scenic attractions and theatres. Combining a yesteryear charm and a bohemian influence this 15-room hotel provides a home away from home comfort.

ACCOMMODATION
15 air-conditioned rooms, hairdryer, TV and satellite channels, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Free Wi-Fi, bar & restaurant, complimentary scheduled transfers to and from the V&A Waterfront, parking, pool

Our Rating:



THE TABLE BAY

From £303 per room per night

Adjacent to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and opened by Nelson Mandela in 1997, the hotel overlooks the Cape Town harbour. The hotel is ideally located for sightseeing and exploring the city. The Atlantic restaurant offers panoramic views of Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean, with high tea in The Lounge set to the backdrop of Table Mountain.

ACCOMMODATION
329 air-conditioned rooms with TV, hairdryer, safe, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Butler service, shuttle service, gym facilities Wi-Fi, jacuzzi, spa facilities, steam room, outdoor swimming pool, valet facilities

Our Rating:



THE CELLARS-HOHENORT

From £309 per room per night

Set in the historic area of Constantia, Cellars-Hohenort, a Relais & Chateaux hotel, is overlooked by Table Mountain. 51 Guest rooms set in a magnificent 9 acres of garden enjoy breath taking views of Table Mountain. A mere 15-minute drive from Cape Town, and a short distance from Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, this is an unforgettable stay.

ACCOMMODATION
51 rooms with minibar, satellite TV, hairdryer, safe, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Award winning gardens, 2 salt water heated pools, gym, spa, parking, boutique, hairdresser, tennis, cycling, lawn games, shuttle to V&A Waterfront

Our Rating: plus



THE TWELVE APOSTLES HOTEL & SPA

From £351 per room per night

Surrounded by the Table Mountain National Park and the Atlantic Marine Park, the award winning Twelve Apostles hotel is a 15-minute drive from the city centre and V&A Waterfront. Individually decorated rooms offer spectacular ocean or mountain views. Enjoy whale spotting and Atlantic sunsets from this stunning location.

ACCOMMODATION
70 individually decorated rooms & suites offer TV, hairdryer, bathrobes & slippers, coffee maker, safe

FACILITIES

Room service, Wi-Fi, private cinema, spa, shuttle to beach and V&A, pool, cocktail bar, restaurant

Our Rating: plus

WINELANDS & OVERBERG

At the heart of the region is the second oldest town, Stellenbosch. Surrounded by 200 wine estates and shaded by 300-year old oaks the Cape Dutch, Georgian & Victorian buildings depict its development over the centuries. Franschhoek showcasing its French Huguenot heritage is deserving of its reputation as the gourmet capital of South Africa.

Paarl is where the foundations of the Afrikaans language were laid out. The granite boulders overlooking the town glistening like pearls in the morning dew led to its name Paarl (pearl). The town is home to the famous KWV and other fine wine estates.

The Overberg is the gateway to the Garden Route and offers diverse activities such as whale watching in Hermanus and the longest wine route in South Africa, Route 62. The semi-arid Karoo town of Oudtshoorn, famed for its ostrich farms, is also home to Precambrian limestone formations of the Cango Caves.



FRANSCHHOEK WINE TRAM

Adult from £90

For a curated wine experience depart from Franschhoek Village on the double-decker railway tram to a local wine estate where a wine guide will share aspects of winemaking and stories about Franschhoek's history of wine and culture. A tour of the estate wine cellar will be followed by a specially curated three course lunch at the estate restaurant. In the afternoon, you will visit two additional Franschhoek wine estates, enjoying a premium wine tasting at each estate. At the end of the experience, you will be more knowledgeable about the local wine culture and ready to discover the Franschhoek valley further.

Alternatively use one of the eight hop-on hop-off lines to visit a selection of wine estates showcasing a separate part of the Franschhoek Valley. Each of the lines has a wide selection of boutique and marquee estates and offers a unique perspective on the Franschhoek wine experience.

DEPARTS:

Daily except 3rd weekend of Sep, 24, 25 & 31 December and 01 January

DURATION:

7 hours



FOODIES ON FOOT

Adult from £74

Meet your guide at the Stellenbosch Wine Route office for this exceptional tour. Explore the Eikestad "village of the oaks" with its shady oak avenues bordered by water furrows on foot. Admire the charm and harmony of the Cape Dutch Architecture as your red aproned guide walks you through this charming historic university town. On your walk you will stop for a variety of sweet and savoury tastings, including a chocolate and wine pairing and local snacks such as biltong. The focus is on local and seasonal produce for your included lunch platter. As you continue your walk the guide will provide their perspective on the local outdoor art works found on the historic streets and the inspiring artists that created them. The tour includes craft beer samplings and a visit to a coffee laboratory for a liquid 'dessert'.

DEPARTS:

Monday - Friday

DURATION:

3.5 hours



VINE & DINE TOUR

Adult from £101

Meet your red aproned guide at Stellenbosch Wine Route office to explore the Eikestad "village of the oaks" with its shady oak avenues bordered by water furrows of on foot. Admire the charm and harmony of the Cape Dutch Architecture as your red aproned guide walks you through this charming historic university town. Visit a family home dating back to 1710 and appreciate your modern kitchen appliances. On your walk you will enjoy home grown teas and spice infused sweet treats, local snacks from an artisan bakery and a wine tasting. A traditional lunch platter is enjoyed in the oldest running hotel in the country. After lunch join the Vine Hopper tour (a hop on - hop off wine tasting experience), which offers a unique wine tour. Operating three routes in the Stellenbosch region, each route stops at up to six different wine estates. Visit 2 world class wineries at your leisure. The wine tastings are for your account, enabling you to choose the tasting best suited to your palate and pocket whilst you soak up the scenic beauty.

DEPARTS:

Monday - Saturday

DURATION:

7 hours



Mountain view Suite

MAJEKA HOUSE STELLENBOSCH

From £158 per room per night

Majeka House provides an ideal base from which to explore Stellenbosch with museums, galleries and wine farms within easy reach. Located in a tranquil neighbourhood the hotel is a 5-minute drive from the town centre. 23 Individually appointed rooms spread across four room categories provide stylish luxury in this owner managed boutique hotel.

Our Rating: 

ACCOMMODATION
23 air-conditioned rooms offer terrace or balcony, Wi-Fi, coffee maker, TV & DVD player, hairdryer, safe, minibar

FACILITIES
Laundry service, room service, spa, heated indoor pool, jacuzzi, steam room, gym, DVD library, private dining



GRAND DEDALE WELLINGTON

From £149 per room per night

Set on 380 hectares of vineyard, forest and fynbos is the Doolhof Wine Estate in Wellington, home to Grand Dedale country house. Explore the wine routes of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek or enjoy mountain walks and other outdoor activities from this base. The historic manor house rooms combine 21st century luxury and Cape Dutch elegance.

Our Rating: 

ACCOMMODATION
6 air-conditioned rooms and a cottage feature TV, coffee maker, safe, Wi-Fi, fresh flowers & fruit basket

FACILITIES
Salt water pool, spa room, library, laundry service, residents bar fridges, BBQ facilities, concierge service



Forest Cottage

GROOTBOS

From £763 per room per night

GrootBos is a luxury eco-reserve close to the Southern tip of Africa where two oceans collide, and the smallest of the world's six floral kingdoms flourishes. Surrounded by mountains, forest and sea this reserve of 2500 hectares of botanical and wildlife treasures is a one of National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World and recipient of numerous awards. Overlooking Walker Bay, home to the Marine Big Five, the reserve contains 800 plant species of which 100 are endangered, 118 bird species and 29 mammal species.

Our Rating: 

The carefully curated experiences offer the chance to grow, learn and discover. Whether it's spotting whales and their calves in the ocean, learning how bees pollinate flowers, savouring organic food grown on the reserve or relaxing with a spa treatment your stay at Grootbos will be inspirational.

Dining at Grootbos is as varied an experience as the reserve, beach picnics, South African boma dinners and cellar dinners featuring Overberg wines leave you spoiled for choice.

ACCOMMODATION
11 luxury suites at Garden Lodge, 16 Suites at forest Lodge & 2 private villas feature air-conditioning, coffee maker, minibar, satellite TV, safe

FACILITIES
Restaurant, bar, lounge, boma, library, beauty salon, swimming pool, horse riding, 4x4 safari, nature walks, bird watching, internet



GRANDE ROCHE PAARL

From £235 per room per night

At the foot of Paarl Rock is the Grande Roche, a 5-star member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World. Set in beautiful gardens and surrounded by vineyards the hotel was created from a Cape Dutch manor house dating back to 1717 and declared a national monument in 1993. The 35 stylish rooms reflect the Dutch and Cape Colonial past of this region.

Our Rating: 

ACCOMMODATION
35 air-conditioned rooms offer TV, safe, coffee maker, hairdryer, Wi-Fi, flowers, wine & mineral water on arrival

FACILITIES
Restaurant, bar, pool, spa, wine tasting



THE LAST WORD FRANSCHHOEK

From £309 per room per night

Set in the heart of Franschhoek this historic Cape Huguenot style residence is within walking distance of gourmet dining experiences, art galleries and boutique style shops. A mixture of classic and contemporary furnishing creates and elegant sophisticated interior.

Our Rating: 

ACCOMMODATION
10 air-conditioned rooms offer TV, minibar & snacks, safe, fresh flowers, port / sherry decanter

FACILITIES
Bar, Wi-Fi, laundry, heated swimming pool, beverages & premium spirits included



THE MARINE

From £318 per room per night

Located on Hermanus' cliff path, The Marine boasts 40 individually decorated bedrooms and suites. This stylish property overlooks Walker Bay, South Africa's popular whale sanctuary. The Marine offers guests the unique opportunity to experience the finest land-based whale watching in the world. From June to September guests can view these majestic creatures from the cliff tops and local beaches. If you are fortunate you may spot whales from the comfort of a beautiful sea view room.

Our Rating: 

Attention to detail is apparent in every aspect of this award-winning property - from the personal service to the exceptional cuisine at Origins at The Marine, the relaxing Sun Lounge & Bar and the in-house Carchele Beauty Spa, a haven of pampering and indulgence.

ACCOMMODATION
40 rooms with tea making facilities, Nespresso machine, minibar, newspapers, TV, hairdryer, safe, twice daily housekeeping service

FACILITIES
Parking, heated salt water pool, tidal salt water pool, spa, in-house boutique, smartphone, restaurant, bar, room service, laundry, Wi-Fi

THE GARDEN ROUTE

The Garden Route is famous for its scenic beauty. This 300 km stretch of coastline includes the coastline towns of Knysna and Plettenberg Bay. Garden Route towns are surrounded by spectacular scenery, mountain peaks, indigenous forests, lagoons and lakes and the mildest climate in South Africa.

From exploring Featherbed Nature Reserve to a tree top canopy tour or a 216-metre bungee jump off the Bloukrans Bridge there are a wealth of experiences in this beautiful region.

The Outeniqua & Tsitsikamma indigenous forests are a mixture of Cape Fynbos and Temperate Forest and home to over 300 species of bird, including the famous Knysna Loerie. The Tsitsikamma National Park combines land and marine reserves. The Garden Route became part of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves in 2017.



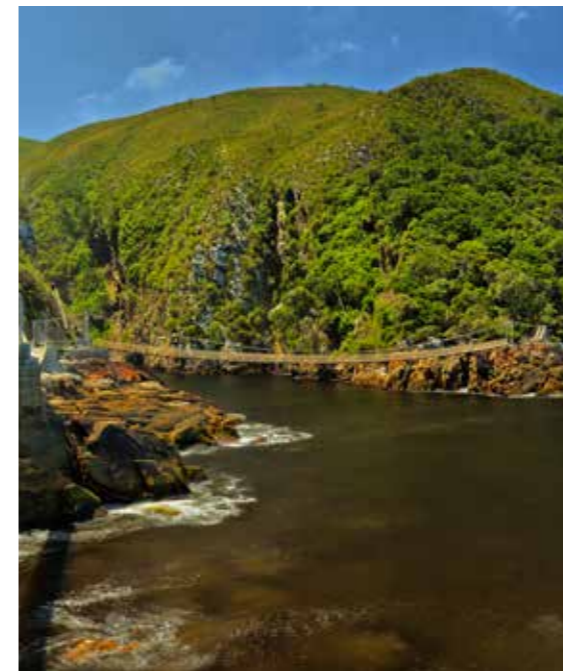
FEATHERBED NATURE RESERVE

Adult from £52

Knysna Lagoon, more accurately an estuary, has five fresh water rivers flowing in from the surrounding Outeniqua Mountains meeting with the surge of sea water from the Indian Ocean through the mighty headlands - known as the 'Knysna Heads' - the grand sandstone cliffs towering above the entrance to the Knysna Lagoon. The Featherbed Nature Reserve, situated on the Western Head in Knysna, is the premier eco-experience on the Garden Route. Take a ferry trip on the Knysna Lagoon to the Western Head, followed by a 4x4 vehicle & trailer drive up the headland onto the Reserve, stopping at spectacular viewpoints. A specialist guide will provide information on history, fauna & flora. An optional guided 2.2km walk through coastal forest and fynbos, followed by a buffet lunch at an outdoor restaurant under a canopy of Milkwood trees. After a leisurely lunch, return to the mainland by ferry.

