

# Ultimate African Adventure 13 days/12 nights South Africa & Namibia Cape Town, Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope, Dutch Country, Kruger Park, Johannesburg, Windhoek, Namib Safari, Wildlife, Ecology, Adventure

South Africa: This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of African, Asian and European cultures. Spend your days: discovering the gourmet restaurants, impressive art and nightlife scenes and fine beaches of Cape Town; enjoying a typical local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browsing the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sampling some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotted around the picturesque Cape Winelands. Due to its rich and turbulent history there are plenty of historical attractions to explore including the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, South Africa's attraction lies in its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

# Day 1: Cape Town

Upon arrival at Cape Town Airport you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Cape Town. The rest of the day is free to rest from the long trip and recuperate a little of your jet leg. Accommodation at the hotel.

#### Day 2: Cape Town - Table Mountain

After breakfast pick up for morning half-day Cape Town City and Table Mountain tour. Take a ride up the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway (weather permitting) to get to the summit of Table Mountain from where, on clear day, you get spectacular views of the City, its Waterfront, Camps Bay, the majestic Hottentots Holland Mountains to the East and the mountains of the Cape Peninsula all the way down to Cape Point to the south. After descending the mountain, you will depart on a tour of the "Mother City" taking in Signal Hill – where the Noon Day Gun is fired at midday, every day except Sunday – through the colorful Bo-Kaap or Cape Malay Quarter, past the Grand Parade, City Hall and the Castle of Good Hope and South African Cultural History Museum and a visit to V&A Waterfront. Rest of day at leisure and overnight at the hotel. [B]

## Day 3: Cape Town - Cape of Good Hope

Enjoy a full day tour of Cape Point. Flank the cold Atlantic Ocean en route to Hout Bay and enjoy a half hour cruise to Seal Island. Then continue on to Cape Point and reach the Cape of Good Hope, where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. The Flying Dutchman funicular takes visitors at Cape Point up to the lighthouse, where there is an outstanding view of the point and ocean. The funicular is named after a ghost ship whose destiny it is to sail the oceans forever. This is the real Cape Point, the southern most point on the peninsula and a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breathtaking bays, beaches and rolling green hills and valleys. Afternoon visit to the Penguins at Boulders Beach and, then, continue to the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens that showcases some of the Cape's rich flora and is rated as the seventh best of its kind in the world. Return to the hotel for overnight. [B]

# Day 4: Cape Town - Winelands

Depart for a Winelands tour and start by enjoying the beauty and tranquility of the Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch Winelands. After stop at the Afrikaans Language Monument continue to Stellenbosh, a blend of historical architecture, student life, epicurean delights and oak-lined avenues surrounded by mountains and vineyards. A walking tour of the town center allows visitors to take in its beautifully preserved Cape Dutch and Victorian architecture, as well as the many enticing art galleries, craft shops, clothing boutiques and gift stores. This is also the ideal base from which to explore the renowned local wine route, boasting a high proportion of the country's leading wine estates. The town named Franschoek, meaning "French Corner" as it



was founded by French Huguenots settlers, has a fascinating heritage showcased at the Huguenot Memorial Museum. After the visit return to Cape Town for overnight at the hotel. [B]

# Day 5: Cape Town, Kruger National Park

After breakfast check out and depart for Cape Town Airport to board a flight to Skukuza Airport the gateway to Kruger National Park. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Imbali Lodge, your home for the next 2 days that you will spend on safari. Depending on the arrival time of your flight you may be able to enjoy lunch at the lodge. Enjoy your first game drive this afternoon and return to the lodge for some relaxation and dinner. [B/L/D]

# **Day 6: Kruger National Park**

Enjoy the morning game drive and breakfast, morning at leisure to enjoy the African bush. Lunch at the lodge before you go on the afternoon game drive. As one of the first private concessions in the Kruger National Park, Mluwati has worked tirelessly to ensure the sustainability of this pristine wilderness that for over 100 years has been a sanctuary for over 114 reptiles, 34 amphibians and 147 mammal species, including Africa's Big Five. With some of Kruger's most spectacular landscapes and an extraordinary variety of wildlife, bird life and plant life within the concession, each safari experience is unique. Guests can enjoy a morning and afternoon safari in open 4 x 4 vehicles. The early morning safaris are very rewarding with light for photography. Lions are still lively and on the move at this time, antelope are more energetic and an abundance of birds may also be seen. The afternoon safaris provide an opportunity to see nocturnal animals and perhaps even the elusive Leopard. Tea and coffee is served before the morning safari departs and in the afternoon you will enjoy high tea before setting off. Dinner is also served at the lodge. [B/L/D]

