

SOUTH AFRICA

14 Days/13 Nights



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African Safaris

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DISCOVER SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA

- CAPE TOWN • KRUGER NATIONAL PARK - SAFARI
- JOHANNESBURG • ZIMBABWE - VICTORIA FALLS



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THE UNIQUE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

An African safari is on everyone's bucket list. With so many ways to go
how can you be sure the experience you choose will deliver the most memorable experience?
Platinum Tours International, a specialty leisure and cultural immersion travel boutique,
consistently partners with the best Tour Suppliers in the world.
Bev is proud to introduce her South African friends Robin & Stella Mountain.

No one does it better than Ntaba African Safaris because no one knows southern and east Africa like Ntaba!! The owners, Robin and Stella Mountain, are 5th generation South Africans who have lived all over the Motherland. They know the history, culture and ambiance intimately. They personally guarantee that your South African odyssey promises the ultimate in luxury, and a uniquely compelling and personal experience that will be a truly once-in-a-lifetime adventure.



DAILY ITINERARY

Depart from the U.S.A. for South Africa

DAY 1 – Cape Town – 4 nights – B

Arrive at the Johannesburg Airport. Go through passport control and customs, and check in for your flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival at the Cape Town Airport, be met by your private driver/guide and transferred to your hotel in Cape Town, the Commodore Hotel, conveniently located on the famous Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Check into your Rooms for 4 nights on Bed & Breakfast basis.



DAY 2 – Cape Town – Table Mountain/City Tour/Optional Robben Island – B

After breakfast, visit Table Mountain via the Cable Car (weather permitting), the World's new Seventh Wonder, or visit Signal Hill (if weather does not allow visit to Table Mountain's summit). Visit Jewel Africa for a diamond cutting demonstration. You will also find exquisitely unique hand crafted jewelry pieces, authentic African craft, décor and gift items. Have a City Tour and see some of the highlights of this beautiful Mother City including Bo-Kaap or "Malay Quarter", a living cultural museum. Your guide will recommend one of the local restaurants for lunch (not included).

Optional Robben Island Tour in the afternoon. The cost of this tour is not included in the package but Ntaba African Safaris will assist in booking those tickets which need to be pre-booked. Should the tour be cancelled due to weather, the money will be refunded back to your credit card. Before dinner, meet with guest speaker, Christo Brand, who was Nelson Mandela's prison warden. Dinner is on your own account.

A NOTE ON DINNERS: Ntaba African

Safaris will make dinner reservations at requested restaurants for the evenings in Cape Town but dinners are *not* included in cost. Dinner transfers in Cape Town are included.

DAY 3 – Cape Town – Cape Point – B

After breakfast depart from your hotel and travel along the beautiful coast. Visit Original T-Bag Designs in Hout Bay, a local community project. Continue travelling along the spectacular Chapman's Peak Drive. Visit Cape Point, the most south-western point of the African Continent. Take the Funicular to the top of the mountain and enjoy the beautiful view of the ocean and the surrounding area. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant overlooking False Bay (not included). After lunch visit the local African Penguin Colony at Boulders Beach. On your way back to town, stop in Simons Town, South Africa's Naval Base, to visit the statue of "Just Nuisance" and hear the story about this legend. Your guide will drop you off at your hotel. Enjoy a free evening, having dinner at a pre-booked restaurant (not included).



DAY 4 – Cape Town – Winelands – B

After breakfast, depart for a Full-Day Winelands Tour. Visit this beautiful part of the Western Cape and enjoy all it has to offer. Visit towns such as Franschhoek and Stellenbosch, the heart of the Winelands, also South Africa's third-oldest town. Visit the Taal Monument in Paarl from where you will have beautiful views of the surrounding areas. Visit a local wine estate to taste some of their local cheeses and wines. Enjoy lunch at the local restaurant (not included). Also included in this day is a visit to the Huguenot Museum in Franschhoek and the Stellenbosch Museum. Return to your hotel in Cape Town. Pre-reserved dinner - not included.

DAY 5 – Private Game Reserve, Greater Kruger 3 Nights – B/L/D

After an early breakfast, your driver/guide will pick you up from your hotel to transfer you to the Cape Town Airport. Check in for your flight to Hoedspruit in the Greater Kruger Park. Upon arrival at the Hoedspruit Airport, be met and transferred to the Buffalo Luxury Tented Camp in the Kapama Private Game Reserve. Check into your luxury tents for 3 nights. Enjoy lunch and your first game drive that afternoon. You will have the chance to see the Big 5 – elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard.