DEPARTS:
Daily

DURATION:
4 hours including lunch



TSITSIKAMMA CANOPY TOUR

Adult from £50

Discover the secrets of the spectacular and unique wilderness of Tsitsikamma Indigenous forest. The 2-3 hour zip line canopy tour begins with a detailed safety briefing followed by a 'kitting up' session. The tour consists of ten slides (the longest one measures 91m), each ending on a platform constructed in the trees. No climbing or jumping necessary. The platforms, built high up in the giant Outeniqua Yellowwoods, provide an unbelievable view of this enchanting forest. You will encounter Hard Pear trees, Giant Yellow Woods, beautiful Tree Ferns hundreds of years old and other interesting Forest Flora. Stand beside a colossal Outeniqua Yellowwood and feel like a dwarf against this spectacular giant. Abundant bird life includes the Knysna Loerie and the elusive Narina Trogon, your guides will explain the ecology of this lush primeval forest as you travel through the canopy.

DEPARTS:
Daily

DURATION:
3 hours



HIGHGATE OSTRICH FARM

Adult from £10

At Highgate Ostrich Farm you experience the world's largest flightless bird, the ostrich. Touring a working farm, you will learn more about this fascinating bird. In the main yard you will learn about the life span of this unusual bird. The ostrich may be flightless, but they can reach speeds on land of up to 80km per hour and sustain this for between 10 and 20 minutes. You will visit the incubators and view the largest bird eggs. Your guide will teach you about the feeding habits of the ostrich and some of the more unusual items that these curious birds have been known to eat. The town of Oudtshoorn was built on ostrich farming and in its heyday the feathers were highly sought after as a fashion item. Your guide will explain the use of the various feathers. A visit to the farmland enables you to see the breeding pairs and learn a little more about the anatomy of this unusual bird.

DEPARTS:
Daily

DURATION:
1.5 hours



THE MANOR HOUSE AT FANCOURT

From £447 per room per night

The Manor House boutique hotel is the crown of the Fancourt estate, located in the heart of the Garden Route, 7km from George Airport. As a National Monument, The Manor House presents a meticulous remodelling of its historical counterpart, the Blanco House, while encompassing the distinctive air of a world-class, 21st century destination. The Manor House offers accommodation of uncompromising quality.

Our Rating: plus

ACCOMMODATION
18 air-conditioned suites have safe, hairdryer, satellite TV, I-pod dock, coffee machine, coffee maker

FACILITIES
Wi-Fi, tennis, golf, fishing, restaurant, bar, pool, spa, gym, shuttle service, laundry, gift shop, parking



ROSENHOF COUNTRY HOUSE

From £221 per room per night

Rosenhof Country House situated in Oudtshoorn, is a carefully renovated homestead (Circa 1852). With its yellowwood beams and ceilings and a tasteful collection of antique furniture, Rosenhof exudes an aura of authenticity. The lovely rose garden, which gave Rosenhof its name, leads to stylishly decorated bedrooms, each individually furnished.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION
14 rooms & suites have air-conditioning, underfloor heating, Wi-Fi, satellite TV, telephone, safe, minibar, digital safe, tea and coffee facilities

FACILITIES
Pool, Wi-Fi, restaurant, bar, sun terrace, library, pool, spa, parking, laundry



HOG HOLLOW COUNTRY LODGE

From £284 per room per night

18 Km from Plettenberg Bay, set on the edge of the Matjies River Gorge, this 4-star lodge features views of the surrounding valleys and Tsitsikamma Mountains. Decorated in earthy colours, with hand crafted artefacts, each room has its own private deck to enjoy the views and sounds of the surrounding indigenous forest.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION
16 rooms have minibar, Wi-Fi, hairdryer, safe, fan, heating, coffee maker, private balcony

FACILITIES
Parking, pool, bar, outdoor fireplace, restaurant, pool, sauna, laundry, communal lounge



THE OLD RECTORY

From £288 per room per night

In the heart of Plettenberg Bay, The Old Rectory is an immaculately restored national monument built in 1777 and reimagined into an intimate boutique hotel. Charming architectural details make for a world-class getaway. 18 luxury suites a short stroll from the beach, with a spa, in-house restaurant and sparkling pool.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION
18 suites offer pool or garden view, TV, safe, heating, hairdryer, coffee maker, minibar

FACILITIES
Restaurant, bar, pool, Wi-Fi, spa, luggage storage, laundry, shuttle service, gift shop, room service



DE DENNE COUNTRY GUEST HOUSE

From £99 per room per night

De Denne Country Guesthouse in Oudtshoorn is the perfect stop over between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth travelling on the Route 62. All suites enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding farmlands and majestic mountains. Activities include bird watching, scenic walks, stargazing and farm tours where you can experience the ostrich chicks hatching.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION
19 air-conditioned rooms have garden or mountain views, satellite TV, safe, hairdryer, coffee maker, fridge, patio

FACILITIES
Parking, airport shuttle, pool, restaurant, bar, laundry, gift shop, ostrich farm tours



THE TURBINE BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA

From £222 per room per night

The Turbine Boutique Hotel & Spa offers luxurious accommodation, exceptional cuisine, stunning panoramas - in a unique holiday experience - an old power station transformed into a 5-star boutique Knysna hotel. All the old machinery which was used in this power station has been lovingly restored and forms an integral part of the hotel's aesthetics.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION
26 rooms & suites have air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, minibar, tea & coffee station, hairdryer, heating, kitchenette, safe

FACILITIES
Parking, shuttle service, restaurant, bar, pool, spa, sun terrace, library, laundry, luggage storage



DROSTDY HOTEL

From £92 per room per night

The Drostdy Hotel is situated in the historic centre of the town of Graaff-Reinet. The Magistrate's residence for several years, converted into a hotel in 1876. Restored to its former splendour in 1977, it plays host to priceless antiques and paintings. This charming Cape Dutch manor linked by courtyards, is now a sophisticated boutique hotel.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION
48 air-conditioned rooms have safe, satellite TV, hairdryer, coffee maker, minibar

FACILITIES
Parking, Wi-Fi, restaurant, bar, 3 pools, gym, luggage storage, laundry, shuttle service



NO.5 BY MANTIS

From £175 per room per night

Located in a suburb of Summerstrand in Port Elizabeth, No. 5 by Mantis offers luxurious suites overlooking the landscaped gardens. A showcase of authentic South African art and a masterpiece of comfort and opulence. No 5 is host to a private art collection and world class facilities thoughtfully completed to enhance the art deco theme.

Our Rating: plus

ACCOMMODATION
10 air-conditioned suites with garden or sea view, satellite TV, safe, hairdryer, minibar, coffee maker

FACILITIES
Wi-Fi, pool, spa, gym, private cinema, restaurant, bar, laundry, shuttle service, library, room service

EASTERN CAPE

Cultural melting pot and birthplace of iconic world leader, Nelson Mandela, the rich heritage and diversity of the Eastern Cape makes this region unique. The Tsitsikamma Mountains, indigenous forests and a breath-taking coastline, with friendly beaches and the picturesque Wild Coast, make the Eastern Cape an adventurer's paradise. The early settlers reported vast herds of wildlife roaming this region, later replaced by agriculture and livestock. In recent years local farms have been allowed to return to their original fauna and flora and livestock have been replaced with wildlife. Many of the Eastern Cape game reserves have finally realised their dreams of restoring the balance and the region once again boasts the Big 5. With little light pollution star gazing is hugely successful on most reserves.



Karoo Lodge, Lodge Suite



Manor House, King Suite



SAMARA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Our Rating:

Karoo Lodge from £454 per room per night
The Manor from £497 per room per night

Award-winning Samara Private Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape is located within one of 36 Global Biodiversity Hotspots, the Maputaland - Pondoland - Albany thicket. Family run for 21 years this 70 000-acre reserve is slowly beginning to recover from the effects of generations of agricultural exploitation. The haunting beauty of the landscape that first inspired Samara's campaign of rejuvenation has been allowed to return. An ambitious programme of land rehabilitation and wildlife reintroduction has brought the land back to life. Herds of springbok, black wildebeest, zebra and eland now roam the Plains of Camdeboo. Rhino, elephant and cheetah meander across the veld once more. More than a century after it was last seen, the lion reigns again. An amazing life-changing and wonderfully relaxing experience awaits as you experience the rebirth of a unique piece of Africa and a luxury safari in the Graaff-Reinet region of the Eastern Cape.

Samara has two intimate 5-star lodges. Elegant lodges provide luxury accommodation nestled between an amphitheatre of mountains on 70,000 acres. Karoo Lodge with 9 suites across 3 room tiers in a lovingly restored farmhouse has a rustic and homely feel. The wraparound veranda is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the Karoo tranquillity in Summer months and cosy fires indoors. The Karoo suites are standalone cottages offering accommodation with additional privacy. The outdoor showers offer an al fresco experience with beautiful views. The Sibella Suites are located near a waterhole, abundant with birdlife and frequently visited by antelope, rhino and buffalo offering a great viewing experience to residents.

The Manor with 4 suites offers a contemporary take on Karoo style with a patio seating area for summer and open fireplaces in the winter. Weather dependant you can enjoy candlelit dinners on the verandah or under a spectacular star-studded sky. The boma is the perfect meeting place for pre-dinner drinks. A 21-metre infinity pool descends to a waterhole which is regularly frequented by monkeys, warthog and buffalo.

Samara's star bed on the Milk River will provide you with a romantic wilderness experience to take your breath away. Arrive at sunset for a picnic dinner and drinks. Watch as the local wildlife descend to the water to quench their thirst. Take in the spectacular views over the mountainous landscape, free of light and noise pollution. As the night sky develops, marvel at the Milky Way, pointing out different constellations with the aid of star books, before drifting off to sleep wrapped in a thick mohair blanket. Awaken to the big skies and birdsong of the Karoo as another beautiful day dawns in Africa.

Twice daily game drives. Guided bush & fossil walks or Cheetah tracking on foot with an experienced field guide. Participate in conservation activities on the reserve. Hiking to Khoi San paintings. Fly-camping and wilderness picnics. Planting Spekboom plants to offset your carbon footprint.

ACCOMMODATION

2 five-star lodges, 9 suites in Karoo Lodge and 4 suites in The Manor have fireplace, air-conditioning & heating, safe, coffee maker, telephone

FACILITIES

Wi-Fi, pool, laundry, spa, curio shop, babysitting, communal lounge



AMAKHALA GAME RESERVE

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Amakhala Game Reserve in the malaria free Eastern Cape region, is a joint conservation venture between the owners of six lodges, direct descendants of the British settlers of 1820. 10 properties within the Reserve create the Amakhala Game Reserve. The reserve is a unique conservation initiative that allows animals to be re-introduced to the area where they once roamed freely. Used to ranch sheep and cattle up to the turn of the century, the challenge has been to re-establish the 8500ha of land to the original flora and fauna species. The Big 5 now roam freely.



BUKELA GAME LODGE

From £718 per room per night

A secluded safari destination tucked away at the top of a hidden valley at Amakhala Game Reserve. The Lodge and suites are the perfect setting for intimate guest experiences. Connected by a wooden walkway, thatched suites offer a private wildlife-viewing experience. Dine under the stars and fall asleep, to the unmistakable sounds of elephant and buffalo making their stately progress through the terrain.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

4 suites & 10 luxury tents feature minibar, safe, hairdryer, coffee maker, air-conditioning & heating, suites & safari tents offer indoor & outdoor showers

FACILITIES

Game viewing drives, pool, Wi-Fi, spa, boma dinner, media & library, viewing deck overlooking a small dam for game viewing, horse trails



SINDILE TENTED CAMP

From £1,238 per room per night

Sindile, Shamwari's new luxury tented camp is a secluded, luxury getaway set deep in the African veld. Luxury free-standing tents elevated above the surrounding bush, allow uninhibited views, unsullied by any other man-made structures or light pollution. The harmonious, intimate design minimises the environmental footprint.

