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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 you desire and then create a holiday to match. You will experience superb service all along the way and we will use our wealth of experience to create your holiday as if we were creating our own. And you can be sure that before you go, whilst you are away and even when you come home, we will 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 firsthand 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.

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 our expert and friendly team will plan your ideal holiday from start to finish.

OUR PRICES

Hotel and transport prices change frequently, and we are in constant contact with our suppliers to ensure that we offer the very best prices that are available. We do not show prices in this brochure as rates do vary and fluctuate quite considerably both due to demand but also due to seasonal special offers that are frequently introduced. When creating your ideal holiday, our team will choose the best rate for the services you have selected and apply any seasonal offers that may be available.

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.



OUR FRIENDLY TEAM

Our team of South Africa 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.

Sustainable Travel

We believe that the pursuit of extraordinary holidays should not compromise the well-being of our planet. Our sustainable program is a testament to our dedication to creating unforgettable experiences while respecting and preserving the environment. We meticulously choose eco-friendly hotels and services that share the same goals, offer carbon offset options, and promote ethical tourism, ensuring every adventure leaves a positive impact.

KEY PILLARS OF FIRST CLASS HOLIDAYS' SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond a tangible and impactful program that transforms the way we travel. Experience the epitome of sustainable travel with First Class Holidays.

CARBON OFFSET OFFERING

Our clients can neutralise their carbon footprint by contributing to verified carbon reduction projects. We offer the chance to plant new trees across the globe through reforestation and to simultaneously invest into clean renewable energy projects. That means a traveller's climate contribution will remove CO₂e emissions now and invest in the planet for the future. Trees are one of the most powerful absorbers of carbon emissions - by growing trees in developing countries as our clients travel, we can help to restore eco-systems, biodiversity, and support local communities.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH ECO-FRIENDLY SUPPLIERS

We are dedicated to forging relationships with hotels and services that share our unwavering commitment to sustainability. Our selection process involves stringent criteria, assessing factors such as energy efficiency, waste management practices, and sustainable sourcing. By aligning with like-minded partners, we ensure that every aspect of our travellers' experience reflects our shared ethos of environmental responsibility. Through these partnerships, we aim to create a network of destinations that serve as exemplars of eco-conscious hospitality.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond travel experiences—it encompasses a dedication to educating and empowering our staff and travellers. Through our Educational Initiatives, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of sustainable practices and the environmental impact of their choices; to inspire a sense of responsibility amongst them. These initiatives are seamlessly integrated into our travel packages, offering information on local ecosystems, wildlife conservation, and responsible behaviour while traveling.

SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIES

Our dedication to sustainability extends beyond environmental conservation to embrace a holistic approach that actively supports local communities and economies. Recognising that responsible travel involves more than minimising environmental impact, we place a strong emphasis on fostering positive social and economic contributions to South Africa:

- We recognise the intrinsic value of preserving cultural heritage. We actively engage with communities to understand their traditions, ensuring that our activities are respectful and promote cultural exchange without compromising the integrity of local practices, allowing us to create authentic travel experiences.
- We prioritise collaborations with local businesses. By sourcing goods and services locally, we minimise transportation-related emissions and support regional economies. This approach not only strengthens community ties but also promotes the use of sustainable and locally produced materials.





SOUTH AFRICA

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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-iais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park and the Kalahari Gemsbok Park, there is fauna and floral in abundance.



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, 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.

Ways to Explore

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 Drive & Multi Centre Tours

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, 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.





A guided tour is the ideal way to explore a new destination.

Lauren, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

Garden Route

The Garden Route begins a few hours outside of Cape Town and is one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline. It is a wildly popular route, that consists of a series of towns that each offer diverse and unique experiences, some favourites, and others off-the-beaten track.

Kruger National Park

Few destinations rival the Kruger National Park. It is the largest game reserve in South Africa and is almost two million hectares of land, where its wild inhabitants thrive. It is an indescribable wildlife experience, and it ranks as one of the best on the African continent, the ultimate safari experience.

Johannesburg

Johannesburg is a fascinating city. Any visitor will experience a historical insight into the country's apartheid struggle years and its liberation. A fascinating and heart-wrenching narrative, a story that needs to be told.

Cape Town

A favourite city of many of our team. Cape Town is packed with sightseeing attractions, excellent bars, cafés, and restaurants as well as colourful craft markets. There is also a range of pristine beaches where you can relax and recharge before or after any of our touring packages.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

South Africa Highlights

12 days

This tour is a great introduction to South Africa. Depart Cape Town and travel through the celebrated Garden Route experiencing the warm hospitality, quirky towns and amazing scenery. Continue to Johannesburg for a historical insight into the country's apartheid struggle years and its liberation, a fascinating and heart-wrenching narrative, a story that needs to be told. A trip to South Africa would be incomplete without visiting the Kruger National Park.

Highlights

Cape Town – Garden Route – Knysna
Tsitsikamma National Park – Soweto
Johannesburg – Kruger National Park

Tour Includes

- 11 nights accommodation
- 16 meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners including gratuities
- Game drives in Kruger National Park
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Transportation in air-conditioned vehicle
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Small Group Tour, maximum 10 guests

Departure Dates

Departs: Selected dates
January – December

Day 1: Cape Town to Oudtshoorn

Meet your local guide this morning and depart for the scenic Garden Route. Your destination today is Oudtshoorn, the 'ostrich feather capital'. Enjoy dinner at an ostrich farm, dining on local specialities such as ostrich steak.

Hotel: La Plume Guest House or similar, 2 nights

Day 2: Oudtshoorn

After a leisurely breakfast take 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. Afterwards enjoy a wine tasting at a local wine estate in the scenic Schoemanshoek Valley. Return to Oudtshoorn for a fun filled interactive guided tour at a working ostrich farm.

Day 3: Knysna

Your journey today takes you to George, the sixth oldest town in South Africa, with many historical landmarks and through Wilderness, an attractive holiday resort, to Knysna nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon in the heart of the Garden Route. You will journey into the magical Knysna Forests (weather and road conditions dependent), the stamping ground of the elusive Knysna elephants.

Travel through George to Knysna, known

as the oyster box of South Africa, in the heart of the Garden Route.

Hotel: Rex Hotel or similar, 2 nights

Day 4: Tsitsikamma

A day exploring the Garden Route. Visit Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary, where you will be able to see a variety of primates roaming free in the forest. The tour continues to the famous Eastern Head, where you will enjoy spectacular views of the Knysna Heads (weather permitting). Afterwards you'll travel to Brenton on Sea, a breath-taking holiday location and a nature lover's paradise with its unspoilt beaches and peaceful surroundings. The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure.

Day 5: Tsitsikamma

Travel to Plettenberg Bay to visit the Birds of Eden sanctuary, the biggest single free flight aviary in the world. Your journey continues to Bloukrans Bridge, the highest single span arch bridge in the world, visit Tsitsikamma National Park, 80 km of rocky coastline with spectacular sea and landscapes, a remote mountainous region with secluded valleys covered in mountain Fynbos and temperate high forests with deep river gorges leading down to the sea.

Hotel: Tsitsikamma Village Inn or similar.



Tsitsikamma National Park

Day 6: Johannesburg

Head eastwards to Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), 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 (unescorted).

Hotel: Holiday Inn Sandton or similar, 3 nights

Day 7: Johannesburg

Spend a full day exploring Soweto and surrounds, where some of the watershed events in the struggle against apartheid occurred. Highlights of the day will include a visit to the site of Nelson Mandela's first speech in his release from prison in 1990 and Kliptown, where the Freedom Charter was officially adopted in 1955. You will visit the Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum that commemorates the role of the country's students in the struggle against apartheid and the prestigious Apartheid Museum, that covers the full history of the Apartheid era in South Africa. Return to your Johannesburg hotel.

Day 8: Johannesburg

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps join a tour to Maropeng, the Cradle of Mankind (optional, not included) or enjoy some shopping at Nelson Mandela Square.

Day 9: Kruger National Park

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and 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 – and you'll soon appreciate the challenges of managing this unique reserve. After an action-packed afternoon in the Kruger Park, enjoy authentic cuisine from the region at your hotel.

Hotel: Hazyview Sun Hotel or similar, 3 nights

Day 10: Kruger National Park

Enjoy an early morning and a late afternoon game drive through the Kruger National Park. Your guide will endeavour to spoil you with sightings of the 'Big Five', general game and prolific bird life as you explore the magnificent expanses of the Kruger National Park, unrivalled in its diversity of flora and fauna.

Day 11: Mpumalanga

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. Optional (own expense) open vehicle game drives are available, should you prefer not to join the Panorama Route tour.

Day 12: Johannesburg

Your final journey today takes you to Johannesburg. Arrive in Johannesburg airport, at approximately 2.30pm where the tour ends on arrival.

**On days 4 & 5 – A portion of the trip price of the wildlife MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, goes towards ensuring that these already endangered species can survive and reproduce for a future reintroduction into the wild.*

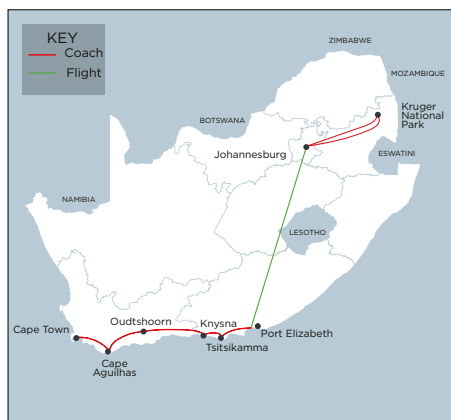
***Flight cost on Day 6 is not included in tour cost, we can include this in your airfare prices. Please check at the time of booking.*



Apartheid Museum



Kissing Loerie



Monkeyland

South African Surprise

15 days

Beginning in Johannesburg, highlights include the Kruger National Park and the Panorama Route, a wonder of natural sights. It's then on to eSwatini and Zululand, two regions steeped in ancient culture and tradition. The Southern Drakensberg Mountains forms a great part of this package, where nature rejuvenates the soul. The last leg includes trips to the birthplace of Nelson Mandela, a world hero and revolutionary, and the famed Garden Route region, ending in the Mother City, Cape Town.

Highlights

Johannesburg – Kruger National Park
eSwatini (Swaziland) – Durban
Drakensburg – Eastern Cape Coast
Tsitsikamma – Kynsna – Oudtshoorn
Cape Town

Tour Includes

- 14 nights accommodation
- 18 meals; 14 breakfasts & 4 dinners including gratuities
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Transportation in air-conditioned vehicle*
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Maximum Group size: 40 passengers

Departure Dates

Departs: Selected dates
January – December

Day 1: Johannesburg

On arrival in Johannesburg airport, you'll be met and assisted to your shuttle transfer service (unescorted) that will transfer you to your hotel. Meet your guide this evening for a welcome briefing on the tour and a chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Hotel: Protea Hotel OR Tambo or similar

Day 2: Mpumalanga

This morning leave for Mpumalanga, travel along the circular Panorama Route, visiting the view sites of the Blyde River Canyon, home to the Three Rondavels and one of the natural wonders of Africa; gasp at the glory of God's Window, with a boundless view of mountains and fertile plains and visit Bourke's Luck Potholes.

Hotel: Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar, 2 nights

Day 3: Mpumalanga

An early start today to experience the wonders of exploring the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle. There's an opportunity to join a thrilling open-vehicle game safari through the Kruger National Park (optional and for own account). The Kruger National Park is an internationally renowned game reserve of nearly 2 million hectares that supports the largest variety of wildlife species on the African continent.

Keep a lookout for the wonderful flora and bird life that abounds. We return to our hotel around lunch time and your afternoon is at leisure to relax.

Day 4: 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. An interactive cultural experience introduces us to the charming people of eSwatini and their traditions. We travel south to our hotel, nestled in the mountainous peaks of eSwatini (Swaziland) for overnight.

Hotel: Piggs Peak Hotel or similar

Day 5: St Lucia and Surrounds

Travel through eSwatini (Swaziland), visiting Ngwenya Glass, where a small group of eSwati craftsmen and women create beautifully handmade items from recycled glass and The Swazi Candles Centre where you will experience local artisans creating colourful, handmade candles. Continue into the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal where ancient traditions and modern cultures of both Zulu and Settler have combined into a vibrant society living in peace and harmony.

Hotel: Anew Hotel Hluhluwe or similar



Game Drive

Day 6: Durban

This morning there is an optional open vehicle game drive in the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve (for own account), before heading off to Durban. Join an orientation tour of Durban, that travels along the Golden Mile, the beachfront promenade. The orientation tour concludes with a visit to the Durban Botanic Gardens before arriving at our hotel late afternoon

Hotel: Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge

Day 7: Drakensburg

Today you will journey to the majestic Southern Drakensberg Mountains. Visit the impressive 300-foot-high Howick Falls, located in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands town of Howick. Your afternoon is at leisure to soak up the surroundings.

Hotel: Drakensberg Gardens Hotel or similar, 2 nights

Day 8: Drakensburg

Enjoy a full day at leisure to enjoy the Southern Drakensberg Mountains. There are many leisure activities to be enjoyed at the resort. Consider joining a thrilling 4x4 tour up the spectacular Sani Pass into the mountain Kingdom of Lesotho (optional and for own account).

Day 9: Drakensburg - Eastern Cape Coast

Continue south to the Eastern Cape entering the fourth of the provinces and the birthplace of Nelson Mandela. En route see the old traditional way of life in the former homeland area known as the Transkei and stop for lunch (own account) outside the capital of Mthata. Travel past Nelson Mandela's birthplace and house, arriving late afternoon in Chintsa East, on the beautiful, unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast.

Hotel: Crawford's Beach Lodge or similar

Day 10: Tsitsikamma

Enjoy a morning at leisure. The beach stretches on uninterrupted for many kilometres and the thick indigenous beach forest is a haven for an amazing variety of birdlife. Travel south to the Tsitsikamma Forest.

Hotel: Tsitsikamma Village Inn or similar

Day 11: Knysna

Visit the spectacularly beautiful Tsitsikamma Forest, which provides scenic walking opportunities. A short walk to the Storms River Mouth offers some magnificent views of the gorge and river below. Arrive in Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa, for check in at your hotel. Enjoy a dinner filled with culinary delights at the hotel's trendy restaurant.

Hotel: Premier Resort The Moorings or similar

Day 12: Oudtshoorn

Travel inland over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'feather capital of the world' because of its ostrich industry. Visit a working ostrich farm and then explore the famous Cango Caves, with a walk around its magnificent dripstone formations of stalactites and stalagmites.

Hotel: Protea Hotel Riempe Estate or similar

Day 13: Cape Town

Travel along the famous Route 62 and through the Little Karoo, ending in Cape Town. On the way stop to sample top quality port style wines in Calitzdorp, before continuing via Worcester and the Huguenot Tunnel, arriving in Cape Town late afternoon.

Hotel: SunSquare Cape Town Gardens or similar, 2 nights

Day 14: Cape Town

Enjoy a full day at leisure. There are optional tours available, perhaps join a sightseeing tour of Cape Town and Table Mountain or spend the day exploring the magnificent Cape Winelands on a full day winelands tour (tours not included). Alternatively relax on one of Cape Town's many pristine beaches.

Day 15: Cape Town

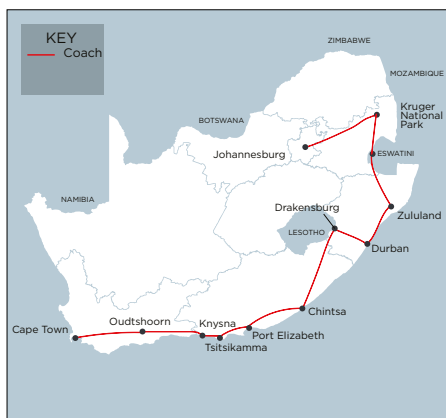
Your tour sadly ends this morning with the check out from your hotel.



Western Cape Winelands



Drakensburg



Durban Botanic Gardens

A World in One Country

14 days

Your journey begins in Johannesburg and travels through Mpumalanga, with visits along the Panorama Route as well as the Kruger National Park, a safari extravaganza. Once you have encountered the wildlife of the country, you will then travel to the Kingdom of eSwatini, where a vibrant cultural journey inspires. Zululand is where ancient kings once hunted, where the Big Five now roam, conserved, and protected. The last leg of the odyssey is a Garden Route journey ending with a few days spent in the city of Cape Town.

Highlights

Johannesburg – Mpumalanga
Kruger National Park – eSwatini (Swaziland) – Durban – Knysna
Garden Route – Cape Town

Tour Includes

- 22 Meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners including gratuities
- 13 nights accommodation
- Transportation including toll fees in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Small Group Tour maximum 10 guests

Departure Dates

Departs: Selected dates
January – December

Day 1: Johannesburg

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

Hotel: Protea Hotel Balalaika or similar

Day 2: Mpumalanga

Depart for Pretoria, South Africa's capital city, for 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.

Hotel: Hazyview Sun Hotel or similar,
3 nights

Day 3: Mpumalanga

Journey along the spectacular 'Panorama Route', offering views of amazing scenery including the 26-kilometre long Blyde River Canyon Bourke's Luck Potholes and historic God's Window, a breath-taking view (weather permitting) of the edge of the escarpment taking in the Kruger National Park. Arrive back in Hazyview in the late afternoon.

Day 4: eSwatini (Swaziland)

The day begins with an open vehicle game safari through the Kruger National Park in search of the 'Big Five'.

The afternoon is at leisure at your hotel.

An afternoon open vehicle game drive is available (optional and for own account).

Day 5: eSwatini (Swaziland)

Travel to eSwatini (Swaziland), an independent Kingdom within the borders of South Africa. An interactive cultural experience inclusive of lunch, introduces you to the charming people of eSwatini (Swaziland) and their traditions. Travel via the capital city, Mbabane, to the beautiful Ezulwini Valley for overnight in eSwatini (Swaziland).

Hotel: The Royal Villas or similar

Day 6: Zululand

Travel into Zululand, passing traditional round huts and endless vistas. There is an option to enjoy an afternoon open vehicle game safari (optional and for own account) in the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, which contains an immense diversity of fauna and flora and is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhino.

Hotel: Anew Hotel Hluhluwe or similar

Day 7: Drakensburg

This morning join a cruise on Lake St Lucia (weather permitting) before departing for Durban.

Arrive early afternoon and the remainder



Meerkats, Oudtshoorn

of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the golden beaches of the Indian Ocean.

Hotel: Protea Hotel Umhlanga or similar

Day 8: Drakensburg

After breakfast, transfer to Durban (Umhlanga) airport for the short southward flight to Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), where you will be met to continue westwards along the Garden Route. You'll arrive at your hotel in Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa, nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon, in the heart of the Garden Route.

Hotel: Rex Hotel or similar, 2 nights

Day 9: Knysna

Visit the spectacular Tsitsikamma National Park, Storms River Mouth (weather permitting) and the magical Knysna Forests, the stamping ground of the elusive Knysna elephants. Overnight in Knysna with dinner.

Day 10: Oudtshoorn

Travel to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'ostrich capital' and the centre of the world's ostrich farming industry. You'll visit an ostrich Farm for a fun filled interactive tour 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.

Hotel: Hlangana Lodge or similar

Day 11: Cape Town

There is an optional excursion (cost not included) to enjoy an early morning Meerkat Safari. After breakfast, continue to Barrydale, where you will visit a local farm school, to interact with the children and teachers, spending time with them in the classroom, learning more about this rural community. A portion of the trip monies go towards our Barrydale Farm School Development Fund, that supports local education of underprivileged children in rural communities. (The school visit is subject to the school being open). Continue to Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain.

Hotel: President Hotel or similar, 3 nights

Alternately, Day 11 and 12 add the Cape Winelands experience, see details below.

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 seaside village of Hout 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 can visit the Penguin colony at Boulders Beach (admission not included) and Fish Hoek fishing village.

Day 14: Cape Town

Enjoy some final sightseeing, or perhaps just wander through the variety of shops and boutiques catering for all tastes and budgets. Later you will be transferred to the airport, harbour, or railway station for your onward journey. Tour ends.

Cape Wineland Option

Enhance your tour with an overnight stay in the scenic Cape Winelands.

Day 11: Franschhoek

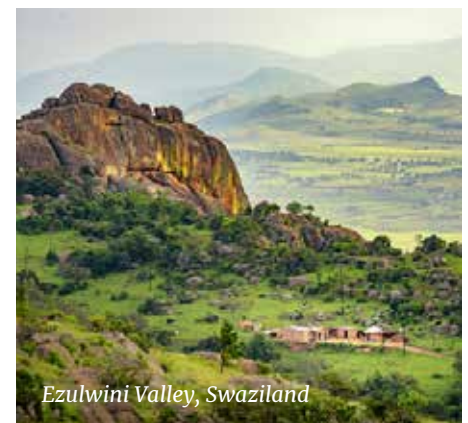
Travel to Franschhoek, a picturesque village surrounded by spectacular vineyards, where French Huguenots settled more than 300 years ago, bringing with them their age-old French wine and food culture. Overnight in Franschhoek.

Day 12: Cape Town

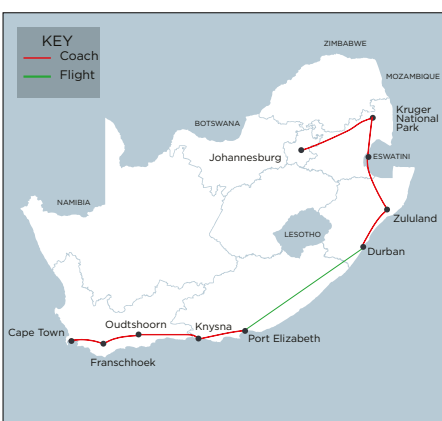
After breakfast meet your tour guide and set out to the picturesque Winelands of Paarl and Stellenbosch, surrounded by awe inspiring scenery. With extraordinary wine estates and fascinating historical landmarks to explore, your knowledgeable guide will create a memorable Winelands experience. Enjoy two wine tastings and a cellar tour before continuing to Cape Town, where you'll re-join the main tour.



Blyde River Canyon



Ezulwini Valley, Swaziland



St Lucia boat

Wildlife, Wine & Garden Route

6 days

South Africa is well known for its attractions that entice, and the Garden Route, a safari experience and the Cape Winelands are some of the most sought after. The Wildlife, Wine & Garden Route package combines the best elements for a journey beyond expectation. Your safari will be revealed in at a private game reserve that is malaria-free and features the Big Five. The journey concludes with a trip to Hermanus, a whale-watching mecca (in season) and ending in Franschhoek, South Africa's French corner, where wine and art create the ambience of a distinguished experience.

