

Culture, Wildlife & Nature

Cape Town, Johannesburg, Kruger Park

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MARCH 04 – 12, 2023

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Deposit can be made by Credit Card or by check payable to: Carol James 336 Meeker Street, South Orange NJ 07079.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Take the Cable Car to Table Mountain
- Travel to Cape Peninsula and see the African penguins at Boulders Beach
- Wine tastings in Stellenbosch & Franschhoek
- Cultural Dinner experience and learn African rhythms at a drumming session
- Be moved and inspired at the Apartheid Museum
- Safari into Kruger Park to see the Big 5
- Join a traditional Shangaan feast with dance and song
- Explore the natural beauty of the Panorama Route
- Be amazed and inspired during your tour of Soweto township
- Hosted from North America and locally escorted
- Breakfast daily, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners
- 8 Nights hotel accommodation
- Sightseeing as mentioned

Excludes :

- Meals not listed, items of a personal nature, Tips and Gratuities, Round trip Air from JFK and all intra Africa flights and taxes.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

1. March 04 - 07, 2022..... Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel (3 nights)
2. March 07 - 08, 2022..... Southern Sun Katherine Street (1 night)
3. March 08 - 10, 2022..... Hippo Hollow Country Estate (2 nights)
4. March 10 - 12, 2022..... Southern Sun Katherine Street (2 nights)

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There is absolutely no doubt South Africa is blessed with spectacular natural beauty, a fantastic climate and diversely interesting regions with diverse cultures. To say that South Africa is a virtual paradise is a true statement. The country geographically consists of an unspoiled coastline stretching for 2800 kilometres/1740 miles, dramatic mountains and escarpments, extensive bushveld, subtropical forest and outstanding wetlands. Although a comparatively large country, South Africa is easy to get around due to its excellent air and rail services.

MAR 03, 2023 INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

International Flight to South Africa (Not Included)

MAR 04, 2023 CAPE TOWN ARRIVAL

(D)

Upon arrival in Cape Town, your local guide will be at the airport and a private coach and driver will transfer the group to your hotel.

Cape Town is located in the southwest corner of South Africa near the Cape of Good Hope. With its unrivalled natural beauty, Cape Town is certainly a highlight of Southern Africa. Originally intended as a supply station for Dutch ships en route to Eastern Africa, India and the Far East, by 1652, Cape Town had become the first permanent European settlement in South Africa. As time passed other settlements were created, yet the Cape Colony looked to Cape Town as its economic and cultural hub.

Time permitting ride on a cable car to the summit of legendary Table Mountain (weather dependant) for a view of the city and the surrounding layout of the southernmost tip of Africa. Spend time up there exploring.

Drive by Parliament, City Hall & the Slave Lodge. Drive through the Malay Quarter. Discover the unique culture, lifestyle and personality of the Cape Muslim Community and their contribution to South Africa's development. Enjoy a diamond workshop tour and then have free time for Lunch at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Dinner at the hotel this evening

Accommodation : Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel (3 nights)

MAR 05 PENINSULA TOUR & DINNER

(BD)

After breakfast you meet your tour guide and set out on a full day Peninsula Tour

Drive along Millionaires Paradise from Clifton to Camps Bay and Llandudno, heading towards the charming working harbour of Hout Bay for a short cruise. Wind along the legendary Chapman's Peak Drive hugging the cliffs and relishing the breath taking ocean views. You end up at the wild and beautiful Cape of Good Hope Section of the Table Mountain National Park, an integral part of the world renowned Cape Floral Kingdom. Once at Cape Point, you will have time to explore. Funicular ride to the top included. Why walk when you could take the Flying Dutchman! Cape Town's funicular was named after the legendary 17th century ghost ship that was destroyed in the dark and stormy seas of Cape Point on its way back to Holland from Jakarta. A Flying Dutchman funicular experience is far from ill-fated as you arrive at the summit of Cape Point to uninterrupted panoramic views across the Atlantic and over the bay at the historic lighthouse. On the return, stop at in Simon's town, lunch on own account. Here visit the penguins at Boulders beach. Later return to Cape Town.

Tonight, group will be taken to Gold Restaurant for dinner and interactive drumming. Gold Restaurant is a unique African restaurant in the heart of Cape Town. An evening here begins with a djembe drumming session, followed by a hand-washing ceremony and afterwards, you will tuck into the set 3-course meal consisting of 14 'taster dishes'. This dining experience can best be described as a taste safari that will transport you from Table Mountain to Timbuktu. This culinary experience is accompanied by a unique interactive traditional entertainment.

MAR 06 ROBBEN ISLANDS & CAPE WINELANDS

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel and then make your way to the V & A waterfront and will walk to the ferry terminal with the guide for your tour to Robben Island.