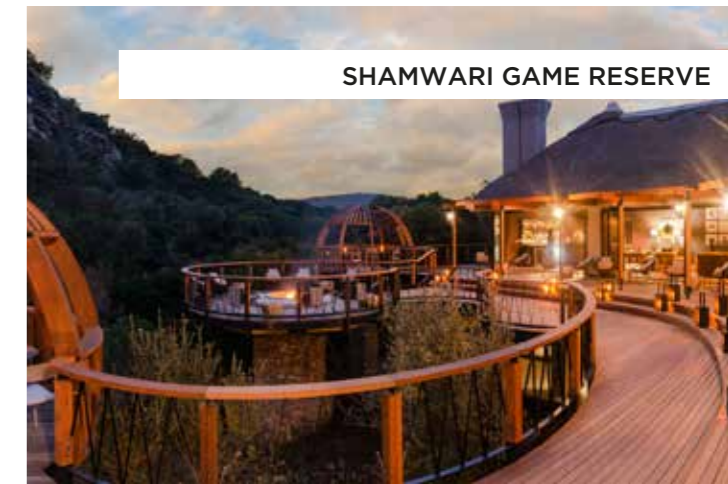
Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

9 luxury tents with air-conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, plunge pool, fireplace, tea & coffee making

FACILITIES

Communal lounge & dining area, gift shop, bar, deck with fire pit, boma, Wi-Fi, game viewing activities, spa



SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE

EAGLES CRAG

From £1,125 per room per night

Eagles Crag provides exclusivity and spectacular views. Making efficient use of its idyllic setting, guests can immerse themselves in nature's magnificent beauty and marvel at the surrounding lush vegetation and rocky cliffs. The lodge's upper deck with aerial viewing pods, provide panoramic views of the surrounding rock faces where eagles soar.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

9 air-conditioned suites with Wi-Fi, minibar, coffee maker, safe, hairdryer, private deck with heated plunge pool

FACILITIES

2 lounges with billiard table, fireplace, TV, bar and fireplace, spa, gift boutique, gym



BUSH LODGE

From £769 per room per night

A luxury tented camp, each of the suites overlooks a watering point with big sky views and secluded private viewing deck with intimate plunge pool. The lodge offers luxurious dining and an expansive viewing deck with magnificent views of game-filled plains. Evenings are spent around the outdoor fireplace admiring the unspoilt African star-scape.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

8 air-conditioned rooms have heating, coffee maker, safe, hairdryer

FACILITIES

Pool, Wi-Fi, game drive, communal lounge, dining area, viewing deck with outdoor & indoor fire place, horse trails



SAFARI LODGE

From £638 per room per night

Safari Lodge, in a valley of indigenous bush, offers unique safari suites and signature stone-capped thatched roof tops. Interiors enhanced by African bead work and handcrafted designs provide an undisturbed retreat. The suites and lounge area offer views of the waterhole where monkeys come to play and antelope and zebra to quench their thirst.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

11 luxury suites with lounge area and private plunge pools, air-conditioning & heating, coffee maker, minibar, safe, hairdryer

FACILITIES

Wi-Fi, game drive, spa, boma, horse trails



BAYETHE TENTED LODGE

From £925 per room per night

For a luxurious, malaria-free experience, look no further than Bayethe Tented Lodge. Bayethe Tented Lodge offers guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in utter tranquillity, surrounded by the rich vegetation of the unique location. This tented paradise provides privacy and a feeling of seclusion with spectacular views of the African bush.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

12 air-conditioned tents with Wi-Fi, minibar, coffee maker, safe, hairdryer, private deck & plunge pool, fireplace

FACILITIES

Spa, gift boutique, lounge area, TV, in & outdoor dining facilities, outdoor deck & pool, Wi-Fi



LOBENGULA LODGE

From £878 per room per night

Tucked away in the depths of the bush-veld lies the tranquil Lobengula Lodge. This private lodge experience has been designed to resemble a traditional African kraal, boasting views of the mountains and valleys. This hidden gem with a rustic atmosphere within the valley bush-veld will leave you with a fulfilling experience.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

6 rooms feature Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, minibar, tea and coffee making facilities, safe, hairdryer, outdoor shower, private patio or deck

FACILITIES

Pool, spa & sauna, fitness room, Wi-Fi, lounge with satellite TV

KWAZULU-NATAL

KwaZulu-Natal is generally hilly or mountainous. The land rises from the coast to more than 11,000 feet along the Drakensberg Escarpment. Ascending from an elevation of 500 feet along the coastal plain to areas of 2,000 feet and then 4,000 feet in the centre of the province, a region known as the Midlands. Home to the proud Zulu nation this province is steeped in history, from the rise of the modern-day Zulu nation under the fierce King Shaka to the defeat of Cetshwayo in 1879. The famous battle sites of the Anglo Zulu wars and the Anglo Boer wars are brought to life by mesmerizing heritage guides. A cultural melting pot influenced by the traditions and cuisine of India, the Zulu nation and British settlers, this province offers diverse cultural and wildlife experiences and is home to two UNESCO World Heritage sites, iSimangaliso Wetland Park and the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park.



DURBAN CITY TOUR

Adult from £36

Travel along the Golden Mile, the revitalised beachfront, continuing through the city. Pass City Hall, housing the Natural Science Museum towards the harbour. The port of Durban is the largest and busiest shipping terminal in sub-Saharan Africa. It handles up to 31.4 million tons of cargo each year and is the fourth largest container terminal in the Southern Hemisphere. Drive to the University of Natal - Durban Campus for the view below. Visit the African/Indian Markets at Warwick Triangle - home to 9 distinct markets developed around Durban's largest public transport interchange, approximately 6000 street vendors ply their trade. Durban's Botanic Gardens, founded in 1849, contain a mix of African, Asian and American trees. Your expert guide will introduce you to the rich multicultural history of Durban. Conclude with a visit to the Moses Mabhida Stadium. (Optional cable car ride).

DEPARTS:
Daily

DURATION:
3.5 hours



USHAKA MARINE WORLD TOUR

Adult from £48

Visit the largest aquarium in the Southern Hemisphere, uShaka Marine World. Located on Durban's Golden Mile you can explore the wonders of ocean life found in both the Indian and Atlantic oceans. 500 metres of underground viewing galleries extend through 4 wonderfully designed old ship wrecks enabling you to view the sea creatures' natural habitat with descriptions and storyboards for all ages. On ground level enjoy indigenous landscaped gardens with views over the aquarium and a birds-eye view of the fish and sharks in the shallower exhibits. With a total of 30 indoor and outdoor themed exhibits your tour provides an insight into the weird and fascinating marine life from South Africa's coastline. The Africa themed Village walk is an open-air shopping mall with eateries and entertainment.

DEPARTS:
Daily

DURATION:
4 hours



SHAKALAND TOUR

Adult from £117

Visit Shakaland cultural village and experience traditional Zulu culture and customs at the largest Zulu kraal in all of Zululand. Learn about the traditions that govern day to day life of this proud nation. Your guide will explain the different garments worn by unmarried maidens and married women and the training strategies of King Shaka as he trained his nation of fierce warriors. Look into the future with an iSangoma or traditional healer. You will have the opportunity to sample traditional Zulu beer. Watch while the craftsmen make spears, shields, bead work, pots, and their huts. Enjoy a traditional dance display, the dancers will thrill with their grace and energy. Afterwards enjoy a lunchtime feast which will feature some traditional fare. Live a day in the life of a traditional community! This informative and interesting day is a far cry from anything you've ever experienced!

DEPARTS:
Weekly on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

DURATION:
8 hours



Luxury Suite

THE OYSTER BOX

From £390 per room per night

Overlooking the Indian Ocean and the iconic Umhlanga lighthouse is one of South Africa's cherished hotels, The Oyster Box. The original cottage, The Oyster Lodge was built on the grounds in 1863. In 1952 the cottage and grounds were transformed into a tea garden which evolved into The Oyster Box hotel in 1954. The hotel developed a reputation for hospitality and tradition. After an extensive restoration project from 2007 - 2009 The Oyster Box reopened as part of the Red Carnation Group.

Retaining its charming atmosphere, the hotel was extensively rebuilt. In all the ways that reflect and celebrate the legend of The Oyster Box, the experience of the contemporary Oyster Box is one that holds the grand hotel's history, heritage and heart in perfect balance.

Discover timeless elegance and a multitude of dining options, including the famous curry feast and High Tea. Indulge in the award-winning spa amid tropical gardens, relax in the hotel cinema or take in the ocean view from the pool.

ACCOMMODATION

86 air-conditioned rooms have satellite TV, ceiling fan, minibar, safe, hairdryer, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Parking, beach gear, airport transfer, restaurants, bar, library, pool, gym, spa, private wine cellar, business centre

Our Rating: plus



THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL

From £340 per room per night

Overlooking the Indian Ocean, the Beverly Hills Hotel is a 20-minute drive from Durban in the upmarket suburb of Umhlanga. This award-winning hotel opened its doors in 1964 and is synonymous with elegant, gracious hospitality and intuitive service. Each room has its own balcony offering uninterrupted views of the ocean.

ACCOMMODATION
89 rooms have air-conditioning, balcony, ocean view, TV, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Heated pool, gym, spa, Wi-Fi, restaurants, bar, business centre, airport shuttle, laundry, shuttle service to Durban and local shopping mall

Our Rating:



FAIRMONT ZIMBALI RESORT

From £223 per room per night

Fairmont Zimbali Resort, situated in the exclusive Zimbali Coastal eco-estate, offers a tranquil retreat with stylish comfort and excellent service. The hotel, set inside a gated estate, surrounded by lush flora, pristine forest and glistening sea features a luxurious spa, 3 outdoor swimming pools as well as 8 restaurants and bars.

ACCOMMODATION
154 air-conditioned rooms feature satellite TV, hairdryer, minibar, coffee maker, safe

FACILITIES

Wi-Fi, pool, spa, gym, airport shuttle, outdoor activities, parking, gift shop, room service, golf course within 3km

Our Rating:



CLEOPATRA MOUNTAIN FARMHOUSE

From £376 per room per night

This luxury lodge in KwaZulu Natal is built on the banks of a trout filled dam and offers gourmet food and a well-stocked cellar of South African wines. Individually decorated rooms with hand carved furniture and collectibles make this welcoming farmhouse a favourite with visitors. Fresh, home grown ingredients combined with specially sourced delicacies make the seven course dinners a sumptuous affair. The Copper Pot spa offers a range of treatments with local wild harvested ingredients such as Marula, Baobab and Kalahari Melon.

The surrounding Kamberg mountains are a favourite mountain bike, hiking and walking destination. Bushman Rock Art, dating back 3000 years can be viewed in the area and for the more modern crafts the Midlands Meander offers 184 craft stops. Trout fishing is available all year round. Recounting the days experiences with great food and superb wines makes Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse an unforgettable experience.

ACCOMMODATION

11 uniquely decorated rooms with satellite TV, tea and coffee making facilities, minibar, fireplace, hairdryer

FACILITIES

Wi-Fi, fishing, horse riding, spa, parking, library, laundry, gift shop, restaurant, room service

Our Rating:



CATHEDRAL PEAK HOTEL

From £237 per room per night

Nestled in the unspoiled surroundings of the Drakensberg mountain range (a World Heritage Site) lies Cathedral Peak Hotel, one of South Africa's premier resort hotels. With rooms offering spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and numerous outdoor activities, from golf to hiking, the hotel provides a Drakensberg experience unlike any other.

ACCOMMODATION
104 rooms have satellite TV, telephone, safe, fan, hairdryer, coffee maker, fridge

FACILITIES

Parking, pool, Wi-Fi, restaurant, bar, tennis, mini golf, bowling, cycling, table tennis, fishing, golf, spa, gift shop, laundry

Our Rating:



MOORCROFT MANOR

From £172 per room per night

Located in the Southern Drakensberg, decorated with artworks from around Africa, retaining some of the original farmhouse's features like the large fireplace in the lounge bar, Moorcroft Manor is an understated balance of old-world country charm and modern comforts. Attention to detail ensures that every guest will experience comfort and luxury.

