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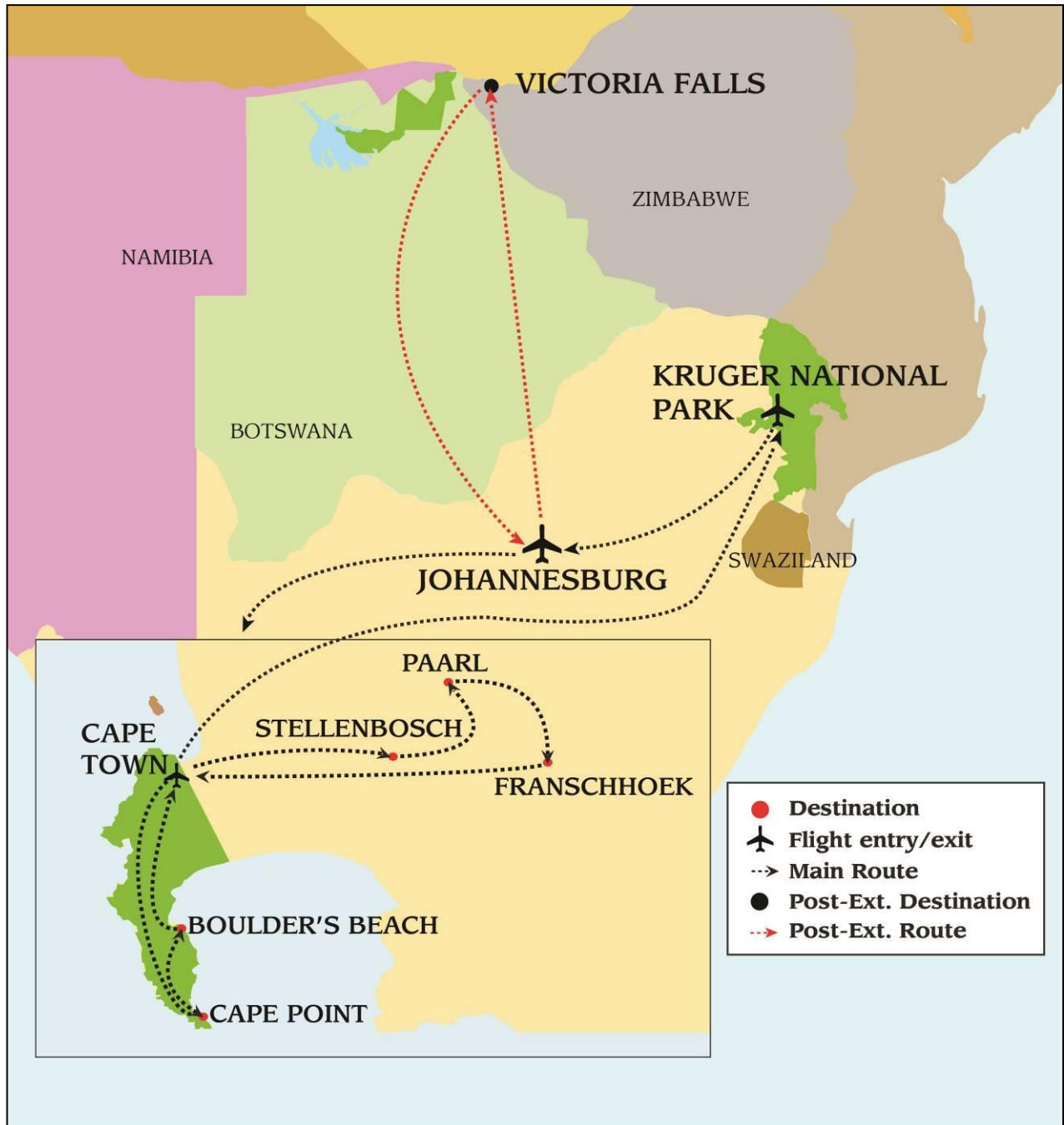


## YOUR SPECIALIST GUIDE: GRAHAM JOHANSSON

Graham Johansson is a Professional Guide and an accomplished wildlife photographer. He has been leading private and specialist photographic tours and safaris since 1994 in Botswana, his first love and an area he knows intimately, as well as Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. He has also added East Africa and other wild areas like the jungles of India to his repertoire. Graham was born and raised on a farm in Zambia, educated in Zimbabwe, and moved to South Africa to further his studies, train, and pursue a career in tourism. Graham is now based out of Cape Town where he lives with his wife and two sons. His passion is found in the intangible harmony and beauty of the wilds and outdoors. An avid naturalist with a well published portfolio of wildlife photographs that have appeared in a variety of publications, he is well suited to interpret natural history and what can capture that special moment by camera. His interests also include current and historic affairs, sports, good food and South African wine.



# A MAP OF YOUR JOURNEY TO SOUTH AFRICA





## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~SUNDAY~ MAY 4

#### USA/ EN ROUTE

Your adventure begins as you board your overnight flight to Cape Town. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~MONDAY~ MAY 5

#### CAPE TOWN

This evening, arrive in Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City". Upon arrival, you will be met by your specialist guide, Graham Johansson, and escorted to your hotel. The provincial capital, Cape Town, is a sophisticated city with plenty to see and do, particularly around the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront area, where delightful buildings of the Cape Dutch and Victorian-era architecture have been restored as shops, restaurants, museums and pubs, while the busy water traffic of the docks goes on unabated.