Highlights

Cape Town – Garden Route – Knysna
Plettenberg Bay – Hermanus – Winelands

Tour Includes

- 10 Meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners including gratuities
- 5 nights accommodation including portage
- Transportation including toll fees in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Small Group Tour, maximum 10 guests

Departure Dates

Departs: Selected dates
January – December

Day 1: Oudtshoorn

Begin your Garden Route adventure. You will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school, sample top quality port style wines in Calitzdorp, before continuing to Oudtshoorn, the 'ostrich feather capital'. Enjoy dinner at an ostrich farm, dining on local specialities.

Hotel: La Plume Guest House or similar

Day 2: Knysna

Enjoy a tour of the limestone caverns of the Cango Caves, one of the world's great natural wonders. Return to Oudtshoorn for an interactive tour and light lunch at an ostrich farm. Continue to Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa.

Hotel: Rex Hotel or similar, 2 nights

Day 3: Plettenberg Bay and Knysna

Visit Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River Mouth (weather permitting). In the afternoon you'll return to Knysna, with a stop in Plettenberg Bay, originally christened 'Bahia Formosa' (beautiful bay) by early explorers.

Day 4: Albertinia

Travel to Albertinia, a town set against the backdrop of the majestic Langeberg Mountain Range. Join an afternoon open vehicle game drive, at a malaria free private game reserve, that is home to an abundance of animal and birdlife, including the Big Five.

Enjoy a relaxed dinner of safari cuisine, discussing the day's game viewing.

Hotel: Garden Route Game Lodge or similar

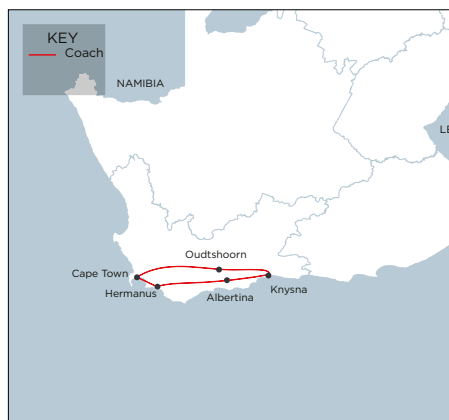
Day 5: Hermanus

Enjoy an early open vehicle game drive. Look for sightings of the 'Big Five', general game and prolific bird life. Leaving the bush behind, journey to the picturesque Cape Dutch town of Swellend and on to the seaside resort of Hermanus, known as the heart of the whale route, offering the best land-based whale watching (August to November) in the world.

Hotel: Misty Waves Hotel or similar

Day 6: Cape Town

Travel to Franschhoek, a picturesque village surrounded by spectacular vineyards, where French Huguenots settled more than 300 years ago. Your guide will take you through Franschhoek village, sharing the fascinating history of the French Huguenots, before continuing to Cape Town, where your tour ends on arrival.



Inspirational Garden Route

6 days

The Garden Route begins a few hours outside of Cape Town and is one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline. This package is a collection of all the experiences that make this region celebrated. You will follow the path from Cape Town to Hermanus, a whale watching mecca (in season), through the ostrich capital of the world, Oudtshoorn, also home to the Cango Caves, and then enjoy the splendour of Knysna and the Tsitsikamma. A world of natural wonder beckons.

Highlights

Cape Town – Hermanus – Oudtshoorn
Knysna – Tsitsikamma

Tour Includes

- 6 Meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch including gratuities
- 5 nights accommodation including portorage
- Transportation including toll fees in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Small Group Tour, maximum 10 guests

Departure Dates

Departs: Selected dates
January – December

Day 1: Cape Town to Hermanus

Depart Cape Town on a stunning coastal drive to the Harold Porter Botanical Garden with its delicate coastal Fynbos. En route, seek out the small breeding colony of African Penguins at Stony Point before arriving in the picturesque coastal town of Hermanus.

Hotel: Misty Waves Boutique Hotel or similar

Day 2: Oudtshoorn

This morning explore Hermanus and enjoy the views of Walker Bay. Depart late morning stopping in the pretty village of Barrydale on the scenic 'Route 62', then onward to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'feather capital of the world', for a guided tour at an ostrich farm.

Hotel: La Plume Boutique Guest House or similar

Day 3: Knysna

Marvel at the impressive Cango Caves, filled with stalactite and stalagmite formations. Enjoy a wine tasting at a boutique wine estate, situated at the foothills of the majestic Swartberg Mountains. Travel via the panoramic Outeniqua Pass to Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa.

Hotel: Knysna Hollow or similar, 2 nights

Day 4: Knysna

Journey into Knysna Forests, the stamping ground of the elusive Knysna elephants. Discover stories of the woodcutters who worked the forests, the elephants that were hunted to extinction and the discovery of gold. Enjoy a delicious lunch en route of traditional cuisine and local treats. Return to Knysna in the afternoon.

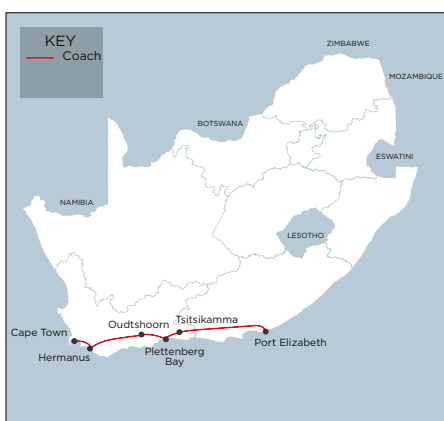
Day 5: Tsitsikamma

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

Hotel: Tsitsikamma Village Inn or similar

Day 6: Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)

This morning immerse yourself in the splendour and tranquillity of the Tsitsikamma National Park and head to the Storms River Mouth for unrivalled views of the Indian Ocean (weather permitting). Continue your journey to Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) where the tour ends on arrival.





Package Includes

- 7 Meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- 5 nights accommodation including portorage
- Transportation & services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Small Group Tour, maximum 10 guests

Departs: Selected dates, January-December

Garden Route Uncovered

6 days

Follow the path from Cape Town, through the ostrich capital of the world, Oudtshoorn, also home to the Cango Caves, and then enjoy the splendour of Knysna and the Tsitsikamma.

Day 1: Cape Town to Oudtshoorn

Depart Cape Town early morning and begin your Garden Route journey. Sample top wines in Calitzdorp, before continuing to Oudtshoorn, the 'ostrich feather capital' of the world.

Hotel: La Plume Guest House or similar, 2 nights

Day 2: Oudtshoorn

Tour the Cango Caves, one of the world's great natural wonders, sculpted by nature through the ages. Afterwards enjoy a wine tasting at a local wine estate in the scenic Schoemanshoek Valley.

Day 3: Knysna

Travel to Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa. Journey into the magical Knysna Forests (weather and road conditions dependent), the stamping ground of the elusive Knysna elephants.

Hotel: Rex Hotel or similar, 2 nights

Day 4: Knysna

Visit Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary, where you will be able to see a variety of primates roaming free in the forest. This award-winning sanctuary is well known for its efforts to rehabilitate and free previously caged primates. Enjoy spectacular views of the Knysna Heads (weather permitting).

Day 5: Tsitsikamma

Travel to Plettenberg Bay. Visit the Birds of Eden sanctuary, the biggest single free flight aviary in the world. Visit the Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River Mouth (weather permitting).

Hotel: Tsitsikamma Village Inn or similar

Day 6: Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)

Head eastwards along the Tsitsikamma Forest to Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), your tour ends on arrival.



Package Includes

- 6 Meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunch, 1 dinner
- 3 nights accommodation including portorage
- Transportation & services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Small Group Tour, maximum 10 guests

Departs: Selected dates, January-December

Garden Route Splendour

4 days

Your journey begins in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), and you will travel through Knysna, often called the heart of the Garden Route, and adored for its oysters. It is then on to Oudtshoorn, with a booming Ostrich industry, and a unique insight into these quirky creatures. The Cango Caves is a true highlight, a subterranean world that is a natural display of magnificence.

Day 1: Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)

Depart Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) this morning and head westwards along the Garden Route, which follows the Indian Ocean coastline. Overnight in Knysna.

Hotel: Rex Hotel or similar, 2 nights

Day 2: Tsitsikamma - Knysna

Visit the spectacular Tsitsikamma National Park, Storms River Mouth (weather permitting) and the magical Knysna Forests, the stamping ground of the elusive Knysna elephants. Overnight in Knysna with dinner at a local restaurant.

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 fun filled interactive tour and light lunch that includes local specialities such as ostrich steak, before taking a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves. Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon, in time to check in and relax before dinner.

Hotel: Hlangana Lodge or similar

Day 4: Cape Town

This morning, there is an option to join an early morning Meerkat Safari (not included). Your journey continues through the 'Little Karoo' to Barrydale, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school. Continue to Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain, where the tour ends on arrival.



Kruger Wildlife Safari

4 days

Few destinations rival the Kruger National Park. It is the largest game reserve in South Africa and is almost two million hectares of land, where its wild inhabitants thrive. It is an indescribable wildlife experience, and it ranks as one of the best on the African continent, the ultimate safari experience.

Day 1: Johannesburg - Kruger National Park

This morning you will be collected from your hotel, heading 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.

Hotel: Hazyview Sun Hotel or similar, 3 nights

Day 2: Kruger National Park

Enjoy an early morning thrilling open vehicle game drive through the Kruger National Park with pre-packed breakfast. Your guide will take you in search of the 'Big Five', general game and prolific bird life. This afternoon features another game viewing drive before returning for dinner at your hotel.

Day 3: Mpumalanga

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. Optional (own account) open vehicle game drives are available, should you prefer not to join the Panorama Route tour.

Day 4: Johannesburg

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



Package Includes

- 6 Meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- 3 nights accommodation including portage
- Transportation & services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Small Group Tour, maximum 10 guests

Departs: Selected dates, January-December



Kruger and the Kingdoms

7 days

When you combine the Kruger National Park, an icon of the wildlife world and the Kingdoms of eSwatini and Zululand, you have a mighty experience designed to take your travel desires to new heights.

Day 1: Johannesburg

On arrival in Johannesburg you'll be met and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel: Protea Hotel Balalaika or similar

Day 2: Mpumalanga

Travel to Pretoria, South Africa's capital city, for a short orientation tour, before continuing to the Mpumalanga Province, known as 'Paradise Country'. Arrive late afternoon into Hazyview, the safari hub of the Kruger National Park.

Hotel: Hazyview Sun or similar, 3 nights

Day 3: Mpumalanga

Drive along the spectacular 'Panorama Route', offering views of amazing scenery.

Day 4: Mpumalanga

Enjoy an early morning open vehicle game drive through the Kruger National Park with pre-packed breakfast. Your guide will take you in search of the 'Big Five', general game and prolific bird life. This afternoon is at leisure at your hotel.

Day 5: eSwatini (Swaziland)

Travel to eSwatini (Swaziland), an independent Kingdom within the borders of South Africa, known for its lovely scenery, crafts and colourful indigenous culture.

Hotel: The Royal Villas or similar

Day 6: Zululand

Re-entering South Africa and travel into Zululand, passing traditional round huts and endless vistas.

Hotel: Anew Hotel Hluhluwe or similar

Day 7: Durban (Umhlanga)

This morning join a cruise on Lake St Lucia before departing for Durban, arrive early afternoon where the tour ends on arrival.



Package Includes

- 11 Meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- 6 nights accommodation including portage
- Transportation & services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Small Group Tour, maximum 10 guests

Departs: Selected dates, January-December

Self Drive & Multi Centre Touring

Over the following pages we have a selection of tour packages that combine the most popular regions in South Africa.

Touring South Africa on one of our uniquely crafted self-drive itineraries is a real pleasure. Self Drive tours grant you the freedom that comes with driving yourself but with all the pre-planning taken care of. Tours include car rental, all hotels and may also include sightseeing tours or attraction admission tickets. Each route is planned to highlight the area's main attractions but with achievable driving distances and time to explore along the way.

For those who prefer not to drive, we also have a selection of multi centre tours that include transfers between the various overnight locations. Transfers are often private to you, your driver acts as a guide and will be delighted to explain the sights along the way.





I love the freedom that comes with a self drive tour, but, I also enjoy meeting local drivers on our tours that include private transfers.

Keir, Destination Specialist

Our Tour Selection is featured over the next 12 pages

Discover the Cape
10 days – Self Drive

Discover the Garden Route
11 days – Self Drive

Cape Town, Safari & Victoria Falls
11 days – Self Drive

Exceptional South Africa
14 days – Self Drive

Cape Town, Rail & Safari
12 days – Multi Centre

Wildlife, Safari & Beach
8 days – Multi Centre

City & Safari
9 days – Multi Centre

Mandela Journey to Democracy
8 days – Multi Centre

Cape Winelands
7 days – Self Drive

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Discover the Cape

10 days

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'.

Highlights

Cape Town - Franschhoek - Wineland
Grootbos Private Nature Reserve

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, Classic Plus inclusions
- Breakfast daily
- Full board basis at Grootbos Lodge
- Selected activities at Grootbos Lodge
- Meet & Greet on arrival in Cape Town
- Franschhoek Wine Tram Hop-On-Hop-Off ticket

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
January - 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 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.

Day 2-4: Cape Town

Three full days to explore Cape Town. You have your car so take time to explore. Perhaps a visit to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, the lighthouse at Cape Point, False Bay or Simon's Town to visit the land-based African penguin colony at Boulders Beach. Don't forget to head up the cableway to the summit of Table Mountain for views over the city and Table Bay.

Day 5: Franschhoek

Today you will take the short drive to the Winelands region 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.

Day 6: Franschhoek

A free day to explore the winelands. Included are tickets for 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

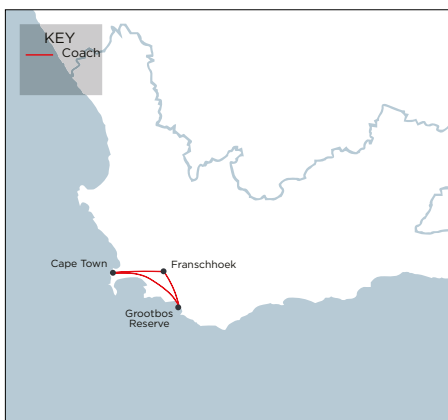
Your drive south today takes you to Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, nestled between forest, mountain and sea, this five-star eco-paradise showcases the incredible Flora and Marine life of the Southern Tip of Africa. Home of the 'Marine Big Five' - whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins; and with 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. 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.

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

11 days

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.

Highlights

Cape Town – Paarl – Oudtshoorn
Knysna – Garden Route

Tour Includes

- 4 nights in Cape Town at the Table Bay Hotel or similar
- 2 nights in Paarl at the Grande Roche Hotel
- 2 nights near Oudtshoorn at the Rosenhof Country House
- 2 nights in Knysna at The Turbine Boutique Hotel & Spa
- 12 days Group C Car rental, Classic Plus inclusions
- One way rental fee
- Breakfast daily
- Meet & Greet on arrival in Cape Town

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
January – 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 Table Bay Hotel or similar.

Day 2-4: Cape Town

Three full days to explore Cape Town. You have your car so take time to explore. Perhaps a visit to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, the lighthouse at Cape Point, False Bay or Simon's Town to visit the land-based African penguin colony at Boulders Beach. Don't forget to head up the cableway to the summit of Table Mountain for views over the city and Table Bay.

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

A free day to explore the Cape Winelands or relax at the hotel overlooking the mountains and vineyards.

Day 7: Grootbos Reserve

Today's drive takes you east to Rosenhof Country House, situated on the outskirts of Oudtshoorn. The carefully renovated homestead with its 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. A short drive away are the Cango Caves, Africa's largest show cave system; an ecological hotspot where three distinct plant biomes converge.

Day 9: Knysna

A short drive 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.

Day 10: Knysna

A full day to explore the Garden Route region, maybe visit the Tsitsikamma National Park, a combination of indigenous forest and marine coastal reserve.

Day 11: Knysna

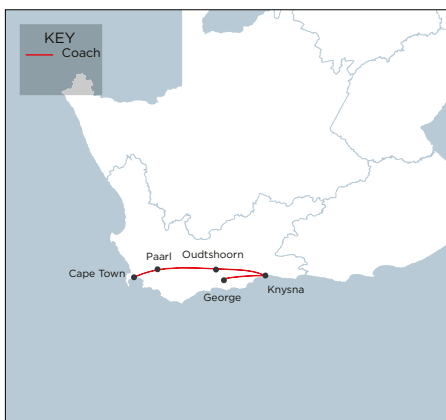
A short drive to George Airport concludes your itinerary, return your car and continue home, or ask us about extending your tour, perhaps adding a safari package to seek the Big Five.



Cango Caves



Thesen Island



Grande Roche Hotel

Cape Town, Safari & Victoria Falls

11 days

This tour is the perfect introduction to the different sides of this unique destination. 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.

Highlights

Cape Town – Kruger National Park
Victoria Falls

Tour Includes

- Meet & Greet on arrival at Cape Town International Airport
- 5 Day Car Rental, Group C with Classic Plus Cover
- 10 nights accommodation as shown
- Transfers as shown
- Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi
- Victoria Falls Tour

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
January – 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: Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel, 4 nights

Day 2-4: Cape Town

Three full days to explore Cape Town at your leisure. 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: 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: Sabi Sabi Selati Camp, Luxury Suite, 3 nights

Day 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.



Sabi Sabi safari

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 collected for a private car transfer to your next hotel, 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

A private transfer will take you the short drive south to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport to check in for your flight* to Victoria Falls 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 Sundowner Cruise on the Zambezi River, a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the River.

Hotel: Victoria Falls Hotel, 2 nights

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 Victoria Falls as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird and wildlife and other points of interest. Raincoats are provided when needed.

Day 11: Victoria Falls

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

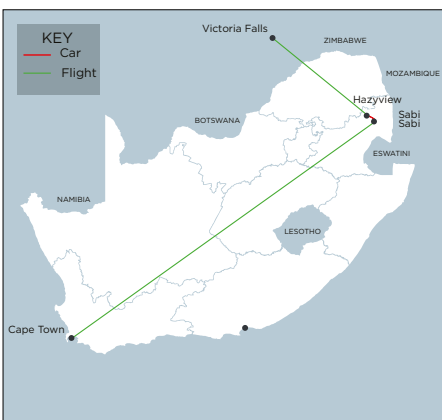
** Days 5 & 9: Flights required, price additional, we will include in our quotation*



Cape Town



Victoria Falls



Cape Cadogan

Exceptional South Africa

14 days

As the title says, this is an exceptional 14-day tour of South Africa. Drive inland to Oudtshoorn, then eastwards along the renowned Garden Route to Plettenberg Bay and Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha). A short flight takes you north to 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.

Highlights

Cape Town - Oudtshoorn - Plettenberg Bay
Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) - Johannesburg
Sabi Sands Game Reserve

Tour Includes

- Meet & Greet on arrival
- 13 nights accommodation as shown
- Breakfast daily
- All meals & selected drinks at Sabi Sabi Selati Camp
- Sabi Sands Reserve game drives
- All transfers as shown
- 12 days Avis Group C car hire, Classic Plus inclusions (2 rentals, days 1-9 & 9-12), including one-way rental fees

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
January - 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: Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel, 4 nights

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 Olifant's River 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: Plettenberg 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 Plettenberg Bay, here you will stay at Hog Hollow Country Lodge, set on the edge of indigenous forest with breathtaking views of the surrounding valleys and Tsitsikamma Mountains.

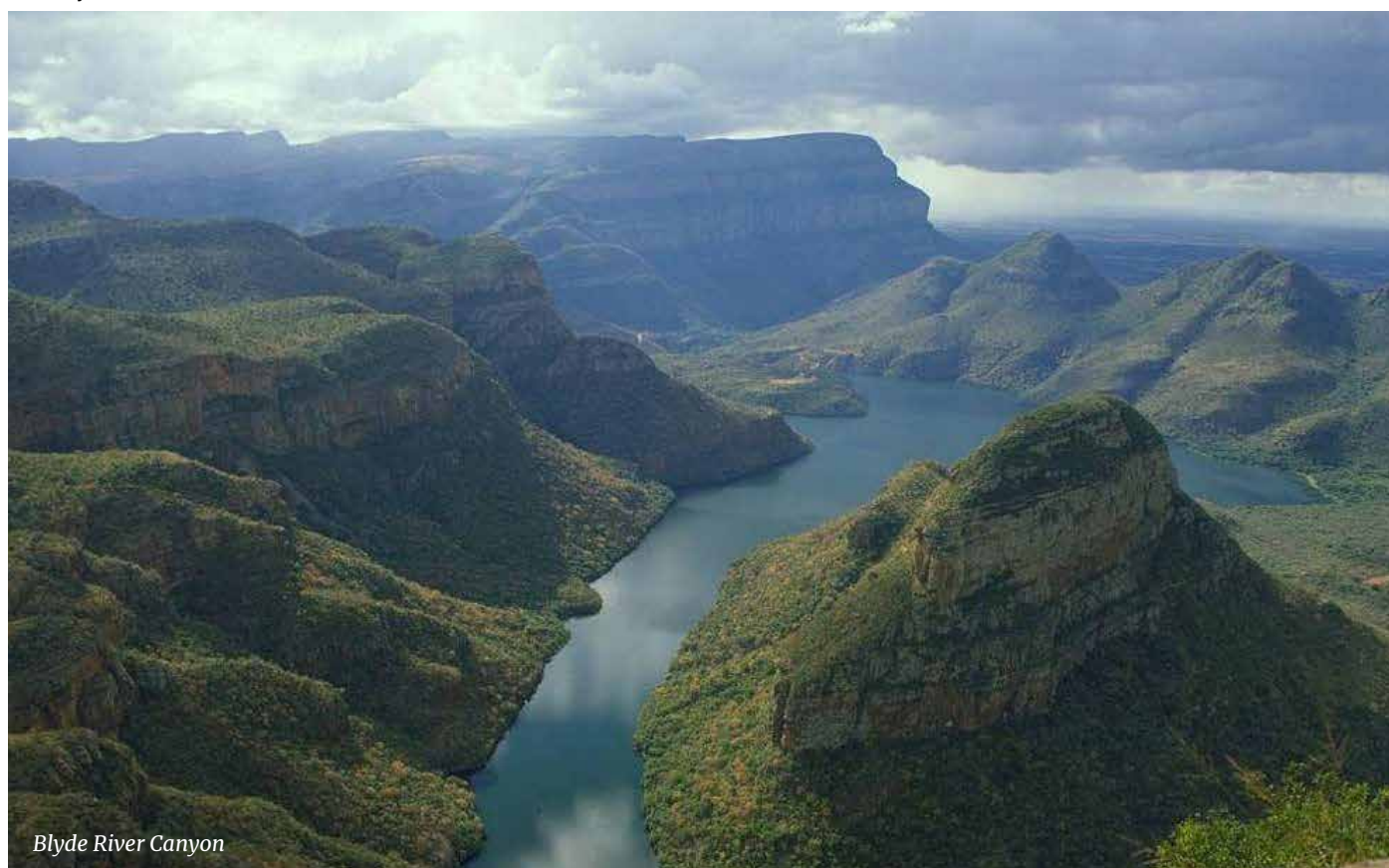
Hotel: Hog Hollow Country Lodge, 2 nights

Day 7: Plettenberg Bay

A free day to explore the area.

