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SOUTH AFRICA

May 5 to 15, 2025



A Discovery Journey of Cape Town, The Winelands,
and a Safari in Kruger National Park



"They say an elephant never forgets. What they don't tell you is, you never forget an elephant."

Bill Murray (American actor, comedian, and writer)

Exploring South Africa



Welcome to South Africa, a nation of incredible diversity dedicated to the protection of its wildlife and wild habitats and the preservation of its cultural roots. From the wild landscapes of its protected parks and reserves to its modern cities and traditional townships and the bucolic elegance of the Winelands, it is truly *A World in One Country*. Here are some of the areas you will be visiting:



Cape Town: 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.

Winelands: Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route.

Kruger National Park: 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 Specialist Guide: Graham Johansson



Graham Johansson is a professional guide, and accomplished wildlife photographer. Born and raised on a farm in Zambia, he found passion in the intangible harmony and beauty of the wilds at an early age. He is a gifted naturalist and well versed in current and historic affairs, sports, and South African wine. Graham's long and intimate love affair with Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, as well as East Africa countries of Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda, make him one of the most sought-after guides in the business.



You will be filled with excitement as you board your plane to South Africa!
Arrive Cape Town the next day, South Africa's 'mother' city!



Vineyard Hotel & Spa

This beautiful establishment comprises the original home of Lady Anne Barnard and new bedrooms 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, both mountain and courtyard facing.





Explore the Cape of Good Hope where you are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, and blue sea.

Cape Town is encompassed in the Cape Floral Region, which is home to the highest known concentration of plant species in the world.



There are 9,600 known species which include 1% of the world's flowering plants. Seventy percent of the species found here exist nowhere else on Earth giving it the reputation of being the hottest of hot spots.

Baboons



Cape Mountain Zebra



Look for baboons and Cape Mountain Zebra, then visit the African Penguin colony at Boulder's Beach.

Explore Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, one of the most beautiful gardens in the world!





Dinner at Mint Restaurant

Return to Cape Town and enjoy a welcome dinner at the Mint Restaurant.





Learn how to cook at a private home at Cape Malay/Bo-Kaap



Tour the District Six Museum and Langa Township, the oldest apartheid township in the Cape.



Table Mountain

Get a feel of what Cape Town is all about by taking a cable car to the top of Table Mountain, the signature of this city, easily one of the most recognizable mountains in the world.





Hyraxes are everywhere on Table Mountain...
can you believe that genetically they're the closest living relatives to the elephant?



Discover the wine lands nestled below the Boland Mountains



Stay at Le Quartier Francais for two nights

From any point of view, Le Quartier Français is a splash of style in the heart of the historic village of Franschhoek, a quaint corner of the Cape Winelands that is forever a little French. 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 newly refurbished, spacious rooms are stylishly furnished with modern fittings, refreshing colors, and brilliant hand-painted fabrics.





The Western Cape

Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route.



Babylonstoren Farm & Fairview Wine Estate



On your second day here start with a stop at the award winning Babylonstoren farm where you will enjoy a relaxing tour of the farm gardens.

In Fairview Wine Estate, enjoy a unique Cheese and Wine tasting.





Return to Cape Town for your flight to Kruger National Park.



Kruger National Park

It is home to an unparalleled diversity of wildlife and is maintained by one of the world's most sophisticated management systems. Your guide will interpret the ecosystems and animal behavior and help you to identify the strands in the web of life.





Typical Daily Safari Schedule

- Coffee/tea and snacks are supplied at the main area in the morning before game runs.
- Coffee/tea and biscuits are provided once during the game run.
- Return for full brunch and then siesta time.
- Some camps also offer lunch – quite an overkill – too much food! You will never starve on safari.
- Afternoon snacks are offered before afternoon game run.
- Sundowners are offered during afternoon game run.
- Return to full dinner and drinks afterwards around the campfire.