ACCOMMODATION
12 rooms & suites decorated with bespoke furniture offer TV, hairdryer, heating, coffee maker, minibar

FACILITIES

Parking, Wi-Fi, pool, restaurant, wine cellar, bar, trout fishing, hiking, climbing, kayaking

Our Rating:



The Lodge



The Guesthouse

FUGITIVES' DRIFT

From £279 per room per night

Set in a 5000-acre game reserve, which is a registered Natural Heritage Site, is Fugitives' Drift. The property overlooks both Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift, famous battle sites of the Zulu War of 1874 and includes the site where Lieutenants Melvill & Coghill lost their lives attempting to save the Queen's colour of their regiment.

The legacy of the founder, David Rattray, lives on through his sons and the finest Heritage Tourist Guides in South Africa. Detailing the famous battles of

Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift these thought provoking and emotionally charged accounts of the battlefields reduce many a visitor to tears.

Both the lodge and the guest house reflect the Rattray's love of South Africa, its people and its unique history. An extensive collection of Zulu War memorabilia is housed at the Lodge and the Harford Library complements this. Mountain bike trails, walks through the reserve and fishing are all offered from the Lodge or Guest House.

ACCOMMODATION

Both the Lodge & Guest House rooms offer air-conditioning, safe, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Restaurant, bar, swimming pool, parking, laundry, gift shop, Wi-Fi, walking tours, hiking, fishing, library

Our Rating: plus



ISANDLWANA LODGE

From £514 per room per night

In the rolling hills of Zululand, cut into the rock face, lies Isandlwana Lodge, overlooking the battlefield plains where the Zulus defeated the British in the first major battle of the Anglo-Zulu war in 1879. Built in the shape of a shield, with thatched roof and rock walls resembling a traditional Zulu kraal. Each of the columns that support the roof is named after a Zulu commander or significant person in the chain of command during the Anglo-Zulu War.

The stillness of the setting belies what is regarded as one of the most dramatic events in the history of the Zulu Kingdom, brought to life by Isandlwana's resident guide, Dalton Ngobese, himself a descendent of one of the impi warriors at the Battle of Isandlwana.

Isandlwana reverberates with Zulu history and culture, reflected in the lodge décor. The magnificent views of sweeping panoramas of the plains, devoid of development, and likely to look exactly as they did over a hundred years ago, can be viewed from every vantage point.

ACCOMMODATION

12 luxury rooms with hairdryer, safe, fan, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Restaurant, bar, pool, gift shop, cultural tours, walking tours, hiking, library, Wi-Fi, parking, laundry

Our Rating:



THANDA SAFARI LODGE

From £924 per room per night

Thanda Safari is a world of wilderness and wildlife, matched with a deep commitment to Zulu culture and environmental conservation. Thanda means 'Love' in Zulu, and Thanda Safari lives this ethos in the management of its 14 000-hectare reserve, its three unique properties, and its community partnerships. Thanda is home to over 400 bird species.

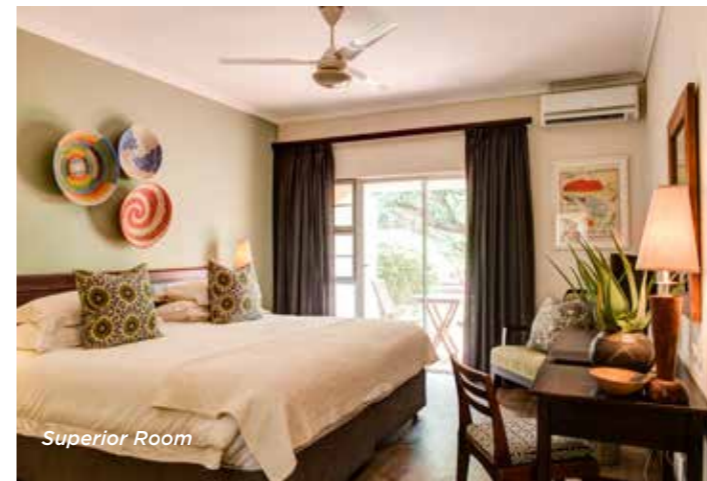
ACCOMMODATION

9 air-conditioned rooms feature plunge pool, balcony, safe, fireplace, hairdryer, minibar

FACILITIES

Game viewing activities, Wi-Fi, parking, laundry, spa, gift shop, wine cellar, communal lounge, outdoor dining area, cigar bar

Our Rating:



Superior Room



BIYELA LODGE

From £1,393 per room per night

Biyela Lodge is nestled low on a spectacular ox-bow lagoon on the White iMfolozi River. On the other side of the river are dramatic cliffs, used by vultures in the early morning to launch to the skies upon thermals. Scarce sighting of wild dog has been noted amidst the steady stream of animals that come to quench their thirst at the river.

ACCOMMODATION

14 rooms feature plunge pool, deck, safe, air-conditioning, heating, coffee maker, hairdryer

FACILITIES

Parking, spa, gym, communal dining room, pool, waterhole viewing facility, bar, game viewing activities

Our Rating:



Jabulani Family Room

GHOST MOUNTAIN INN

From £183 per room per night

At the foot of the legendary Ghost Mountain in Mkuze, Northern KwaZulu-Natal lies the enchanting Ghost Mountain Inn. A tale of family, history and an innate love for Africa, this intimate and award-winning hotel is the ideal location from which to explore the game and coastal reserves of Zululand, the Elephant Coast and Lake Jozini.

ACCOMMODATION

74 air-conditioned mountain or garden view rooms with private patio, satellite TV, safe, hairdryer, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Parking, Wi-Fi, bar, restaurant, room service, spa, gym, sauna, pool, games room, library, laundry

Our Rating:

MAKAKATANA BAY LODGE

From £473 per room per night

Makakatana Bay Lodge is the only privately-owned game lodge within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Set on the banks of Lake St Lucia experience unspoiled beaches, vast wetlands, game drives around our game reserve, and a boat cruise on the estuary. Enjoy a game drive and a swim in the Indian Ocean on the same day.

ACCOMMODATION

8 air-conditioned rooms with heating, hairdryer, minibar, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Parking, Wi-Fi, gift shop, bar, restaurant, pool, game viewing activities

Our Rating:

GAUTENG

The word "Gauteng" is a Sesotho phrase meaning "Place of gold", referencing the thriving gold industry following the 1886 discovery of gold in Johannesburg. The province is the centre of South Africa's industrial and commerce sectors. Situated on the Highveld, Gauteng is the smallest province in South Africa. Accounting for only 1.5% of the land area, containing the country's largest city Johannesburg and the administrative capital, Pretoria. It is also the most populous province in South Africa. Gauteng is home to many sites of historical importance during the struggle for democracy. The Constitutional Court, established to protect that hard-won democracy, stands on the site of an old prison. Various monuments and museums depict the history of the struggle and the mining industry that created this melting pot of a province. A host of markets and malls make it a shoppers paradise.



THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY

Adult from £110

Experience Johannesburg and Soweto through the eyes of its people. Highlights include Liliesleaf Farm, Regina Mundi Church and the Hector Pieterse Memorial. Pass Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, view Nelson Mandela Bridge and general Newtown sites. Visit Vilakazi Street, home to 2 Nobel Peace Prize winners, Mandela & Tutu. Freedom Square in Soweto, the Carlton Centre and Constitution Hill all play their part in the building of this city.

DEPARTS:

Daily except 25 & 26 Dec and 01 Jan

DURATION:

8.5 hours



MAROPENG, CRADLE OF HUMAN KIND & STERKFRONTEIN

Adult from £102

The Cradle of Humankind is one of eight world heritage sites in South Africa. Visit the Maropeng Museum and Sterkfontein Caves, one of the richest, most productive Palaeo-anthropological sites in the world. Amongst the most remarkable findings to have been found within the Cradle of Humankind is the famous Mrs. Ples, the first complete Australopithecus skull to be discovered and "Little Foot", a 4.17 million-year-old almost complete ape-man skeleton.

DEPARTS:

Tuesday to Sunday

DURATION:

6 hours



PRETORIA CITY TOUR

Adult from £79

Pretoria is informally known as the "Jacaranda City", for its beautiful purple lined streets when the jacaranda trees are in full bloom. Stand in front of the heart of the country overlooking a city built on passion and determination, where buildings are architecturally significant, and a nation congregates around statues of past leaders. Highlights include Paul Kruger House, Church Square, Voortrekker Monument, Union Buildings and City Hall.

DEPARTS:

Tuesday to Saturday except 16 & 25 Dec

DURATION:

5 hours



MABONENG ARTS & CRAFTS MARKETS

Adult from £102

Maboneng, meaning 'Place of Light', is a thriving community that has become a centre of creative energy for Johannesburg's urban artists. With a mix of art galleries, retail and studio space, the precinct draws the inner-city public, as well as a chic, art-going crowd. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of the area, browsing around the arts and craft shops, sampling artisan food and produce. Experience the hustle and bustle of African art and markets.

DEPARTS:

Weekly on Sundays

DURATION:

5 hours



Luxury Suite



SAXON HOTEL, VILLAS & SPA

From £536 per room per night

At the heart of the City of Gold, beneath the warm sunshine in the opulent, tree-lined suburb of Sandhurst, lies the enchanting Saxon Hotel. A uniquely perfect blend of rich cultural history and contemporary five-star service, the Saxon is situated on ten acres of magnificent indigenous gardens, providing a private and peaceful retreat like no other.

The Saxon is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World. The entrance exudes an air of quiet majesty with its sweeping feature staircase and spectacular

Our Rating: plus

chandelier. Looking towards the Piano Lounge, Cigar Lounge and Qunu, the neutral shades of the interior reflect the tones and textures of Africa.

The central point of the Saxon is the impressive infinity pool. The pool terrace is the ideal relaxation area for spending leisure time, taking in the superb sunset views and admiring the well-stocked Koi pond. Grei, the Saxon's restaurant, offers superb views of the evening skyline and takes guests on a unique experiential dining journey.

ACCOMMODATION

A combination of luxury suites and villas with air-conditioning, safe, satellite TV, balcony with view, hairdryer, minibar

FACILITIES

Pool, spa & gym, restaurant, bar, room service, Wi-Fi, airport shuttle, snack bar, parking, laundry, gift shop, cigar lounge, wine cellar, 24-hour butler service



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, THE WESTCLIFF

From £453 per room per night

The Four Seasons Hotel, The Westcliff offers legendary hillside views of the world's largest urban forest, overlooking Johannesburg zoo. Despite being in the middle of South Africa's largest city, the hotel feels like a chic hillside village. Nine sun-splashed villas woven with courtyards, fountains and gardens. Take a ride up the glass elevator for dinner and drinks at View, meet friends for a traditional braai (barbecue) at Flames, or simply step out onto your room's balcony to enjoy a quiet moment as you admire the endless canopy of Jacaranda trees that stretch out before you.

Our Rating:

Conveniently located for culture and shopping experiences, with a Mediterranean village ambience laced with courtyards, fountains and gardens, the hotel's 117 guest rooms and suites offer cool, contemporary decor inspired by modern Africa. Four Seasons Hotel, The Westcliff is a lively social hub for the city's elite, and the first choice for a pampering start or finish for a South African safari.

ACCOMMODATION

117 rooms offer air-conditioning, hairdryer, satellite TV, coffee maker, minibar, heating, safe

FACILITIES

Parking, Wi-Fi, pool, spa, gym, restaurants, bar, sun terrace, airport shuttle, cash machine on site, luggage storage, gift shop, laundry, room service



54 ON BATH

From £336 per room per night

Situated in the leafy Johannesburg suburb of Rosebank, the 54 on Bath hotel offers its guests a signature blend of luxury, style, and intuitive service. Nearby attractions include Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton City and Melrose Arch. The Gautrain rapid rail system makes O.R. Tambo International Airport easily accessible from the hotel.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

75 rooms have a terrace, city or garden view, air-conditioning, satellite TV, coffee maker, safe, hairdryer, minibar

FACILITIES

Wi-Fi, restaurant, bar, room service, parking, spa, gym, pool, luggage storage, laundry



THE RESIDENCE HOUGHTON

From £282 per room per night

The Residence offers elegant accommodation in the historic suburb of Houghton. A boutique hotel surrounded by manicured gardens, a short distance from the Houghton Golf Club. Take in African sunsets and sundowners at The Sky Bar on the top floor and enjoy stellar views of the surrounding suburbs and Johannesburg's renowned urban forest.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

11 air-conditioned garden or pool view rooms with balcony, TV, safe, hairdryer, minibar, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Parking, Wi-Fi, tennis court, heated pool, restaurant, bar, spa, gym, luggage storage, gift shop



MONARCH HOTEL

From £156 per room per night

Located in Rosebank with an ambience of old-world elegance combined with classical and contemporary furnishings, complimented by an extensive art collection of established and new South African artists. A prominent heritage landmark on Oxford road, the Monarch is a glamorous yet eclectic setting, providing the ultimate discreet 'urban' sanctuary.