## Day 7: Kruger Park, Johannesburg

After the morning game drive and breakfast, transfer to Skukuza Airport for flight to Johannesburg. In Johannesburg you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure. [B]

#### Day 8: Johannesburg

After breakfast leave for a tour of Soweto beginning with a visit of the legendary Apartheid Museum. This is an interactive voyage of discovery, one which takes you from the dark days through to Nelson Mandela's historic release. Then we continue to Soweto, the town known for its devastating riots. On 16 June 1976 what began as a peaceful march in the name of educational reforms turned to chaos when police troops responded to the demonstrating students with a barrage of live bullets and teargas. One of the most tragic casualties of this debacle was 13-year-old Hector Pieterson, who was killed when he was caught in the crossfire. The Hector Museum, located close to the site of his death, was built to commemorate his untimely passing and the events that ultimately caused it. Then continue past Mandela House, where you have the option of visiting this small museum. Return to hotel. [B]

Namibia: With its well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders, touring Namibia is truly a pleasure. Visit the capital of Windhoek and the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund to discover remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon Park; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with local subspecies, such as desert lions, desert elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for nearly 1000 km along the magnificent Atlantic coastline. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.

## Day 9: Johannesburg, Windhoek

Transfer to Johannesburg Airport for flight to Windhoek. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the entertainment facilities the hotel offers. Windhoek is Namibia's capital, home to a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well organized, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern



buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste (Old Fort), the 1896 Christuskirche (Christ Church), and the more contemporary Supreme Court. Overnight in Windhoek. [B]

# Day 10: Windhoek, Namib

Depart Windhoek around lunchtime and travel south for approximately four hours. You will drive through Spreetshoogte Pass offering one of Namibia's most spectacular views from the top, where the land drops off by roughly 6,500 feet, creating a natural vantage point overlooking the vast, semi-desert plains and the arid mountains beyond. Along the way there are viewpoints from where you can admire the Namib Desert, the oldest and driest on earth, offering a very unique landscape of very high dunes only found in this part of the world. Another unique stop is the remote settlement of Solitaire, a place where desert travelers stop for fuel and provisions. Some campsites are also located nearby. Arrive at your lodge on time for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

# Day 11: Namib

Stretching across the pink-orange sands of the Namib Desert and the Naukluft Mountains to the east, the Namib-Naukluft National Park is Africa's biggest wildlife reserve. Despite the unforgiving conditions it is inhabited by a large number of desert-adapted animals, including reptiles, buck, hyenas, jackals and insects. Enter the Namib Naukluft National Park at sunrise and watch the first sunlight turn the desert into a picture of stark and almost extra-terrestrial beauty. Namib Naukluft National park, Namibia's largest nature reserve, home to the spectacular Naukluft Mountains and the largest and most beautiful dunes in the world. Travel down the Tsauchab River Valley to the famous Sossusvlei, one of Namibia's most striking attractions, surrounded by red large dunes some of them reaching almost 1,300 feet. Enjoy a picnic lunch under age-old Camelthorn trees before returning to the lodge by the Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges. The canyon's name was coined when early settlers used it as a water source, using six lengths of leather ('ses riem – six thongs) tied together to lower buckets into the water at the base of canyon. Late afternoon take a sundowner drive to the natural Marble Mountains a popular trip to observe desert creatures and stargazing. Overnight at the Namib Naukluft Lodge. [B/L/D]

#### Day 12: Namib, Windhoek

After breakfast travel back to Windhoek via the Remshoogte Pass arriving mid afternoon. The Remshoogte Pass is another popular route between Windhoek and the Namib Desert. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Windhoek. [B]

## Day 13: Windhoek, USA

Transfer to Windhoek Airport for you flight to Johannesburg Airport connecting with your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