Day 8: Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)

Continue eastwards today towards Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha). Your destination is The Windermere, a charming boutique hotel in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) beachfront suburb of Humewood.



Blyde River Canyon

The Windermere is located less than 5 minutes from a pristine Blue Flag beach and numerous restaurants.

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, a contemporary and fashionable haven on Bath Avenue right in the heart of Rosebank, Johannesburg’s trendy suburb.

Hotel: 54 on Bath, 2 nights

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 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: Sabi Sabi Selati Camp, Luxury Suite, 2 nights

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.

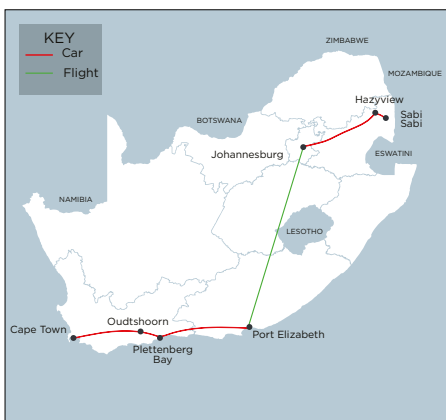
** Day 9: Flight required, price additional, we will include in our quotation*



Cape Town



Sabi Sabi safari



Plettenberg Bay

Cape Town, Rail & Safari

12 days

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. 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.

Highlights

Cape Town - Winelands - Rovos Rail
Pretoria - Sabi Sabi Game Reserve

Tour Includes

- Private arrival transfer, Cape Town airport to hotel
- 8 nights hotel accommodation as shown
- 3 nights accommodation on board Rovos Rail in a Pullman Suite
- Transfers and tours as shown
- All meals on board Rovos Rail

Departure Dates

Departs: Selected dates
January - 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: Cape Grace Hotel, 4 nights

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 to explore Cape Town at your leisure.

Day 5: Rovos Rail

An included transfer takes you to the railway 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 4pm today, travel inland through the winelands. This 1000 mile meander is a perfect illustration of South Africa as a world in one country.

Overnight: Rovos Rail, Pullman Suite, 3 nights



Cape Town

Day 6: Rovos Rail

Your Rovos Rail journey continues. Highlights today 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. Journey through the Karoo, a vast semi-desert region that was once an enormous inland sea. Over millions of years, volcanic matter was ground down and deposited as silt upon the seabed to form what geologists call the Karoo system.

Day 7: Kimberley - Rovos Rail

Today you can enjoy a tour of Kimberley's Diamond Mine and the Big Hole. Capital of the Northern Cape, Kimberley is well known for the discovery of diamonds that led to its establishment in 1871. Around noon lunch is served in the dining car as you travel northeast towards the broad grassland plains of the Highveld.

Day 8: Pretoria

Breakfast is served in the dining car until 9.30am. At 10am disembark at Meyerton Station and a private transfer will take you to your hotel, Castello Di Monte, a five-star guest house, situated in Waterkloof Ridge, Pretoria.

The Tuscan style estate portrays pure luxury and elegance and offers spectacular views of the hills in and around the capital city.

Overnight: Castello Di Monte

Day 9: Sabi Sabi

A private transfer will take you from your hotel to Johannesburg Airport for your included flight to Sabi Sabi private airstrip. 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: Sabi Sabi Selati Camp, 3 nights

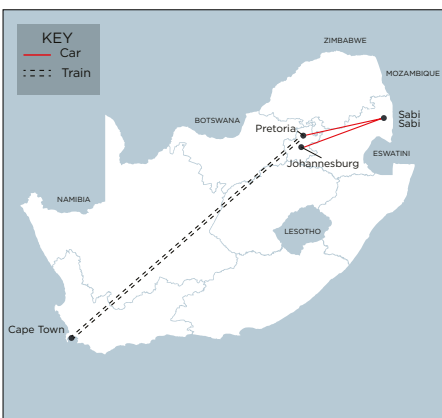
Day 10 & 11: Sabi Sabi

Enjoy two full days at this intimate camp where you will join morning and evening open vehicle safaris, environmental awareness walking safaris, all meals daily and 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.

Day 12: Johannesburg

A transfer this morning takes you back to Sabi Sabi private airstrip. 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 onward flight connections to anywhere in South Africa or beyond.



Wildlife Safari & Beach

8 days

A unique safari and 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.

Highlights

Durban - Thanda Safari Lodge

Tour Includes

- Private road transfer from Durban Airport to Thanda Safari Lodge
- 4 nights at Thanda Safari Lodge in a Bush Suite
- Fully inclusive board basis (selected beverages) at Thanda Safari Lodge
- 3 nights at Oyster Box Hotel in a Classic Room
- Breakfast daily at Oyster Box Hotel
- Private transfer from Oyster Box Hotel to Durban Airport

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
January - December

Day 1: Durban

On arrival into Durban, a private transfer will take you to your lodge, 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

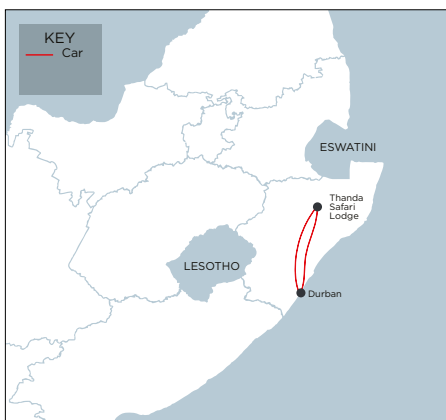
A private transfer today takes you back to Durban, for a relaxing 3-night stay. Your hotel is the stunning Oyster Box, standing majestically on Umhlanga's beachfront overlooking the Indian Ocean and the iconic lighthouse. The Oyster Box is the ultimate in colonial charm and style. Step out of the hotel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

Day 6 & 7: Durban

Free days to relax at the hotel. There are many day tour options available if you wish to explore.

Day 8: Durban

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



City & Safari

9 days

A perfect tour for families. Combine city stays in Johannesburg and Cape Town with a three-night stay on the Shamwari Game Reserve, 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.

Highlights

Johannesburg – Shamwari Game Reserve
Game Drives – Family friendly
Cape Town

Tour Includes

- Private road transfer from Johannesburg Airport to hotel
- 8 nights accommodation as shown
- Private Full day Cradle of Humankind Tour
- Private return transfer from Port Elizabeth International Airport to Lodge
- Private Full day Cape Point Tour
- Private return transfer from Cape Town International Airport to Hotel
- Private Full day Winelands Tour

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
January – December

Day 1: Johannesburg

On arrival a private transfer will take you to your hotel, the Four Seasons Hotel The Westcliff, a stylish urban resort elevated on a hillside with panoramic views.

Hotel: Four Seasons Hotel The Westcliff, 2 nights

Day 2: Johannesburg

A private tour takes you to the Cradle of Humankind, a short drive away. Here you see some of the world's oldest hominin fossils in the complex network of limestone rock known as the Sterkfontein Caves. Continue to Maropeng Visitor Centre to learn the secrets of human ancestry at the world-class exhibition.

Day 3: Shamwari Game Reserve

A private transfer takes you to the airport for your flight** (not included) to Port Elizabeth Airport. On arrival another private transfer takes you to Shamwari Riverdene Family Lodge for a truly unique, educational and fun family safari.

Hotel: Riverdene Family Lodge, 3 nights

Day 4 & 5: Shamwari Game Reserve

Enjoy morning safaris. Track the wildlife, witness the birds of prey or spot one of the Big Five from the comfort and safety of open game viewing vehicles.

Return to the lodge for breakfast time to relax before heading out on an afternoon game viewing drive. *Please note that game drives are not suitable for children under 4 years.*

Day 6: Cape Town

A private transfer takes you back to the airport for your flight** (not included) to Cape Town. On arrival 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.

Hotel: Table Bay Hotel, 3 nights

Day 7: Cape Town

Enjoy a full day private tour around the Cape Peninsula. On this tour you will encounter beautiful beaches, remarkable scenery, the mythical meeting place of the two oceans, local wildlife and world-famous botanical gardens.

Day 8: Cape Winelands

A full day private tour takes you to the historic heart of South Africa's wine industry. Your tour takes you through the popular and well-known areas such as Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl.

Day 9: Cape Town

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

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



Cape Town



Shamwari Game Reserve

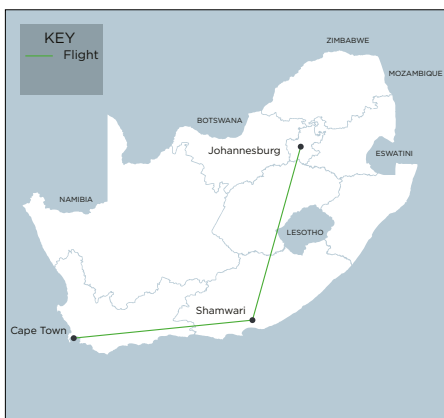


Table Bay Hotel

Mandela Journey to Democracy

8 days

Follow the footsteps of South Africa's most famous citizen, Nelson Mandela. This cultural journey will give you 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.

Highlights

Cape Town – Robben Island – Winelands
Johannesburg

Tour Includes

- Private transfer from Cape Town Airport to hotel
- 4 nights in Cape Town
- 3 nights in Johannesburg
- Full Day Cape Town Cultural Tour
- Full Day Cape Point Tour
- Full Day Winelands Tour
- Private return transfer – Johannesburg airport and hotel
- Full Day Humankind & Lesedi Cultural Tour
- Full Day Journey to Freedom Tour
- Breakfast daily

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
January – December

Day 1: Cape Town

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

Hotel: Table Bay Hotel or similar, 4 nights.

Day 2: Cape Town

Enjoy a full day Cultural & Robben Island tour. Drive through District Six and visit the District Six Museum, travel through Bonteheuvel to Gugulethu to see the Gugulethu Seven and Amy Biehl memorials. Return to Cape Town and board the Robben Island ferry for a guided tour. See the prison cell that held Nelson Mandela captive for so many years. Return to your hotel after the tour. (Tour operates Mon-Sat). *Note: Some of the venues may be closed on public holidays, school holidays and Weekends. Robben Island Ferry & Tour is subject to the weather, ferry schedule and seat availability.*

Day 3: Cape Town

Today you will enjoy a full day Cape Point Tour. Highlights include Sea Point and Camps Bay with views of the Twelve Apostles, Hout Bay, and Cape Point. Follow the coast along False Bay, return to Cape Town with a stop at Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens.

Day 4: Cape Town

A full day tour to the Winelands. Visit Paarl, the beautiful village of Franschoek for a lunch stop (for own account) and Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa and the historic heart of the country's wine region.

Day 5: Johannesburg

A private transfer to the airport for your flight* (not included) to Johannesburg. Your hotel is in the heart of Rosebank, Johannesburg's trendy suburb.

Hotel: 54 on Bath, 3 nights

Day 6: Johannesburg

A full day Cradle of Humankind and Lesedi Cultural Tour today to go right back to your beginnings. (*Note: tour operates on Wed, Fri & Sun*)

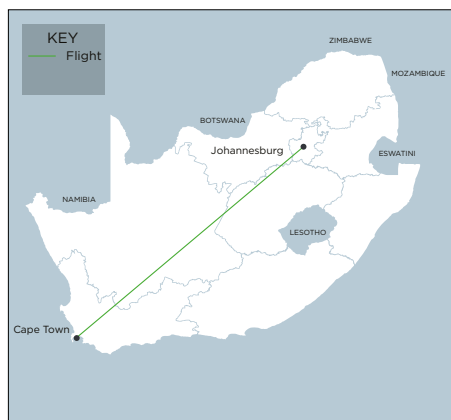
Day 7: Johannesburg

Today is a full day Journey to Freedom Tour. Many South Africans gave much, and some gave all, to achieve a truly democratic South Africa. This full day fascinating tour is filled with tales of bravery and sadness, but ultimately, it's a story with the right ending (Tour operates Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun).

Day 8: Johannesburg

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

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



Cape & Winelands

7 days

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 that the regions have to offer.

Highlights

Cape Town – Winelands – Paarl
Stellenbosch

Tour Includes

- Meet & Greet on arrival in Cape Town
- 2 nights in Cape Town at the Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel
- 2 nights in Paarl at the Grande Roche Hotel
- 2 nights at Stellenbosch at the Majeka House Hotel
- 7 days Group C car rental, Classic Plus cover

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
January - 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: Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel, 2 nights

Day 2: Cape Town

A free day to explore Cape Town.

Day 3: Winelands

Your short drive today takes you through the heart of the Winelands. Nestled at the foot of the magnificent Paarl Rock is a small, luxury hotel unlike any other. Where the atmosphere of a bygone era brings a sense of gracious, unhurried living. The Grande Roche Hotel is a celebrated 5 star hotel and a proud member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World. The establishment boasts beautiful gardens and award-winning cuisine at the Bosman's Experience restaurant situated in the Manor house of the Grande Roche Estate.

Overlooking vineyards and mountains, the Grande Roche Hotel is the ideal base from which to explore the Cape, relax at the pools, take in the glory of the Cape winelands and, amongst others, enjoy a game of golf on nearby, internationally acclaimed courses.

Hotel: Grande Roche Hotel, 2 nights

Day 4: Winelands

A free day to explore.

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.

Hotel: Majeka House, 2 nights.

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

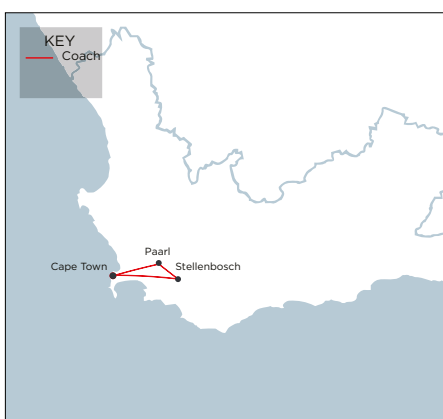
A short (approx. 25 mile) drive will take you back to Cape Town. Return your car to the airport location and continue on your journey.



Stellenbosch



Stellenbosch



Cape Town

Trains

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.





Travelling by train in South Africa is a truly special experience.

L'Chelle, Destination Specialist

Both are favourites!

Blue Train

An icon of South Africa for over 70 years and recognised as one of the world's great rail journeys.

A uniquely memorable experience and the perfect way to link Cape Town and Pretoria, a journey of 904 miles & 27 hours.

An inspired way to traverse South Africa and experience contrasting views and beautiful countryside.

Rovos Rail

Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world-class travel experiences. Bespoke train safaris through the heart of Africa combine magnificent scenery with the glamour and excitement of the golden age of leisure travel.

Cape Town to Pretoria is a 3 night journey

Pretoria to Durban is a 2 night journey

Why not combine the two and create the ultimate rail journey around South Africa.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Blue Train

A WINDOW TO THE SOUL OF AFRICA

Travelling on a 994 mile journey between Pretoria and Cape Town, The Blue Train is a once in lifetime experience. Considered by many to be one of the most iconic train journeys in the world and 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.



The Journey

3 days

This 3 day journey between Pretoria and Cape Town covers a route of 994 miles through diverse and spectacular scenery.

On the Southbound trip, the train departs from Pretoria Station at 12noon and arrives in Cape Town 3 days later at 6pm*. En-route to Cape Town there is a stop-over and an excursion in Kimberley, where you can take a step back in time to the days of the diamond rush. On the Northbound journey, the train leaves Cape Town at 12noon and arrives in Pretoria 3 days later at 6pm*

The off-the-train excursion includes a stop at the Lord Milner Hotel in Matjiesfontein. The Victorian buildings and original nineteenth century London lampposts impart to the traveller, the uncanny sense of entering a colonial time warp – an oasis suspended in a different age.

** Check in time for both journeys is from 10am, boarding commences at 11.15am. All timings were correct at the time of printing but are subject to change.*

Day 1: Depart Pretoria

Enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks at The Blue Train Station Lounge before being shown to your suite by your butler. Your journey begins, enjoy the scenery and fine dining experience onboard.

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. 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 and lunch onboard as your journey continues, arriving into Cape Town Station around 6pm. Your butler will assist you into the Arrivals Lounge where your journey ends.

Also operates in reverse – from Cape Town to Pretoria.



De Luxe Suites

From your elegant and relaxing lounge during the day, your suite transforms into a subtly-lit bedroom of indulgence during the night, bedecked with goose-down and 100 per cent percale-cotton bedding, from your individually-controlled air-conditioning system, under-floor heating, opulent marble and gold-fitted bathroom, its scented bath salts and plush monogrammed towels, to the electronic entertainment options on offer. The De Luxe coaches each have four suites.



Luxury Suites

A Luxury Suite will enchant you from the moment your personal butler ushers you aboard. These suites offer you long and luxurious bath tubs and a private digital interactive entertainment system, with an inviting selection of music CDs and big-screen movies on Blu-Ray DVD. Luxury coaches have three Luxury Suites that each measure 5 x 2 metres and give you the option of twin beds or a double bed.



Fine Dining

While The Blue Train lives up to its five-star reputation in every sense, its cuisine surpasses even the highest expectations. It could be said that dinner will be the most unforgettable experience of your adventure. On board chefs regularly refresh their menus to intrigue and tantalise your palate, as they prepare their signature dishes using the freshest of local ingredients.

- Dinner is an elegant affair, men are requested to wear a jacket and tie and ladies, elegant evening wear.
- Lunch & dinner may be served across two sittings.
- Breakfast is served first come, first served.

Rovos Rail

THE MOST LUXURIOUS TRAIN IN THE WORLD

Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world-class travel experiences. Step aboard the vintage wood-panelled coaches and sit back as some of the most varied scenery imaginable unfolds beyond the windows. With discreet and friendly service, top cuisine and a selection of South Africa's finest wines, Rovos Rail harks back to a simpler, more elegant era encompassing the timeless grace and high romance of African exploration.





Cape Town to Pretoria

Travel the grasslands of the gold-rich Highveld to the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo; trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and scenic winelands of the Cape. Journey's end is Cape Town, the Mother City of South Africa, cradled by the imposing bulk of Table Mountain, Devil's Peak and Lion's Head. Available in reverse

Distance: 1000 miles. Duration: 3 nights



Pretoria to Durban

This safari between Pretoria and Durban departs during the summer months and includes game drives, a battlefield tale with a world-class historian and a look at unusual African ceramics. Experience the Nambiti Conservancy – a Big Five private retreat set on 20 000 acres of malaria-free bushveld in KwaZulu-Natal. Situated on an expansive game farm, Spionkop Lodge is the perfect base for exploring the mountains, bush, birds and battlefields of the region. Available in reverse.

Distance: 500 miles. Duration: 2 nights



Pretoria to Victoria Falls

Travel north through Warmbaths (Bela-Bela), cross the Tropic of Capricorn and Limpopo River towards Bulawayo, second largest city of Zimbabwe. Travel along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line before traversing Hwange National Park, a rich and diverse wildlife sanctuary where a game drive excursion is enjoyed. Arrive at the incomparable Victoria Falls on the mighty Zambezi River where this sojourn ends. Available in reverse. Depending upon railway capacity, this journey could be routed through Botswana.

Distance: 875 miles. Duration: 3 or 4 nights



The Train

Each train has accommodation carriages, dining cars, a lounge car, small gift shop and an observation car with open-air balcony. Maintaining the spirit of a bygone era, there are no radios or television sets on board.

There are three types of suites available

- Pullman
- Deluxe Suites
- Royal Suites

Each wood-panelled sleeper coach offers modern convenience and comfort with fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard. Each offers privacy and comfort with double or twin beds, all have en-suites with shower, toilet, basin and bath (Royal only), tea facilities, safes, air conditioning, linen and amenities and are serviced daily. There is adequate storage and small cupboards with hangers and shelves.

Call us for details on dates, prices and itineraries.

Cape Town

THE MOTHER CITY

Welcome to Cape Town, the Mother City of South Africa. A city that will capture your heart. A city that quickly becomes a favourite of all that visit. There is so much to see here that we recommend a stay of at least three nights, more if you can. The main 'must see' attractions are Cape Point for some of the most breathtaking ocean and mountain scenery in the world, be sure to take the Flying Dutchman Funicular to the viewing point. Robben Island will tell the story of where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for so many years. No visit is complete with a visit to Table Mountain or the V&A Waterfront, a historic working harbour with a spectacular setting and a vast array of shops, restaurants and bars.

The Winelands

NOT JUST FOR WINE LOVERS

So close to Cape Town, a visit here is a must. 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).



Our 5 Favourite in Cape & Winelands

There's so much to explore in this fascinating region. There's history, mountains, wildlife beaches, amazing scenery and so much more, be sure to allow enough time here to see it all.

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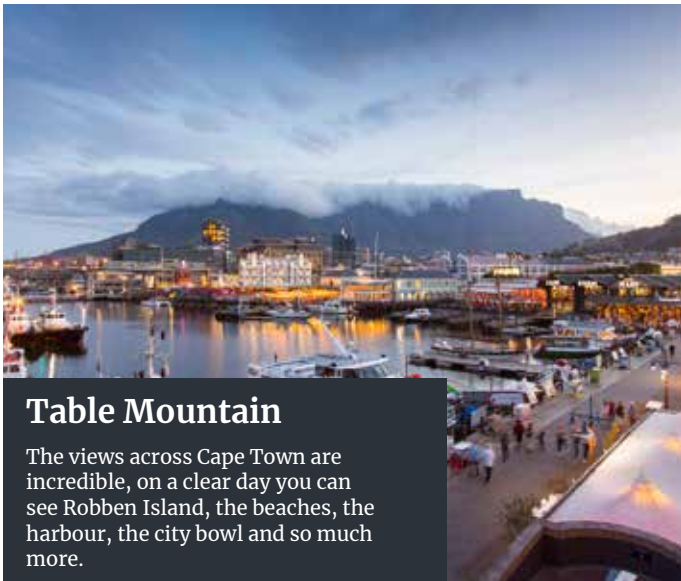


Table Mountain

The views across Cape Town are incredible, on a clear day you can see Robben Island, the beaches, the harbour, the city bowl and so much more.



History

With history dating back to 1652 with Dutch beginnings, through the slave trade Cape Town has many stories to share.



Beaches

Cape Town is home to 10 International Blue Flag Beaches, our favourites are Camps Bay, Hout Bay & Boulders Beach.