Each of the full days at the Game Reserve will include:

All meals and two daily game drives in open Landrover vehicles with your skilled ranger and tracker to find the animals of Africa for you to admire. This is Big 5 Country.....Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino and Buffalo all of which are possible to see during your stay at this private game reserve. Each morning, expect an early wakeup call and gather for refreshments before heading out at first light. The “big cats” may still be around after their night of hunting. During the day, there is ample free time go on a guided walking safari, to relax or participate in several optional activities. Late afternoon, convene for high tea, before departing for the day's second African Bush Safari. Enjoy a sundowner drink along the way, get out of the vehicle to stretch your legs, and watch the sun go down over the distant Drakensberg Mountains. As darkness descends, it's time to continue the Game Drive to let the tracker scan the landscape with a spotlight picking out the glinting eyes of nocturnal animals. Return to the lodge for dinner.



DAY 6 – Private Game Reserve Greater Kruger – B/L/D

Expect an early wake-up call for your morning game drive. Meet for coffee, tea and rusks before heading out for your morning game drive. Stop along the way for some refreshments. Continue with the game drive and return to the lodge for breakfast around 9 am. Enjoy the day at leisure or join your skilled game ranger on a guided walking safari. Extra optional activities and pampering at the local spa are available at your own cost. Enjoy lunch and some more relaxing before departing for your afternoon/evening game drive. Stop along the way for a sundowner. Continue with your game drive into the night. Return to lodge for dinner.



Africa

DAY 7 – Private Game Reserve, Greater Kruger

Enjoy this full day in the game reserve on safari.

DAY 8 – Johannesburg – 4 nights – B

After your morning game drive and breakfast, be transferred to the Hoedspruit Airport to check in for your flight to Johannesburg. Upon arrival in Johannesburg, your private driver/guide will meet you at Arrivals and transfer you to the Bala-laika Hotel located near the Sandton Center. Check in for 4 nights on Bed & Breakfast basis. Dinner can be enjoyed in the hotel (not included).

DAY 9 – Johannesburg – Tour of Soweto & Johannesburg – B

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Your private driver/guide will meet you at your hotel. Depart for a full day tour of Soweto and Johannesburg.

You will start your day by visiting the Apartheid Museum which is a multimedia experience, with documentary film snippets, texts, sound clips and live accounts, recapturing life in the dark days of South Africa. The Nelson Mandela Exhibit is currently unavailable because of construction. Next you proceed to Soweto for a comprehensive tour.



Soweto

Soweto is an urban area of the city of Johannesburg in Gauteng, South Africa, bordering the city's mining belt in the south. Its name is an English syllabic abbreviation for South Western Townships. Formerly a separate municipality, it is now incorporated in the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Suburbs of Johannesburg.

You will start your comprehensive tour of Soweto by driving past the Baragwanath Hospital and the Baragwanath Taxi Rank. Next you will pass the Freedom Towers and the University Campus. You will drive through urban areas of Soweto to see different styles of homes found there, as well as an informal settlement. Next you will visit Freedom Square and the informal trading market. Your next stop is the Regina Mundi Church, the site of many secret underground meetings of the then banned political parties.

Next on your tour of Soweto, you will drive along Vilakazi Street where both Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu once lived. Visit the Mandela's house which is now a museum. Your next stop is to visit the Hector Peterson Museum, where you start to unravel the cause of the devastating riots. On your way out of Soweto, you will drive past the largest stadium in Africa, Soccer City. This magnificent stadium is now nicknamed "The Calabash" for its resemblance to the African Pot.

You will have lunch at a local restaurant (not included). After lunch continue your tour of Johannesburg. Drive through Downtown Johannesburg past the Chamber of Mines & Diamond House Buildings and make a short stop at Chancellor House that once housed the law firm of Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo and is a national heritage site. Visit Newtown and drive across Mandela Bridge into Braamfontein and past the University of Witwatersrand. Time permitting, visit Liliesleaf, a place of liberation, the Newtown Urban Renewal and see the Market Theatre, Turbine Hall and Mary Fitzgerald Square, and drive past Nelson Mandela's house in Houghton.

Your guide will return you to your hotel. Dinner is not included.



DAY 10 – Johannesburg – Cradle of Humankind – B/L

After breakfast you will be collected from your hotel for a Full Day Tour of the Cradle of Humankind.

This is your program for the day:

10h00: Arrive at the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve to meet your scientist for the day, and continue through the reserve for a short game drive on your way to Drimolen Fossil Site.

10h30: Arrive at Drimolen Fossil Site. Tea/Coffee and refreshments served at a secluded picnic spot. While enjoying your refreshments, a short fossil cast demonstration and talk on human evolution spanning 6 million years is presented by your scientist.

11h30: A guided tour of the actual fossiliferous deposit of Drimolen Fossil Site is conducted. At this working site, one has the rare privilege to see two-million-year-old fossil unearthed here, learn about the mining and excavation methods used as well as the geology of the site and how the site was discovered.

12h30 - 13h00: Depart Drimolen Fossil Site and stop for lunch at the Neck & Deck restaurant in the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve (feed the giraffes!).

13h30 – 14h00: Depart the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve and head to Sterkfontein Caves/Maropeng.

