

African Beauty



and the Beasts

Tap into your adventurous spirit and join us on an 11-day exclusive journey through South Africa with your full-time tour director and licensed South African guide. Marvel at the “big five” and other wildlife in Kruger National Park while relaxing at your luxurious safari lodge. Learn about local culture and history, such as the Apartheid Era, as you explore the picturesque countryside on your way to Cape Town. Profit in all that this lively and beautiful coastal region has to offer from wine tasting, shopping, beaches and penguins!

Tour Begins September 12, 2011 in Johannesburg
Limited to 14 Guests

\$5475⁰⁰ USD Based on Double Occupancy • Single Supplement Charge 15%
DEPARTURE GUARANTEED WITH MINIMUM SEVEN PERSONS

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

Most meals: Daily Breakfast, 5 Lunches, 8 Dinners
 Superior hotels, portorage service
 All entrance, park and conservation fees
 Airport transfers and domestic flight
 Interactive cooking class, wine tasting
 Alcoholic beverages with 3 dinners
 Full-time tour leader, licensed guide and park ranger

EXCLUDED

Alcoholic beverages (except as described in itinerary)
 Personal purchases
 Charges to hotel room such as phone, room service, laundry, spa services, Internet, etc.
 Gratuity to local guide
 International airfare
 Travel Insurance
 Visa fees (not needed for South Africa)

See other side for detailed itinerary

ITINERARY

Day 1

Welcome to South Africa

Arrive in beautiful Florence then transfer to the forested hills of the Chianti region in time to enjoy wine tasting at your vineyard farmhouse. Enjoy a relaxing dinner in a nearby village while you get acquainted with your fellow travelers. **D**

Day 2

Spa Sojourn

Travel to Polokwane, capital of Limpopo province, to visit to Bakone Malapa Pedi Cultural Village, before continuing to Tzaneen via the picturesque town of Heanertsburg. Enjoy lunch at Sapeco Tea Estate before visiting “Big Tree,” the largest Baobab in the world with a pub inside the trunk! Before dinner at one of the finest restaurants in Limpopo, relax and enjoy Agatha Spa at Coach House Hotel & Spa. **B, L, D**

Days 3 - 5

Welcome the Beasts

Depart for Korangwe Private Game Reserve, part of Kruger National Park, and spend 3 days in the heart of the African bush in search of the “Big 5” and a host of other animals. Daily safaris will be by open vehicle or bush walk with a local ranger. Highlights include visits to Moholoholo animal rehabilitation center and Hoedspruit endangered species center, a local school and a *Sangoma* or medicine man. Delight in “Diamonds at Dusk” cocktail party / trunk show with a well-known South African jewelry designer. Help prepare local cuisine one evening at our beautiful lodge. **B, L, D each day including wine with dinner**

Day 6

The Beauty of Blyde River Canyon

Travel the “Panorama Route” of the majestic Drakensberg Mountains to admire the beauty of Blyde River Canyon, third deepest canyon in the world. Visit Bourke’s Luck Potholes and God’s Window and enjoy shopping en route. Savor lunch at the Famous Harries Pancakes in the picturesque town of Graskop before arriving at lovely Jatinga Country Lodge for the evening. **B, L, D**

Day 7

The Wines of South Africa

Enjoy a leisurely morning before flying to Cape Town and venturing north to wine country. Visit the picturesque town of Franschhoek before tasting wine at one of South Africa’s premier vineyards. Relax overnight in the beautiful countryside at Sugarbird Manor. **B**

Days 8 - 9

Embracing the Mother City: Cape Town

Visit the delightful town of Stellenbosch, the “Oak Capital of South Africa” on our scenic drive to Cape Town. Upon arrival in South Africa’s beautiful Mother City, take the cableway up Table Mountain to bask in the panoramic views (weather permitting). Enjoy a short orientation tour including the Castle of Good Hope, City Hall / Parade Ground and DEI Company Gardens. Settle into your beautiful waterfront hotel where you will spend the next 3 days. The next day will be at leisure with a host of optional activities from which to choose, such as: visit Robben island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 17 years; Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens; an energetic hike up Table Mountain; shark cage diving; or lounging on one of the numerous beautiful beaches. **B, D-1**

Day 10

Exploring the Cape Peninsula

Cruise from Hout Bay to Duiker Island to view a Cape Fur Seal colony. Continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve with over 4500 species of Fynbos plants, Cape Point, and the Cape of Good Hope — the most southwestern point of the continent. Top it off with an intriguing visit to see African penguins at the Boulders! Share stories of your journey during our farewell dinner at the lively Mamma Africa Restaurant. **B, D**

Day 11

Savor the Last Moments of South Africa

Time for last minute shopping and lunch at V&A Waterfront or an optional helicopter flip over the Cape Peninsula before transferring to the airport for your late departure home. **B**

B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner
Lodging subject to availability; comparable accommodations may have to be substituted

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