Wildlife

Wildlife is plentiful, favourites are looking out for whales as they migrate through the Cape waters and visiting the lively African penguin colony at Boulders Beach.



Wine

Close to Cape Town is Constantia the birthplace of South Africa's wine making industry. Further away, but still close and easily accessible is the Winelands region with many beautiful towns and stunning vineyards.

Cape Town



V&A Waterfront

While away many hours here, there are an amazing variety of restaurants, shops and bars, lots of great places with a stunning backdrop.



Mountain Views

Table Mountain is the most iconic landmark of the city. Take the Cableway to the top for stunning views around the city.



Coastal Living

For a seaside vibe, stay at one of the many beaches in the city. Camps Bay offers boutique hotels, a variety of beachside bars and restaurants, this is a true coastal experience and just 20 minutes from central Cape Town.



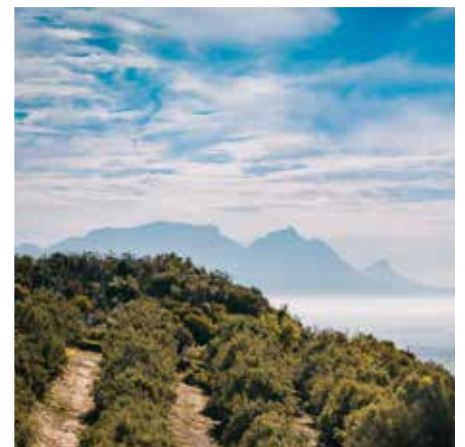
Cultural Delights

From fine dining to local markets, food trucks and wine farms, there really is something here for everyone. You'll be amazed by the standards, the variety and the great value for money.



Discover the History

Many tours will educate you, none more so than a visit to Robben Island, a short ferry ride from the city and with great views of Table Mountain too.



Gateway to Western Cape

From mountains to sea, from wine to wildlife – Cape Town is the gateway to the beautiful Western Cape region. Travelling in any direction from the city you will find so much to see and many find endless experiences to enjoy.

Our Favourite Sightseeing Tours

Cape Point Tour

This spectacular private day tour takes you along the rugged coastline to the renowned Cape Point. Pass the city's famed beaches of Camps Bay and Clifton, before heading to Chapman's Peak Drive and to Hout Bay, you'll see so many unspoiled views of the Atlantic Ocean. At Cape Point Nature Reserve, you've entered the famed south-westernmost point of the African continent. Next another highlight, the African penguin colony at Boulders Beach. A haven for this endangered species, you get so close to these charming creatures. Heading back takes you along the False Bay coast, where you can visit the charming seaside villages of Simon's Town and Kalk Bay.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 8 hours

City & Table Mountain

Join this private tour to explore the natural wonders of Table Mountain and Lion's Head. Witness the sunrise on the famous 'table top' and take in 360-degree views from the Cableway. Downtown, in what is known as the CBD, you'll delve into Cape Town's intricate history and culture, visiting the colourful Bo Kaap neighbourhood, the Castle of Good Hope military fort and the green heart of the city, Company's Garden.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 4 hours

African Dinner & Drumming Experience

So much more than just an African restaurant, this is an immersive, authentic experience that will take you on a 14-dish taste-safari paired with traditional Mali puppets and unique entertainment. Hear praise singing to welcome you and dance to the rhythms of the marimba percussion and djembe drums. Everyone can learn to drum, the patient, master drummers will guide you and afterward a soothing traditional handwashing ceremony precedes the feast with live entertainment. *Please note that the pre-dinner interactive djembe drumming experience is only available at 6.30pm and is optional. Should you wish to join just for dinner and entertainment this is from 7pm onwards.*

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: From 6.30pm Drumming is 30 min

Cape Winelands Tour

This full day private tour introduces you to some of the signature wines of the Constantia, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch regions, and treats you to a bit of history along the way. Customised to your preference, you can choose to focus your trip on tasting your favourite varietals or experimenting with the locally grown specialities. Don't miss the opportunity to meet the winemaker or take an intimate cellar tour (*Cellar tours & Private wine tasting with owner/winemaker excluded but can be pre-booked at an additional cost*). The region also has several spectacular restaurants so enjoy the serene surroundings and culinary delights. (*All meals excluded*).

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 8 hours

Whales & Wine Tour

Begin with a scenic drive from Cape Town, through the wine regions of Somerset West and Elgin. Opt to stop for wine tasting, before arriving at the seaside harbour town of Hermanus. Here spectacular Southern Right whales frequent the shores annually from June to December as they take part in their annual migration. Whales can be seen along the coastline along with other sea life such as seals, penguins and even dolphins. Outside of whale season, you can enjoy eco-boat rides to visit the Cape Seal Colony. After your adventure perhaps enjoy a craft beer or delicious wine from some of the best wineries in the Cape before returning to your hotel.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 8 hours

City & Kirstenbosch Day Tour

This private tour includes all the 'must-sees' of any Cape Town day tour, this is a geographical and cultural extravaganza, showing you Cape Town, from its historical beginnings to the dazzling, modern city it is today. A visit to Table Mountain is a highlight for panoramic views over the Mother City and Robben Island. The tour includes a visit to the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, acclaimed as one of the great botanic gardens of the world. Few gardens can match the sheer grandeur of the setting of Kirstenbosch, against the eastern slopes of Cape Town's Table Mountain. Return to your hotel upon completion of the tour.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 8 hours



Western Cape Vineyard
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Cape Town Accommodation

Cape Cadogan Hotel

The Cape Cadogan Boutique hotel is well known for its comfortable, luxurious atmosphere exuding a sense of history where old meets new and blends in a personal and homely manner. The interior style of the hotel is one of a combination bohemian chic with simple elegance ensuring an environment which encourages guests to relax and recharge before venturing out to explore the offerings of Cape Town and its surrounds. The hotel has luxuriously appointed en-suite bedrooms that are decorated with an eclectic mix of contemporary and antique furniture using dramatic fabrics to maximum effect. The common areas comprise a comfortable lounge with an open fireplace, a garden, pool area and a library where you can relax.

Location: Cape Town, residential suburb

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Cape Grace

Staying at Cape Grace is an experience in itself, combining the modern comforts of a Cape Town luxury hotel with traditional Cape culture. There is no better position for a V&A Waterfront hotel than with Table Mountain standing sentry and towering over the hotel, a working harbour to one side and a multi-millionaire yacht basin on the other. Cape Grace's luxury hotel waterfront setting and stylish interiors celebrate Cape Town's heritage and floral kingdom in ways that juxtapose modern and period. This is noticeable in every custom-designed room, from hand painted fabrics and handmade metalwork, glass and leather items, to individually-sourced antiques and artifacts. Cape Grace facilities and services are world class; offered at a level that reaches far beyond usual expectations.

Location: Cape Town, V&A Waterfront

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Ellerman House

A private boutique hotel in a breathtaking location on magnificent Bantry Bay. The extraordinary collections of local art and wine are a celebration of the hotel's passion for this remarkable part of the world; a passion which is equally evident in the mouthwatering culinary experience, lush indigenous gardens and soul-soothing spa. Each of the 13 individually-styled rooms exudes comfort and sophistication, featuring exquisite decor, eye-catching South African art and all the little touches that make for a seamless stay. Whether you select one of the classically-styled rooms and suites or the bold architecture and design of the more contemporary private villas, you are invited to sink in to the heartfelt hospitality and relaxed warmth of this remarkable property.

Location: Cape Town, Bantry Bay

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Four Rosemead

An exclusive boutique guest house situated on the slopes of Table Mountain in the select residential suburb of Oranjezicht, with views of the mountain, Lions Head, Signal Hill, Table Bay and the city. You'll be in walking distance of vibrant Kloof Street, well known for its restaurant and café culture and just 10 minutes by car from the V&A Waterfront, Kirstenbosch Gardens and Camps Bay beaches. Originally built in 1903, the guest house is a listed monument and impresses with its landscaped garden and chic interior. Ten bespoke en-suite bedrooms variously complemented with private gardens, balconies or courtyard access. Landscaped gardens and a patio overlooking a pool deck contribute to an elegant urban sanctuary that helps you to relax and unwind.

Location: Cape Town, residential suburb

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★





One&Only Cape Town

In the heart of Cape Town's picturesque Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, this contemporary urban resort embodies a chic island design and African flair. The crescent-shaped architecture allows for splendid views of Table Mountain and Signal Hill from the spacious rooms and suites. Two lushly landscaped islands at the centre of the waterfront feature the Island Suites and the tranquil One&Only Spa. Cape Town's most generous hotel rooms offer ample space to relax. Your private balcony offers inimitable views of Table Mountain, the Marina, or both. One&Only Cape Town's curated selection of restaurants and bars sparkle with the unmistakable vibrancy of Cape Town, South Africa's gastronomic hub. Savour exceptional cuisine and rare wines in the most stylish spaces in town.

Location: Cape Town, V&A Waterfront

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



The Table Bay

The Table Bay is situated adjacent to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront shopping and entertainment complex overlooking the Cape Town harbour. The interior of the hotel presents a kaleidoscope of impressions, from the European marble mosaic of the entrance court to the intricate parquet floor of the foyer framed by the full-scale drama of Table Mountain, with the activity of the harbour in the foreground. Below the foyer to the south, is the grand lounge with its cathedral ceiling and twin fireplaces. A nearby dock, capable of accommodating an ocean liner, is at the threshold of the restaurant. The restaurant has a private dining bay and wine cellar, and panoramic views of the mountain range and harbour.

Location: Cape Town, V&A Waterfront

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Twelve Apostles

Perched above the ocean on the spectacular coastal road that links Cape Town and Camps Bay with Hout Bay and beyond, the Twelve Apostles Hotel is the perfect place to watch the sun set into the Atlantic. This luxury boutique hotel offers beautifully appointed rooms, dramatic ocean views, delicious dining adventures, and an award-winning Spa, all delivered with the generous hospitality characteristic of Red Carnation Hotels. Step out onto the flora and fynbos-framed trails to explore the staggeringly beautiful setting, with iridescent sunsets that are known as the best in Cape Town. A complimentary shuttle service to Camps Bay and V&A Waterfront keeps you connected to the city and the beaches, whilst also affording total luxury in this secluded coastal sanctuary.

Location: Cape Town (2½ miles from Camps Bay)

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Victoria & Alfred Hotel

This landmark hotel is situated in the heart of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and offers spectacular views of the working harbour and Table Mountain. Walk to some of the finest retail outlets from designer stores to restaurants, craft markets, cinemas, boat cruises to Robben Island and entertainment in the amphitheatre. It's the precise details that give the Victoria & Alfred Hotel its elegance, intimacy, romance and reputation. With its picture postcard views of Cape Town's working harbour and Table Mountain, OYO Restaurant & Cocktail Bar offers fine dining. Other facilities include a designer spa, state-of-the-art gym, pool area in beautifully manicured garden, pool bar and al fresco dining area.

Location: Cape Town, V&A Waterfront

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Winelands



Winelands Tour

This private tour introduces you to the signature wines of the Franschhoek and Stellenbosch regions, and treats you to an insight of the history along the way. Opt for the much-loved wine and cheese pairing, or satisfy your sweet tooth with a wine and chocolate tasting. In between glasses, be sure to look for the vineyard's art collection. Some estates boast galleries or sculpture gardens that feature local and international artists. In addition to award-winning wine, this region also has a number of spectacular restaurants, so be sure to enjoy lunch with a view while testing your new-found wine knowledge.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 8 hours



Franschhoek Wine Tram

One of our absolute favourite tours, this is a Hop-on Hop-off experience like no other. Enjoy the different activities on offer, be it wine tasting, a cellar tour, lunch or just a stroll through the vineyards and when you're ready, simply hop-on to continue your journey. Take your pick between 5 different lines, each visiting a selection of wine estates showcasing a separate part of the Franschhoek Valley. You will be transported around your selected line's loop of stops on a combination of double-decker tram and open-air tram-bus.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: Hop on/off (8 hours maximum)

Stellenbosch Foodies on Foot

Excite your taste buds on this walking tour which focuses on fresh, local, sustainably produced and seasonal produce. This tour is a leisurely guided walking tour of the old town centre with an expert guide to connect you with talented food artisans and artists/crafters, get an insider's perspective on the outdoor art exhibition. Indulge in an award winning gin experience with light snacks, sample fine Stellenbosch craft beers with flavoursome bites, enjoy a locally produced platter served with wines of the region for lunch, and sip a liquid 'dessert' at an innovative coffee laboratory.

Departs: Monday - Saturday, Year Round
Duration: 3½ hours



Bikes & Wines

This half day Stellenbosch Winelands Cycle Tour is fully guided, so you can focus on taking in your surroundings and not worry about losing your way. This adventure is ideal for families and great for solo adventurers as well. The tour starts at the Skilpadvlei Wine Estate in the heart of the Cape Winelands. From Merlot and Shiraz to Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin Blanc, this fifth-generation wine farm has some of the best cultivars in the region. Next is the picturesque Neethlingshof Wine Estate, an award-winning boutique wine farm renowned for its short story collection of premium wines. This is a group tour but can also be arranged as a private tour. Tours start at 10am or 1.30pm.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 4 hours



Majeka House

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. The 21 rooms of Majeka House are spread across 4 room categories. 3 garden rooms lead onto a charming enclosed garden boasting an exclusive-use plunge pool, a perk also enjoyed by the two sets of spacious poolside rooms. Mountain view rooms offer superb privacy, with eye-catching vistas of the surrounding Helderberg Mountains. This prime location combines with luxurious accommodation, thoughtful service, a sophisticated bar and restaurant, a professionally run spa and spacious grounds.

Location: Stellenbosch

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Grand Roche

Nestled at the foot of the magnificent Paarl Rock is a small, luxury hotel unlike any other. Where the atmosphere of a bygone era brings a sense of gracious, unhurried living. The Grande Roche Hotel is a celebrated 5 star hotel and a proud member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World. The establishment boasts beautiful gardens and award-winning cuisine at the Bosman's Experience restaurant situated in the Manor house of the Grande Roche Estate. Overlooking vineyards and mountains, the Grande Roche Hotel is the ideal base from which to explore the Cape, relax at the pools, take in the glory of the Cape winelands and, amongst others, enjoy a game of golf on nearby, internationally acclaimed courses. The 35 stylish rooms reflect the Dutch and Cape Colonial past of this region.

Location: Paarl

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Chapter House Boutique Hotel

Located right in the middle of Franschhoek town, this hotel is soaked in history; originally built as a Mission House in 1888, and later serving as the village school right up until 1974, this house has chapters filled with stories to tell. Having recently been restored to its former glory, the hotel's design impressively combines heritage design with local creativity and charm. The relaxation areas of the hotel benefit from enormous attention to detail, including bespoke art pieces from local artists, and handpicked furniture and fabrics. The breath-taking lounge boasts exceptionally high ceilings and a strikingly generous original fireplace. Both the bar and breakfast room lead to the original veranda with incredible views of the surrounding Franschhoek mountains.

Location: Franschhoek

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Babylonstoren

Dating back to 1692, Babylonstoren is a historic Cape Dutch farm that boasts one of the best preserved farmyards in the Cape. Every aspect of Babylonstoren including the contemporary Farm Hotel & Spa, the Farm Shop and Bakery are led by the ever-changing tapestry and botanical diversity of the garden. The Farm Hotel is characterised by thick whitewashed walls, elegant gables and hearty fireplaces that emulate an authentic farm stay experience. There are 6 one-bedroom suites, as well as 3 one-bedroom cottages and 4 two-bedroomed cottages. The Farmhouse suites include 9 one-bedroom suites. These all have access to an outdoor swimming pool and a hot spa area that includes a salt room, sauna and vitality pool as well as a lounge area.

Location: Simondium (15 miles from Stellenbosch)

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Garden Route

A GLORIOUS 190 MILE STRETCH OF COASTLINE

The Garden Route is famous for its scenic beauty. This amazing stretch of coastline includes the coastal 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, 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.



Our 5 Favourites on the Garden Route

We love this part of South Africa. It's such an easy driving route with short distances between each town. It's an absolute delight to hire a car and have leisurely days driving and stopping at your own pace to enjoy the unspoilt scenery.

Whales & More

Southern Right, Humpback and Bottlenose whales and dolphins are often sighted close to the shore as they migrate from Antarctica through these warmer waters.



Flora & Fauna

Ancient forests and wild coastline, lakes and preserved sections of Fynbos, the region is a fascinating and enchanting mix of ecosystems.



Coastline Galore

With a coastline stretching 190 miles, you will never be far away from a stunning view.



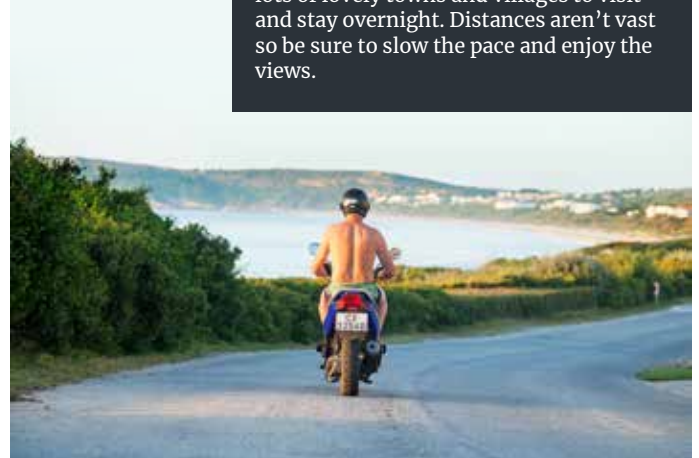
Wildlife Aplenty

Be sure to stop to view the ostrich farms around Oudtshoorn and the Kynsna Elephant Park.



Easy Driving

The route follows the coastline, there's lots of lovely towns and villages to visit and stay overnight. Distances aren't vast so be sure to slow the pace and enjoy the views.



Garden Route



© Grootbos Private Nature Reserve



Hermanus

Not officially part of the Garden Route, but for many it's the first stop on the drive from Cape Town to Mossel Bay where the route does officially begin. A favourite location of ours, a great seaside town and one of the best places for whale watching.



Mossel Bay

The western gateway to the Garden Route, Mossel Bay is a coastal village steeped in maritime history. The Guinness Book of World Records states that Mossel Bay has the second mildest all year round climate in the world, the first is Hawaii so stay a while awhile and enjoy all there is to offer.



Oudtshoorn

Inland from the coast brings you to Oudtshoorn, best known for being the ostrich capital of the world. The world's biggest bird is just one of the many attractions in this area of exceptional contrasts and natural beauty.



Knysna

Further along the coast brings you to Knysna, one of the most popular destinations along the route. There is much natural beauty surrounding the town from indigenous forests, miles of beaches, rivers and lakes and a variety of family friendly activities.



Plettenberg Bay

Considered by many to be the jewel of the Garden Route, with miles of golden beaches, lagoons, estuaries, indigenous forests, rivers and amazing sea views. The bay has a rich marine life, whales and dolphins are often sighted in the bay.



Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)

The start or end point of the Garden Route. Often known as the Friendly City, this is a coastal hub and one of the larger cities in South Africa.

Our Favourite Sightseeing Tours

Highgate Ostrich Farm

Highgate has been telling the fascinating story of ostrich farming in Oudtshoorn for over a hundred years. Their tours surprise, inform, and delight visitors from all over the world. Meet ostriches face to face and learn more about ostrich farming. The Traditional Ostrich Tour is not only enlightening but also fun for the whole family. Learn all about ostriches, feed one by hand, and watch as the staff expertly demonstrate the various crafts using the ostrich's exquisite feathers, eggs, and leather. You will be in awe of the beauty of your surroundings, with the Klein Karoo valley and the picturesque Swartberg Mountains.

Location: Oudtshoorn
Departs: Daily
Duration: 1 hour tour

Featherbed Nature Reserve

Enjoy an unforgettable experience on the Knysna Lagoon. The Lagoon, more accurately defined as an estuary, has five freshwater rivers flowing in from the surrounding Outeniqua Mountains meeting with the surge of sea water from the Indian Ocean. Included is a private nature reserve & trail, restaurants, and a fleet of various boats. There is a one-of-a-kind Paddle Cruiser, South Africa's only paddle-driven vessel, offering a unique experience on the Knysna Lagoon, or there's the Rivercat ferry, an adventurous cruise to Knysna Heads between the cliffs (ocean conditions permitting), visiting Otter Cove, Island Rock and passing the beachcomber caves.

Location: Knysna
Departs: Daily
Duration: Dependent on activity

Birds of Eden Sanctuary

Birds of Eden is a true free-flight bird sanctuary with a unique two-hectare dome, the biggest in the world, which spans over a gorge of indigenous forest. Currently it is home to over 3,500 birds from over 220 species, with the focus being African birds. All new arrivals at Birds of Eden go through a process of rehabilitation before they enter the sanctuary because most of the birds arrive have a history of being caged. Some are malnourished, have hacked wings or other injuries, some are too friendly, others too rude - whatever the quirk all birds need to go through a rehabilitation process before release.

Location: Plettenberg Bay
Departs: Daily
Duration: 1 hour tour

Tsitsikamma Canopy Tour

Located in the magnificent Tsitsikamma indigenous rainforest, many of the platforms are built around giant Outeniqua Yellowwood trees that are up to 700 years old! There are 10 ziplines and 11 elevated platforms to explore. The scenery and birdlife is spectacular and professional guides ensure your safety while keeping you informed about interesting features of the forest ecology. If you are fortunate enough, you will spot a pair of Knysna Loeries or the brilliant red plumage of the elusive Narina Trogon. Whatever happens, we're quite sure you'll be back again.

Location: Storms River
Departs: Daily
Duration: 2-3 Hours

Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary

Monkeyland is a free roaming primate sanctuary, the aim of the sanctuary is to give the animals a healthier, more natural life and raise awareness about the plight of all wild animals. Around 500+ apes, monkeys and lemurs live at Monkeyland, they live a natural life in the indigenous forest, similar to the environment had they been able to live in the wild. On your guided tour you may see Squirrel monkey, Vervet monkey, Saki's, Capuchins, Lemurs, Spider monkeys and even if you do not see them, you will hear the Gibbons and Howler monkeys and more. Part of the safari is across the 128m canopy walk, which rises above the forest canopy for a birds' eye view of this primate paradise.

Location: Plettenberg Bay
Departs: Daily
Duration: 1 hour tour

Elephant Sanctuary

Elephant Sanctuary is home to African elephants and offers an interactive experience. Visitors are taken on a journey into the world of the African elephant and are guided through an unforgettable experience with the magnificent creatures. This sanctuary is unique in that it offers an incredible opportunity to walk hand-in-trunk with the elephants. You will see the special relationship that the elephant handlers share with their elephants and become a part of it. See the elephant night shelter where the elephants sleep, learn about elephant anatomy and maybe feed them. When meeting them you will discover that each one has a different character, personality and temperament.

