

South Africa Safari: The Cape and Private Game Reserve

This 5-star luxury itinerary in South Africa offers the destination's most spectacular sites along with incredible game viewing experiences. Limited space available. This tour accommodating a maximum of 12 guest with 7 set departures coincide with the best time of year to visit this wonderful destination.

Day 1 Depart USA

Depart USA on South African Airways flight to Johannesburg.

Day 2: Arrive Cape Town

On arrival in Johannesburg you will go through customs and immigration, collect your luggage and proceed to domestic departures to board your 2 hour flight on South African Airways to Cape Town.

Arrival in Cape Town you will be met by your local English speaking driver-guide/guide. You will take a private transfer from the airport to your hotel. This evening dinner will be served in the **Atlantic Grill** at the hotel. Situated on the water's edge, in the heart of Cape Town's renowned Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, **The Atlantic Grill**, is a fine restaurant with a focus on cutting-edge international cuisine. The restaurant boasts an 80-seater dining room, a magnificent view al fresco terrace for light meals, and a walk-in wine cellar that stocks a top selection of local wines. **Meals: Dinner.**

Accommodation: The Table Bay Hotel

The Table Bay Hotel is situated in Cape Town's famous Victoria & Alfred Waterfront with its array of wonderful shops, restaurants and bars. The hotel offers panoramic views across the Atlantic Ocean to Robben Island and of the soaring Table Mountain. The hotel has a maritime ambience that extends to each room and suite, which have either sea or mountain views. 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. Below the foyer to the south, is the grand lounge with its cathedral ceiling and twin fireplaces. Combined with contemporary charm and attention to detail, the hotel recalls the era of the great cruise liners and elegant hotels that served them.

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Day 3: Cape Town – Cape Peninsula Tour

After breakfast your guide will meet you for a full day tour of the beautiful Cape Peninsula. You will travel along the chic suburbs of Sea Point, Bantry Bay, Clifton and Camps Bay through to the fishing town of Hout Bay. From Hout Bay depart on a boat based excursion to "Seal Island" to see one of the largest colonies of Cape Fur Seals off the South African coast. After returning to shore travel over the spectacular Chapman's Peak Drive (weather permitting), en route to the Cape of Good Hope. Here you will visit the Cape of Good Hope and travel by funicular (cable car) to the lighthouse at Cape Point. From here you travel along the False Bay coast to enjoy lunch at the famous **Black Marlin Restaurant**.

After lunch return to Cape Town city, en route stopping at the Penguin Colony on Boulder's Beach and the magnificent Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Your evening is at leisure to explore the dining options in the city. **Meals: breakfast, lunch**

Accommodation: The Table Bay Hotel

Day 4: Cape Town – Cape Winelands Tour

After breakfast, meet your guide at the lobby of the hotel for a full day tour of the fabled Cape wine region, an area of stunning scenic beauty. Before heading out to the wine region you will take a trip in the cable car up the city's iconic Table Mountain (weather permitting). During the day you will visit the wine towns of Stellenbosch, and Franschhoek, historic architecture and of course great wines. You will visit 2 different wine estates for tasting of their products as well as enjoying a full cellar tour at one of the estates. Lunch will be served at a wine estate en route. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. **Meals: breakfast, lunch**

Accommodation: The Table Bay Hotel

Day 5: Cape Town – Day at leisure

Today is a full day at leisure to make the most of the beautiful city of Cape Town. Perhaps take an optional excursion to Robben Island for a look into the darker side of South Africa's history or visit one of the vibrant townships for a glimpse of life on the other side of the tracks. During the summer months why not head down to one of Clifton's beaches to see and been seen by the international jet-set, or perhaps take time to explore the historic city centre and shop until you drop. **Meals: Breakfast Accommodation: The Table Bay Hotel**



Day 6: Dullstroom

After breakfast transfer you will be transferred to Cape Town International Airport for your flight to Johannesburg. On arrival you will be met by your local English guide and depart for an orientation tour of South Africa's administrative capital, Pretoria. Visit the **Voortrekker Monument** and the magnificent **Union Buildings**. Stop for lunch at **La Madeleine**, one of Pretoria's most renowned restaurants, before heading away from the city towards the beautiful province of Mpumalanga. In the late afternoon arrive in Dullstroom, a town famed for its trout fishing and "highlands" type scenery. Enjoy time to relax and maybe take a stroll around the dams before dinner at the hotel. Meals: **breakfast, lunch, dinner**

Accommodation: Walkersons Hotel and Spa



Walkersons Hotel & Spa is situated only 2.5 hours from Johannesburg International Airport, en route to the Kruger National Park, on the outskirts of the trout-fishing village of Dullstroom. The main lodge exudes atmosphere and warmth. All bedrooms are very private with lake views and afford the guest every comfort. Fireside armchairs, a well stocked private mini bar and television are standard to every room. Excellent cuisine and handpicked wines are a house specialty and attentive staff compliments the fine dining.

Day 7: Thornybush Game Reserve

After breakfast depart from Wilkerson's and head through to the spectacular Mpumalanga region, traveling over the **Panorama Route.** The route in is best known for its cultural heritage and its dramatic landscapes. Offering a vast array of exciting options for the visitor, the Panorama Route hosts some of the best adrenalin enhancing adventures in the country as well as some more placid pastimes. One of the major highlights of the region is the **Blyde River Canyon Reserve**, home to spectacular wildlife and birdlife and some of the best views in South Africa. The Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon of its kind in the world. Other highlights include the exquisite waterfalls in Graskop and Sabie, the Echo Caves that speak of Africa's powerful tribes such as Pedi, Mapulane and Swazi, trails left behind by the Voortrekkers in regions such as Lydenberg and Ohrigstad, ancient artistic footprints left by indigenous peoples of Africa and the Gold Rush territory, Pilgrim's Rest, home to the early gold prospectors.