#### Your tour includes:

- Transfers in:
  - o Cape Town
  - o Kruger Park
  - o Johannesburg
  - o Windhoek
- 8 nights accommodations:
  - o Cape Town − 4 nights
  - Kruger Park 2 nights
  - Johannesburg 2 nights
  - Windhoek 2 nights
  - o Namib − 2 nights
- · Meals:
  - Breakfast daily
  - o 3 lunches
  - o 4 dinners
- Cape Town city tour
- · Half-day tour of Table Mountain
- Visit V&A Waterfront
- Tour of Cape Point
- · Tickets for Cape Point funicular
- Visit Boulders Beach
- Tour of the Wine Country visiting:

- o Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- o Paarl
- o Franschhoek
- o Stellenbosch
- · Visit the Apartheid Museum
- Visit Soweto
- Visit Hector Pieterson Museum
- · 2-day safari drives at Kruger National Park
- Drive through Namib Desert
- Namib-Naukluft National Park
- Sesriem Canyon
- Entrance fees for included visits
- · Assistance at airports and hotels
- · English speaking assistants, drivers and guides

#### Price does not include:

- · International or domestic airfares
- · Any taxes relates to airfares or airports
- · Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- · Tips to guides or drivers
- · Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"





**Hotels on your Tour:** 

Cape Town	The Commodore ****	Tripadvisor: 4
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Overlooking the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront with views of Table Mountain, Robben Island, the Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean is the Commodore, Legacy's flagship hotel in Cape Town. Stylish living, quality service and a tranquil setting have ensured that our guests return year after year, be it as businessmen or tourists excited to experience all that is the Mother City.

# Kruger National Park Imbali Safari Lodge \*\*\*\*\* Tripadvisor: 4.5

An exclusive lodge within the world-renowned Kruger National Park, Imbali Safari Lodge continues the safari tradition of a bygone era. Imbali Safari Lodge is the central point within the Imbali Safari concession, offering accommodation in spacious, private suites each furnished in understated luxury overlooking the Nwatsitswonto riverbed. Capture the spirit of a classical African safari at Imbali Safari Lodge, set in its own 10 000 hectare private concession area of the world famous Kruger National Park. The lodge has been carefully designed and built in keeping with eco-sensitive policies, to ensure that there is little impact on the natural environment, as guests will bear witness to artifacts discovered during the building program. Accommodating 24 guests in luxury individual suites, with private plunge pool, it features large open expanses for better game-viewing. Five star suites enjoy stunning views over the river bed and onto the plains beyond.

# Johannesburg Crowne Plaza Rosebank \*\*\*\* Tripadvisor: 4

Crowne Plaza Johannesburg – The Rosebank is a modern and stylish Johannesburg Hotel that is ideally located for business and leisure travel. The establishment is only two blocks away from The Rosebank Gautrain station, 30 minutes drive from O.R.Tambo International Airport and a short drive from the Johannesburg and Sandton Business Districts. The hotel is in walking distance of the Rosebank Mall and the African Craft Market that offers visiting guests a wide array of up-market shopping and dining options. The hotel's central location makes it the ideal base to access famous Johannesburg tourist attractions such as the Apartheid Museum, Lion Park and Soweto.

# Windhoek Country Club Resort & Casino \*\*\*\* Tripadvisor: 3.5

Developed as a resort within the city, the Windhoek Country Club Resort offers businessmen, conference delegates or families the best of both worlds. The resort's unique combination of exceptional service, luxury accommodation and tranquil setting has ensured that it remains the final word in comfort and entertainment in Namibia. Enjoy a rendezvous with Lady Luck at the Desert Jewel Casino, play a round of golf on the superb 18-hole golf course, relax in the lazy river or take in any one of Windhoek's cultural sites

## Namib Naukluft Lodge \*\*\* Tripadvisor: 4

The Namib Desert – unique, with a variety of desert landscapes, gives Namibia its essential character. The Namib Naukluft Park is the largest Nature Reserve in Namibia and many private nature reserves are nestled at its borders to form a unity for wildlife and people alike. Namib Naukluft Lodge & Soft Adventure Camp is located on a unique 25,000 ha Private Nature Reserve which stretches from the Namib Desert to the Naukluft Mountains, bordering to the Namib Naukluft Park on both sides, East and West. This unique and peaceful place has been carefully developed by its nature loving owners Friedolf and Barbara Sturm and offers a great desert experience for the relaxed holidaymaker and the enthusiastic desert explorer.

## **Tour Prices:**

Season	Double	Single	Triple
Mar-Dec	\$3,795	\$4,535	\$3,795

Prices may change without notice

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