Location: Plettenberg Bay
Departs: Daily
Duration: Varies, from 1 hour



Vervet Monkey
© Monkeyland

Garden Route Accommodation

Grootbos

Nestled between mountain and sea, the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve is a 5 star eco-paradise showcasing the incredible flora and marine life of the southern tip of Africa. Home of the 'Marine Big Five' - whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins; and with unparalleled floral diversity, Grootbos offers you a one of a kind luxury African experience. Only 2 hours from Cape Town and 30 minutes from Hermanus on the way to the world-renowned Garden Route, Grootbos is perfectly situated between the classic attractions of the Cape and is most certainly a highlight on any itinerary. Accommodation at Grootbos has been designed to complement the pristine natural setting, while never compromising on style or luxury, choose garden lodge, forest lodge or private villas.

Location: Gansbaai

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Marine

Perched on the cliffs, overlooking Hermanus' Walker Bay, The Marine boasts 40 individually decorated bedrooms and suites. This unforgettable property overlooks South Africa's most pristine whale sanctuary, and it is just a stone's throw from one of the greatest densities of the endangered Great White Shark, and selection of fynbos species in the Cape. The Marine offers guests the unique opportunity to experience the finest land based whale watching in the world. From June to November guests are able to view these majestic creatures from the comfort of their beautiful sea view room. The attention to detail is apparent in every aspect of this remarkable property, from the personal service to the exceptional cuisine, the perfect for sundowners Sun Lounge and the in-house Carchele Beauty Spa.

Location: Hermanus

Our rating: ★★★★★



Fancourt Manor House

Stay in stylish surrounds, in the heart of a tranquil haven, amidst 613 hectares of Garden Route countryside against the backdrop of the lush Outeniqua Mountains. Tastefully furnished to combine its century-old history with eco-friendly luxury amenities. The Manor House suite accommodation, lounge, bar and swimming pool promise an intimate, exclusive getaway for couples seeking a private sanctuary where their every whim is catered for. Suites here have elegant furnishings and balconies with views of the Outeniqua Mountains. The Fancourt has 5 restaurants that serve international cuisine made from fresh locally sourced ingredients. The hotel also has a bar that offers regional wines and a spacious garden terrace. Guests can relax on a sun lounger by the outdoor pool, or play a game of tennis.

Location: George

Our rating: ★★★★★



Rosenhof Country House

Rosenhof Country House is situated on the outskirts of Oudtshoorn en route to the Cango Caves and ostrich farms. The carefully renovated homestead, originated circa 1852, with its yellowwood beams and ceilings and a tasteful collection of antique furniture, exudes an aura of authenticity. The lovely rose garden, which gave Rosenhof its name, leads to stylishly decorated bedrooms, each individually furnished. Rosenhof has a cosy pub and several luxury lounges with fireplaces where visitors can relax and admire works from well-known South African artists. In summer, cool down in the pool or take tea in the manicured gardens. The Wellness Centre offers a fully equipped gym, jacuzzi, sauna and a beauty clinic.

Location: Oudtshoorn

Our rating: ★★★★★





La Plume Boutique Guest House

This 1902 Victorian homestead is set on a working ostrich, alfalfa and vine farm. The charming guest house offers spectacular views of the Swartberg Mountains. Join a private farm tour, admire the beauty of the sunset on the veranda or relax at the salt-water pool. Delectable cuisine in peaceful rural surroundings, designed to satiate all the senses. Like the vast open Karoo landscape, stretching from the veranda across the Olifant's River valley to the foot of the Swartberg Mountains in the far distance, the suites and the luxury rooms at La Plume are spacious and a cool rampart against the hot Karoo sun. Activities abound with bird watching and hiking among the fynbos and rare succulents. La Plume is perfectly situated to explore the ostrich capital of the world, Oudtshoorn, and its surroundings.

Location: Oudtshoorn (10 miles away)

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



The Turbine Boutique Hotel & Spa

An exceptional boutique hotel in Knysna is situated on Thesen Island, considered one of the most prestigious locations on the Garden Route. An ambitious project which transformed the old power station into a unique 5-star 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. A variety of unusual instruments and contraptions are dotted around the hotel which will keep engineers, scientists and curious visitors fascinated for hours. The hotel offers 17 rooms, 6 luxury rooms, a honeymoon suite and the self-catering Water Club apartment. The restaurant overlooks the stunning canal and the Gastro Pub is the perfect spot to indulge in a post-dinner night cap.

Location: Knysna

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Hog Hollow Country Lodge

Located just 12 miles from the coastal town of Plettenberg Bay along the renowned holiday destination of the Garden Route is Hog Hollow Country Lodge & Villa, set on the edge of indigenous forest with breathtaking views of the surrounding valleys and Tsitsikamma Mountains. The 16 suites are situated in the gardens surrounding the main house. Decorated in earthy colours, with hand crafted artefacts scattered throughout. Sit out on your private wooden deck listening to the sounds of a garden humming with life, enveloped in the warmth of the African sun. Spend a few days here, maybe laze around the pool on balmy sunny days, relax in the sauna, read a book or to stretch the legs there are over 50 charted walks in and around the area.

Location: Plettenberg Bay (12 miles away)

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



The Beach Hotel

The Beach Hotel is one of Port Elizabeth's (Gqeberha) finest hotels, situated on the magnificent beachfront, directly opposite Hobie Beach. The hotel combines splendid service with quality accommodation, stylish cuisine and facilities for a perfect relaxing getaway. There are 58 spacious, en suite bedrooms, some with stunning sea views and others opening onto the tranquil courtyard. Guests are spoiled for choice, offering 3 onsite restaurants to suit everyone's palate. Enjoy a relaxing environment, sipping a cocktail while overlooking the ocean at The Verandah restaurant, or indulge in the famous carvery at The Crest. Enjoy fine dining cuisine at Ginger, voted one of the best restaurants in Port Elizabeth, it is definitely a must do.

Location: Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Eastern Cape Game Reserves

The Eastern Cape provides some of the country's most accessible game viewing. Reserves are usually within easy driving distance of Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), they are malaria-free and all have amazing wildlife. Track the Big Five through the picturesque landscape with the help of an expert guide before spending the afternoon relaxing at your lodge or luxury camp.

We feature three reserves on the following pages:

Pumba – Home to the rare White Lion. Reconnect with nature and create memories that will last you a lifetime in complete luxury.

Amakhala – With 18,000 acres of Big Five territory and you are highly likely to have excellent sightings of rhino, lion, buffalo and elephant, while the more elusive animals encountered could include the Bat-eared fox, hyena or even a leopard.

Shamwari – with a variety of lodges, the reserve offers abundant wildlife, fauna and flora exclusive to the area and unforgettable encounters with nature.



Pumba Game Reserve

Home to the rare White Lion, Pumba Private Game Reserve is the ultimate destination for an authentic African Safari experience. Encounter free roaming wildlife, reconnect with nature and create memories that will last you a lifetime in complete luxury.

Located in the Malaria-free Eastern Cape approximately 70 miles from Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) International Airport. The entrance is easily accessible with a sedan, so you can either self-drive or request a shuttle which we can arrange for your convenience. There are two lodges on the reserve, Bush Lodge and Water Lodge. Both are equally luxurious whilst being completely individual in look and feel.



Bush Lodge

Msenge Bush Lodge offers 11, glassed enclosed, thatched chalets, which flow naturally into the African Bushveld, offering intimate and private accommodation. Dreamy bathrooms, warm fireplaces and luxury bedrooms opening onto private timber decks with plunge pools and outdoor showers combine to create a tranquil and romantic hideaway. Gauze and sliding glass doors open up onto the private plunge pool, the glass-enclosed chalets provide the illusion that there is nothing separating you and the bush surrounding it, ensuring a true African safari feel. There is also a family chalet with 2 private en suite bedrooms, deck and plunge pool. This offers families the opportunity to experience the wonders of safari under one roof.



Water Lodge

Water Lodge chalets open onto private viewing decks, boasting stunning views over Lake Cariega. The lake is home to a pod of hippo's and is also a busy watering hole for the animals on the reserve. Expect some great sightings from the comfort of your chalet. There are 8 standard Impala chalets, spacious with large comfortable king size beds, luxurious yet understated with every attention to detail and quality the key to the décor. The en suite bathrooms boast free standing deep baths, separate showers and heated towel rails. There are also 3 Gemsbok chalets, more spacious and individually decorated, they include a lounge area recessed from the bedroom with generous built-in daybed, ideal for curling up with a good book whilst listening to the calls of Africa.



Game Drives & more

Experience the thrill of spotting wildlife in their natural habitat while exploring the reserve in an open Land Rover or on a walking safari. The passionate rangers are committed to providing guests with memorable wildlife encounters, while instilling a deeper appreciation and love for nature.

There are 2 game drives per day included in a stay at Pumba, providing guests the opportunity to see various different animals as well as participate in other exciting activities.

After an exhilarating morning on the reserve searching for wildlife, unwind and relax at the Nature's Health Spa, situated at Bush Lodge. There is nothing like a soothing treatment with aromatic products in an uplifting atmosphere to revitalize your body, mind and spirit.

Amakhala Game Reserve

Amakhala Game Reserve, located in the malaria-free Eastern Cape offers a wide variety of 3, 4 & 5-star owner-managed experiences and Safari Lodges. Amakhala Game Reserve boasts 18,000 acres of Big Five territory and you are highly likely to have excellent sightings of rhino, lion, buffalo and elephant, while the more elusive animals encountered could include the Bat-eared fox, hyena or even a leopard.

The reserve offers guests accommodation in a selection of 10 luxury establishments made up of restored country houses, safari lodges and tented camps located in different areas of the large 18,000 acres game reserve, we showcase three lodges below, if your preferred lodge isn't shown, please ask for details.

Bush Lodge

Bush Lodge is set in the spectacular Amakhala Reserve in an open valley flanked by rolling hills and lush riverine vegetation. Here, discreetly tucked between the treetops, is an intimate lodge of wood, canvas, and thatch – the perfect base from which to explore this rustic slice of the African wild. In addition to the lodge's sumptuous lounge, bar, and elevated outdoor boma. Private plunge pools, on-site therapists, and alfresco double showers set the tone for a focus on comfort. Each of the 8 private rooms offers en-suite facilities, private lounge, and climate control. Twice daily game drives will take you in search of the Big Five.



Safari Lodge

The striking stone-capped roof tops welcome you to a rustic, African tribal-style safari accommodation with all the comforts of a luxury retreat. Standing within the dense African bushveld the lodge offers the chance to bathe in the sounds of nature. By combining the solid walls of a conventional room and the canvas drop blinds of a tent in front, the 11 safari suites are designed in a way that enhances both the luxury and rustic elements of the lodge. Opening the drop blind will treat you to an uninterrupted view of the bush, with some suites looking out directly on to the waterhole. The pool overlooking the lush African bushveld is perfect for relaxation. Day and night game drives give plenty of opportunities to spot the Big Five, as well as giraffe, wildebeest, and zebra to name a few.



Bukela Game Lodge

Bukela Game Lodge is a 5-star retreat with a romantic and intimate atmosphere, perfect for couples and ideal for special occasions. The beautiful lodge is comprised of 9 thatched suites that are well-appointed and come fully furnished with everything needed to ensure maximum comfort. Guests will enjoy modern comfort in the heart of the South African bushland. Bukela is a versatile lodge and families, as well as newly-weds, will truly feel at home! The spacious rooms are welcoming and the décor provides a luxury setting that will prove to be memorable. The maib lodge overlooks a waterhole, perfect view point for relaxing during your time at the lodge. Twice daily game drives will take you in search of the Big Five.



Shamwari Game Reserve

A stay at Shamwari Private Game Reserve is one that will remain with you forever. Due to its location in the heart of the Eastern Cape, the reserve offers abundant wildlife, fauna and flora exclusive to the area and unforgettable encounters with nature.

There are 7 lodges across the Reserve, each lodge offers something special and unique and cater to all types of guests, from honeymoons to families from contemporary tented rooms to private villas. showcase three lodges below, if your preferred lodge isn't show, please ask for details.



Bayethe

The name for this Shamwari lodge comes from the African greeting, pronounced 'By-ye-ti', translated to 'I salute you'. Here you will have one of the warmest welcomes. A once-in-a-lifetime safari holiday, Bayethe Safari Lodge offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in utter tranquillity, surrounded by the rich vegetation of the unique location. This canopy paradise provides privacy and a feeling of seclusion with spectacular views of the African bush. There are 12 contemporary style tents at the lodge, each with indoor fireplace, outdoor shower, private deck and plunge pool. At the main lodge you will enjoy indoor or outdoor dining, and can relax on the deck overlooking a waterhole.



Eagles Crag

A sophisticated safari experience, Eagles Crag provides exclusivity and spectacular views. Making efficient use of the idyllic setting, immerse yourself in nature's magnificent beauty and marvel at the lush vegetation and rocky cliffs that surround this luxurious property. Eagles Crag blends exclusive luxury with the unprecedented perfection that nature offers. To ensure an unforgettable experience, the lodge's upper deck provides panoramic views of the surrounding rock faces where eagles soar. There is a stunning lounge and bar with a fireplace that opens out onto the deck to enjoy the aerial views. The 9 junior suites blend sophisticated interiors with the natural surroundings and feature an outdoor shower, private deck with heated plunge pool.



Riverdene Family Lodge

Riverdene Family Lodge has a welcoming ease and warmth and is a place where families are always at home and where guests become friends. Here you will enjoy sunsets under the expanse of the African sky, leaving you and your loved ones with memories to treasure forever. Surrounded by a wealth of natural beauty, Riverdene Family Lodge overlooks the widespread bushveld of the Eastern Cape. The newly renovated lodge is the ideal place for families to bond for hours as gentle giants roam in the distance, while children can engage in the Kids on Safari programme. There are 9 luxury rooms, some which inter-connect. At the main lodge there is a swimming pool with shallow area for children, supervised Kids Club and Adventure Centre, indoor and outdoor dining plus much more.

KwaZulu - Natal

HOME TO THE ZULU NATION AND SO MUCH MORE

KwaZulu-Natal is the coastal province known for beaches, mountains and savannahs populated by big game. The land stretches from the coast and along the Drakensberg Escarpment. At the centre of the coastline is Durban and the Dolphin Coast. The region is home to the proud Zulu nation and as such is steeped in history. 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.



Our 5 Favourites in KwaZulu-Natal

We have so many favourites, here are the top five. We love the cultural and historical sites, the miles of beaches, the world heritage sites and of course the spectacular wildlife.

Beaches

With an average of 320 sunny days a year. There are plenty of beaches to explore, Durban and the adjacent beaches are particularly popular.



History & Culture

The battles fought here some 120 years ago changed the course of South African history.



Mountains

Home to 2 World Heritage Sites that stretch some 994 miles from South Africa's northernmost provinces to the Eastern Cape.



Wildlife

KwaZulu-Natal's Elephant Coast, north of Durban, encompasses the very best in both land and sea safari experiences.



More Wildlife

Away from the coast, head inland to vast savannah grasslands and you will find private game reserves home to Africa's Big 5 and an abundance of other game.



Durban



Durban

There is no city in South Africa quite like Durban. Because of its subtropical coastal climate, warm seas, safe swimming beaches, its variety of restaurants, nightlife and many sporting facilities. Durban has always been a holiday city, popular with both domestic and international visitors. The largest section of Durban's population is Zulu speaking, and evidence of Zulu culture is everywhere – in the markets, in art galleries and theatres, on the streets where vendors sell Zulu and African crafts and curios, and in the sprawling townships that surround the city. Durban's beaches are plentiful and a mecca for surfing, take some lessons or find a cosy spot on the beach and watch the action.

Midlands Meander Tour

Depart Durban, head away from the city into the gently rolling countryside towards Pietermaritzburg, the capital city of KwaZulu-Natal, and Howick. View Howick Falls, a spectacular display and visit the site where Nelson Mandela was captured on 5th Aug 1962. Over the years, Ardmore's artists have won numerous awards and exhibited widely in South Africa and around the world. Continue towards Nottingham Road, and after a light lunch in the area, and further browsing in the arts and crafts shops, return to Durban in the afternoon.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 7-8 hours



Battlefields Tour

A full day tour to Isandlwana & Rorke's Drift, two of the sites where the British and Zulu Nations clashed in bloody battle. Be transported back in time by the narrator and specialist Battlefields Guide, who will reveal the challenges, heroic tales and cunningly intricate strategies used by both armies in these historic massacres. Tour departs Durban around 6am and travels first to Isandlwana Battlefield where you will spend around 2 hours, then on to Rorke's Drift. After touring here for 2 hours you will head back to Durban arriving around 7pm.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 12+ hours

Khula Village & St Lucia Tour

Depart Durban and travel into the heart of Zululand, on route stopping at the King Shaka Memorial to learn more about this great Zulu King. Immerse yourself in the rich and diverse culture and learn more about the history of the Amazulu or People of the Heaven. Visit a traditional healer, watch traditional Zulu dancing, visit homesteads, view beautiful beadwork and crafts while being able to interact with the people of the area. Continue to the village of St Lucia and perhaps visit the local market before a 2 hour hippo and crocodile cruise, where you can see them in their natural habitat. Return to Durban in the early evening.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 7-8 hours



The Balmoral Hotel

Located on Durban's Golden Mile with the beach on its doorstep The Balmoral Hotel is a short walk away from the shopping and business district, the International Convention Centre and the uShaka Marine World which features the largest dolphinarium in Africa. The Balmoral still reflects its historic and stately façade to make it one of Durban's most elegant venues along the Golden Mile Beachfront. The hotel has elegantly appointed, fully equipped large bedrooms. The fully licensed Waterfront Restaurant leads out onto The Waterfront Terrace where you can relax and enjoy sundowners whilst overlooking the vibrant Golden Mile.

Location: Durban

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



The Oyster Box

Occupying a majestic location on the Umhlanga beachfront in KwaZulu-Natal province, The Oyster Box is one of South Africa's most celebrated hotels, as famous for its remarkable coastal views as the understated luxury and gracious hospitality that have become the hallmarks of this cherished seaside destination. Set just 15 minutes drive from King Shaka International Airport, The Oyster Box offers an array of individually decorated rooms and suites, an award-winning spa set amid tropical gardens, and a mouth watering menu of restaurants and bars.

Location: Umhlanga

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



The Beverly Hills Hotel

Languishing alongside the southwestern Indian Ocean in Umhlanga Rocks, just a short 20 minute drive from Durban. The award-winning hotel takes centre stage on the uMhlanga Rocks beachfront and offers uninterrupted ocean views from every room, boutique spa treatments, culinary excellence, and access to the iconic outdoor pool. Positioned between uMhlanga's famous pier and lighthouse, the accommodation at the Beverly Hills makes the most of the Indian Ocean vistas with private balconies in every room. Classically elegant interiors are complemented by modern luxury amenities. The contemporary ambience of The Sugar Club Restaurant fuses with the scintillating views over the Indian Ocean, whilst the Elements Cafe Bar offers a chic, relaxed gourmet menu.

Location: Umhlanga Rocks

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Sala Beach House

Sala Beach House is a peaceful boutique hotel, spa, restaurant and intimate property set in a stunning beachfront landscape. This is the ultimate coastal escape with five star service, tranquillity and wellness. Located on KwaZulu-Natal's Dolphin Coast, this enchanting coastal destination's plentiful beaches, unspoilt landscapes and temperate climate create the perfect surroundings for an uninterrupted escape. Explore a diverse range of leisure activities, venture out to vibrant local markets, enjoy the town's renowned dining scene, then return to your own private haven. Just 20 minutes from Durban's King Shaka International Airport and within easy reach of the game and nature reserves in Northern KwaZulu-Natal.

Location: Thompson's Bay, Ballito

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

KwaZulu-Natal Region Accommodation

Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse

Cleopatra is a gourmet getaway tucked deep into the KwaZulu-Natal's Drakensberg Mountains surrounded by the Giants Castle Nature Reserve. Beautifully situated on the edge of a trout filled dam, alongside the Little Mooi River, the soaring mountains rise majestically from the bottom of the garden. Individually decorated, the 11 rooms at Cleopatra are fast becoming world renowned for the innovative and creative décor. Guests can begin the day with breakfast, enjoy home-made cakes and pastries in the afternoon, and a sumptuous meal when dining. After dining, guests can relax in front of the fireplace. Guests can enjoy exploring the area either on foot or by rental bike, a swim in mountain streams, or trout fishing.

Location: Kamberg Valley, Drakensburg Region

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Fugitives Drift

The spectacular Fugitives Drift property, a 5000 acre Natural Heritage Site, overlooks both Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift, and includes the site where Lieutenants Melvill and Coghill lost their lives attempting to save the Queen's Colour of their regiment. 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.

Location: Rorke's Drift

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Ghost Mountain Inn

At the foot of the legendary Ghost Mountain in Mkuze, Northern KwaZulu-Natal is this intimate and beautiful 50 room hotel, the ideal location from which to explore the array of wildlife and coastal reserves in Maputland and the Elephant Coast. Nature enthusiasts will appreciate the abundance of wildlife and the scenic splendors of this rich and diverse region during game drives, guided walks and boat cruises in the company of knowledgeable rangers. Facilities include 2 swimming pools, an indigenous garden, a gym, a spa, communal lounge, gift shop, dining room, boma and a bar. Uncover pure African warmth in one of the tastefully appointed guest rooms. Rooms are elegantly designed, with furnished patios offering guests a peaceful setting.

Location: KwaZulu-Natal (190 miles north of Durban)

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Makaktana Bay Lodge

Makaktana Bay Lodge is a privately-owned and managed safari set on the banks of Lake St Lucia within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site, the heart of Africa's largest natural estuary and a 2 1/2 hour drive from Durban. The iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site is one of the few natural wonders left on earth where there are unspoiled wilderness beaches, vast wetlands and game reserves all combined into one reserve. Guests are accommodated in 6 bright and spacious suites. The Lodge features an outdoor pool, dining room and private parking. Guests can also enjoy outdoor dining on the deck, visit the wine cellar in the Old Crab House or arrange a private dining experience.

Location: Makaktana, St Lucia

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★





Biyela Lodge

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 which are used by vultures in the early morning to launch to the skies upon thermals. On the banks of the river, the scarce sighting of wild dog has been noted amidst the steady stream of animals that come to quench their thirst. To the right when on the viewing deck, is another set of cliffs which mark the entrance to the valley where one of King Shaka's most rebellious commanders, Mzilikazi, and his clan hid from the wrath of the King. Crocodiles and hippo rule the waters and the roar of lions punctuate the wilderness night.