*Your home for the next three nights, the Vineyard Hotel and Spa, with over 200 years of history within its walls, is situated in six acres of attractive landscaped parkland on the banks of the Liesbeeck River. Located in the lush leafy suburb of Newlands, the Vineyard Hotel & Spa is within easy walking distance of the up-market Cavendish Shopping Centre and is just 10 minutes away from the City Center and the popular Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. This beautiful establishment comprises the original home of Lady Anne Barnard and new bedrooms were designed by highly acclaimed architects Jack Barnett and Revel Fox. It is filled with works by leading South African artists and offers rooms ranging from single to family suites.*

Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA, in Courtyard Rooms. (Meals Aloft)

<https://www.vineyard.co.za/>

### DAY 3~TUESDAY~ MAY 6

#### CAPE TOWN~ CAPE PENINSULA

Your luxury motorcoach takes you on a breathtaking coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope. You are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, and the blue sea below. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain, and the Twelve Apostles. Pass quaint seaside towns as you continue to Cape Point where the stormy waters of the Atlantic meet up with the calm waters of the Indian Ocean. At Cape Point, climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top to explore a lighthouse, enjoy the views, or even indulge in a bit of shopping. Take a close look at the ocean where you may see dolphins and a variety of seabirds.







You will also have the chance to explore the Cape Point Nature Reserve which is host to approximately half of the 2,700 species of indigenous plants contained in the Cape Peninsula. Look for the distinctive orange found in leucospermums, one of the rarest types of proteas – the mimites, marvel at the helicrysms and pelarganium calcullums, and enjoy the ericas, phenacomias and fine bush which the Dutch called “fynbos.” There are 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from ostriches to miniscule sunbirds. Caracal, chacma baboon, a wide variety of buck and various other mammal species may be seen, including Cape Mountain zebra and the bontebok which is endemic to this part of the world. The baboons feed occasionally on marine foods which they garner at low tide. At Olifants Bay, look for Oystercatchers, and enjoy some superb birding.

Enjoy lunch at the Seaforth restaurant, and continue to Boulders Beach where the African (Jackass) Penguins can be seen – also known as the Black-footed Penguins. These flightless seabirds are found only on the coast of Southern Africa and the only penguins found on this continent. Enjoy a delightful walk on a specially built platform onto the little sheltered beach where they nest among the rocks, and “waddle” up and down into and out of the sea. Since the penguins are accustomed to human presence you can safely get within a few feet of them as you stand on the platform, and it is sometimes possible to view them nesting behind rocks and bushes.



Your afternoon is devoted to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, arguably one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. Founded in 1913, Kirstenbosch lies on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain and consists of landscaped gardens of indigenous plants and trees, watered by the Liesbeek River, as well as natural forest that extends up to the lower slopes. Kirstenbosch covers an area of 1,383 acres, 148 of which are cultivated; the remainder is a natural flora reserve. It is a living display featuring 9,000 of the estimated 20,000 species of indigenous South African flora, and close to 50% of the peninsula’s floral wealth. In the cultivated area, related plants are grouped together and radiate from the central lawns like the spokes of a wheel.

Among the interesting sections here are the Cycad Amphitheatre, which hosts most species of these “living fossils” found in southern Africa; the famed Protea Garden on the higher slopes, with its profuse growth of silver trees (*Leucadendron argenteum*); the JV Mathews Rock Garden (named after the first curator) containing succulents of the genera *Crassula*, *Aloe*, *Lampranthus* and *Euphorbia*; the Erica Garden and the Pelargonium Koppie.



Two streams cut through Kirstenbosch, both laced with besembos, red alder and hard fern. Of historical interest is an avenue of camphor trees and fig trees planted by Cecil Rhodes in 1898, and a small section of wild almond (*Brabejum stellatifolium*) hedge planted by Dutch settler Jan van Riebeeck in 1660.



Birds of all sorts can be seen here as well – Dusky and Paradise Flycatchers, sunbirds, Klaas's Cuckoos, bulbuls, pigeons, brilliant green and red Cape Sugarbirds (which pollinate the flowers), guinea fowls, and the Cape Batis.

Return to Cape Town and enjoy a welcome dinner tonight to get to know your fellow travelers well.

Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4~ WEDNESDAY~ MAY 7 CAPE MALAY



Your first stop for the day is Cape Malay Quarter, or 'Bo-Kaap,' which sprawls along the slopes of Signal Hill, bordering Cape Town, presenting a scenario of enduring historic and cultural significance. It's certainly worth taking the time to explore the area when you come to Cape Town. Bo-Kaap's attractive, brightly colored, flat-roofed houses, decorative mosques, and the sound of the muezzin calling over the city streets, have remained relatively undisturbed for all this time. The major threat facing this attractive area is now not forced removals, but gentrification.

Here, you will have a hands-on, practical lesson on how to cook like a real Cape Malay 'Auntie!' Learn how to fold samosas and mix masala for that perfect pot of Cape Malay curry!