14h15: Arrive at Sterkfontein Caves/Maropeng and begin a tour through the museum with an option at Sterkfontein to go on a cave tour provided by the museum staff.

15h30: Depart Sterkfontein Caves/Maropeng and head back to your hotel. Dinner is not included.

DAY 11 – Johannesburg – Sun City & The Pilanesberg National Park – B

Full Day Private Sun City & The Pilanesberg National Park Tour

The day begins early with a professionally guided, closed vehicle game drive into Big Five country: The Pilanesberg National Park. Next, visit the close neighbor to this superb natural reserve, Sun City, one of South Africa's most popular theme resorts. You will have full access to the casino. For the really curious, you may want to visit the Valley of the Waves & Swimming Pools! (own account). It's a fabulously relaxing day ... and might even prove very profitable for some! Return to your hotel in Johannesburg. Lunch and dinner are not included.

DAY 12 - Victoria Falls – 2 nights – B/D

After breakfast check in for your flight from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls. Be sure to have your \$30.00 in cash to pay for your visa when you arrive at the Victoria Falls Airport. Be met at the airport and transferred to the Victoria Falls Safari Club to check in for 2 nights. You can order a light lunch at the Lodge (not included). In the afternoon, transfer to the Zambezi River for an unforgettable luxury Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi Royal. Enjoy the abundant wild life and bird life and the beautiful sunset scenes. Wine and savory refreshments will be served along the way. Be transferred to the Boma for an enjoyable evening with a traditional Dinner and live entertainment. Return to the Club for overnight.

DAY 13 – Victoria Falls – B/L/D

Enjoy your breakfast at the lodge next to the Club, overlooking the waterhole below. You might see various animals visit the waterhole. After breakfast tour the spectacular Victoria Falls. Visit the local craft market. Next visit the Lookout Point and Café where you will enjoy lunch (drinks are on your own account). The afternoon is open to enjoy at leisure, either participating in some extra optional activities, visiting the local shops to buy souvenirs to take home, or relaxing at the lodge around the pool. Afternoon teas and pastries are served from 15:30 to 16:30 and Sundowner cocktails and canapes are served from 17:30 to 18:30. Enjoy dinner at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge next to the Club. During your stay in Victoria Falls, meet with a local historian who will tell you the story of David Livingstone and the Victoria Falls.



DAY 14 – Departure Day – B

Enjoy breakfast at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, overlooking the water hole. After breakfast, check out of your rooms and be picked up from the Club to be transferred to the Victoria Falls Airport for your flight to Johannesburg. Upon arrival in Johannesburg, check in for your flight back to the U.S.A.

Arrive back in the U.S.A.

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COST BREAKDOWN

Cost per person based on Double Occupancy - land-only

Airline reservations can be made by request

\$5500+ depending on time of year

Based on Hotel Accommodations at

4 or 5 Star Standard Rooms

Accommodations Include:

Standard Rooms in Cape Town, Game Reserve Greater Kruger Falls – Safari; Johannesburg; Victoria Falls

INCLUDED:

- This is a customized itinerary and private tour
- Private driver/guide in Cape Town and Johannesburg
- Meet & Greet at each airport
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Game activities as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast/L=Lunch/D=Dinner)
- Entrance fees as per activities on itinerary
- Activities as per itinerary
- Transfers and ground transportation mentioned in the itinerary

EXCLUDED:

- All International and domestic (US and Africa) airline tickets and applicable airport fees and taxes
 - Extra Entrance fees to tourist attractions, activities or attractions not mentioned in itinerary
 - Any other tours or tourist entrance fees not mentioned in itinerary
- Extra transport or transfers, taxi fares, after hours transport
- Extra optional activities while in the game reserves
 - Visa for Zimbabwe (obtainable upon entry into Zimbabwe – Approximately US\$30.00 per person)
 - Personal, Medical and Travel Insurance
 - Individual Tips or gratuities
 - Baggage Handling
- Personal Costs: Telephone calls, bar bills, drinks, room service, laundry, refreshments, snacks, curios, gifts, etc.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Deposits: A non-refundable deposit of 25% of the total cost of the booking is due with a completed registration to guarantee your reservation. Your reservation will be confirmed once Ntaba African Safaris has received a signed reservation form and the check for the deposit has been cleared.

For credit card payments, complete Credit Card Authorization Form.

Be sure to enter all names as they appear (or will appear) on your passports, including middle initials.

The Second Payment of 30% of the total cost of the booking is due 4 months prior to departure date.

Final Payments: The balance of the payment is due 2 months prior to departure date.

PLEASE NOTE: The above price is subject to change should there be a significant change in the exchange rate. The prices are based on 6-8 travelers participating in this trip.

LOCATIONS VISITED

4 Nights Cape Town
3 Nights Private Game Reserve in Greater Kruger Park
4 Nights Johannesburg
2 Nights Victoria Fall, Zimbabwe

MEALS INCLUDED

12 Breakfasts
5 Lunches
5 Dinners