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Arrive at the lodge mid-afternoon at your lodge where a high tea will be ready before you head out on your first photographic safari the the Thornybush Game Reserve. Return from your safari after dark for dinner at the lodge. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner**



Accommodation: Thornybush Game Lodge

Thornybush Game Lodge provides accommodation consisting of stylish air-conditioned suites, with extensive living areas overlooking the seasonal Monwana River. There are 18 suites, 2 family suites and accommodation caters for a maximum of 40 people collectively. From within the sumptuous individual suites, each with full en-suite facilities, outdoor shower and private decks, sweeping vistas over the savannah and ever active water hole can be enjoyed. Bathrooms boast large glass windows, offering unique game viewing in & past the river bed. Superb attention to detail and highly personalized service make for a memorable stay.

Day 8 and 9: Thornybush Game Reserve.

Spend the next 2 days in the game reserve with morning and afternoon game viewing drives. The safaris take place twice daily at dawn and dusk, the time when life in the bush is at its most active, and outside of the heat of the midday. All safaris are conducted by expert rangers accompanied by eagle eyed trackers who together will help you make the most of your time in the bush. The safaris take place in open 4x4 safari vehicles allowing you to get as close as possible to wild Africa. The reserve is home to a wide variety of Africa's famous wildlife, including the "Big Five" ~ **lion, elephant, leopard, rhino and buffalo**, as well as a host of others. Your drives generally last for 3 hours, with a mid-way break for morning coffee and evening sundowner drinks out in the wild. All meals are served at the lodge, and

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during the heat of the day you can relax around the pool and soak up the African sun or on your private decks and immerse yourself in the sounds of the African bush.



Accommodation: Thornybush Game Lodge

Day 10: Johannesburg

After a final morning safari and hearty breakfast depart from the lodge for your return trip to Johannesburg. Stop during the mid-afternoon at the Corn & Cob restaurant for a light meal, teas and coffees served with traditional South African delicacies like koeksisters and melktert! After your refreshments you will visit a local traditional Ndabele village to see these famous colorful villages and people. Continue onwards to Johannesburg where you will check into your hotel in the late afternoon. This evening is at leisure to explore the Montecasino complex that offers many restaurants, shopping and entertainment options. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

Accommodation: Southern Sun Montecasino

Reflecting sheer elegance in a fusion of modern and period Venetian design the new Southern Sun Montecasino opened in May 2010. Architecture and décor is inspired by and modeled on the Palazzo Corsini, a 15th century Villa situated on the slopes between Gianicolo and Tiber River in Italy. The hotel has 194 spacious rooms with a fresh eclectic style complemented by an array of modern amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. **Punchinello's** restaurant offers Mediterranean cuisine in an exciting open plan kitchen which allows guests to share in the activities of the bustling kitchen. The décor at **Punchinello's** restaurant has drawn its inspiration from magical Venice, with its floating tapestry of 117 islands, lacy bridges and gilded palaces.

Day 11 Depart Johannesburg

After breakfast depart for a visit to Soweto, where you will experience firsthand life in South Africa's largest township. During the visit you will witness the many examples of inspiring projects aimed at improving the life of the township residents. Visit the street where both Nelson Mandela and Bishop Tutu lived, and enjoy lunch in a traditional Shabeen. In the afternoon you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the United States. **Meals: breakfast, lunch**

Day 12: Arrive USA

Arrival in the United States at New York (JFK) or Washington Dulles (IAD) airports and connect your flight home.

****End of Services***

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COST OF THE PACKAGE IS:

- \$5512.00 per person double occupancy from New York, Washington DC
- \$5800.00 per person from Las Vegas, Phoenix, Las Vegas

* Prices are per person based on double occupancy accommodations and include fuel surcharges

Included:

- International flights on South African Airways
- Domestic coach air in South Africa as per the itinerary (Johannesburg Cape Town Johannesburg)
- Accommodation as per the itinerary
- 4 nights in Cape Town at The Table Bay Hotel on bed and breakfast
- 1 night at Wilkerson Hotel and Spa on bed, dinner and breakfast
- 3 nights at Thornybush Game Lodge on bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner
- 1 night at Southern Sun Montecasino on bed and breakfast
- Most meals (9 x breakfast, 8 x lunch, 5 x dinner)
- Ground transfers and tours accompanied throughout by an English speaking driver-guide/guide
- Entrance fees for all visits mentioned
- Cape Peninsula Tour
- Visit the Penguin Colony at Boulders Beach
- Visit Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.
- Cape Winelands Tour
- Tour of Pretoria Visit the Voortrekker Monument and the magnificent Union Buildings.
- Tour of the Panorama Route, featuring Blyde River Canyon, God's Window and the Three Roundavals
- Visit the Ndebele Village
- Tour of Soweto, visit the street where both Nelson Mandela and Bishop Tutu lived, and enjoy lunch in a traditional Shabeen
- All park fees and safari activities
- Porterage at all airports and hotels
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles that vary according to number of passengers
- Departure taxes

Excludes

- Any meals or services not mentioned above
- Any items of personal expense i.e. drinks, telephone calls, laundry etc
- Gratuities for rangers/guides/drivers
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance is mandatory, however you can opt out by signing a form stating that you were offered the insurance and you decline it.

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