Our Rating:

ACCOMMODATION

12 city or garden view rooms with air-conditioning, heating, satellite TV, safe, seating area, hairdryer, minibar, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Restaurant, bar, parking, spa, gym, luggage storage, laundry, Wi-Fi, walking distance to Gautrain



131 ON HERBERT BAKER, PRETORIA

From £179 per room per night

With a 180-degree view of the city of Pretoria, 131 on Herbert Baker, borders the Groenkloof Nature Reserve. Ideally located for Rovos Rail travellers, the hotel offers an exclusive refuge from the bustle of the city. Originally built as a private residence, 131 on Herbert Baker Boutique Hotel was transformed to provide outstanding hotel luxury.

Our Rating: plus

ACCOMMODATION

9 air-conditioned city or pool view rooms with balcony or patio, safe, minibar, hairdryer, TV, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Parking, Wi-Fi, pool, restaurant, bar, laundry, room service, luggage storage, airport shuttle

MPUMALANGA

Mpumalanga Province, the name means literally "the place where the sun rises" in the Swazi, Xhosa, Ndebele and Zulu languages. Mpumalanga lies in eastern South Africa, bordering Eswatini (Swaziland) and Mozambique. The Province is home to scenic beauty such as the Panorama route and the largest green canyon in the world, The Blyde River Canyon.

Famous game reserves draw tourists to this province. The Kruger National Park, established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the Lowveld boasts a diversity of species including 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals. The Sabi Sands and Manyeleti Reserves adjacent to the Kruger National Park are home to numerous luxury game reserves offering Big 5 game viewing activities. Limpopo Province, further North, is home to the famous Thornybush Game Reserve, set in a rolling Savannah, adjacent to the Kruger National Park.



MALAMALA CAMP

From £1,810 per room per night

MalaMala Game Reserve is one of the largest private Big Five game reserves in South Africa and is world-renowned for offering the finest and most consistent Big Five game viewing. Comprising 33 000 acres, MalaMala shares a 12-mile unfenced boundary with the world-famous Kruger National Park and lies strategically between the KNP and the Sabi Sand Reserve. Importantly, MalaMala has 13 miles of Sand River frontage acts as a magnet for animals and is the foundation of MalaMala's unrivalled game viewing and wildlife experience.

MalaMala Camp is a haven of understated luxury combining warm comfort and superb service with unrivalled views of the Sand River and surrounding bush-veld. It is truly a place of legends where rare photographs, old maps and extraordinary mementos rub shoulders with the works of renowned contemporary wildlife artists. The camp, an unfenced oasis in the middle of the bush, offers 19 luxury suites.

ACCOMMODATION

19 air-conditioned suites offer river or waterhole views, minibar, safe, coffee maker, hairdryer

FACILITIES

Communal lounge area, dining room, bar, library with satellite TV, evening meals in traditional boma, boutique, infinity pool, gym, wine cellar

Our Rating: plus



MALAMALA SABLE CAMP

From £1,942 per room per night

MalaMala Sable Camp is a more intimate version of MalaMala Camp, ideal for those seeking a more private and secluded safari experience. Situated at the southern end of MalaMala Camp in a prime elevated position overlooking the Sand River and surrounding bush-veld. Sable Camp accommodates a maximum of 20 guests in 7 suites.

ACCOMMODATION

7 air-conditioned suites offer private veranda with plunge pool and river views, hairdryer, coffee maker, minibar, safe, optional TV

FACILITIES

Pool, gym, library, bar, safari deck dining area, wine cellar

Our Rating: plus

MALAMALA RATTRAY'S CAMP

From £2,332 per room per night

In a forest of green, on the banks of the Sand River, lies MalaMala Rattray's Camp. An intimate glimpse into an era long lost, when travellers married the magic of the African bush with elegance and refinement. Combining humble opulence and romantic exclusivity with unrivalled game viewing for those seeking to experience the wild heart of Africa.

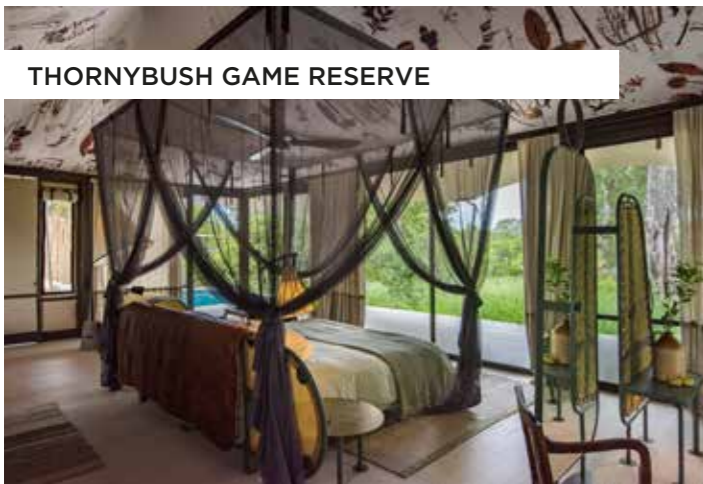
ACCOMMODATION

8 air-conditioned luxury suites, private veranda with river views, hairdryer, minibar, safe, coffee maker, optional TV

FACILITIES

Infinity pool, gym, library, bar, safari deck dining area, wine cellar, boutique

Our Rating: plus



THORNYBUSH GAME RESERVE

THORNYBUSH SASEKA TENTED CAMP

From £1,780 per room per night

Saseka Tented Camp is situated alongside the Monwana River which sweeps through Thornybush Nature Reserve. A distinct curve in the river was a natural catalyst for the site of the main area. Elevated tented suites give guests a full view of the riverbed, presenting guests with game viewing opportunities from the comfort of their private decks.

ACCOMMODATION
8 air-conditioned safari tents on permanent foundations with glass doors, private deck and pool, minibar, safe, coffee maker

FACILITIES
Parking, internet access, communal dining room, boma, spa, laundry, game viewing activities

Our Rating: plus



THORNYBUSH GAME LODGE

From £1,211 per room per night

Unrivalled big game viewing is complemented by elegant accommodation and sublime cuisine. Warm African safari evenings under the stars make Thornybush Game Lodge an ideal home away from the world. The sheer enjoyment of un-spoilt nature, the invigorating air and the open vistas, will leave you relaxed and energized.

ACCOMMODATION
18 air-conditioned suites have minibar, safe, outdoor shower, hairdryer, coffee maker

FACILITIES
Parking, pool, spa, Wi-Fi, boma, curio shop, game viewing activities, boma, communal dining and lounge area

Our Rating:



SELATI CAMP

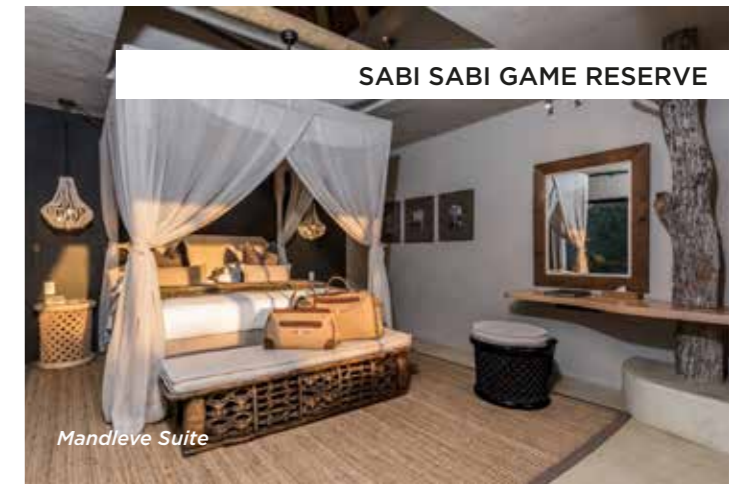
From £1,836 per room per night

Sabi Sabi's intimate all-suite Selati Camp is an unforgettable African experience. It offers the perfect accommodation for travellers looking for a romantic luxury safari lodge. Selati is furnished with a historic railway theme and antiques, representing the "Yesterday" of the Sabi Sabi collection theme "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow".

ACCOMMODATION
7 Thatched suites with air-conditioning, fans, hairdryer, lounge area, minibar, safe, coffee maker

FACILITIES
Parking, boma, boutique shop, bar, communal lounge, pool, Wi-Fi, spa, telephone

Our Rating:



SABI SABI GAME RESERVE

BUSH LODGE

From £1,736 per room per night

Overlooking a waterhole and an open plain, lies Bush Lodge, steeped in tradition, the Sabi Sabi of "Today". With a history spanning over 35 years, the lodge has earned a reputation of a "luxury home in the bush", service excellence and effortless personal attention. Furnishings and décor from all over Africa lend an eclectic feel to the lodge.

ACCOMMODATION
25 air-conditioned rooms with fans, hairdryer, lounge area, minibar, safe, coffee maker

FACILITIES
Parking, boma, boutique shop, bar, communal lounge, pool, Wi-Fi, telephone, children's centre, gym, spa, wine cellar

Our Rating:



JACKALBERRY LODGE

From £836 per room per night

The Northern Drakensberg Mountains provide a spectacular backdrop to understated luxury. Jackalberry Lodge gets the balance right, combining down-to-earth hospitality with enthusiastic attention to detail. Genuine African hospitality, and a pristine location on the edge of the Kruger National Park, make this exclusive lodge the ideal destination.

ACCOMMODATION
7 air-conditioned chalet style rooms with private patio, mosquito nets, hairdryer, minibar, safe, tea & coffee station

FACILITIES
Parking, game viewing activities, pool, curio shop, boma, library, communal dining area

Our Rating:



WATERSIDE LODGE

From £880 per room per night

Adjacent to the Greater Kruger National Park, the Lodge's main area is set on the banks of a tranquil dam with breath-taking views of the African bushveld. Waterside Lodge affords instant relaxation. The lodge has been designed to blend into the natural habitat located along pathways surrounded by an abundance of trees and manicured gardens.

ACCOMMODATION
20 air-conditioned rooms with safe, hairdryer, minibar, mosquito net, coffee maker

FACILITIES
Parking, communal dining, boma, bar, Wi-Fi, pool, gift shop, game viewing activities

Our Rating:



LITTLE BUSH CAMP

From £1,836 per room per night

Nestling in the shade of indigenous riverine trees on the banks of the Msuthlu river lies Little Bush Camp, the newest addition to the Sabi Sabi collection of 5-star safari lodges. Little Bush Camp exudes the same warmth and effortless hospitality that characterises Bush Lodge, offering unparalleled intimacy and seclusion.

ACCOMMODATION
6 suites with air-conditioning, fans, hairdryer, lounge area, minibar, safe, coffee maker, jacuzzi

FACILITIES
Parking, boma, boutique shop, bar, communal lounge, pool, Wi-Fi, access to Spa, telephone

Our Rating:



EARTH LODGE

From £2,613 per room per night

Earth Lodge is a sanctuary symbolising "Tomorrow" in luxury South African safari lodges. Sculpted into a slope of the earth, almost invisible in the landscape, the lodge uses texture, light & space to present a lodge like no other. Taking its cue from the surrounding environment, it has been described as the most environmentally sensitive lodge in Africa.

ACCOMMODATION
13 air-conditioned suites feature fans, lounge area, minibar, safe, coffee maker, private plunge pool

FACILITIES
Parking, boma, boutique shop, bar, communal lounge, Wi-Fi, telephone, gym, spa, wine cellar

Our Rating: plus



PUNGWE SAFARI CAMP

Our Rating: plus

From £431 per room per night*

Pungwe Safari Camp is a hidden gem situated in the remote and undeveloped southern portion of the Manyeleti Reserve, on the northern border of the Sabi Sand Reserve and the eastern border of the Kruger National Park. Unfenced boundaries with these iconic reserves, allow free movement of animals between the three reserves. Manyeleti is renowned for its large concentrations of game and relatively low levels of development guaranteeing exceptional game viewing with minimal vehicle densities.

