

DETAILED ITINERARY FOR CLASSIC SOUTH AFRICA

Summary: We can set up this affordable private South African tour and safari any time of year for 2 or more guests. This trip allows you quality time to explore greater **Cape Town** and all it has to offer. Guided touring around the Cape Peninsula and to Cape Point, photograph African Penguins on the beach and enjoy a baboon walk with a primate specialist. Take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain for incredible views of the Western Cape. Visit the Cape Winelands and enjoy fine wines. Learn about the rich South African culture, dine with a Family and visit a Township.

On to Mpumalanga – Instead of flying, do it differently and drive via the Blyde River Canyon and along the scenic Panorama Route to Sabi Sand. Visit an Elephant Sanctuary not far from the Kruger National Park.

On Safari in Sabi Sand private game reserve bordering Kruger National Park– And then it is time for Safari. View and or photograph African wildlife– including Lion, Rhino, Giraffe, Buffalo and much more on 2 daily open 4x4 vehicle game drives in what is known as prime leopard viewing area. There is a good chance of seeing the Big 5 in Sabi Sand. Enjoy lodge comforts and knowledgeable rangers. You may even want to consider a guided Bush Walk!

Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa □

Welcome to Cape Town! You will be met at the door of your aircraft with your name on a paging board, and your documents will be handed over to you. You will be assisted through immigration, baggage collection and customs. Receive a private transfer from Cape Town Airport to your hotel in the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. □□ Situated between Robben Island and Table Mountain in the heart of Cape Town's working harbor, the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront has become one of South Africa's most visited destinations. Since 1988, the harbor has continually undergone changes, with the redevelopment of land and the restoration of buildings surrounding the original Victoria and Alfred Basins, creating a mix of shopping and entertainment venues, intermingled with imaginative office locations, world-class hotels and luxury apartments in the residential marina. Aside from the myriad of shops, restaurants and bars, there is a more cultural side to the Waterfront, focused around the historic Clock Tower, which was the original Port Captain's Office in 1882 and part of a collection of well-preserved turn of the century buildings. With ferries and boats continuously on the go, Cape Fur Seals playing in the harbor water, and a mix of both locals and international visitors, the Waterfront is a

wonderful place to soak up some typical Cape Town vibe. □

Overnight: Premium Option - Cape Grace Hotel, luxury room; Deluxe - V&A Hotel, piazza-facing room

Day 2: Cape Town / Table Mountain / Robben Island □

Today's Cape Town tour will feature the Houses of Parliament, the Castle (South Africa's oldest building), lively Greenmarket Square with its daily market, the Company Gardens, and of course, Table Mountain which will give you spectacular views over the city and Peninsula (cable car fee is not included as it is weather dependent). On the descent, stop at the Bo Kaap, home to the Cape Malay community, with its cobbled streets and brightly-colored houses. □ □ Enjoy time at the Waterfront where you may enjoy lunch at your own leisure before a trip to Robben Island. The intriguing excursion to Robben Island begins at the Clock Tower, also known as the Nelson Mandela Gateway, in the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. Robben Island was a training and defense station in World War II, and became world famous as the prison where Nelson Mandela was held for 18 years. Today, it is a World Heritage Site and museum, which acts as a focal point of South African heritage. As your ferry arrives at the Island, you are joined by a local guide, someone who spent time there during the Apartheid years and is thus able to give a personal and often moving account of the experience. You will also see the cell where Nelson Mandela spent a large part of his life. After a most interesting time of gleaning "behind the scenes" history, the ferry takes you back to the Waterfront. □ *Overnight: Premium - Cape Grace Hotel, luxury room; Deluxe - V&A Hotel, piazza-facing room*

Day 3: Cape Town / Cape Point Tour □ Embark on a full day Cape Point and Peninsula Tour, including a walk with a primate specialist on the Cape Point Reserve, home to the Cape Chacma baboon. Take in the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay, before crossing over to Hout Bay, where you may choose to join an optional boat cruise to Seal Island. Drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve via Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breathtaking coastal drives, where you will board a funicular to the top of the Peninsula to witness the symbolic meeting of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans and have spectacular views over False Bay. □ □ Continue to Simonstown, the naval base, and visit the African Penguin breeding colony at Boulders Beach. You will have the opportunity to paddle alongside the penguins in individual kayaks together with a guide. This evening, meet South Africans in a homely environment as you join a typical Cape Town family at home for dinner. This will give you some insight into the country from a local perspective and also a chance to taste South African food and

wine in a relaxed environment. □

Overnight: Premium - Cape Grace Hotel, luxury room; Deluxe - V&A Hotel, piazza-facing room