A local woman will host you at her home, where you will not only learn secret cooking techniques but also get an insight into daily life in the Bo-Kaap. The workshop ends with lunch where you can share your experiences with the group while indulging in a mouth-watering traditional meal.



Your day ends with a tour of District Six at Cape Flats with a township guide, and Langa, the oldest formal black township in Cape Town. Witness the living accommodations created at the height of the apartheid era as a dormitory area for the working class. Today residents continue to face challenges of HIV/AIDS and poverty in post-apartheid South Africa. Your tour will include a visit to the District Six Museum. District Six was named the Sixth Municipal District of Cape Town in 1867. By the beginning of the 20th century, however, the process of removals and marginalization had begun. The first to be forced out were black South Africans who were displaced from the District in 1901. As the more



prosperous moved away to the suburbs, the area became a neglected ward of the city. On February 11, 1966, it was declared a white area, and by 1982, more than 60,000 people were forcibly removed to barren outlying areas aptly known as the Cape Flats, and their houses in District Six were flattened by bulldozers. The District Six Museum, established in December 1994, tells their story. Visit the Guga S'thebe Arts and Culture Centre, to see the communal projects, recycling, arts and craft etc. The center opened in September 2000 and runs many successful programs in music, dance, drama, visual art and photography, along with cultural clothing projects.

Drive past the Slave Lodge and City Hall to view Mandela's Statue, site of the first ever public speech Nelson Mandela delivered after his release from prison. Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA. (B,L)

**DAYS 5/6~THURSDAY/FRIDAY ~ MAY 8/9**  
**CAPE TOWN~ TABLE MOUNTAIN/WINELANDS**



After breakfast, get a feel of what Cape Town is all about by taking the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, the signature of this city, easily one of the most recognizable mountains. This tour is very dependent on the wind factor, as well as the clouds. Many times, a cloud covers this flat-topped mountain, which rises to 3,563 feet above sea level and the locals affectionately say it's a white tablecloth. Legend has it that a retired pirate, on climbing the mountain, met up with the devil. In order to preserve his soul, the pirate challenged the devil in a smoking contest. So, they stoked up their pipes and have been smoking ever since. For centuries Table Mountain has been a guiding beacon to mariners rounding the Cape of Southern Africa. Sir Francis Drake described it as "the most stately thing and the fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth."



Despite its formidable appearance, it is possible to hike up Table Mountain. The first recorded ascent was in 1503 by the Portuguese navigator Antonio da Saldanha who, confused by the Cape Peninsula geography, climbed to the summit via the frontal cleft, now known as Platteklip Gorge. For nature lovers, the birding is awesome, and the wildflowers include agapanthus, watsonias and red nerines which poke out from rock crevices amid a scrub of ericas and gnarled proteas. More than 1400 species of flowering plants have been recorded on the mountain which makes it a spectacular sight in the spring. Cute guinea pig-like creatures known as rock dassies, or hyraxes, scuttle everywhere. They are not afraid and scamper among the tourists seeking to be fed.



Leave Cape Town behind and delve into another world, an artist's pallet. A tapestry of vineyards interwoven with the historic towns of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek at the base of the Boland Mountains engulfs you. The cradle of the South African fruit and wine industries, every season offers enchanting foliage: spring flowers, summer fruits, autumn leaves and the fresh greenery of the rainy winter.

Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route. You will explore Franschhoek with its lovely antique shops and gardens, nestled in the "Valley of the Huguenots" where the French first settled in 1688. Visit the Huguenot Monument and the museum. Many Huguenots fled their countries, mainly France, to escape religious persecution, and a number of them came to the Cape of Good Hope, mainly via the Dutch Republic. All the wine estates you will be visiting in the region offer tastings and cellar tours.



Your touring will include a visit to the historic estate of Boschendal with some of the most brilliantly preserved Cape Dutch buildings in the Cape, and its collection of priceless period furniture. Here, you will enjoy lunch and get to experience the farm. Afterwards, visit the Waterford Estate where you can savor exceptional wines in the course of a chocolate gourmet encounter.



This afternoon, explore the university town of Stellenbosch on foot, the oldest town in South Africa after Cape Town, undoubtedly the most scenic and historically-preserved town in Southern Africa. Oak-lined streets next to water furrows compliment the many fine examples of elegant Cape Dutch, Victorian and Georgian architecture - all part of this unique "Town of Oaks".

Start your second day with a stop at the award-winning Babylonstoren farm to enjoy a relaxing tour of the farm gardens. Set within eight acres of cultivated fruit and vegetables, the big garden at Babylonstoren is at the heart of the farm. Afterwards enjoy a cellar tour and wine tasting of their award-winning wines.





From here, continue to the nearby Fairview Wine Estate for a unique Cheese and Wine tasting. Fairview's tasting room has become one of the most popular Cape winelands destinations, building on a reputation that stretches back to the 1970's, when Cyril and Beryl Back first welcomed guests to the farm. Return to the hotel where you will have the rest of the day at leisure. You can walk to the nearby village to shop, or just relax by the pool and take in the beautiful views and fantastic service.