Based on the belief that the essence of any safari is best captured in the sights, sounds and smell of the bush, Pungwe strives to create an environment in which these elements take centre stage. The entire basis of your stay is to provide a true connection to your environment, to experience the life altering sounds and smells of the African bush and its wildlife. A complete disconnect experience with limited mobile phone signal and no Wi-Fi in the camp heightens your experience. Your stay is about the bush, the animals, the unique experiences and the subsequent regaling of these by the iconic fireside

Qualified, armed guides will share their intimate knowledge of the bush and each animal encounter will remain etched in your memory long after your travels have ended. Encouraging guests to walk further reduces environmental impact. Set out on foot just as the sunlight touches the horizon, feel the dew drops as you walk on animal tracks in search of a feeling that only a walking safari can give you, that inexplicable feeling felt by so many before that still captivates us, connects us and allows us to feel at one with nature. You will not only see the bush, but get to touch, taste and smell it as well, a true safari of the senses.

In the afternoon and into the evening, using spotlights, experienced guides will share all the sights and sounds of the Manyeleti Reserve with you. From the echoing call of the Monotonous Lark, to the infectious greeting of a pack of Wild Dogs reuniting after a hunt, you will see and hear things that only a safari in the African bush can deliver. If you want to capture your experiences, and the look that leopard gave you, in pictures, the evening safaris are a delight. The guides will take you off-road for close-up sightings of lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and stately elephants.

This intimate lodge delivers a truly authentic safari experience with limited impact on the environment. Its small size and off-the-grid status ensure Pungwe Safari Camp has an extremely light ecological footprint. All lighting is provided by lanterns, cooking is done either on an open fire or on gas appliances and refrigeration is courtesy of solar power.

Pungwe offers what some would define as an authentic, retro safari experience. Meru-style tents are reminiscent of days when safaris were all about the sights, sounds and smells of the bush. If exclusivity is the true definition of luxury then with only 4 en-suite tents, Pungwe offers the kind of intimacy one only finds in a truly unique authentic safari camp. If you are looking for a safari experience that allows you to disconnect from a busy, electronic driven world, Pungwe with its focus on sights, sounds and smell is the perfect choice.

ACCOMMODATION

The thatched roofs over each of the 4 large tents ensures that the interiors remain cool in summer and mild in winter, en-suite facilities with a fan, seating area, mosquito net and outdoor patio

FACILITIES

Parking, communal lounge & dining area, outdoor fireplace, game viewing activities, airport shuttle service

**Price includes full board basis and all game viewing activities. Park entry fees are not included in the price.*

THE DULINI COLLECTION

From £2,138 per room per night

Dulini speaks of a deeply personal wildlife adventure: the classic safari experience for the sophisticated traveller. Three beautiful lodges of bespoke character in idyllic riverbank settings, now grace the portfolio of The Dulini Collection. Located in the world famous Sabi Sand Game Reserve Dulini offers exceptional sightings of diverse wildlife, including the Big Five: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino in a reserve of 10000 hectares.

The Dulini Collection comprises the Dulini Lodge, Leadwood & River Lodge. Dulini Main Lodge resplendent with deep couches and contemporary African accents spills onto the cool veranda, with views to the wilderness beyond. A welcoming ambience of laid back luxury creates a place of conversation and laughter, while the extensive library of books accommodates those more inclined to quieter contemplation. Dulini offer photographic equipment rental, via a third party, to reduce bulky and heavy luggage on your travels.

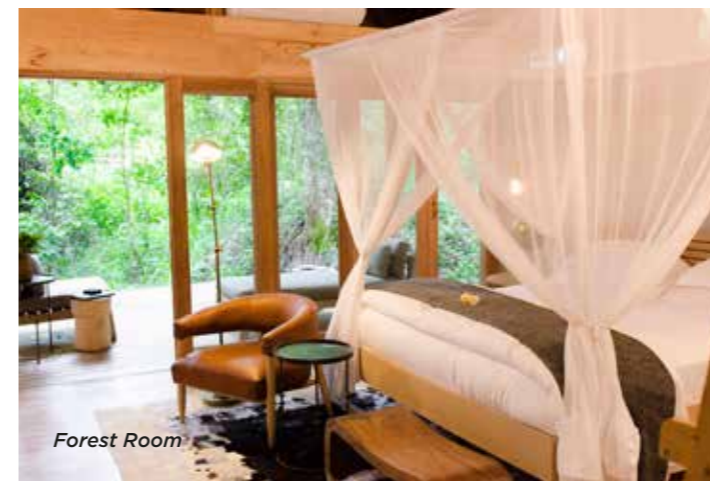
ACCOMMODATION

16 rooms across the 3 lodges with air-conditioning, hairdryer, minibar, safe, tea & coffee making facilities, pool, some rooms have mosquito nets and outdoor showers

FACILITIES

Viewing deck, dining boma, bar, wine cellar, gym, spa facilities, safari shop, Wi-Fi, game walks, laundry, parking

Our Rating:



Forest Room



SUMMERFIELDS ROSE RETREAT & SPA

From £267 per room per night

Ideally located for the Kruger National Park or the Panorama Route, Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa offers a luxury retreat, located on a litchi and macadamia farm. 2 Award winning restaurants, a spa and 5-star luxury tented suites make your stay a unique experience. During your stay, be sure to taste Duke Gin, distilled on the farm from litchi.

ACCOMMODATION

13 air-conditioned suites have ceiling fan, coffee maker, hairdryer, safe, minibar, Wi-Fi

FACILITIES

Spa, swimming pool, parking, 2 restaurants, bar, TV lounge, farm tours

Our Rating:

HIGHGROVE HOUSE

From £333 per room per night

Highgrove House opened its doors in 1991. Offering sweeping views over the Mpumalanga Lowveld Valley, this 5-star guest house offers a fine-dining restaurant, a pool in the gardens and individually decorated suites with a fireplace. Antiques and Persian carpets adorn the reception rooms, warmed by crackling wood fires when winters chill sets in.

ACCOMMODATION

8 air-conditioned suites have overhead fans, heating, safe, hairdryer, views of the valley or forest, CD player

FACILITIES

Pool, some suites offer private pool, sauna, jacuzzi, restaurant, bar, room service, spa, parking, Wi-Fi, laundry

Our Rating:

STOPOVERS

From one of the seven natural wonders of the world to the pristine waters of the Indian Ocean our recommended stopovers on your South Africa itinerary will provide you with a memorable conclusion to your holiday. Victoria Falls is a UNESCO World Heritage Site at the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe. Your stay can be relaxed or filled with adventure activities; with modern deluxe or old-style safari accommodation as your base you can tick off another bucket list experience at these spectacular falls.

With sun-kissed beaches, warm Indian Ocean waters and Creole inspired cuisine Mauritius offers fun in the sun. Relax on the beach, explore the 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites or enjoy a round of golf. No matter your preference, Mauritius is guaranteed to be a memorable conclusion to your holiday.

An archipelago of 100-plus islands Seychelles offers crystal-clear waters, dramatic peaks and beautiful flora and fauna. Coupled with Creole food this makes an idyllic stopover on any itinerary.



VICTORIA FALLS

The Victoria Falls are one of the seven natural wonders of the World, shared between two countries Zimbabwe and Zambia. 108 Metres high and 1700 metres wide, the views of these falls on the mighty Zambezi River are quite different from both sides. Known locally as “Mosi-oa-Tunya” meaning the smoke that thunders, the famous explorer David Livingstone named them after Queen Victoria. Made up of five different “falls”. Four of these are in Zimbabwe and one is in Zambia. They are known as The Devil’s Cataract, Main Falls, Rainbow Falls and Horseshoe Falls in Zimbabwe and the Eastern Cataract in Zambia.

A visit to Victoria Falls should include a guided walking tour of the Falls to appreciate their magnificence. There are diverse activities to enhance your stay, exploring the local town and its markets, a sunset cruise on the Zambezi river and extreme sports such as bungee jumping and white water rafting.



VICTORIA FALLS, LIVINGSTONE

3 DAYS
From **£1,399**

Based on the Zambian side of the spectacular Victoria Falls these 2 itineraries highlight the most popular options of an extension to your South Africa itinerary. Combine views of the spectacular “smoke that thunders” with a visit to the world-famous Chobe national Park.

DAY 1: Livingstone

Depart Johannesburg mid-morning for flight to Livingstone, Zambia. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel, Royal Livingstone (or similar) for a 2-night stay on a bed & breakfast basis. An afternoon at leisure is followed by collection from your hotel for your transfer to the jetty for your sunset cruise. Panoramic views of the mighty Zambezi River at sunset combined with gracious hospitality – create an unforgettable experience that will take you back to an era when time stood still.

This afternoon is at leisure. Explore the town of Livingstone or book an optional excursion. Excursions to choose from include helicopter flights over the Falls, micro flights, horseback safari, Livingstone Museum tour or Mukuni Village tour. Overnight on a bed & breakfast basis at the Royal Livingstone hotel (or similar).

DAY 3: Livingstone

After a leisurely breakfast mid-morning transfer to the airport for the return flight to Johannesburg.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily

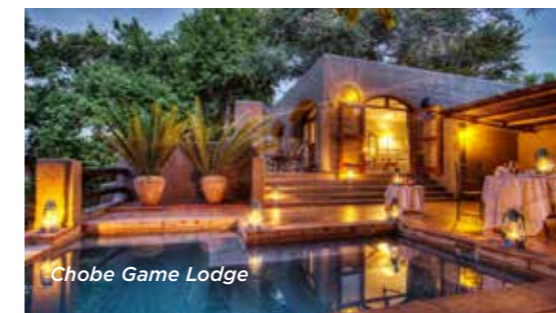
THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Return flights Johannesburg / Livingstone
- * Airport transfers
- * 2 nights accommodation in Zambia
- * Guided tour of Victoria Falls
- * Sunset cruise

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing.
Single supplement on request. Price excludes park entrance fees.

VICTORIA FALLS, LIVINGSTONE & CHOBE

5 DAYS
From **£2,484**



DAY 1: Livingstone

Depart Johannesburg mid-morning for flight to Livingstone, Zambia. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel, Royal Livingstone (or similar) for a 2-night stay on a bed & breakfast basis. An afternoon at leisure is followed by collection from your hotel for your transfer to the jetty for your sunset cruise. Panoramic views of the mighty Zambezi River at sunset combined with gracious hospitality – create an unforgettable experience that will take you back to an era when time stood still.

DAY 3: Chobe National Park

This morning you will take a road transfer to Chobe National Park in Botswana, 100km west of Victoria Falls. Home to 450 species of birds and the largest concentration of elephants in Africa. Your stay at Chobe Game Lodge is on a full board basis. Game activities include drives in 4x4 open vehicles and boat cruises on the Chobe River. Enjoy a late-afternoon boat safari on the Chobe River.

DAY 2: Livingstone

After breakfast enjoy a guided tour of Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Walk through the magnificent rain forest where you will enjoy views of the largest falling sheet of water on earth and explorer David Livingstone’s statue. Different times of the year will provide completely different experiences of the Falls region. This afternoon is at leisure. Explore the town of Livingstone or book an optional excursion. Excursions to choose from include helicopter flights over the Falls, micro flights, horseback safari, Livingstone Museum tour or Mukuni Village tour. Overnight on a bed & breakfast basis at the Royal Livingstone hotel (or similar).

DAY 4: Chobe National Park

Today you have the option of participating in morning and afternoon activities on either land or water. From your 4x4 safari vehicle you will explore parts of the Chobe National Park, your safari viewing may include herds of elephant, Cape buffalo, antelope and giraffe. On the boat safari you will experience closeup encounters with hippo, crocodile, diverse birdlife and watch antelope, Chacma baboons and Vervet monkeys come to the river bank to drink. Overnight on a full board basis at Chobe Game Lodge.

DAY 5: Livingstone

This morning you transfer back to Livingstone for the return flight to Johannesburg.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Return flights Johannesburg / Livingstone
- * Airport transfers
- * Transfers between hotel and lodge
- * 4 nights accommodation in Zimbabwe and Botswana
- * Guided tour of Victoria Falls
- * Sunset cruise and game viewing in Botswana

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Depart Johannesburg mid-morning for flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel, Stanley & Livingstone (or similar) for a 2-night stay on a bed & breakfast basis. An afternoon at leisure is followed by collection from your hotel for your transfer to the jetty for your sunset cruise. During the premium two hour guided sunset cruise guests can look forward to 5-star service on board, consisting of imported wines and spirits, gourmet hot & cold canapés. Travelling up-river you will enjoy the spectacular scenery, birdlife and wildlife on the upper Zambezi River.