Location: Mtubatuba, White iMfolozi River

Our rating: ★★★★★



Cathedral Peak Hotel

Nestled in the unspoiled surroundings of the Drakensberg mountain range lies Cathedral Peak Hotel, one of South Africa's premier resort hotels. Since the hotel first opened to guests in 1939, the van der Riet family has succeeded in offering warm hospitality, combined with exceptional service and value for money. The hotel offers a quaint stone-and-thatch chapel, reception venues and honeymoon suites ideal for that country style wedding and/or honeymoon. There are 104 spacious and well-appointed rooms, ranging from standard and family rooms, to superior rooms, the beautifully appointed Honeymoon/Executive Suites and the elegant Mponjwane Presidential Suite.

Location: Winterton, Central Drakensberg

Our rating: ★★★★★



Thanda Safari Lodge

Thanda Private Game 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. Enjoy dinner served in your own private boma or admire the African sunset from the circular daybed atop your thatched outdoor sala. This multi award winning, Big Five private game reserve spanning 14,000-hectares offers 4 unique safari accommodation options: Thanda Safari Lodge, Villa iZulu, Thanda Tented Camp and The Royal Thanda Club by Thanda Safari, each one an absolute dream to experience.

Location: KwaZulu-Natal (165 miles north of Durban)

Our rating: ★★★★★



Villa Izulu Thanda Safari

Thanda Safari's Villa iZulu has been honoured with the most awards of any luxury, privately-owned villa in Africa by the World Travel Awards. This magnificent Afro-chic safari villa was initially built as a private getaway for Thanda Safari's Swedish owners, the Olofsson family, who subsequently opened it to guests. Situated in the heart of this Big Five private game reserve, Villa iZulu has 5 luxurious bedrooms, a large living and dining area, Hemingway library, cellar and gym. It is situated in a beautifully landscaped garden, securely fenced in from the surrounding reserve. The garden has a swimming pool, boma and observation terrace overlooking a water hole. It is the ideal safari retreat for visitors who want complete solitude.

Location: Thanda Safari Lodge (165 miles north of Durban)

Our rating: ★★★★★

Gauteng Province

STEEPED IN CULTURE, COMMERCE AND HISTORY

This is home to the cities of Pretoria and Johannesburg.

Johannesburg has much to offer, from wonderful restaurants, relaxed sidewalk cafés, glitzy shopping malls, tranquil parks, unique emotive museums and monuments, thrilling casinos, busy townships, stunning galleries, funky nightclubs, and so much more. Be sure to visit the Apartheid Museum and Constitution Hill to find out more about South Africa's turbulent past and visit many of the wide-range of cultural attractions.

Pretoria, located about 30 miles north of Johannesburg, offers a unique insight into the country's vibrant past. Moulded over the years by many diverse cultural influences, the city and its surroundings have attracted history enthusiasts from all over. Those with an interest in history should stop off at Freedom Park on Salvokop, a monument to democracy and Kruger House, the historical residence of former President of the South African Republic, Paul Kruger.

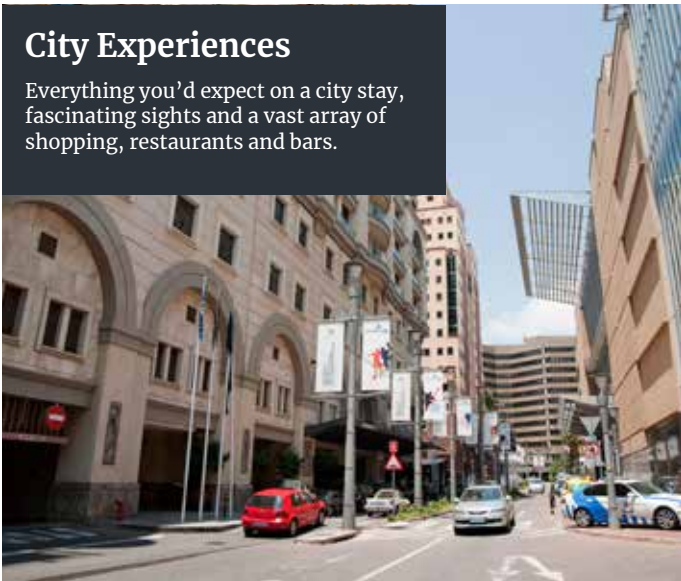


Our 5 Favourites in Gauteng Province

This small province is packed with history, we are fascinated by the stories and seeing how the past has shaped the present. There are many heartbreaking stories to be heard, you will leave here with a deeper understanding of just how strong and resilient this nation is.

City Experiences

Everything you'd expect on a city stay, fascinating sights and a vast array of shopping, restaurants and bars.



History

So much history in such a small province. Many tours are filled with tales of bravery and sadness, but ultimately, the story has the right ending.



Culture

From past to present, you can explore five cultures at the Lesedi Cultural Village, heart and home to families of a range of African tribes.

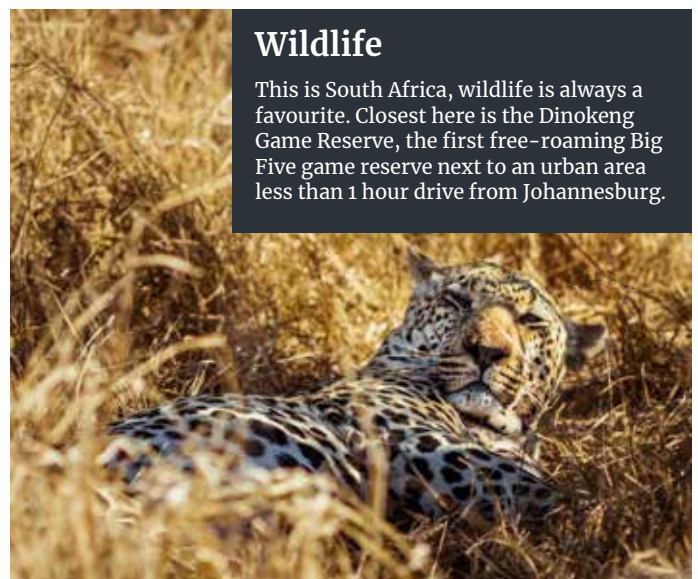
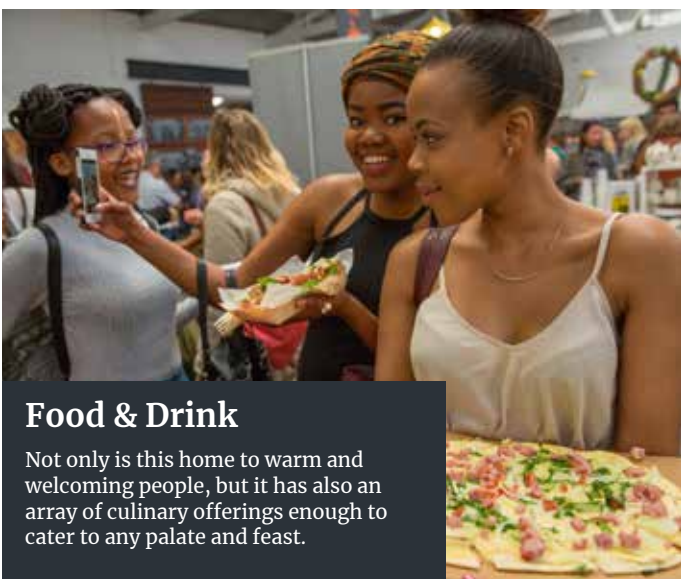


Wildlife

This is South Africa, wildlife is always a favourite. Closest here is the Dinokeng Game Reserve, the first free-roaming Big Five game reserve next to an urban area less than 1 hour drive from Johannesburg.

Food & Drink

Not only is this home to warm and welcoming people, but it has also an array of culinary offerings enough to cater to any palate and feast.



Johannesburg & Pretoria



Journey to Freedom Tour

The day begins at the Kliptown Open Air Museum where delegates met in 1955 to adopt the Freedom Charter. Continue to Regina Mundi Church, site of many secret underground meetings of the then banned political parties. Then to Hector Pieterse Museum, to unravel the cause of the devastating riots, before travelling past Mandela House. Visit Apartheid Museum an interactive voyage of discovery which takes you from the dark days of 'whites only' privilege, through to Nelson Mandela's historic release. It's a fascinating tour, filled with tales of bravery and sadness, but ultimately, it's a story with the right ending.

Departs: Tue, Thur, Sat & Sun - Year Round
Duration: 8 hours



Maboneng Tour

Maboneng, is a seSotho word meaning 'place of light', a fitting name for a district that has fast become a centre of creative energy for Johannesburg's urban artists. On this private tour your guide will lead you through the labyrinth of trendy and inviting coffee shops, restaurants, galleries and creative spaces. You'll be introduced to the ground-breaking Museum of Africa Design, considered a trans-African cultural centre, and the continent's first design laboratory. The story of the past and present of this inner-city neighbourhood is told.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 4 hours

History of Humankind

Tour back to the beginning, the exceptional World Heritage Site of The Cradle of Humankind. Visit the Maropeng Visitor Centre, a world class exhibition focusing on the development of humans and ancestors over the past few million years. From past to present, you'll be exploring five cultures at the Lesedi Cultural Village, heart and home to families of a range of African tribes, all living harmoniously in traditional homesteads. You'll be right there experiencing the warmth and hospitality of people from the Zulu, Xhosa, Ndebele, Sotho and Pedi cultures, and you're sure to find it fascinating.

Departs: Wed, Fri & Sun - Year Round
Duration: 8 hours



Pretoria Private City Tour

Your private tour explores this fascinating area. Snap a keepsake photograph in front of the panoramic view presented atop the hill that holds the 40m high Voortrekker Monument. Venture inside the building and experience the domed Hall of Heroes, visit the Kruger House Museum to view the house of the former president of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek. Then, head to Church Square in central Pretoria and view the statue that pays homage to the famed president. Once there, take in the historical buildings that surround the civic space of the square and see where Nelson Mandela was inaugurated in 1994.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 4 hours



Saxon Boutique Hotel

The Saxon is an exclusive private retreat in Sandhurst, Johannesburg. The entrance exudes an air of quiet majesty with its sweeping feature staircase and spectacular chandelier. 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. Five hundred, the Saxon's restaurant on the first floor, offers superb views of the evening skyline and takes guests on a unique experiential dining journey. The Saxon is a home away from home, taking a unique, holistic approach, focusing on guests as an individual. Every day is different and brings a renewed sense of adventure.

Location: Johannesburg

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Four Seasons Hotel, The Westcliff

An iconic hotel reborn, the Four Seasons Hotel The Westcliff, Johannesburg, is a stylish urban resort. Elevated on a hillside with panoramic views across the Johannesburg Zoo and the prestigious neighbourhoods of The Parks, the hotel is still conveniently close to business, culture, shopping and leisure activities. With 117 guest rooms and suites, the design resembles a hillside village woven with courtyards, fountains and gardens. 5 modern venues for dining and drinks create a vibrant social scene. Combined with a destination spa, 2 swimming pools and nearby golf. Four Seasons The Westcliff defines Johannesburg's best luxury hotel stay.

Location: Johannesburg

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



54 on Bath

Discover a contemporary and fashionable haven on Bath Avenue right in the heart of Rosebank, Johannesburg's trendy suburb. Classic and sophisticated, the accent is on understated elegance and the focus is to provide an exceptional guest experience. This hotel is for the discerning traveller seeking intimacy and refinement but always with stylish flair. From the moment of arrival into the elegant lobby with its delightful lounge to the luxury and comfort of the room, attentive and friendly service will be enjoyed. Everything has been designed around comfort and the stylish interiors reflect a calm tranquillity with the use of harmonious colours, sophisticated design and strong graphic motifs.

Location: Johannesburg

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Southern Sun Pretoria

Located in South Africa's administrative capital, this Pretoria hotel is the perfect blend of elegant design and traditional hospitality. The hotel is popular among politicians and business guests, due to its proximity to the many embassies, consulates, and government offices. For holiday travellers, Southern Sun Pretoria is an ideal base from which to explore further afield, where attractions like the Pretoria Botanical Gardens, National Zoological Gardens and Voortrekker Monument can be explored at leisure. The hotel's spectacular contemporary steel and glass façade overlooks lush landscaped gardens, and offers guests a choice of 240 beautifully furnished spacious en suite rooms in a variety of configurations.

Location: Pretoria

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Kruger National Park

A must-do for all visitors to South Africa is a wildlife safari in search of the Big Five.

Kruger National Park offers the ultimate safari experience. By far the largest game reserve in South Africa with almost 2 million hectares of land that stretch for 219 miles (20,000 square kilometres) from north to south along the Mozambique border. **Sabi Sand Game Reserve** is adjacent to Kruger and shares an unfenced border with the National Park. **MalaMala Game Reserve** is one of the largest private Big Five game reserves in South Africa. It also shares an unfenced boundary with the world-renowned Kruger National Park and lies strategically sandwiched between the Kruger National Park and the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve.

Over the next five pages we showcase some of our favourite Game Reserves, all unique in their own way, from the location to the style of accommodation. You will enjoy daily game drives, place your trust in your guide as they take you in search of the Big Five. A morning drive ends with a cooked breakfast back at camp, and during the evening drive you may enjoy sundowner drinks out in the bush.



MalaMala Game Reserve

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 Kruger National Park 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. Safari Lodges in MalaMala Private Game Reserve range from exclusive to family-friendly. All offer daily guided game drives for excellent wildlife viewing.



MalaMala Main Camp

As one of the oldest lodges in the Sabi Sands, this beautiful lodge has one of the prime locations in Sabi Sand reserve. If you want to have an authentic South African wildlife experience plus a luxurious, comfortable stay, then MalaMala Main Camp is the perfect accommodation for you. The lodge is situated right next to the banks of the Sand river. Spot wild animals only a few metres from your bed, or the large wooden veranda where you have an elevated view on all the animals that are drinking from the river. Enjoy your drink next to the swimming pool with a prime view on the surrounding African scenery. After an outstanding day in the game reserve, you can enjoy the magnificent cuisine of the lodge in the dining room in safari style and order one of South Africa's finest wines from the wine cellar.



MalaMala Sable Camp

MalaMala Sable Camp is a smaller, more intimate version of MalaMala Main Camp and is ideal for those seeking a more private and secluded safari experience. MalaMala Sable Camp is situated at the southern end of MalaMala Main Camp in a prime elevated position overlooking the Sand River and surrounding bushveld. Sable Camp is an intimate camp of just 14 guests in 7 thatched suites. Suites have private verandas with river or waterhole views. At the main lodge you will find a traditional boma, air-conditioned dining room, a wooden deck with panoramic views of the surrounding bush, a safari bar, a swimming pool, and a lounge area for relaxing.



MalaMala Rattray's Camp

In a forest of green, on the banks of the Sand River, lies MalaMala Rattray's Camp. Here you will enjoy an atmosphere of lush seclusion with spectacular views of the Sand River where wildlife can be viewed while you're having a dip in your private plunge pool, cooling off under the outdoor shower, or enjoying a massage on the deck. Sumptuous meals can be enjoyed in a variety of locations including the 'boma,' the deck, the dining room or in the privacy and comfort of your own suite. The lodge boasts 8 luxury suites, for a maximum of 16 guests. Facilities include an elegant dining room, library, historic bar, large infinity pool, and a traditional reed boma for evening meals around the fire.

Garonga Private Reserve

Garonga is situated in the 27,000 hectare Greater Makalali Private Nature Reserve, just North of Hoedspruit in Limpopo. Not only does the reserve boast the presence of the Big Five, but it is also home to cheetahs, wild dogs, hyenas, hippos, crocodiles and an abundance of birdlife. Whilst offering viewing of the Big Five, Garonga promises a more intimate wildlife encounter.

Garonga offers excellent game drives, tracking and wilderness walks, but also boasts an impressive range of specialist activities such as outdoor candlelit bush baths under the stars and treehouse sleep outs, as well as pampering sessions by the resident aromatherapist/reflexologist.

Garonga Safari Camp

Garonga Safari Camp immerses you in nature at every opportunity. There are six elegant en suite tents, each sleeps 2, with a canvas canopy, rustic-textured walls and raised wooden deck overlooking a dry riverbed. Take in the view from your four-poster bed or spot wildlife like a visiting elephant or two while relaxing on the deck lounge, complete with hammock. Each tent is solar powered and has an indoor and outdoor shower so you can enjoy the sounds of nature while under the African sky. This is your home away from home in a Big Five wilderness. It perfectly balances nature's tranquillity and modern luxuries for absolute rejuvenation.



MCH Private Tented Camp

MCH is the newest addition to the Garonga Safari family. As a canvas tented camp, it embodies authentic safari style, yet has the added luxuries that make it a signature 'safari for the soul' experience. MCH offers family or friend groups a private and intimate bush getaway, perfect for extended stays. Perched on a kopje (little hill), you can revel in panoramic views of the wild Makalali and Drakensberg Mountains beyond. The 4 luxury tents offer air-conditioning, are fully en suite with sumptuous bathtub and indoor and outdoor showers. Each features a well stocked bar and indoor lounge that flows outside onto a private deck.



Little Garonga

Little Garonga offers the ultimate experience with just 3 beautiful suites that are completely separate from Garonga Safari Camp and MCH. All are fully en suite, thatched and air-conditioned, each with a raised deck, complete with hammock and stunning bush views. They are located around centralised indoor and outdoor lounges, with a swimming pool overlooking the bush. Little Garonga is perfect for honeymooners and romantic retreats. As a self-contained and run lodge, there is a private team of staff ready to meet all your needs. For a small family or friends group, Little Garonga is also an ideal exclusive-use lodge for a special safari experience. There is a 2-bedroom luxury en suite villa, sleeping up to 4 and 2 1-bedroom suites each sleeping 2.



Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve

Sabi Sabi is a wildlife-rich private reserve in the Greater Kruger area. Home to four luxury lodges, each with its own character and style. From intimate game sightings and expert guides to luxurious suites and authentic South African hospitality and fare, Sabi Sabi has perfected the art of indulging your senses. Escape to nature and gain a new understanding and appreciation for life. The bush is a transformative place where life slows down, relationships deepen and there's time to reconnect with yourself.



Bush Lodge

Bush Lodge is an artful blend of relaxed luxury with echoes of tradition, inspired by the adventures of the owners and their love for the African continent. The lodge has a welcoming atmosphere that sees guests returning time and again. Overlooking a waterhole and an open plain, lies Bush Lodge, steeped in tradition, the Sabi Sabi of 'Today'. Bush Lodge is rare in that it's one of a handful of lodges in the region that loves the company of young children so a perfect choice for families. There are 25 suites, each designed with privacy in mind and is generously proportioned with an open plan flow, day beds that convert into two child-friendly single beds, an inviting en suite bathroom and sweeping views over the bushveld beyond.



Selati Camp

Travel back in time to a world of authentic safari luxury. The intimate all suite Selati Camp is an unforgettable African experience, perfect for those looking for a romantic luxury safari lodge. Selati is furnished with a historic railway theme and antiques. With just 7 opulent suites, Selati Camp is the ideal setting for couples, newlyweds and exclusive use by small groups of families and friends. The expansive decks overlooking the Msuthlu riverbed and watering pan beyond. Each standalone suite is decorated with a dash of nostalgic opulence and is designed with space and utmost privacy in mind. The master bedroom and lounge are complemented by an inviting en suite bathroom and a private courtyard that encloses a deep stone bath and open-air shower framed by majestic trees.



Earth Lodge

Award-winning Earth Lodge seamlessly integrates with nature and is a perfect fit for those who enjoy a modern design, superlative luxury and being fully immersed in nature. Sculpted into a slope of the earth, almost invisible in the landscape, the lodge uses texture, light and 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. There are 12 luxury suites, each overlooks an expansive indoor-outdoor lounge, a shimmering private pool and directly into the bush. The organic flow, generously proportioned living areas, marble en suite bathroom and panoramic windows create a flawless balance of privacy and spaciousness.

Jock Safari Lodge

The Original Private Safari Lodge in Kruger National Park

As the legend goes, deep in the heart of the Kruger National Park lies a place so spectacular that it inspired bedtime tales told all across the globe. Today, this legend continues at Jock Safari Lodge. We invite you to step back into a simpler time and onto the pages of the classic African tale Jock of the Bushveld by Sir Percy FitzPatrick, a story of courage and love between man and man's best friend.

For your Big Five safari adventure, choose between the private thatched suites on the riverbed at the Main Jock Lodge, or the exclusive-use Fitzpatrick's Lodge at Jock, perfect for your family holiday or adventure with friends. Take it a step further by trading your bed for an outdoor sala one night, drifting off to the soundtrack of the nightlife.

Main Jock Lodge ensures guests will experience a stay of seclusion and in pure harmony with the natural surroundings. 12 secluded thatched suites, offering utter privacy, are veiled with lush trees and reed walls. Each leads on to a private deck with plunge pool and a Sala, an outdoor day bed, all with a spectacular view of the riverbed.

Fitzpatrick's at Jock is the perfect haven for small groups, families and individuals seeking to unwind amidst the natural beauty of the Kruger National Park. The lodge offers 3 perfectly appointed rooms that can cater for children. Guests can soak up the African sun next to their private pool whilst listening to the sounds of the wild. Fitzpatrick's at Jock is child-friendly and offers the Kids on Safari program to encourage educational and recreational wildlife activities. Child minding services are available including educational game drives and wildlife activities. Guests can take a quiet moment to relax at the Pilgrim's Rest Relaxation Retreat.



Leopard Hills

An Exclusive Five-Star Luxury Experience in the World Renowned Sabi Sand Game Reserve

Situated in the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, bordering the famous Kruger National Park, Leopard Hills is built on a hill overlooking a natural waterhole and close to the perennial Sand River and lives right up to its name. With only 8 beautifully appointed suites, Leopard Hills offers as much privacy as you could wish for.

Here the 'Big Five', (elephant, lion, rhino, buffalo and leopard), abound and viewing them at close proximity is so very special. Traversing over 10,000 hectares of incredibly diverse ecosystems makes Leopard Hills the ideal destination to view plentiful game in its natural habitat. Each day brings something different, as you explore the bush in an open game viewing vehicle. Whether it is a leopard on the hunt, lions roaring at twilight, hippo wallowing in the river, or a crocodile basking on a sandy bank; each viewing will enthrall.

There are 8 exquisite renovated and redecorated glass-fronted, air-conditioned suites, each with private plunge pool and sundeck and superb views over the African bush. The breathtaking romantic bathrooms include indoor and outdoor showers, which open to a glorious view of the passing cavalcade.

The main deck is perfect for whiling the day away with a pair of binoculars or using the spotting scope, in the glorious sun or under the shade of an umbrella. When the heat is on, cool down on the open-air verandah with an ice cold drink in hand, or sink below the refreshing surface of the main swimming pool.