*Your accommodation is immersed in the Cape Provençal style. Of course, some call it an Auberge, others an exclusive country inn. From any point of view, Le Quartier Français is a splash of style in the heart of the historic village of Franschoek, a quaint corner of the Cape winelands that is forever a little French. The origins of Le Quartier Français are steeped in the history of the Cape Winelands – the original buildings were laborers' cottages which were upgraded and used as different forms of accommodation until the first restaurant was opened on this site. Set behind a delightful Provençal façade lined with a charming rose and lavender border, Le Quartier Français welcomes visitors from all over the globe who come here to dine in fine style and sleep in rooms with spectacular views. The spacious suites are stylishly furnished with modern fittings, refreshing colors and brilliant hand-painted fabrics. Set in tranquil surroundings, the reception, lounge, library and 15 double rooms plus the Pool Suite and a House Suite are set against the mystic backdrop of the Franschoek Mountains and overlook a central landscaped garden with a natural pool.*



Overnight at LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS. (B,L; B; wine tastings)  
<https://leeucollection.com/SA/le-quartier-francais>

**DAYS 7/8/9~SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY~ MAY 10/11/12  
CAPE TOWN/ KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Depart on your scheduled flight to Kruger National Park, one of the world's greatest national parks. It is home to an unparalleled diversity of wildlife and is maintained by one of the world's most sophisticated management systems. Five rivers cross the park from west to east.





There are 300 different types of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 types of amphibians, 116 different reptilian species, 505 species of birds and 147 species of mammals in the park. Your guide will interpret the ecosystems and animal behavior and help you to identify the strands in the web of life. The park is frequented by browsers and grazers such as giraffe, kudu, impala, zebra, wildebeest, and buffalo. Elephant and white rhino are also common. Predators include lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, and side-striped jackal, as well as wild dog.



A variety of activities are available at the lodge. These include wildlife safaris, guided walks, health spa visits, bush picnics and champagne breakfasts. Video and slide presentations, traditional dancing, storytelling, special interest talks and even a canoe ride or a visit to the Sangoma or traditional healer can be arranged.

*Within the untouched wilderness of the Kruger National Park, Imbali Safari Lodge continues the tradition of safari in the romantic style of the past. Set on the banks of the Nwatswitswonto River, this haven comprised of twelve suites of comfortable luxury, is the ideal place to end your ultimate adventure. Experience the colonial delights of four o'clock tea, succulent evening meals, cigars, and brandy. Take in the untouched beauty of the bush and take-home stories of your very own exciting safari. Delicious meals are freshly prepared to your satisfaction by personal butlers, with the menu itself as extensive as the African wilderness. Flickering hurricane lamps, fine mosquito netting and exceptional service, rivaled only by the accommodation, will ensure you never forget the African safari experience. All suites are beautifully appointed with only the finest furniture and imported linen. Spacious decks offer stunning salas and private plunge pools with views over the riverbed and onto the plains beyond.*



Overnights at the IMBALI SAFARI LODGE, in Standard Rooms. (B,L,D Daily)  
<https://imbali.com/>

## DAY 10~ TUESDAY~ MAY 13

### KRUGER NATIONAL PARK/JOHANNESBURG

Transfer to the airport today for your flight (*approximately 2:00 pm*) to Johannesburg. Often called Jo'burg, Johannesburg is the country's largest city and financial center with ultra-modern skyscrapers and a bustling way of life. It is the city of gold, as its claim to fame is the gold that was discovered close-by. There are many things to do in Johannesburg – relax, shop, sightsee and take in the local flavor.

Enjoy a Farewell dinner at the hotel this evening.

*Located in the prestigious Sandton suburb of Morningside Manor, the elegant Fairlawns Hotel is an exclusive boutique hotel, set in superb, park-like gardens. The architectural style is reminiscent of the late 18th century European era and the classical exterior blends harmoniously with its indigenous surroundings. Welcoming staff are on hand to ensure personal service and attend to your every need. Decorated with impeccable style, each spacious bedroom and suite has a distinctive ambience and character, offering serenity and*





*privacy with the luxury of beautiful generous bathrooms. This evening, relax with an aperitif on the tranquil terrace, sip a cognac in front of the fire in the comfort of an armchair, or be sociable in the elegant Colonial bar. Candlelit dinners, china, silver and crystal enhance the beautifully appointed dining rooms.*

Overnight at the FAIRLAWNS HOTEL, in Grand Chateau Suites. (B,D)  
<http://fairlawns.co.za/>.

## DAY 11~WEDNESDAY~ MAY 14

### JOHANNESBURG ~APARTHEID MUSEUM & SOWETO/DEPARTURE

Travel back in time to revisit South Africa's history with a trip to the Mandela Family Museum, the Apartheid Museum and Hector Peterson Square in Soweto. Once the home of Nobel Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela, the Mandela Family Museum is now comprised of memorabilia from world leaders and scholars, paintings, and photographs of the Mandela family. The Apartheid Museum reflects on segregation and the birth of the democratic country that rose out of this dark period while the memorial to slain 12-year-old Hector Peterson, for resisting police and the Apartheid government, reminds us of those brave and innocent souls lost in the fight for equality.



For anyone wanting to understand and experience what South Africa was really like, a visit to the

Apartheid Museum is fundamental. The museum is a beacon of hope showing the world how South Africa is coming to terms with the past and working towards a future that all South African's can call their own. This museum illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid. Visitors walk through the 22 individual exhibition areas, which contain film footage, photographs, text panels and artifacts illustrating the events and human stories behind apartheid. The Apartheid Museum is the story of the triumph of the human spirit over adversity.