Day 4: Cape Town / Winelands / Kayamandi□

Today's diverse tour takes you out of the city towards Stellenbosch, the heartbeat of the South African Winelands. En route, make a stop at the Kayamandi Township, which was classified as a non-white residential area, under the apartheid regime. Here you are accompanied by your guide on a walk highlighting the way of life in this town. See the Kindergarten, the library, private homes, and "Spaza Shops" (informal stores). A highlight of your visit is the spontaneous and energetic African dancing by the children at the local school. □□ Continue on to the vineyards of the Franschhoek Valley, including exceptional estates such as Haute Cabriere, Moreson, La Motte and Grande Provence. Delight in cheese tasting at Fairview, chocolate tasting at the Franschhoek Chocolate factory, and lunch at one of the top estates □

Overnight: Premium - Cape Grace Hotel, luxury room; Deluxe - V&A Hotel, piazza-facing room

Day 5: Mpumalanga / Panorama Route / Blyde River Canyon□

Receive a private transfer to Cape Town Airport (CPT) for your flight to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport (MQP). Apart from the Kruger National Park, another highlight during a visit to this region is the splendor of the Panorama area. The mountainous escarpment of Mpumalanga presents stunning views of the Lowveld. This wonderful half-day tour includes sights such as God's Window, with its spectacular views across the Lowveld, Bourke's Luck Potholes, with its extraordinary rock formations and the Blyde River Canyon, one of the deepest canyons in the World.

□□ Mpumalanga is the safari capital of South Africa, home not only to part of Kruger National Park, but also to internationally-renowned private reserves adjoining the National Park. The sheer density of game in this region is incredible, yet there is more to Mpumalanga than just a safari experience. It is also here that the Blyde River Canyon, the third largest Canyon in the world can be seen. With elephant interaction and mobile-tented safaris, as well as walking safaris to complement the more traditional safari experience, this is paradise for animal and bush lovers. Other highlights include the Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary near Nelspruit, the Lowveld National Botanical Garden on the banks of the Crocodile River, the waterfalls around the town of Sabie, spectacular Long

Tom Pass and further afield in the province, the trout fishing town of Dullstroom. □

Overnight: Premium – Summerfield's Rose Retreat & Spa (Tented Suite, dinner, bed and breakfast); Deluxe - Perry's Bridge Hollow, standard room, bed and breakfast

Days 6-8: Elephant Sanctuary / Sabi Sand Game Reserve □

Today, visit the Elephant Sanctuary near Hazyview. A wonderful hour will be spent with these amazing creatures. Experience the thrill of being close to these magnificent creatures and witness their intelligence, their compassionate nature and sheer delight interacting with their human counterparts. The interaction with the elephant offers you the opportunity to touch the elephant, exchange trunk greetings and offer tasty treats. Experienced elephant handlers share their in-depth knowledge of fascinating elephant behavior. After your Elephant Experience, you will be transferred to your lodge in the Sabi Sands Game Reserve bordering the Kruger National Park. □ □ The Sabi Sands Game Reserve is a 65,000-hectare reserve, pioneered by the landowners in the 1950's, when the internal fences were dropped and a shared environmental management program was put in place. Today, many of these families are now third and fourth generation landowners, their legacy being the successful conservation of the highest density of big game in South Africa. Even though there is a 50 kilometer unfenced boundary with the Kruger National Park, the game in the Sabi Sands reserve is well habituated resulting in unforgettable close encounters and prolific sightings, particularly of the elusive leopard. The Sabi and the Sand Rivers run through the reserve, which add further dimension to the bio-diversity of this area. □

Overnight: Fully inclusive basis for 3 nights: Premium – Leopard Hills, Suite; Deluxe – Lion Sands River Lodge, Luxury Suite

Day 9: Sabi Sand / Depart □

You will be collected from your Sabi Sand Safari Lodge and privately transferred to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport (MQP) for your onward flight to Johannesburg (JNB) or Victoria Falls.