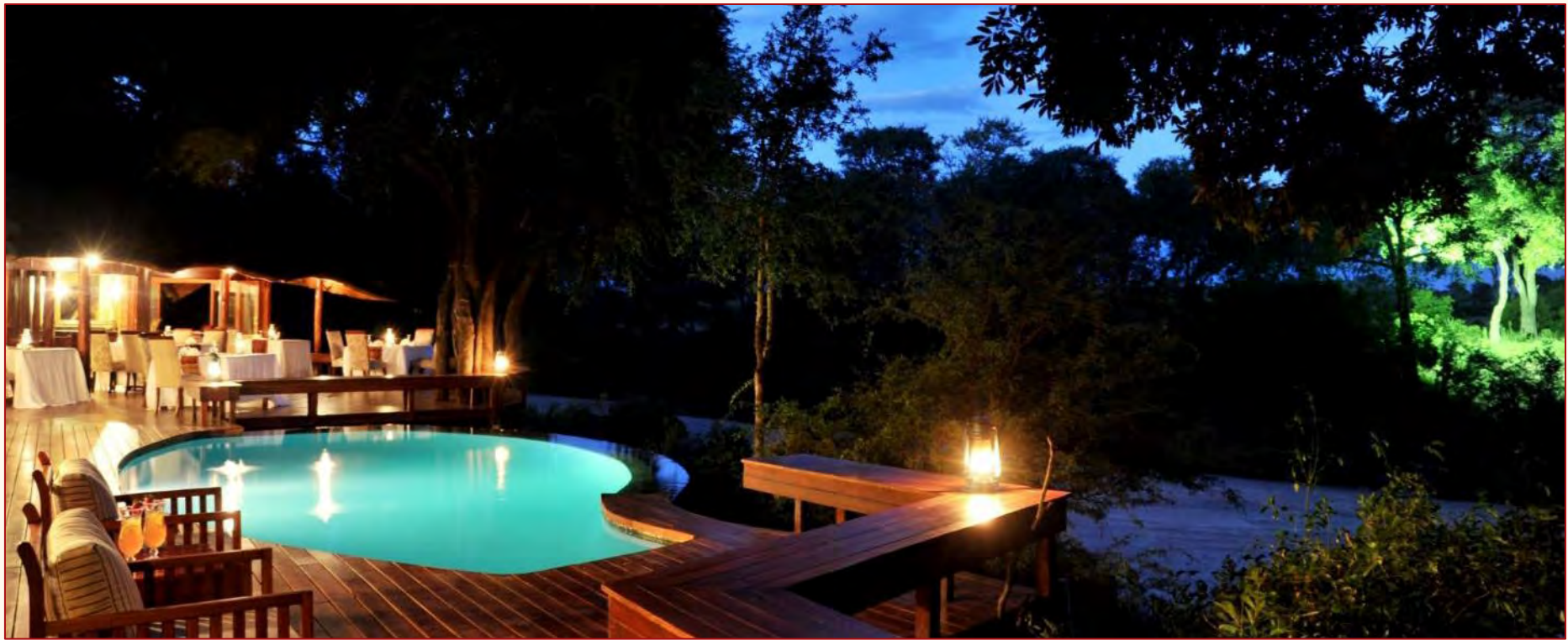




Imbali Safari Lodge for 3 nights

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 is comprised of twelve suites of comfortable luxury, the ideal place to end your ultimate adventure.