You will also visit the black suburb of Soweto (the name is an abbreviation of Southwestern Townships) for a look at all types of neighborhoods, ranging from shanty towns and worker's hostels to the modern home of Nelson Mandela (he lived there for only a short while upon his release from prison, and it's where Winnie, his ex-wife, lived before her death in 2018.) You can also see Mandela's earlier and more humble home, where he lived when he was arrested all those years ago. You will enjoy lunch in this thriving township at the Sakmuzhi restaurant.

Later, transfer to the airport for your departure flight home. (B,L; Meals Aloft)

## DAY 12~THURSDAY~ MAY 15

### USA

Today you land in the USA bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of South Africa. (Meals Aloft)





## OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO VICTORIA FALLS~ ZIMBABWE



### DAY 11~ WEDNESDAY~ MAY 14

#### JOHANNESBURG ~ APARTHEID MUSEUM & SOWETO

Today you'll tour, as per main program, the Apartheid Museum and Soweto. In the afternoon, the group departs for the USA, and you settle in for one more night at the Fairlawns before your next adventure to Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls. Overnight at the FAIRLAWNS HOTEL. (B,L)

### DAY 12~ THURSDAY~ MAY 15

#### JOHANNESBURG/VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, to view the mighty Victoria Falls. At more than twice the size of Niagara Falls, it's no surprise that the Victoria Falls are among the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. Mosi-oa-Tunya - The Smoke that Thunders, derived from the towering column of spray when the Zambezi River runs high, is the name that Zimbabwe's local people have given to this awesome natural phenomenon. The name is probably more appropriate and descriptive than "Victoria", which has a far too calm and composed ring to it to do justice to the masses of thundering, swirling water of these spectacular Falls. But all Dr. David Livingstone probably thought of when he named the Falls after his Queen in 1855 was his royal duty. Five separate falls make up this incredible spectacle that plunges more than 328 feet into a sheer-sided chasm which separates Zimbabwe from Zambia. The awe-inspiring abyss is spanned by a 1905 Edwardian bridge which links the two countries, and which many adventurers now use to bungee jump. The masses of water plunging down the Falls and into the gorge below originate from the mighty Zambezi River that meanders through more than 1,677 miles of African countryside.



An afternoon sundowner cruise will be a highlight as you glide along the Zambezi River, watching hippos snort, elephants drink on the riverbank, monkeys jump from branch to branch, birds fly overhead or pose for a photograph on the branches, and much more. Enjoy your gin and tonic, cool beer, or drink of choice, and see a panoramic sunset as the sun dips below the horizon, painting the whole area in unbelievable colors of brilliant reds, yellows, purples and mauves.



*The Victoria Falls Hotel is the 'Grand Dame' of Victoria Falls. For over a century, visiting members of the royal families, international and local statesmen, and celebrities worldwide, have flocked to the Victoria Falls Hotel, where they are assured of privacy and care in an atmosphere steeped in history, combining the charm of the old with all the comfort and convenience of today. It is one hotel that can truly claim to be unique. Through the years, the 'Vic Falls Hotel' has enjoyed various renovations but has lost none of its earlier charm. In fact, much of the hotel has been meticulously brought back to its former grandeur using original photos and plans. The architecture reflects Edwardian style at its height with numerous corridors, archways, and columns, and extensive wood paneling. The hotel is set on verdant lawns, adorned with beautiful flowers, shrubs, and indigenous trees. There is a lovely brick terrace at the top of the garden from where guests can relax in deep wicker chairs and look out to the famous railway bridge enveloped in the mist of the falls. The en-suite bedrooms are also constructed in the style of the Edwardian era, many with period antiques. Well decorated and very comfortable, they are a welcome reward after a full day of sightseeing. The Edwardian theme is further reflected in the bathroom's black and white tiling, and claw foot bathtub.*



Overnight at the VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL, in Signature Stable Wing Rooms. (B,D)  
<https://www.victoriafallshotel.com/>

### **DAY 13~FRIDAY~ MAY 16**

#### **VICTORIA FALLS**

Spend the morning touring the Falls on the Zimbabwean side. Winding pathway takes you on a journey to discover these amazing Falls. The rainforest is lush with the spray from the Falls, and rainbows over the Falls are on display.

Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the Falls on your own. The Elephant Walk is close to your hotel and there you can find numerous shops selling artifacts, jewelry and much more. This is your chance to really find the perfect gift for home.



Your farewell dinner tonight will be at the Boma which provides a unique cultural experience that bombards the senses with the tastes, sights, sounds and smells of Africa – together with the warmth and hospitality of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and its people.