Embark on your 3 ½-hour tour of Robben Island. Robben Island needs no introduction with regards to the significance of its place in South Africa's and indeed the world's history. You will have a guided tour and see where Nelson Mandela spent 18 years of the 27 years of his incarceration imprisoned on the island. After the tour you will have free time for Lunch at the waterfront (own cost)

Next travel to Stellenbosch in the winelands region. Although there are over 70 wine growing regions around Cape Town, the Cape Wineland region usually refers to the three most popular, Franschhoek, Stellenbosch and Paarl. A superb afternoon dedicated to celebrating the glorious grape, the exceptional winelands region, and the heavenly scenery. The area's rich with history, and we can't help but feel it as we move through the region to experience a orientation tour a cellar tour with wine tasting, where you'll learn all about the process of winemaking, from grape to goblet. Return to Cape Town, evening at leisure

MAR 07 FLY CAPE TOWN TO JOHANNESBURG

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Johannesburg. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. You will have time on your own for lunch (own cost)

Then visit the legendary Apartheid Museum. This is an interactive voyage of discovery, one which takes you from the dark days of 'whites only' privilege, through to Nelson Mandela's historic release. The Apartheid Museum is a multimedia experience, with documentary film snippets, texts, sound clips and live accounts, recapturing life in the dark days of South Africa. It's a fascinating tour, filled with tales of bravery and sadness, but ultimately, it's a story with the right ending. We travel back to the hotel at the end of the tour.

Accommodation : Southern Sun Katherine Street (1 night)



MAR 08 JOHANNESBURG TO HAZYVIEW

(BD)

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Today you will travel overland to Hazyview. On arrival check into your hotel.

Hippo Hollow Country Estate is situated outside Hazyview on the Sabi River between the Drakensberg mountains to the west and the low-lying bushveld to the east. It is the ideal destination from which to access the reserves of the Lowveld and the sights of Mpumalanga. Relax at one of the two beautifully positioned swimming pools set amongst lush gardens, which provide a welcome respite from the heat of the Lowveld. Or, you could take a Helicopter Adventure, where you will swoop over deep and mysterious gorges, linger above roaring rivers and cascading waterfalls and view the fascinating and dramatic rock formations of the Blyde River Canyon. As yet another adventure under the African Blue skies draws to an end, enjoy a cocktail on the patio overlooking the Sabi River, where you may hear the laughter of the hippopotamus, or the daunting call of the fiery necked nightjar.

Evening Shangaan Dinner (subject to numbers as not exclusive use)

Shangaan River Club welcomes all to the festivities where traditional South African and Shangaan cuisine form a feast in the true sense of the word. Immerse yourself in a wealth of culture with a night of Shangaan dance and song enthusiastically provided by children from a local AIDS orphanage, which provides shelter and education for abandoned street children. The children's participation ensures they are re-united with their true African heritage, thus preserving the legacy for generations to come. With each song, the local chief narrates a song or proverb from tribal legend, sharing the rich heritage and customs of the Shangaan people.

*Minimum 25 people required for the show and dinner. Alternately, dinner is in the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation : Hippo Hollow Country Estate (2 nights)

MAR 09 PRIVATE HALF-DAY GAME DRIVE IN KRUGER PARK (B)

We set off before breakfast in open safari vehicles in search of lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, and all manner of wondrous wildlife, birds and plants besides. Stop in the park for a Barbeque Bush brunch before heading back to the lodge at Noon.

Free time in the afternoon before your optional excursion

MAR 10 OVERLAND VIA PANORAMA ROUTE

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel and then travel overland back to Johannesburg via the glorious Panorama route taking in the spectacular scenery. Mpumalanga is a magnificent region, home to many of South Africa's most spectacular natural sights. Gasp at

the glory of the never-ending Lowveld landscape from the ledge of God's Window, a boundless view of forested mountains and fertile plains, explore the extraordinary rock formations of Bourke's Luck Potholes, one of nature's most intriguing creations and 3 Rondavels at the legendary Blyde River Canyon, third largest in the world. On arrival in Johannesburg, check into the hotel.

Accommodation : Southern Sun Katherine Street, Johannesburg (2 nights)

MAR 11 SOWETO GUIDED TOUR

(BL)

Breakfast at the hotel and then today we begin our half day guided Soweto tour.

You know the name. It is a legend. SOWETO, acronym for South Western Township, is home to over 2 million people, who, despite living in crowded and chaotic conditions, have a tangible sense of community, one which ironically, the ordered, walled, elitist northern suburbs lack. Many South Africans gave much, some gave all, to achieve a truly democratic South Africa. Come with us on this full day tour which shares some of the journey, pain and struggle of those heroes.

Our day begins at a significant stop is the fascinating Regina Mundi Church, site of so many of the underground meetings of the then banned political parties. Standing in here, you can feel the tension, picture the intensity, the strain on the faces of those unthinkably brave souls, committed at any cost to changing the way of life of a nation.

Next visit the Hector Pieterse Museum, where we start to unravel the cause of the devastating riots, before travelling past Mandela House, where you have the option of visiting this small museum. We have chosen to lunch in Soweto at a local restaurant, the Sakhumzi's Restaurant. Sakhumzi Restaurant is located in Soweto – the largest black township in South Africa. Vilakazi Street, the tourist Mecca of Soweto, is where Sakhumzi opens its doors to anyone and everyone – from locals, to tourists and even corporate groups. Sakhumzi is a restaurant with true 'kasi' flavour. Kasi, meaning township – a vibrant community welcoming everyone in for lively local tunes and authentic home cooked Soweto food

Return to the hotel and rest of afternoon is at your leisure.

MAR 12 DEPART FOR HOME

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Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

MAR 13 ARRIVE HOME