The bar and lounge welcomes guests to pre- or post-dinner drinks and fireside chat with their friendly ranger. Between your game drives perhaps work out in the fully equipped gym overlooking the bush below or enjoy an array of pampering massage treatments in the private glass-fronted sala offering spectacular views from its carefully chosen vantage point off the main pool deck.

Sensational game viewing and a wide variety of activities, along with outstanding fine dining, attended to by professional and friendly staff, all create the safari experience of a lifetime.



Simbavati

Kruger Timbavati: place of magic & wonder

The Timbavati Game Reserve borders the Kruger National Park to the north and east. It has no fences so animals are able to move freely, in search of fresh grasses and water.

The Timbavati Private Game Reserve has a vast array of wildlife which includes the Big Five, thriving amongst giraffe, zebra, warthogs, hyena and many antelope species. It also protects sustainable populations of many endangered species such as black and white rhinoceros, pangolins, and many others. All in all there are over 40 mammal species in the Timbavati as well as 360 species of bird life.

Drives are in the early morning and late afternoon when wildlife is most likely to be active. Due to a long history of sensitive game-viewing, the animals are quite relaxed allowing for superb viewing from open-topped game vehicles. Your ranger and tracker work as a team to find the wildlife. Being a private reserve, you can also enjoy night drives and follow wildlife off road. After sundowners, you may be lucky to spot nocturnal animals on the night drive, including many smaller cat species, including African wildcat.

There are 5 Simbavati lodges within the Timbavati Private Game Reserve, including:

Hilltop Lodge - with one of the finest settings in the Timbavati Private Game Reserve, an unfenced but private part of the Kruger Park. It's perched on the hillside with wide angle views over the bush and views to the distant mountains of the Drakensberg escarpment. 8 luxurious tented rooms with glorious views over the bushveld, the dam and the Nhlalalumi River. French doors open out onto an expansive viewing deck, each with its own private sala pavilion with double day bed for an afternoon read or snooze.

River Lodge enjoys a unique setting on the banks of the Kruger Park's Nhlalalumi River in the Timbavati Private Game Reserve. One of its winning charms is the popular waterhole right below the dining deck, much loved by elephant. This lodge has a broad appeal, with a traditional safari ambience but with a relaxed contemporary twist in terms of décor. You have a choice of tented or chalet accommodation. It caters well to couples and honeymooners with a safari spa and fully equipped fitness centre. Whilst its 2-bedroom chalets and Cubs Club kids centre are popular with families.



Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa

A 5-star Luxury Retreat on the Sabie River

Located just 10 minutes from the Kruger Park and close to Panorama Route, this is the perfect place to relax.

Summerfields is, without doubt, the finest accommodation in Hazyview, a really unique experience. Glamorous glamping, 5-star style. 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. Roses are a constant theme at Summerfields. The property's slogan 'barefoot luxury' refers to the fact that you can enjoy luxurious accommodation in a truly romantic yet rustic setting.

Accommodation at the River Lodge comprises 12 luxury tented suites, surrounded by the music of nature, the sounds of cascading water, amplified by a choir of bird calls and the occasional snort of a hippo. Attention to detail is evident in every rose-variety suite, with specially designed furniture, percale linen and the tantalizing fragrance of fresh cut roses from the farm. All units are air-conditioned with additional roof fans, have double vanities, an outdoor shower and luxury bath, are stocked with quality toiletries and have a private fridge for the comfort of our guests.

Every effort has been made to ensure that your stay at Summerfields is as worry free and restful as it can be. Accommodation, dining, the lux gardens, the spa and boma – everything is designed for your relaxation. Let the stress wash away to the sounds of the birds.

And when you want to venture out, it is a short drive to Hazyview, where there are shops, restaurants and even a nursery and reptile park. And, of course, the Kruger park is also just a short drive away.

Dining at Summerfields is a gastronomic experience. The River Café is a glorious culinary space in idyllic surroundings, reached via a forested walk, across a stone bridge and set on the banks of the Sabie River, where you can often see and hear hippos. All vegetables are taken fresh from the own organic nursery, where everything is grown as close to its natural, original form as possible.

Beyond South Africa

From one of the seven natural wonders of the world to the pristine waters of the Indian Ocean, our recommended additions for on your South Africa itinerary will provide you with a memorable extension 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.

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

Mozambique is a Southern African nation whose long Indian Ocean coastline is dotted with popular beaches, swaying palms, unique tradition and cultures and amazing opportunities for adventure.



Travel Beyond South Africa

There are many beautiful places that are so easily combinable with South Africa. Over the next few pages we showcase our favourites resorts and hotels, however if you prefer an alternate destination, please do call us, we'll be happy to include any destination of your choosing.

Victoria Falls

One of the seven natural wonders of the World, shared between two countries Zimbabwe and Zambia. The views are just incredible.



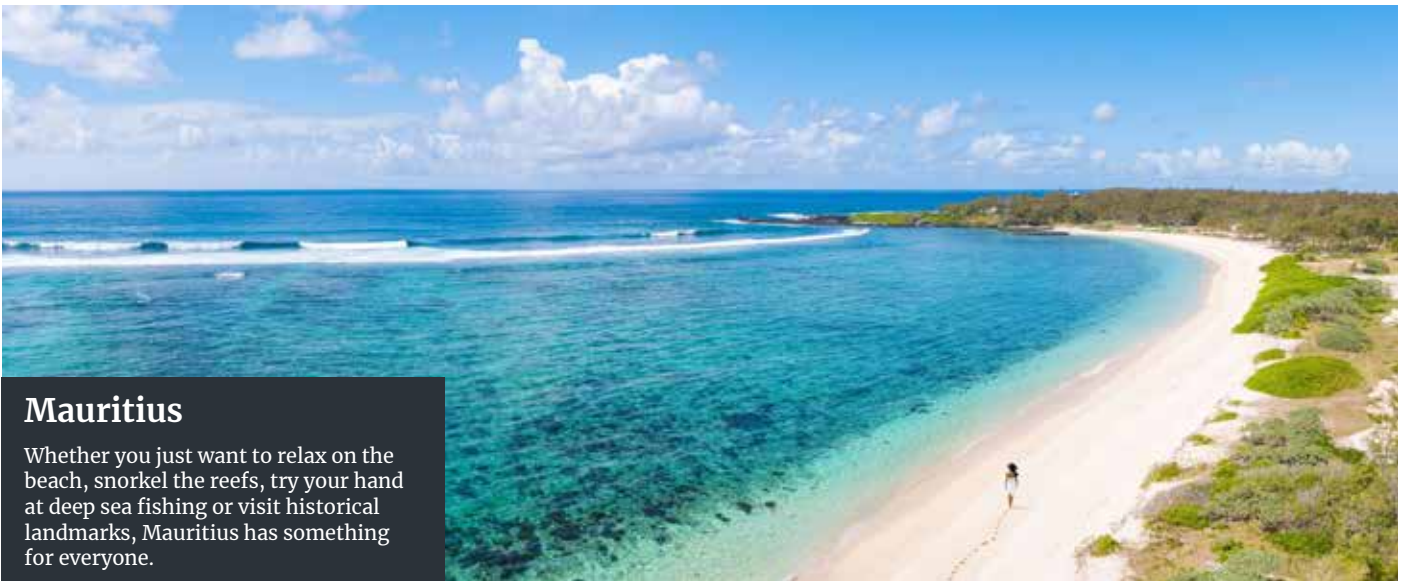
Botswana

One of Africa's most popular and exclusive safari destinations. Botswana is home to the Okavango Delta, the Kalahari Desert and Chobe National Park.



Mauritius

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.



Seychelles

With luxurious resorts, five-star hotels and activities ranging from snorkelling warm waters to exploring local arts and crafts to island hopping, the Seychelles is waiting for you to explore.



Mozambique

Mozambique offers spectacular beaches, amazing hotels and a relaxed vibe. With flight times only around 1-2 hours away, you could very easily be on safari in the morning and on the beach for sunset.





Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the World and one of the world's largest waterfalls. Located on the Zambezi River in Southern Africa on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. 108 metres high and 1700 metres wide, the Falls are almost double the height of Niagara and stretch half a kilometre wide. The Zimbabwe side of the Falls has more view points and in our opinion gives visitors a better overall perspective of the mighty Falls.

Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel

An elegant hotel near to Victoria Falls. The Falls and the town are just a 15-minute drive away, with daily complimentary scheduled transfers (8am to 5pm) between the hotel, the Falls and town, you will enjoy the freedom to delve into adventures, shopping, dining, and to experience Zimbabwean culture first hand. The 16 luxurious suites, set within spacious gardens, offer private terraces tailored for appreciating the natural surroundings. Each Suite adds a modern touch to colonial elegance, ensuring guests feel instantly at home. Enjoy culinary excellence with wildlife as your backdrop in the restaurant, as evening sets, the terrace presents the perfect spot to reflect on the day under the vast African sky.

Location: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Our rating: ★★★★★



Ilala Lodge Hotel

The perfect base from which to explore. The Falls are within easy walking distance as is the Victoria Falls town centre. Wild animals often graze on the hotel lawns and restaurant diners can see the spray of the Falls in the background whilst enjoying Zimbabwe's finest cuisine in Ilala's Palm Restaurant. Each of the 73 luxury rooms are designed to create a feeling of privacy, rooms on the upper tier open out onto a private balcony, while the lower floor rooms open onto the lush manicured gardens where you can watch the warthogs graze from the hotel lawn. You may even be lucky enough to have a visit from an elephant. With warm and welcoming true African hospitality, the friendly and attentive staff will ensure that your visit is perfect in every way.

Location: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Our rating: ★★★★★





Victoria Falls

3 days

A 2 night package that will introduce you to the stunning Victoria Falls.

Day 1: Victoria Falls

Depart Johannesburg mid-morning for your 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 2 hour guided sunset cruise guests can look forward to 5-star service on board, consisting of imported wines and spirits, gourmet hot and cold canapés. Travelling up-river you will enjoy the spectacular scenery, birdlife and wildlife on the upper Zambezi River.

Day 2: Victoria Falls

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, David Livingstone's statue and a wide variety of birds and plants. This afternoon is at leisure to explore the local town and markets or perhaps book an optional excursion. Excursions to choose from include helicopter flights over the Falls, bicycle tours, bridge tour of the Victoria Falls bridge or Shop with a Purpose tour to fulfil a local organisation wish list and hand over your donation once your shopping is completed. Overnight on a bed & breakfast basis at the Stanley & Livingstone hotel (or similar).

Day 3: Victoria Falls

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

Package Includes

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

Departs: Daily, Year Round



Victoria Falls & Hwange Park

4 days

Combine a 2 nights stay at the amazing Victoria Falls with a further 2 nights in Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park.

Day 1: Victoria Falls

Depart Johannesburg mid-morning for your 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.

Day 2: Victoria Falls

Enjoy a morning guided tour of Victoria Falls. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the Falls and the town.

Day 3: Hwange National Park

This morning you will take a 2 hour transfer to Hwange Main Gate, followed by a 2 hour 'game transfer' to the camp. Your next 2 nights are at Somalisa Camp in Hwange National Park.

Tucked away under the dappled shade of an acacia grove along the edge of an ancient seasonal flood plain, Somalisa provides guests with breathtaking views of the golden savannah plains of Hwange. Somalisa has 7 elegant luxury sail tents and is a place of simple luxury. Your tent is replete with modern appointments such as a fan, a battery charging station, a wood-burning fireplace and a private viewing deck.

Your bathroom boasts an indoor and outdoor bathroom and features a copper slipper-style bathtub and endless views across the vast plains beyond.

Day 4: Hwange National Park

A full day to enjoy Hwange National Park. Included in your stay are morning and afternoon game drive and walking safaris, with a local guide.

Day 5: Victoria Falls

A transfer back to Victoria Falls ends your package. From here we can arrange onward flights to your next destination.

Package Includes

- Flight from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls
- 2 nights hotel stay at Victoria Falls
- Guided tour of Victoria Falls
- 2 nights at Somalisa Camp including all meals
- Daily game drives at Somalisa
- Transfer from Somalisa to Victoria Falls Airport

Departs: Daily, Year Round



Botswana

Botswana, a landlocked country in Southern Africa is an incredible and varied landscape. A safari here will form the perfect extension to your South Africa holiday. Botswana is home to the largest population of elephants in Africa with large herds roaming the vast open landscapes. Buffalo, wildebeest and zebra may also be seen. One of the best places to see elephants is along the Chobe River. Chobe National Park encompasses floodplains, swamps and woodland and is most famous for the large herds of elephants and Cape Buffalo that converge on the riverbank to drink during the dry winter months. The Okavango Delta, one of the most exclusive wilderness destinations in the world has unparalleled wilderness experiences.

Chobe Game Lodge

Chobe Game Lodge is a pioneering lodge on the banks of the world-renowned game-rich Chobe River. As the oldest 5-star lodge in the area, and indeed in Botswana, the lodge occupies an enviable position right inside Chobe National Park. Nestled on the banks of the Chobe, under a canopy of trees, Chobe Game Lodge consists of 40 beautifully designed and spacious rooms and a further 4 luxurious suites. Every room is air-conditioned and has its own private terrace overlooking the Chobe. Suites have their own infinity plunge pool facing the river. The focus of the lodge lies with the majestic Chobe River, and a 250 metre boardwalk brings you up close to where the action is. The solar-powered boats and safari vehicles create silent safaris that transform your safari experience.

Location: Chobe National Park

Our rating: ★★★★★



Muchenje Safari Lodge

Muchenje Safari Lodge is situated high on an escarpment on the quieter western side of Botswana's Chobe National Park. With wonderful views of the Chobe River and just 2 hours from the magnificent Victoria Falls. There are no fences between the Western Chobe Park Boundary and the Lodge; animals roam free. Muchenje offers 10 private thatched cottages and a larger family cottage, each being beautifully appointed with its own unique view of the Chobe flood plain. Relax on your deck and soak up the sun whilst watching animals graze on the plains below. There are wonderful views over the Chobe River from the main lodge and where you will find the lounge, bar and dining area overlooking the Chobe River and a waterhole.

Location: Chobe River

Our rating: ★★★★★





Package Includes

- Return flights Johannesburg / Victoria Falls
- Transfers between hotel and lodge
- 2 nights Victoria Falls
- Guided tour of Victoria Falls
- Sunset cruise on Zambezi River
- 2 nights Chobe, including all meals
- Game viewing in Botswana

Departs: Daily, Year Round



Package Includes

- 3 nights accommodation at Chobe Game Lodge
- 3 nights accommodation at Camp Okavango
- All meals at both lodges
- Small aircraft flight from Kasane Airport to Camp Okavango – Camp Okavango to Maun Airport

Departs: Daily, Year Round

Victoria Falls & Chobe National Park 5 days

A great combination, see the mighty Falls then journey to the renowned Chobe National Park in the heart of Botswana.

Day 1: Victoria Falls

Depart Johannesburg mid-morning for your 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 before joining a sunset cruise, travelling up-river you will enjoy the spectacular scenery, birdlife and wildlife on the upper Zambezi River.

Day 2: Victoria Falls

After breakfast enjoy a guided tour of Victoria Falls. The afternoon is at leisure to explore and enjoy the Falls.

Day 3: Chobe National Park

This morning you will take a road transfer to Chobe National Park in Botswana, 62 miles west of Victoria Falls. 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 4: Chobe National Park

Today you have the option of participating in morning and afternoon game 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.

Day 5: Victoria Falls

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

Botswana – Chobe & Okavango Delta 7 days

This six-night package includes two vastly contrasting regions in the Chobe Riverfront with Chobe Game Lodge and the Okavango Delta with Camp Okavango.

Day 1-3: Chobe National Park

The Chobe Riverfront region is considered to be one of the world's top wildlife destinations. Boasting the highest population of elephants on the planet, the Chobe National Park is also a renowned predator haven and is one of Botswana's most reliable year-round game viewing destinations. The reliance on the permanent waters of the Chobe River translates to unique and frequent sightings of predators and general game alike. The experience of land and water activities is enhanced by Chobe Game Lodge's fleet of electric vehicles and boats. This combination of activities translates to the best possible game viewing experiences. The summer bird life in the area is also a huge attraction for avid birders and non, alike.

Your accommodation for 3 nights is at Chobe Game Lodge (see opposite page for more details).

Day 4-7: Okavango Delta

Described as 'the jewel of the Kalahari', the Okavango Delta – a tranquil and isolated oasis set in the harsh and arid surroundings of Botswana's bush and desert – is widely regarded as one of Africa's best safari destinations, with its rich diversity of fauna and flora.

Your accommodation for 3 nights is at Camp Okavango

Camp Okavango offers year round water based activities located on a private concession in the heart of the Okavango Delta, the best location from which to explore the deep water, lagoons, and channels. Guided bush walks on the surrounding islands offer a unique perspective of the delta as well as an opportunity to witness the abundant wildlife on foot. To ensure a peaceful and genuine safari experience, Camp Okavango accommodates just 24 guests. There are 11 intimate safari suites and 1 family suite consisting of 2 bedrooms and each with an en suite bathroom. Each of the guest suites have been built on individual raised wooden platforms and set beneath the thick Okavango Delta vegetation.



Mauritius

A small yet perfectly formed tropical island located 1250 miles off the African coastline, Mauritius is a stunning island getaway in the Southwest Indian Ocean. With chic resorts that define immaculate service, sugar plantations running into white sand beaches, Mauritius is full of warm and friendly people. Mauritius is perfect to combine with our holidays to South Africa. Just a five-hour flight away from Cape Town why not add an island stay and enjoy some beach time after your touring holiday. Two holidays in one trip, what could be better?

Heritage Awali Golf & Spa Resort

Located on a beautiful beach on Le Domaine de Bel Ombre on the South Coast, surrounded by lush green hills, clear turquoise ocean and a nature reserve makes for an idyllic location. The rooms are spacious with the dark hardwood furniture and soft pale fabrics giving them a contemporary feel, choose from garden, sea or beachfront views. Known for offering one of the best all inclusive programmes in Mauritius with activities including windsurfing, kayaks, pedal boats, snorkelling, aqua gym and much more. For golf enthusiasts there is an 18-hole championship course. When it's time to relax maybe visit the Seven Colours spa village where luxurious rituals and massages are skilfully used to stimulate your mind, revitalise your body and uplift your soul.

Location: South Coast, Bel Ombre

Our rating: ★★★★★



Heritage Le Telfair Golf & Wellness Resort

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. 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 opening onto a private balcony or private patio with peaceful garden, river or sea views. Activities include windsurfing, kayaking, waterskiing and snorkelling. Heritage Golf Club is consistently recognised as the Indian Ocean's 'Best Golf Course'.

Location: South Coast, Bel Ombre

Our rating: ★★★★★



Veranda Point Aux Biches

Veranda Pointe aux Biches is the perfect fantasy of what eco-chic should be. Think sandy feet, strolls along the white swatch of sand, Mauritian architecture built with rustic, raw materials, sand-floored restaurants that cater to 'locavorism' with great seasonal Mauritian food, colourful flora and fauna. This four-star family-friendly boutique hotel is casual but trendy, relaxed yet vivid and is ideal for the little ones (who will soon call the Kids Club home). Older siblings can sit alongside the pool, posting to social media via free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel whilst you enjoy tropical island life at its best. Couples seeking privacy and tranquillity have access to a wing of the hotel reserved for adults with its own restaurant, bar and pool.

Location: Northwest Coast, Grand Baie Region

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



La Pirogue Resort

Surrounded by turquoise waters and located along the breathtaking sunset coast, La Pirogue offers guests an incredible experience in paradise. Resembling a traditional fishing village, 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 afforded 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 with kids and teen clubs.

Location: West Coast, Flic-en-Flac

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Anantara Iko Mauritius Resort & Villas

Anantara Iko Mauritius Resort & Villas is your gateway to traditional Mauritian culture and spectacular natural wonders. Escape to your spacious room, suite or villa, beset by tropical beachfront gardens. Choose a view over Le Chaland Beach and the Indian Ocean, or retreat to a space immersed in lush greenery. Enjoy the cool, clean lines of contemporary décor, sensitively designed to complement a spectacular natural setting. Embark on local excursions to discover tea plantations and rum distilleries. Learn the secrets of Creole cuisine. Go hiking in La Vallée de Ferney, or explore the original capital city Mahébourg. Afterwards return to the rejuvenating spa located mere steps away from the golden sands and gentle waters of the Indian Ocean.

Location: South East Coast, 10 minutes from the airport

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Shangri-La Le Touessrock Resort & Spa

Shangri-La's Le Touessrock Resort & Spa is nestled on the quiet shores of Trou d'Eau Douce providing a luxurious hideaway in true Mauritian style. Uninterrupted views of the turquoise Indian Ocean and sandy white beaches welcome you to this sophisticated hideaway. Island-chic style décor is complemented by touches of local character in rooms with uninterrupted ocean views. From championship golf to thrilling water sport activities the resort caters for the active visitor. The holistic wellness centre is the perfect spot to commence your journey to relaxation. The resort has two island retreats, accessible by boat, where you can enjoy butler service with a beach club atmosphere. Asian inspired service and dining complement the Creole hospitality experience.

Location: East Coast, Trou d'Eau Bay

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★





Seychelles

The ideal place to relax after your South Africa travels is here, in paradise, with pristine sand, warm turquoise waters and luxury resorts. The 115 islands of the Seychelles are spread throughout the Indian Ocean. The seclusion is part of the charm, the powder white sands, the tropical climate and warm turquoise waters make these islands some of the most idyllic holiday getaways in the world. The islands offer a range of activities including water sports such as windsurfing and sailing, and the amazing snorkelling and diving allow you to experience colourful marine life and corals. The larger granitic islands of Mahé and Praslin have a more mountainous appearance and offer hiking and biking trails.

Constance Ephelia

Nestled amongst two of the most beautiful white sand beaches on the island of Mahé and overlooking the marine national park of Port Launay, Constance Ephelia is the perfect destination for some precious Seychelles holidays. The luxury 5-star Seychelles resort is created to blend seamlessly with its stunning natural surroundings of 120 hectares of land with luxuriant and rare vegetation. The 266 rooms, suites and villas offer a peaceful haven to relax and recharge. Located just 40 minutes-drive from Seychelles International Airport and 30 minutes from the capital Victoria, this is a peaceful, unspoiled haven for couples and families alike, with endless options for relaxation, wellness, and sports.

Location: Mahé

Our rating: ★★★★★



Constance Lemuria

Surrounded by three secluded white sand beaches this Leading Hotel of the World is an idyllic hideaway to escape from modern life stress. The thatched roof property blends into the natural setting and barefoot lunches at the beach restaurant enhance the sense of connecting with nature. All rooms boast sea views. Unwind in swimming pools seemingly crafted by nature, indulge in fine food and revive your senses with customised spa treatments. Fully trained coordinators at the Constance Kids Club will lead your children to wonderful island exploration trips, culinary activities, scavenger hunts and more. For true adventure and wonderful memories, try the only 18-hole golf course in the Seychelles or explore the world-famous diving sites!