Overnight at the VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL. (B,D)

### **DAY 14~SATURDAY~ MAY 17**

#### **VICTORIA FALLS/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE**

Your morning is at leisure to enjoy the nature around you on your own, before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg and home. (B, Meals Aloft)



### **DAY 15~ SUNDAY~ MAY 18**

#### **USA**

Land in the USA today and connect with your flight home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of South Africa and Victoria Falls. (Meals Aloft)



## OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION ABOARD THE ROVOS RAIL



### DAY 1~WEDNESDAY~ APRIL 30

#### USA/EN ROUTE

Your adventure begins as you board your overnight flight to Johannesburg. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~THURSDAY~MAY 1

#### JOHANNESBURG/PRETORIA

Upon arrival at the Johannesburg International Airport this afternoon, you will be met and transferred to Pretoria, one of the three capitals of South Africa – a city well known for its cultural and historic background, as well as for its beauty. Greater Pretoria is a city of science and technology, knowledge and industry in the true sense of the word. As the academic, scientific and technological capital of South Africa, the city has the most highly developed technology and research sector in Africa. It is known as the Jacaranda city for these beautiful trees that line the streets, throw a blanket of mauve over this slightly sedate city from late September through November. Pretoria boasts superb shopping centers, museums, art galleries and restaurants. There is also an abundance of open spaces; Pretoria has more than 100 parks, including bird sanctuaries and nature reserves. The Pretoria National Botanical Gardens offer more than 5,000 indigenous plant species.





The 5-star Sheraton Pretoria Hotel is located opposite the Union Buildings. The hotel offers 175 luxurious, modern rooms and suites, all equipped with modern amenities. Guests can relax in the sauna and with a massage at Sheraton Pretoria Hotel's spa. The Magnolia Restaurant is open for all-day dining with sumptuous buffets at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Free Wi-Fi. Overnight at the SHERATON PRETORIA HOTEL, in classic rooms.

(No Meals)

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/prysi-sheraton-pretoria-hotel/overview/>



### DAY 3~FRIDAY~ MAY 2

#### ROVOS RAIL TO CAPE TOWN

Today you will be transferred to the gracious, colonial-style railway station at Capital Park to board the Pride of Africa, Rovos Rail. Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for a truly world-class travel experience. Step aboard the wood paneled coaches – classics remodeled and refurbished to mint condition – and enjoy fine cuisine in five-star luxury as some of the most varied scenery imaginable unfolds beyond the windows. Recapture the romance and atmosphere of a bygone era, when privileged travelers experienced the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion. The trains – which may be hauled by steam, diesel, or electric locomotives at various stages of the journey – carry a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites.



The rebuilt sleeper coaches contain the most spacious train suites in the world, offering every modern convenience and comfort. The epitome of luxury, with handsome wood paneling and period Edwardian features, the air-conditioned suites accommodate two people offering the option of twin or spacious double beds. There are three types of suites available (your program is based on the Pullman suite but ask us if you wish to upgrade.)

**Pullman Suite:** Up to two people can be accommodated, and the suite has ensuite bathroom with shower, toilet and wash basin. During the day, the suite has a comfortable sofa-seat, but in the evening, it gets converted into double or twin beds (side-by-side or upper and lower bunks). This suite does not include a bar fridge. There is a foldable writing desk.

**Deluxe Suite:** Up to two passengers can be accommodated in double or side-by-side twin beds. There is a lounge area and ensuite bathroom with shower, toilet, and water basin, as well as a writing desk. There is also a bar fridge filled with the beverages of your choice.

**Royal Suite:** Half of the carriage is taken by the Royal Suite, and it is the most spacious. The suite has a private lounge and ensuite bathroom with a Victorian bathtub, as well as shower, toilet, and wash basin. There is also a bar fridge filled with the beverages of your choice.

Regardless of the category booked, all suites are equipped with a personal safe, bathrobe and slippers, tea facilities, bespoke amenities, and hairdryer.





An enthusiastic team of chefs is responsible for overseeing the very important task of ensuring the guest's every need is catered for, while considerable thought and meticulous planning goes into making up the menus. There's an accent on fresh local ingredients, and traditional dishes are a specialty. All meals are served in one sitting only in the charming Victorian atmosphere of the Dining Cars. Many of the passengers aboard the Pride of Africa enjoy the formality of fine china, crisp linen and silver, and dress accordingly. During the day dress is more casual, with cool, comfortable clothes and hats recommended for the excursions.



This three-night adventure begins as the train picks you up at the Pretoria station.

**11:00 am:** Depart Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria. Travel across the goldfields of the Witwatersrand and the broad grassland plains of the Highveld. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travelers in the lounge and observation cars.



**1:00 pm:** Lunch is served in the dining cars.

**4:30 pm:** Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars.

**7:30 pm:** Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Klerksdorp.  
*Dress: Formal.*

Overnight aboard the ROVOS RAIL in Pullman suites. (All Meals)  
<https://rovos.com/>

#### DAY 4~SATURDAY~ MAY 3

#### ROVOS RAIL~ KIMBERLEY/BIG HOLE

Breakfast is served in the dining cars between 7:00 am and 10:00 am en route to Kimberley.

**12:30 pm:** Lunch is served in the dining cars.

Enjoy a tour of Kimberley's Diamond Mine Museum 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. Depart on the electric tram from the city center for a tour of the Mine Museum to experience life in Kimberley as it was during the diamond-rush days. Consisting of original and carefully reconstructed buildings, this open-air museum has preserved a great deal of the city's past. The first officially recorded diamond discovered in the country, the Eureka, can be viewed here.





You will also see the Big Hole, the largest hand-dug excavation in the world. In 1914 work on this mine was suspended. By that time, over 22 million tons of earth had been excavated, yielding 6,000 pounds of diamonds. After your exploration, return to your train for a delightful dinner.