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DAY 3: Victoria Falls

After a leisurely breakfast mid-morning transfer to the airport for the return flight to Johannesburg.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Return flights Johannesburg / Victoria Falls
- * Airport transfers
- * 2 nights accommodation in Zimbabwe
- * Guided tour of Victoria Falls
- * Sunset cruise

Price shown is per person based on 2 people sharing. Single supplement on request. Price excludes park entrance fees.



DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Return flights Johannesburg / Victoria Falls
- * Airport transfers
- * Transfers between hotel and lodge
- * 4 nights accommodation in Zimbabwe and Botswana
- * Guided tour of Victoria Falls
- * Sunset cruise and game viewing in Botswana

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VICTORIA FALLS AND CHOBE

5 DAYS
From **£2,413**

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STANLEY & LIVINGSTONE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Included in 2- or 4-night itineraries staying in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Alternative hotel available on request.

Surrounded by the tranquillity of natural reserve and primely located 15 minutes from the wondrous Victoria Falls, Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel invites you to explore the Falls or to pause on a spectacular Southern African itinerary. Set in tranquil gardens and fronted by furnished terraces each suite is private and elegantly appointed.

ACCOMMODATION
16 air-conditioned rooms have fan, satellite TV, Wi-Fi, safe, hairdryer, coffee maker, minibar, patio & outdoor furniture

FACILITIES

Pool, airport shuttle, restaurant, room service, bar, parking, spa, gift shop

Our Rating: plus



THE ROYAL LIVINGSTONE

Included in 2- or 4-night itineraries staying in Livingstone, Zambia. Alternative hotel available on request.

The Royal Livingstone is located on the Zambian side of the Zambezi River in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, overlooking the Zambezi River and with direct access to the Victoria Falls. Bask in graceful safari style only steps from one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. River or savannah views from every veranda as you relax in elegance.

ACCOMMODATION
173 air-conditioned rooms have fan, balcony with view of river / garden or pool, satellite TV, safe, private entrance & seating area with patio furniture, coffee maker

FACILITIES

Restaurant, bar, room service, pool bar, coffee shop, pool, gym, spa, laundry service, gift shop

Our Rating: plus



CHOBE GAME LODGE

Included in 4-night itineraries staying in either Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Livingstone, Zambia. Alternative lodge / hotel in Botswana available on request.

Chobe Game Lodge is an elegant, five-star, fully Ecotourism-certified safari lodge, the only property located inside the world-renowned Chobe National Park and set on the banks of the famous Chobe River. Immerse yourself in an all-encompassing safari on land and water in one of Africa’s primary wildlife destinations as the Chobe Game Lodge staff share their passion and explore the diversity of Botswana’s Chobe National Park with you.

Chobe Game Lodge is a haven of peace and tranquillity inside the Chobe National Park. A quiet spot on one of the many expansive viewing decks, the private jetty or comfortable lounge on the boardwalk is never far away. Each offers a different perspective on the unique wilderness that surrounds the lodge. Each of the elegantly designed guest rooms has a large terrace facing the Chobe River.

ACCOMMODATION
44 air-conditioned rooms offer fan, coffee maker, safe, terrace with deck chairs, minibar, complimentary daily laundry service

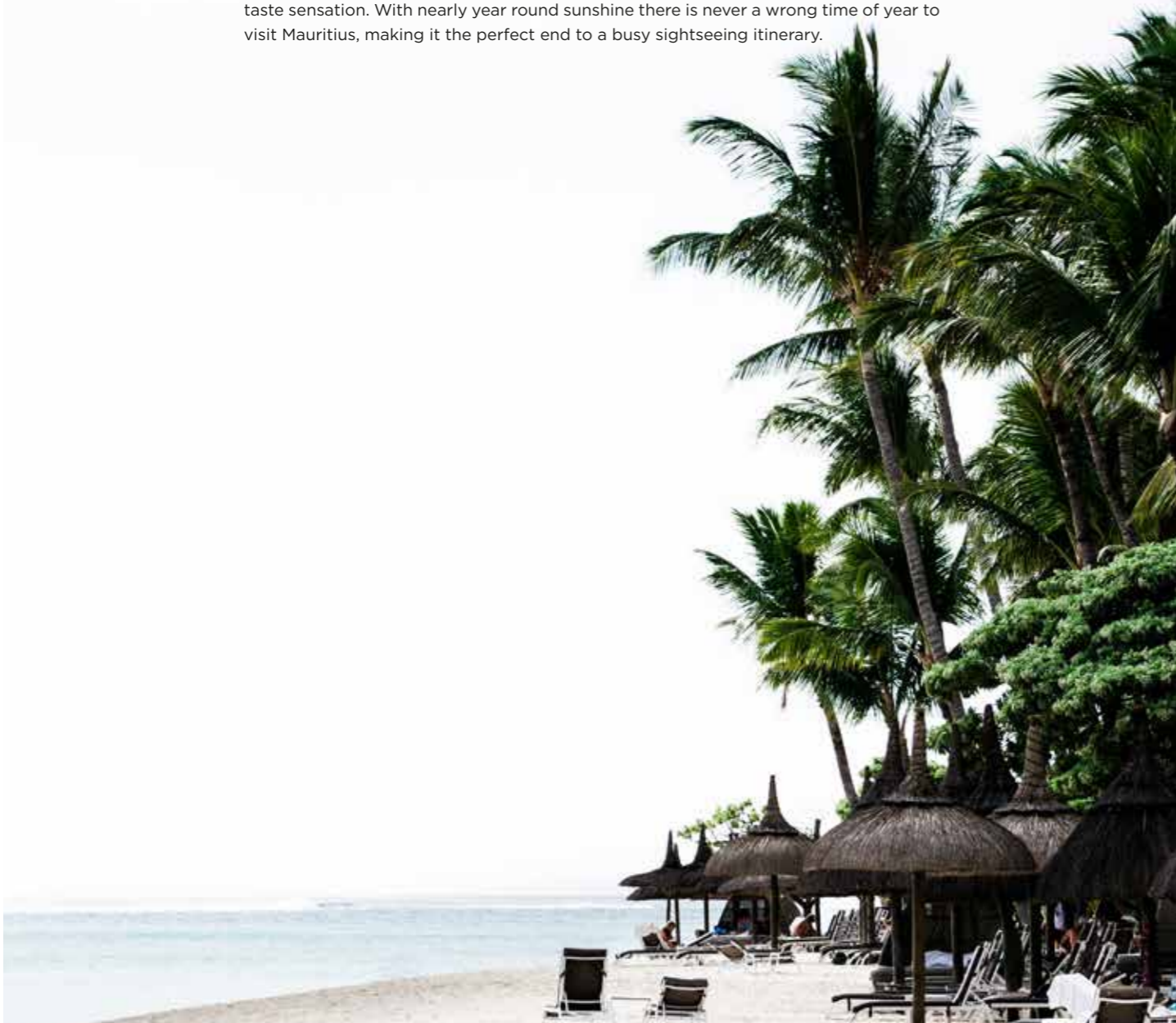
FACILITIES

Restaurant, bar, morning & afternoon game drives, morning and afternoon boat safaris, back of house eco-tours

Our Rating: plus

MAURITIUS

Surrounded by the warm waters of the Indian Ocean with perfect white sand beaches, Mauritius is a piece of paradise. Memorable dive sites and colourful coral reefs contrast with dramatic waterfalls and volcanic peaks giving you plenty to explore in this tropical paradise. Whether you just want to relax on the beach, snorkel the reefs, try your hand at deep sea fishing or visit historical landmarks Mauritius has something for everyone. Explore the Creole villages and local markets for exotic spices and fruits. A multicultural cuisine influenced by African, French, Indian settlers make each meal a taste sensation. With nearly year round sunshine there is never a wrong time of year to visit Mauritius, making it the perfect end to a busy sightseeing itinerary.



LONG BEACH HOTEL, BELLE MARE

From £461 per room per night on a Half Board basis

Indulge yourself at Long Beach which boasts the longest and widest stretch of white sand coastline than any other Mauritian resort. Long Beach is a contemporary resort where you can experience carefree piazza style living. This resort is also well known for its tropical lagoon flourishing with rare coral formations easily seen through the crystal clear waters.

Appreciating the outdoors in this beautiful resort is made easy as every room features direct beach access. Inside your rooms you will notice sleek furnishings with a generous interior, wake up to lagoon views in an ocean view room or make use of your own private terrace or balcony to relax before taking on a day of activities.

ACCOMMODATION
255 air-conditioned rooms feature TV, free Wi-Fi, balcony, room service

FACILITIES
7 bars and restaurants, 3 pools, spa, beach, water sports, kids club, teen club

Our Rating: 



CONSTANCE BELLE MARE PLAGE

From £393 per room per night on a Half Board basis

A shimmering turquoise lagoon, soft white sand and a blue sky dotted with white clouds are awaiting guests at the welcoming Constance Belle Mare Plage. Set along the east coast of Mauritius Constance Belle Mare Plage has the perfect combination of tropical environment with a chic interior. All rooms combine style and space with cosy décor while the villas include that extra touch of serenity providing guests with an uncompromised view of the ocean.

Located amongst a sheltered bay you'll find yourself spending a lot of time outdoors as this resort is set along a 2km white sand beach. Savour fine dining with a Mauritian twist, make use of the two complimentary 18-hole championship golf courses or relax at the U spa by Constance. Soak up the sun and enjoy the various complimentary water sports on offer from waterskiing and kayaking to glass bottom boat trips Constance Belle Mare Plage provides the ultimate in self-indulgence.

ACCOMMODATION
256 air-conditioned rooms feature TV, free Wi-Fi, balcony, minibar, coffee maker, room service

FACILITIES
12 bars and restaurants, 4 pools, 2 golf courses, spa, gym, beach, water sports, kids club, laundry

Our Rating: 



Sanctuary Beach Pool Villa

FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAURITIUS AT ANAHITA, BEAU CHAMP

From £717 per room per night on a Half Board basis

A luxurious tropical sanctuary, lapped by turquoise waters and filled with lush greenery the Four Seasons Resort Mauritius invites guests to discover relaxation, romance and endless possibilities. This spacious luxury resort is set just offshore on an island which is only reached via a bridge connecting the mainland making this resort a unique location to indulge. Each villa is equipped with a plunge pool, stunning ocean views and a lagoon situated beyond lush private gardens.

Take advantage of the Four Seasons Golf Club and enjoy a complimentary 18-hole game on the resort's championship course. An abundance of water sport activities are available with the resort running complimentary excursions for snorkelling and glass bottom boat trips twice daily. Whether you are wanting to relax at the award winning spa or treat yourself in one of the exciting dining venues the Four Seasons Resort Mauritius has it all.

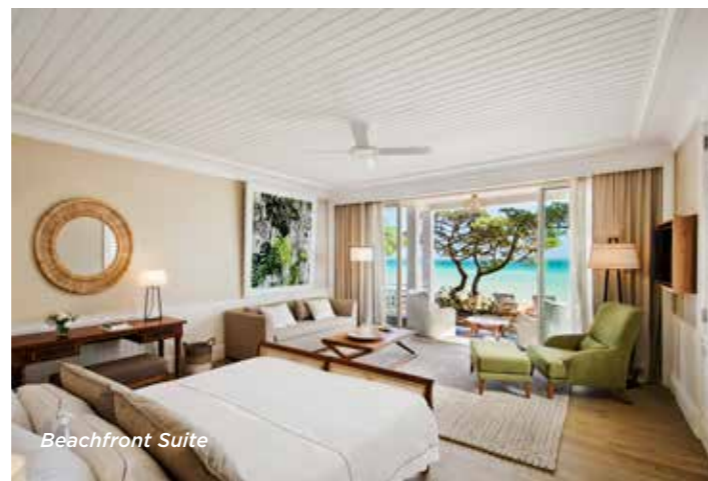
ACCOMMODATION

136 rooms feature TV, free Wi-Fi, balcony, minibar, private pool, outdoor shower, coffee maker, room service

FACILITIES

5 bars and restaurants, 4 pools, spa, gym, beach, water sports, kids club, bicycles, laundry, golf course, tennis courts

Our Rating:



Beachfront Suite

HERITAGE LE TELFAIR, BEL OMBRE

From £348 per room per night on a B&B basis

Sounds of the Indian Ocean lapping against the sandy shore, the scent of gentle sea breeze and blissful melodies of tropical birds fulfil your senses as you relax in luxury and comfort at Heritage Le Telfair. This beautiful resort has been built with an elegant and refined style reflecting the grand tradition of former sugar plantation properties the island once housed. All suites encompass a luxurious interior décor featuring large French windows that open onto a private balcony or private patio with peaceful garden, river or sea views.