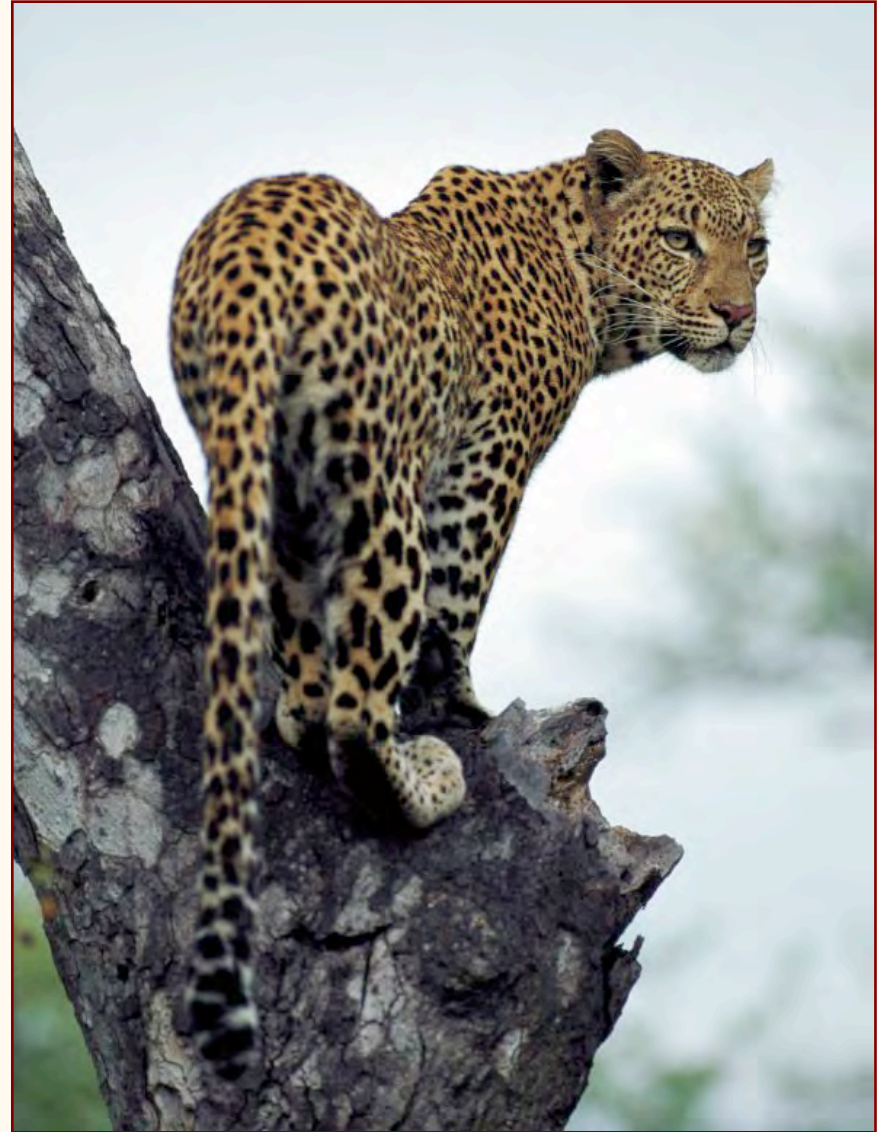


A variety of activities are available at the lodge. These include wildlife safaris, guided walks, health spa visits, bush picnics, and more!





Cheetah



Leopard sightings are good and always a highlight of any safari.



African Wild Dog is more difficult as it is more elusive and highly endangered.



Hyena and young



Giraffe



Beautiful kudu ... male & female





And the McDonald's of the bush!

It's not always the big things that attract. Looking at the little things is also interesting...
the leopard tortoise







There's always a beautiful sunset waiting for you at the end of the day!



Savor one last wildlife drive before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg.



Stay at Fairlawns Hotel for one night

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.





Apartheid Museum & Soweto

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.





Optional Post-Extension to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe:
Winding paths and walkways offer several views of its 5,600-foot width.
It is the largest curtain of falling water in the world.





Stay at Victoria Falls Hotel for two nights

The Victoria Falls Hotel is the 'Grand Dame' of Victoria Falls. For over 100 years, 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.





Enjoy a sundowner cruise on the
mighty Zambezi River









Optional Pre-Extension aboard the Rovos Rail



Fly to Johannesburg, where you will be met and transferred to Pretoria,
one of the three capitals of South Africa



Stay at Sheraton Pretoria Hotel for the night





Transfer to the gracious, colonial-style railway station at Capital Park to board the Pride of Africa, Rovos Rail.



The Big Hole, the largest hand-dug excavation in the world.



Kimberley's Diamond Mine Museum



Headframe at the historical Big Hole

Matjiesfontein



Hex River Valley





Your Adventure Cost



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Cost: Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy	Main Program Based on 10 travelers	Post-Extension to Victoria Falls Based on 10 travelers	Pre-Extension aboard Rovos Rail 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
<p>The cost of this 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*The start city for this program is Cape Town and the end city is Johannesburg.</p>			

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