**7:30 pm:** Dinner is served in the dining cars. Overnight on board.

*Dress: Formal*

Overnight aboard the ROVOS RAIL. (All Meals)

#### DAY 5~SUNDAY~ MAY 4

##### ROVOS RAIL~ MATJIESFONTEIN

Breakfast is served in the dining cars between 7:00 am and 10:00 am while the train travels through the Karoo, a vast semi-desert region that was once an enormous inland sea. It is an area of striking natural beauty, with immense open plains, deep ravines, spectacular waterfalls, and prehistoric rock formations. Rugged yet graceful, a long-forgotten land, it was once the very cradle of humankind. Over millions of years, volcanic matter was ground down and deposited as silt upon the seabed to form what geologists call the Karoo system. The name Karoo comes from an ancient San word meaning "Land of Great Thirst," a reference to the arid landscape and harsh climate.



**1:00 pm:** Lunch is served in the dining cars. After lunch, there is a chance for guests to disembark the train at Whitehill Siding and walk the 3 miles into Matjiesfontein, an authentic, pristine Victorian village founded in 1890. A member of the Rovos staff will accompany the group. Stroll through the historic village and visit the majestic Lord Milner Hotel. There are two museums, the Marie Rawdon Museum and the Transport Museum with the London Bus, vintage trains, and cars.

**4:30 pm:** Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. About an hour after Matjiesfontein, the train arrives at the first of four tunnels on the pass. The first tunnel is 8.33 miles long so guests are to be careful when walking through the train and may wish to turn on necessary lights.

**7:30 pm:** Dinner is served as the train descends  $\pm 2,460$  feet down the escarpment towards Worcester. *Dress: Formal.*

Overnight aboard the ROVOS RAIL. (All Meals)

#### DAY 6~MONDAY~ MAY 5

##### ROVOS RAIL~ CAPE TOWN

Breakfast is served in the dining cars between 7:00 am and 9:30 am. The train travels through the Hex River Valley. Around 10:00 am, you will be approaching South Africa's "Mother City", Cape Town, where you transfer to your hotel and meet up with the group arriving from the US this evening.





## INCLUSIONS

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- Flight between Cape Town/Skukuza/Johannesburg on the main program.
- Round-trip flight Johannesburg/Victoria Falls on the post-extension.
- Three nights aboard Rovos Rail on the pre-extension, in Pullman suite, with all meals; all beverages on board Rovos; room service; limited laundry service; guided excursions (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; government tax.
- Superior accommodations throughout at hotels, lodges and camps as listed in the itinerary, or similar.
- Breakfast daily, all meals while on safari and other meals as indicated in itinerary.
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned motorcoach. Game runs in Kruger are in open 4X4 vehicles.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles during touring.
- All applicable hotel/lodge gratuities and taxes.
- Graham Johanson, specialist guide, will escort the tour with a minimum of 10 travelers on all programs.
- W&L host will escort the tour with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main program and 10 travelers on the extensions.
- Gratuities to specialist guide, drivers, ranger at Imbali, staff at Rovos Rail, hotel staff, and other conveyance attendants.
- All entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and water bottle.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation coverage.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Flight from USA to Cape Town returning from Johannesburg. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for South Africa. Visas are required for Zimbabwe.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

**Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, But Is Subject To Change.**





## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA

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### Participants:

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles unassisted.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns, attractions, or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill.

### In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur.
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity.
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, all locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

### Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start city for this program is Cape Town and the end city is Johannesburg, South Africa.**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*





# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

**INCLUDING:** CAPE TOWN, CAPE POINT, WINELANDS, IMBALI SAFARI LODGE IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK & JOHANNESBURG POST EXTENSION TO VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE & PRE- EXTENSION ABOARD ROVOS RAIL