Location: Praslin Island

Our rating: ★★★★★



Coco de Mer & Black Parrot Suites

Beauty, safety, peace, tranquillity and quality, surrounded by nature and named after the unique Coco de Mer Palm tree which, although extremely rare, occurs in abundance in the tropical forests neighbouring the hotel. This modern, newly renovated, 4 star, property lies in over 200 acres of natural beauty on the edge of the Indian Ocean. Spacious grounds, comfortable rooms, private location and a friendly atmosphere, offering spectacular views of the surrounding islands, forested mountainsides and glorious sunsets. All rooms are spacious, modern and comfortable. Superior rooms lie ocean front, whilst standard rooms are located in the gardens facing towards the sea. There are plenty of onsite activities to enjoy, as well as a choice of dining.

Location: Praslin Island

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Raffles Seychelles

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. Rent a car and explore the island discovering nearby towns, beautiful Seychelles scenery and more. Don't miss the incredible spa centre which includes 12 treatment pavilions, a beauty salon and an ocean-view tea room.

Location: Praslin Island

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Four Seasons Resort Seychelles

A romantic hideaway, tucked away in the secluded Petite Anse bay on the southwest coast of Mahé, the Seychelles' largest island. 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. All guest rooms are stand-alone villas that feature large sunken bathtubs and private pools, located either by the beach or nestled among the lush tropical hillside. 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 offers diving, snorkelling, sailing and kayaking.

Location: Mahé

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Four Seasons Resort Seychelles at Desroches Island

Four Seasons Resort Seychelles at Desroches Island is a private paradise on a coral island. Just a 35-minute flight southwest of Mahé, Four Seasons is the only resort on Desroches, which provides you complete privacy and exclusivity. With 933 acres edged by 9 miles of white-sand beaches as your personal playground, you'll feel as though you've discovered your own private tropical paradise. Perfect for couples seeking additional space for privacy and relaxation, all villas include a combined living room and bedroom and open onto spacious terraces with a 19-square-metre pool overlooking lush private gardens.

Location: Desroches Island

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★





Mozambique

Just a short flight from South Africa is this unique hidden gem of a destination. With around 1600 miles of Indian Ocean coastline, sparkling turquoise waters, and powder-white soft sand Mozambique is the ideal destination for a relaxing beach stay. Whether you choose a hotel on the mainland coastline or one of the many island resorts you will be amazed at the beauty and serenity that surrounds you. With miles of untouched coastline, beaches that stretch on for miles, unspoilt coral reefs and bounteous, varied marine life and an array of historical and cultural attractions, Mozambique truly is a special place that will leave you with many lasting memories.

White Pearl Resort

Located on a magnificent stretch of coastline in a sheltered bay on Mozambique's Lagoon Coast sits this stunning resort. There are 22 luxurious suites designed to take advantage of their beautiful natural setting with cool, clean lines, contemporary furniture and a palette inspired by the surrounding coastal landscape. The striking beach bar, set against a backdrop of white and turquoise, is at the heart of this unmatched beach experience. Stretch out on one of the beautiful over-sized day beds or comfortable loungers while you indulge in a refreshing cocktail with views over the great expanse of ocean and white sands. There are several ways to arrive at the resort, from air transfer to road transfers, we will discuss the best option when making your reservation.

Location: Lagoon Coast

Our rating: ★★★★★



Santorini Mozambique

An echo of Greek living, Santorini Mozambique invites you to discover the Bazaruto Archipelago from the red cliffs of Kingfisher Bay. Great for families, children of all ages are welcome with a range of exciting activities on offer to keep them entertained. The Suites and Villas draw inspiration from the elegance of Greek architecture, the majestic Main Villa has 5 breathtaking suites, spacious living areas, an inviting pool courtyard, and a rooftop sala, this multi-level space is yours to be enjoyed. Located 6 miles north of the small coastal village of Vilanculos on the southeastern coast of Africa. Often referred to as the 'gateway' to the Bazaruto Archipelago, its beautiful islands are easily accessible by boat from Santorini Mozambique.

Location: 10 km north of Vilanculos

Our rating: ★★★★★



Azura Benguerra Island

Imagine an unspoilt island within a Marine National Park, deserted beaches of pure white sand that extend for miles, sparkling turquoise seas criss-crossed by local dhows plying their trade, sunny days and star-studded nights. This is the enchanting island escape you always imagined. Azura Benguerra, the first eco-friendly resort in Mozambique, was hand-built by the local community and is operated in partnership with it. Just 20 villas are nestled along one of the last undiscovered stretches of beach in the world, with all the creature comforts you could wish for, sparkling private pools, fish and seafood fresh from the ocean, a fantastic range of activities and experiences, all at a community based project where the local islanders benefit as much as you.

Location: On Benguerra Island (9 miles north east of Vilanculos)

Our rating: ★★★★★



Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort

Experience the epitome of luxury travel at Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort. Indulge in an exclusive private island retreat surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty where pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters awaits. Relish a host of luxurious comforts in the boutique collection of 44 beach, sea view and pool villas, which have been designed in natural harmony with the unspoiled island surrounds. Spend lazy days at a quiet beachfront pool that is reserved exclusively for adults, or take the little ones to play in the dedicated family pool. Feel revitalized at the pampering spa with an extensive range of treatments and specialist hydro facilities. Access to the resort is by boat or helicopter, we will happy to discuss options when making your reservations.

Location: Bazaruto Island

Our rating: ★★★★★



Coral Lodge

Coral Lodge combines one of Mozambique's most stunning beach locations with the country's rich cultural and trading history. Situated on a spectacular peninsula, within an unspoilt nature reserve minutes by traditional sailing dhow from the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilha de Moçambique. Coral Lodge provides authentic Mozambique hospitality and modern villa accommodation in a truly stunning natural Indian Ocean seascape. 10 luxurious villas, set on a breathtaking peninsula, with pristine beaches and a winding lagoon, bring the Coral Lodge experience to life. An experience which is intimate and exclusive, as it is authentic. The easiest access to the lodge is via boat from Ilha De Mozambique, due to its unique position.

Location: Mossuril Bay, Northern region

Our rating: ★★★★★



Banyan Tree Ilha Caldeira

One of Mozambique's newest hotels nestled on Ilha Caldeira, a tranquil private island off the mainland coast. Banyan Tree Ilha Caldeira offers 40 private pool villas with stunning views of the pristine Indian Ocean. Ilha Caldeira is a unique gem, located just 12 miles from the mainland, this island is a world-renowned diving site and part of a marine protected area that's home to a large part of Mozambique's intact living coral. The best way to reach the resort is to helicopter directly to the island from Nampula International Airport. Guests can also choose to fly onto the private property at Larde if they wish to experience a sightseeing boat trip to the island. We can discuss travel options at the time of booking, and we will be there to assist with the arrangements.

Location: Ilha Caldeira

Our rating: ★★★★★



Getting Around South Africa

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 Hire



Car Rental with Europcar

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...

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What's included in our prices:

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- * Value Added Tax
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- * Rim & Hubcap Damage

Prices Exclude:

E-toll Fees; Rental Contract Fee; Fuel; GPS; WiFi; Child Safety Seats; 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.

Rental Age:

Minimum age for any driver is 21 years.

Licenses:

All drivers must hold a valid passport & driver's licence (which must have been held for at least 3 years). If the licence is not translated into English an International Drivers Licence is required.

Additional Drivers:

Additional drivers are allowed and must be present to sign the rental agreement.

Mini

- * Group T
- * Manual
- * 4 seats
- * 2 bags



Compact

- * Group C
- * Manual
- * 4 seats
- * 4 bags



Economy

- * Group D
- * Automatic
- * 5 seats
- * 3 bags



Full Size SUV

- * Group F
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 3 bags



Premium

- * Group O
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 4 bags



Intermediate SUV

- * Group I
- * Automatic
- * 5 seats
- * 4 bags



Images are for guidance purposes only.

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: Available at all locations for children up to the age of five years old. This should be requested at the time of reservation to ensure the correct seat is available. The age of the child should be specified. The fitment of the seat is the responsibility of the renter.

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.

GPS: We recommend renting a GPS unit, costs payable locally. Units are updated with latest mapping. Units are supplied in a personalised Europcar carry bag with User Guide.

WiFi data on the go: A mobile WIFI router with 1GB of data per day is available for purchase. This allows you to connect up to 10 devices at any time. The device is totally portable and recharged via USB. Available from all major locations, cost payable locally.

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

*Car Types are shown for guidance only, the actual vehicle type supplied at time of rental may differ.

*Luggage capacity should be considered when choosing your vehicle. The capacity shown above is that stated by Europcar however luggage size may be based on small cabin size bags.. If you are travelling with large suitcases you will need a larger size vehicle.

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.

Your Car Rental Agreement: You will be required to sign a rental agreement before driving the vehicle in South Africa. 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.

Car Group	Car Class	Passenger Capacity	Luggage Capacity	Car type example**
A	Mini Automatic	4	2	Toyota Agya
T	Mini Manual	4	2	Kia Picanto
B	Economy Manual	4	4	VW Polo
S	Economy Automatic	4	4	VW Polo
C	Compact Manual	4	4	Toyota Corolla Quest
D	Economy Auto	4	3	Toyota Starlet
F	Compact Auto	4	3	Toyota Carolla Quest
H	Compact Elite Automatic	4	4	VW T-Roc
O	Premium Automatic	4	4	Mercedes C180
M	Economy SUV Automatic	5	4	Toyota Urban Cruiser
R	Standard SUV Automatic	5	4	Toyota Carolla Cross
I	Intermediate SUV Automatic	5	4	Toyota Rumion
N*	Full Size SUV Automatic	5	4	Toyota Fortuner



British Airways

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Ethiopian Airlines

Ethiopian Airlines, a STAR Alliance member airline, offers an extensive network, serving more than 134 international destinations from their main and recently expanded transit hub in Addis Ababa. With UK flights departing from Heathrow, Gatwick or Manchester using their modern Airbus 350 aircraft, you can experience seamless and convenient connections through Addis Ababa, to/from 60+ African cities including Johannesburg, Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Seychelles. They operate a modern fleet of 145 aircraft including Airbus 350s and Boeing 787 Dreamliners.

Choose between Economy class, equipped with the best entertainment options or upgrade to Cloud Nine business class and enjoy the extra space and comfort from your lie flat seat. If you'd like to explore Addis Ababa, a stopover is possible at the Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, owned by the airline - it is just a five-minute walk from the terminal building.



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The following pages give information relevant to certain products and services in this brochure. Please read it carefully as it forms part of your contract with us.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Our standard deposit per person plus 25% per person of the value of the guided tour price is required on reservation of all guided tours.

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Fuel: If the vehicle is not returned with a full tank, the customer will be charged the applicable amount to refill the tank, this cost will be deducted from the rental deposit at normal standardised fuel rates. The renter can prepay for a full tank of fuel at checkout. This will eliminate finding a petrol station and guarantee a stress-free return of vehicle - No refunds will be done on prepaid tank of fuel.

Refundable rental deposit: This deposit is collected at time of rental to cover fuel and any additional charges. Authorisation for the applicable amount will be obtained on the credit card at time of pick-up. When the customer returns the vehicle and no charges are applicable, Europarc will cancel the applicable authorisation, which can take up to 5-7 working days to reflect on the credit card.

One Way Rentals: One way rentals are permitted however may be subject to a one way fee. Details of one-way fees are available on request.

Cross Border Rentals: Cross Border rentals between South Africa and the countries listed below are permitted, however a cross border fee will be applicable, details on request. Rentals are permitted between South Africa and Namibia, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho.

Traffic & Parking Fines: In the event of a traffic violation on rent, a fine will be issued to Europarc. Upon receipt of the traffic fine, Europarc will redirect such traffic fine to the renter as per our Terms & Conditions. The relevant traffic metro will re-issue the traffic fine to the renter, who remains liable for payment thereof. Please be advised that traffic fines are sometimes received months after the original incident.

In the event of a spot fine, the renter is obliged to return the traffic fine to Europarc. Alternatively, the renter may settle the traffic fine directly with the relevant traffic authority. Proof of this payment should be safeguarded by the renter to avoid any late administration fees levied.

Traffic & Parking Fine Administration Fees:

Europarc will charge a fee per fine to cover the administration costs incurred in dealing with each infringement notice and liaising with the relevant Roads and Traffic Authority.

Airlines/Aircraft: Airlines reserve the right to substitute carriers, aircraft types, configuration and classes on their flights. A schedule change may range from five minutes to a day or more. If a schedule change does occur, and we are told about it before departure, we will offer a revised itinerary and holiday cost to reflect that change. Please note that the holiday price could be higher or lower, depending on the flight affected. Notwithstanding the above, the provisions of paragraph 10 of our Booking Terms & Conditions apply. Some airlines may still consider an intermediary touchdown on a flight as a 'direct' flight.

Alcohol Policy: All airlines operate a zero-tolerance policy for excess consumption of alcohol on board their flights. Some airlines may or may not serve alcohol on their flights, and some will charge for alcoholic and soft drinks.

Delays: Liability for flight delays are as per the airline's own conditions of carriage. Please see our terms and conditions or call for more information.

Seat reservations: Advance seat requests can be made, charges may apply.

Arrival in South Africa: Customs & immigration formalities are carried out at your first entry point into South Africa. Therefore, if the journey to your destination involves a change of aircraft in South Africa, you will be required to re-claim your baggage to complete the formalities.

Schedule Changes: Flight schedules are arranged many months in advance, and although rare, some flight rescheduling does occur. In most instances, the changes are kept to a minimum and we will do our best to inform you as soon as possible. Your return flight should be reconfirmed with your airline 72 hours before departure. Please note that schedule changes are made by the airline, not by First Class Holidays. We cannot accept liability for any extra charges incurred as a result of a rescheduled flight.

Taxes: Taxes and service charges including airport improvement fees in effect at the time of printing are included in our prices.

Baggage Allowance: Luggage allowances vary depending on your chosen airline and the fare purchased. Please ask for details. Please note that charter airlines and schedule airlines that operate into game reserves / national parks may have reduced baggage allowances of 15kg per person and may also require soft bags without wheels or stiffeners. Please check with us at time of reservation.

Meal Requests: All international flights include a meal service; however, flights within South Africa may not include meals. Your Airline will provide any special meals that you may require (vegetarian, diabetic etc.). Please request your special meal with your reservation's consultant at the time of booking.

HOTELS

Hotel Rating: We have created our unique rating based on location, facilities and experience. In some smaller locations, options may be few and and may be reflected in the rating, for example, a game lodge may be classified slightly higher due to the experience that it offers. Look out for our classification throughout our brochure.

Meals: Some of our lodges, resorts and game reserves include all meals as, quite simply, there is nowhere else to go. The dining is universally of a very good standard but may be served family style. Part of the experience is to get to know your fellow guests and discuss the day's events and you may well be joined by the guides too.

If you have any dietary requirements, please advise us at the time of enquiry so that we can check with the property that they can be accommodated. If you are taking a guided tour, self-drive or any other package that includes meals our descriptions show the meals included.

Checking In & Out Times: Check in time is normally after 3pm on the day of arrival, check out time between 10am and 12 noon. If you require a late check out, you should be able to arrange a day room for which you should pay the hotel directly (subject to availability).

Additional charges: Hotels may charge for items such as telephone, safe, parking, newspapers, movies, internet and other items. Please check with your hotel for a list of charges which are payable locally. Not all hotels in South Africa offer tea/coffee-making facilities in your room.

Hotel Guests: First Class Holidays do not own the properties featured in our brochure, we have no control over other guests or individual hotel policies. We are unable to accept liability for conferences or conventions being held at your hotel, or for any facilities or amenities, which may be restricted as a result.

Non-Brochure Hotels: Please note that if your chosen hotel is not featured in our brochure, we are willing to contact the hotel to obtain rates and make a reservation on your behalf. Please note however that our ground handlers in South Africa may not have inspected some non-featured hotels and therefore we cannot accept liability for any lapse in standard or facilities.

Room Types: It should be noted that a twin or double room is based on two people sharing either one or two beds (i.e. a double room may have one or two beds). Please note we cannot guarantee a double bed for honeymoon couples or twin beds for single sex occupants. When booking two or more rooms, we can request, but cannot guarantee, adjacent rooms. Please advise our staff at the time of booking if you would like to make this request.

Security deposits: A credit card imprint will be requested on checking in at your accommodation, as a security deposit.

Local taxes: Value added tax (V.A.T) is levied at the standard rate set by the Government (15% as at time of printing) on the supply of goods and services by registered vendors. Foreign visitors may claim back the value added tax on certain items which they take out of the country when the total value exceeds ZAR250.00. This can be done at various points of exit such as airports and border posts. Please visit <https://www.gov.za/services/custom-duties/how-apply-vat-refund-for-more-details-on-refund-procedures/> requirements.

Currency: If you plan to carry cash with you whilst on holiday, we recommend that you purchase a pre-paid currency card. All major credit cards are widely accepted, and we suggest that clients carry at least one card.

Excursions: Any excursions or tours that you book or pay for whilst on holiday are not part of your package holiday provided by us. For anything that you do book in this way, your contract will be with the operator of the tour or excursion and not with us. We are not responsible for the provision of these excursions or tours or anything that occurs during them.

Gratuities: Service charges are not usually included on bills in restaurants and bars. It is standard practise to tip service personnel 10 - 15% of the bill. Tips to tour drivers and escorts are not normally included in your tour cost and are at your own discretion.

Holiday Insurance: We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. It is a condition of your contract with us that you should take out insurance to cover you in the event of illness, personal injury or death during your holiday and for cancellation. Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on holiday. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover your requirements.

Park fees: A park user fee is applicable at most National and private parks / game reserves and is payable in cash upon arrival / entry.

Safari & Wildlife Viewing: When booking a wildlife safari, it should be noted that as you are travelling to view the animals in their natural environments, sightings cannot be guaranteed. The safari guides will do their utmost to ensure that sightings are made, however, if this is not possible, refunds will not be made. For your own safety and that of fellow passengers, you are urged to heed all instructions provided by the safari guide during sightings.

Suitable clothing: During Spring and Summer months casual lightweight clothing is recommended with a light raincoat. Autumn and Winter months temperatures vary on location and we advise suitable layers and a warm jacket for colder evenings. For safari we recommend shorts / trousers and t-shirts / long sleeved shirts in neutral colours. Please avoid bright colours when out on safari. Comfortable shoes and sandals along with a hand jacket relevant to your season of travel is advisable. A torch with batteries, sun screen, insect repellent, cameras and binoculars are considered essential safari packing.

Travelling in Vehicles: When travelling in any motor vehicle seatbelts (if provided) must always be worn.

Smoking: All vehicles are 100% non-smoking. A cleaning penalty will be charged if smoking is detected.

Valet: Vehicle cleaning service - vehicles need to be returned in the same condition in which the customer received the vehicle. If this is not the case it will be up to Management's discretion to charge a full valet.

Parking/Traffic Violations: You are responsible for reporting and paying all parking/traffic violations when returning your vehicle. Your credit card will be charged for any charges/fines/penalties incurred in addition to an administration fee, if you do not report a parking/traffic violation when returning your vehicle.

Refunds: We regret that we cannot provide any refund for any unused rental days shown on a voucher.

Unused services: No refunds are allowed for unused services provided in your package. Therefore, should you cancel, amend or miss any part of your tour / holiday, we will not be responsible for any refund.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

All flights are non-smoking.

Flight tickets: Where possible, we will issue e-tickets for your flights, which are electronic paperless tickets, meaning no worries about losing part of your travel documents. An itinerary will be issued with your documents showing all your flight arrangements that you can present at check in.

Checking in: You must check in for your international flights approximately 3 hours prior to departure time on your ticket or e-ticket. Please note that due to increased security measures, some airlines may request personal information on check in such as home address or address for your initial stay.

Special Requests: Unfortunately, we have no control over the allocation of seats on a flight and cannot guarantee you will be sitting with your travelling companion. If you require special seating for medical reasons, please let us know. Some airlines allow you to pre-book your seats for a small charge, please call us for more information.

PASSPORTS, VISAS & HEALTH

South Africa: British passport should be valid for a minimum period of 30 days from the date of exit from South Africa. However, some immigration officials still request that a passport should have at least 6 months validity on the date of entry to South Africa. To avoid problems at the airport on arrival we recommend you meet this requirement. Your passport should have at least 2 blank pages when you present it at immigration to enter or leave South Africa. If you are visiting South Africa for tourism or business purposes for a period of up to 90 days, you don't need a visa. For more information on passport validity / visas or subjects of other countries please contact the South African High Commission or the South African Department of Home Affairs.

Other Destinations including Stopovers & Onward Destinations: Please check the documentation requirements for any additional country you may be visiting, including any cities your flight routing may make a touch down at. We feature several additional countries in this brochure, so it is important you check the requirements of each you may be visiting. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they hold the correct legal documentation for all destinations visited. First Class Holidays cannot be held responsible if you are not in possession of the correct documentation.

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> for more information.

Travelling with children: There are special requirements for travelling to South Africa with children under 18, and for unaccompanied children entering South Africa. Please contact the South African High Commission for full details of required documentation when travelling with children.

Health Requirements: At least 8 weeks before your trip, check the vaccinations and vaccination certificates you may need on TravelHealthPro <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/201/south-africa>

Travellers should ideally arrange an appointment with their health professional at least four to six weeks before travel. However, even if time is short, an appointment is still worthwhile. This appointment provides an opportunity to assess health risks taking into account a number of factors including destination, medical history, and planned activities. For those with pre-existing health problems, an earlier appointment is recommended. All travellers should ensure they have adequate travel health insurance.

Foreign Office Advice

The safety of our customers is our priority and as such we work in line with the advice provided by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. We recommend that you keep up to date with this advice, which can be accessed via the Foreign & Commonwealth office website at www.fco.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can contact ABTA at ABTA.com or their consumer helpline on 0203 117 0599.

Health requirements

Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British Citizens for your holiday can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>. Please check with your GP / local travel clinic with regards Malaria precautions and medications.

Yellow Fever Certificate Requirements

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required for travellers arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever or who have transited for more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever.

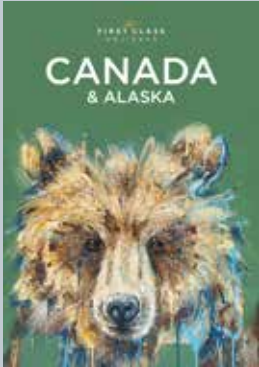
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