If you're seeking excitement, choose from an assortment of activities such as windsurfing, kayaking, waterskiing and snorkelling or stay dry and enjoy the views from a glass bottom boat. Golf lovers will enjoy the 18-hole championship course within the resort which famously boasts the only foot golf course in Mauritius. Unwind at the Seven Colours Spa. A kids and teens club is available making Heritage Le Telfair a great location for everyone.

ACCOMMODATION

158 air-conditioned rooms feature TV, free Wi-Fi, balcony, minibar, coffee maker, room service

FACILITIES

15 bars and restaurants, 2 pools, golf course, spa, gym, beach, water sports, kids club, laundry

Our Rating:



Beach Pavillion

LA PIROGUE, FLIC-EN-FLAC

From £487 per room per night on a Half Board basis

Surrounded by turquoise waters and located along the breath-taking sunset coast, La Pirogue offers guests an incredible experience in paradise. La Pirogue resembles a traditional fishing village with each bungalow's thatched roof reminiscent of the unfurled sail of a local fishing boat. The resort is flowing with unrivalled Mauritian charm, set amongst a coconut grove and lush gardens La Pirogue delivers a relaxed yet vibrant atmosphere. Inside your bungalow enjoy elegant island décor highlighted by the natural light let in by the high ceilings.

The resort is home to the largest tennis facility in Mauritius and the water sports centre offers kayaking, laser-sailing, snorkelling and wind surfing. Unwind at the Aura spa or indulge at Thatches, the romantic beachside restaurant with an extensive menu, families are catered to as the kids and teens clubs are available to entertain whilst you enjoy all the features this tropical resort has to offer.

ACCOMMODATION

248 air-conditioned rooms feature TV, free Wi-Fi, terrace, coffee maker, minibar

FACILITIES

8 bars and restaurants, pool, golf course, spa, gym, beach, water sports, kids club, laundry, music studio

Our Rating:



Comfort Room

VERANDA PAUL ET VIRGINIE, GRAND GAUBE

From £309 per room per night on an All Inclusive basis

Serenity, privacy and comfort set amongst a backdrop of stunning ocean views are found at Veranda Paul et Virginie. This hotel boasts 81 sea view rooms with a spectacular view of the northern islets. Ideal for a romantic getaway this adult only boutique style resort is in the fishing village of Grand Gaube with free shuttles to coastal village of Grand Baie nearby. Enjoy daily catamaran cruises out to the islets or partake in the abundance of water activities on offer including kayaking, snorkelling and wind surfing.

Guests will be satisfied with a variety of cuisines on offer or join a culinary workshop or guided street food tour. This is a sought after destination perfect for honeymooners and adults seeking a tranquil and relaxing holiday.

ACCOMMODATION

81 air-conditioned rooms feature TV, free Wi-Fi, balcony, coffee maker, minibar, room service

FACILITIES

2 bars and restaurants, 2 pools, spa, gym, beach, water sports

Our Rating:



SEYCHELLES

With pristine beaches, the Seychelles archipelago of 115 islands is a great tropical location to unwind. Bird Island is home to the sooty tern, fairy terns and a conservation project to protect the Hawksbill and Green turtles. Seychelles is home to 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the restricted access Aldabra atoll (a raised coral atoll) and the Vallee de Mai reserve, a palm forest unchanged since prehistoric times, home to the famous coco de mer. With luxurious resorts, five-star hotels and activities ranging from snorkelling warm waters to exploring local arts and crafts to island hopping Seychelles is waiting for you to explore.



FOUR SEASONS SEYCHELLES RESORT, BAIE LAZARE, MAHE ISLAND

From £1,095 per room per night on a B&B basis

Discover tropical paradise on this forested hillside resort nestled on the southwestern side of Mahe, the Four Seasons Seychelles Resort has perched its vernacular Seychellois villas on stilts overlooking the treetops for a spectacular view of Petite Anse Bay. What makes this resort so unique is its peaceful isolation gifted by the horseshoe shape of Petite Anse Bay, which in addition to its privacy, allows beachgoers safety when swimming all year round due to the protective curve of the bay.

Inside, these villas feel like a treehouse inspired by rustic Seychellois and French colonial style. Enjoy the veranda, day bed pavilion or infinity plunge pool all offering uncompromising views of the tropical greenery and white sand enclosed in the bay below. The water sports centre offer diving, snorkelling, sailing and kayaking, you may want to try yoga at the hilltop spa or enjoy the beach service tailored to make your stay as comfortable as possible.

ACCOMMODATION

74 air-conditioned villas feature TV, free Wi-Fi, private plunge pool, balcony, outdoor shower, daybed, room service

FACILITIES

2 restaurants, 2 bars, beachside infinity pool, gym, spa, beach, water sports, laundry, kids club

Our Rating:



RAFFLES SEYCHELLES, PRASLIN ISLAND

From £1,114 per room per night on a B&B basis

This incredible resort sits on Praslin Island amongst lush tropical vegetation facing a pristine ivory beach lapped by the clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Designed in contemporary style, with private infinity pools and open spaces to take full advantage of the tropical paradise, the villas are a perfect haven for romantic getaways or family holidays and are carefully set in the gently sloping tropical gardens.

Spend your days trying your hand at the range of amazing water sports, or just relax at your own private swimming pool or down on the beach. Rent a car and explore the island discovering nearby towns, beautiful Seychelles scenery and more. Don't miss the incredible spa centre which includes twelve treatment pavilions, a beauty salon and an ocean-view tea room. In the evenings, lavish gourmet style meals at the hotel's restaurants and stylish cocktails at the bars, provide you with the perfect venue to eat, drink and socialise.

ACCOMMODATION

86 air-conditioned villas feature infinity pool, TV, free Wi-Fi, safe, mini-bar, coffee maker, outdoor rain shower, balcony

FACILITIES

4 restaurants, 3 bars, 2 swimming pools, beach, fitness centre, spa, water sports, kids club, 18 hole golf course nearby

Our Rating:

TRANSPORT

With a country as large as South Africa, there needs to be plenty of modes of transport to help you explore this diverse and scenic country. We have options for every taste. If you want the hassle taken out of travelling, we offer private transfers and day tours, so you can kick back and relax as your driver takes you to your destination. We offer a number of seat in coach day tours that allow you to build a personal itinerary without the need to drive yourself. Driving in South Africa is easy, they drive on the left-hand side of the road and the roads are well signposted with spectacular scenery along the way. Hiring a car is a great way to cover a multitude of places whilst exploring at your own pace. The airline you choose to fly with will get your holiday off to a great start; we've included some of the best so that your South African adventure can be started in the best way possible.





CAR RENTAL WITH **AVIS**

There's nothing better than freedom; being able to explore at your own pace, in your own time. Nothing better than going where the fancy takes you, pausing now and then to gaze at the scenery or stopping off in a quaint village or beauty spot, a roadside diner or country inn. Nothing better than cruising along country lanes without a care in the world; and South Africa is made for exploring.

Explore the vineyards of the Western Cape in search of wines that will delight the taste buds. Experience Cape Town, set between a stunning backdrop of Table Mountain and crashing Atlantic surf, see penguins on Boulders beach then drive the famous Garden Route, one of the most iconic journeys in the world with secluded beaches and charming coastal towns. Enjoy breathtaking mountain and forest scenery as you journey to the Eastern Cape. Further east you can experience the bright lights of Durban and laze on golden beaches then explore the KwaZulu-Natal with the beauty of the Drakensberg mountains, the world heritage St Lucia Wetlands and don't miss the famous Battlefields...

You can choose from one of our pre planned self-drives or just hire a car, book some hotels and take off on your own; the choice is yours. But whatever you choose you can do so in the knowledge that our partner, Avis, is one of the most respected names in the car rental business offering the widest range of locations and the best fleet of high quality, reliable cars available.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN OUR PRICES

Because we want to be sure that you have as trouble free a time as possible, we only offer the highest level of cover available. When comparing prices, it's important to check what's included. Our prices include:

- * Premium Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) and theft Loss Waiver (TLW) with ZERO excess
- * General Public Liability Insurance
- * Personal Accident Insurance (PAI)
- * Third Party Liability Insurance
- * Unlimited mileage
- * 1 Additional Driver
- * Value Added Tax
- * Tourism Levy
- * Location Surcharge
- * Tyre damage waiver
- * Sandblasting Damage;
- * Windscreen Damage Waiver
- * Water and Undercarriage Damage
- * Rim & Hubcap Damage
- * Claim Admin Fee (only in the event of accident or theft)

PRICES EXCLUDE

E-toll Fees; Rental Contract Fee; Fuel; GPS; WiFi; Child Safety Seats; Young Driver Surcharge; Valet; Traffic Fine Administration Fee; Delivery and Collection Fees; One Way Fees; Cross Border Fees

RENTAL PERIOD

Rates are based on a 24 hour time period commencing at the time the car is taken; e.g. a car collected at 9am must be returned by 9am to avoid incurring late fees. Minimum rental period is 1 day.

COMPACT

- * Group B
- * Polo Vivo or similar
- * Manual
- * 4 seats
- * 2 bags



STANDARD

- * Group E
- * Toyota Corolla Quest or similar
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 3 bags



PREMIUM

- * Group G
- * BMW 3 Series or similar
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 3 bags



INTERMEDIATE

- * Group C
- * Toyota Corolla Quest or similar
- * Manual
- * 4 seats
- * 3 bags



FULL SIZE

- * Group F
- * Audi A3 Sedan or similar
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 3 bags



INTERMEDIATE SUV

- * Group K
- * Toyota RAV 4 or similar
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 3 bags



RENTAL AGE

Minimum age for any driver is 18 years.

LICENCES

All drivers must hold a valid passport & driver's licence (which must have been held for at least 1 year). If the licence is not translated into English an International Drivers Licence is required.

ADDITIONAL DRIVERS

Up to two additional drivers are allowed and must be on the rental agreement. A fee applies locally for a third driver

DEPOSIT (CREDIT CARD ONLY)

A credit card imprint will be taken on collecting your car to cover extras which have not been pre-paid e.g. fuel, child seats, one way charges. The credit card MUST be in the name of the main driver. (Bank 'Debit' cards and cash are not accepted). All drivers must present a valid credit card. You will not be able to take the car without a credit card. A refundable deposit of ZAR 3500 will be held against the card (approx. £200)

ONE WAY RENTALS

You may collect your car in one city and return it to another, but a one way rental fee will apply. One way rentals are subject to availability. The fee is payable locally and is subject to applicable taxes and surcharges. One way fees will also apply if you collect a car at one city location and return it at another within the same city, including airport locations.

INFANT/CHILD SEATS

Child seats are required by law and can be rented locally at a cost of ZAR 440 per rental, payable locally. A deposit may be required; seats are subject to availability and should be requested at the time of booking.

TAXES, SURCHARGES & FEES

Our pre-paid rates include most taxes & charges in effect at the time of printing. Taxes are payable locally for all items charged for at the time of rental, e.g. child seats, one way fees, fuel fee etc.

CAR TYPES

Car models are shown for guidance and may differ from that supplied. Specific models cannot be guaranteed.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT CAR SIZE

Please ensure that you choose a car that will accommodate all your luggage, including those souvenirs you'll collect along the way and not just one with enough seats for the passengers.

GPS

We strongly recommend you consider having a GPS system along with your car. Cost is ZAR 90 per day, payable locally

YOUR CAR RENTAL AGREEMENT

You will be required to sign a rental agreement before driving the vehicle in South Africa and there is a contract fee of ZAR 90 payable locally.

Please check all charges listed on your rental agreement prior to authorising your credit card payment. Any queries should be brought to the attention of the car hire representative before leaving the rental depot. We cannot be held responsible for any charges added to your rental agreement that were not disputed/checked at the time of the rental.

Additional Car Rental Information: See page 97 and our website.

CAR GROUP	LOW SEASON			HIGH SEASON		
	Price per day from					
	1-6 days	7-13 days	14+ days	1-6 days	7-13 days	14+ days
Compact	£27	£26	£24	£30	£29	£27
Intermediate	£33	£32	£29	£37	£35	£32
Standard	£44	£42	£39	£49	£47	£43
Full Size	£80	£76	£70	£88	£84	£78
Premium	£90	£86	£79	£100	£95	£88
Intermediate SUV	£65	£61	£56	£72	£68	£63

Low Season: 01May-31Oct
High Season: 01Nov-30Apr

Prices do not apply 13 Dec - 03 Jan when premium prices are charged. Rental start date determines the rate for the entire rental.

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