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** W&L LIFELONG LEARNING

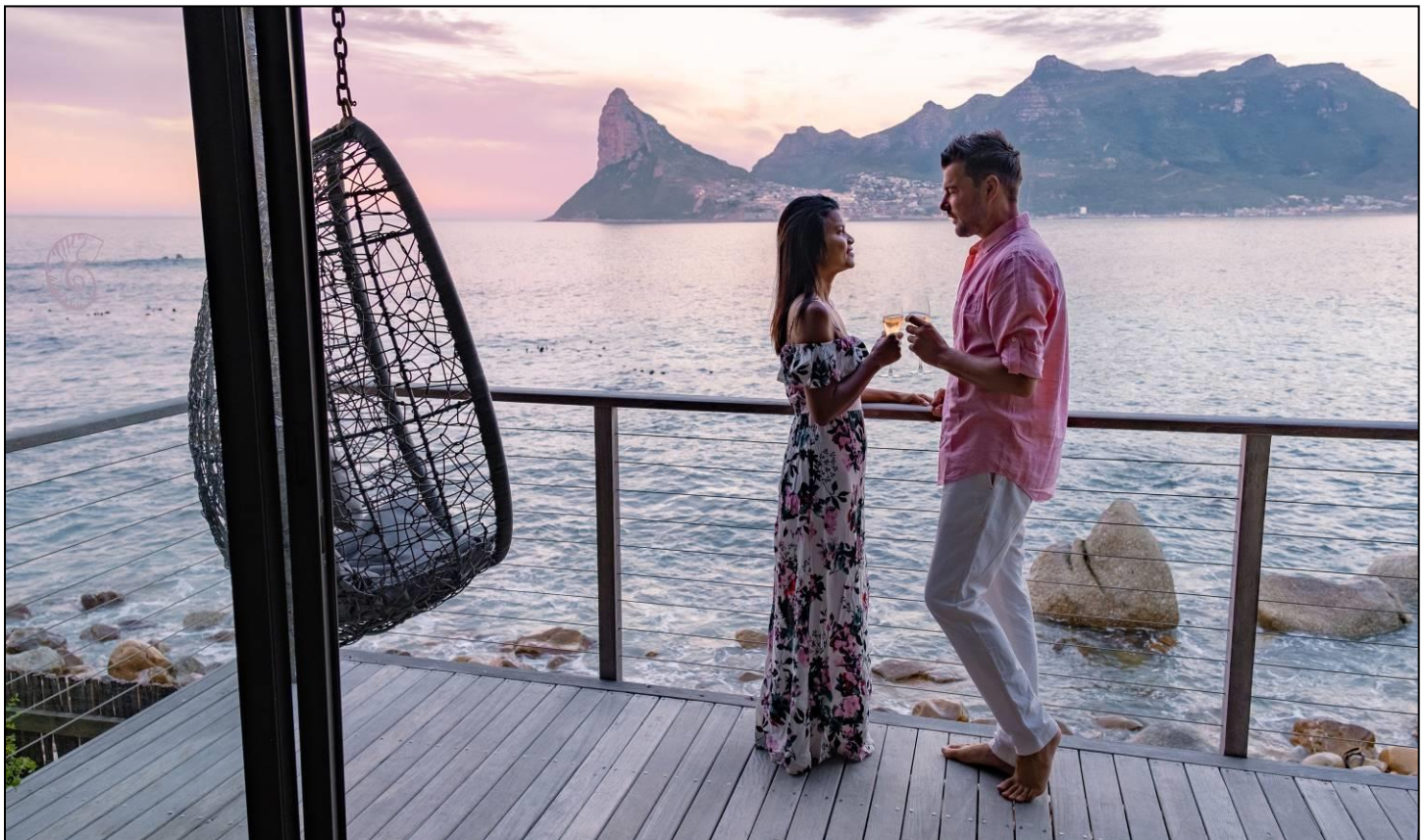
**ESCORTED BY:** A W&L HOST

**DATES:** MAY 4 TO 15, 2025

COST: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM	POST EXTENSION	PRE-EXTENSION ABOARD ROVOS RAIL
	BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND PACKAGE & AIR WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA	\$10,695 PER PERSON	\$4,495 PER PERSON	\$5,295 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$3,995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$1,495 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$1,795 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

*\*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

**INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/ depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start city is Cape Town and the end city for this program is Johannesburg.**





## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "You" and "Traveler"), and Classic Escapes ("Classic Escapes", "We", "Us") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("Terms", "Agreement"):

### REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

**HOW TO BOOK:** For the ease of registering online, please visit: <https://go.wlu.edu/southafrica>.

**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** You will be required to pay the following per person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- \$2,200 for the main trip
- \$900 for the post-extension
- \$1,500 for the pre-extension

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure (January 29, 2025) unless otherwise stated. Some fares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Payments may be made by check, wire transfer or with a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.) Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS:** If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**ADDITIONAL FEES:** Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see your "Journey at a Glance" for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.



**GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers, rangers at Imbali, specialist guide and hotel staff are included.

## CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION:** Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and cancelled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (November 5, 2024), we will happily refund the full deposit.
- November 6, 2024 to January 27, 2025, \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 on main trip, \$300 on post-extension and \$750 on pre-extension non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- January 28 to February 17, 2025, deposit is forfeited.
- February 18 to March 5, 2025, 25% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (March 6, 2025), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**REFUNDS:** While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

**CHANGES:** Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

## DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORTS:** All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

**REAL ID:** Beginning October 1, 2021, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit [www.tsa.gov/real-id](http://www.tsa.gov/real-id).

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.



Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

## TRANSPORTATION

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**FLIGHT CONFIRMATION:** We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:** Federal law prohibits passengers from carrying hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

**INSECTICIDE NOTICE:** Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

**BAGGAGE & FEES:** Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also be listed on your final documents.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.



**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

### TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans, unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**GUIDES:** If one of Classic Escapes' guides are unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

**TOUR ITINERARY:** To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <http://travel.state.gov>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

### **COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must maintain suitable physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. Travelers MAY be required to wear masks in vehicles, indoor areas, and any outdoor areas where physical distancing is not possible and in accordance with local regulations. Noncompliance with these procedures will result in the suspension of the journey. **Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing, quarantine, or become infected with COVID-19.** Classic Escapes will endeavor to provide assistance wherever possible.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel

service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY:** We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motorcoach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated to Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third party entities.

**LIABILITY:** Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage which may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

**REFUSAL OF SERVICE:** Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

**ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE:** Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgement and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS:** We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

**GOVERNING LAW:** The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.





