Pilanesberg & Cape Town

Pilanesberg National Park - Cape Town

6 Days / 5 Nights



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Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Bakubung Bush Lodge	Pilanesberg National Park	2	HB+	1x Double Room
Commodore Hotel	Cape Town	3	B&B	1x Double Room

Key
HB+: Half Board and one game drive per day
B&B: Bed and breakfast

Included

2 Night Accommodation - Pilanesberg
3 Night Accommodation - Cape Town
Tours & Transfers
Porterage

Excluded

Scheduled international & domestic flights - unless specifically mentioned
Travel insurance (essential)
Visas if required (see notes below)
Items of a personal nature, gratuities, curios
Park & River usage fees
Immunization, inoculation & medication
All services, meals & drinks not specified above
Surcharge for early/late pickups for road transfers between 21:00 and 06:00 (unless flight arrival/departure times are given at time of quotation)

Day 1: Bakubung Bush Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park



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.



The Pilansberg Game Reserve lies inside a 1300 million-year- old volcanic complex and offers a wide variety of beautiful landscapes. Pilansberg is home to a great diversity of plants and animals, including the Big 5, wild dog and 360 species of bird. Being on the Highveld, it is malaria free. It has great game drives for both day trippers and visitors staying in the various camps. If you like to mix a little glitz and glamour with your wildlife, South Africa's leading resort, Sun City, is only minutes away.

Day Itinerary

- On arrival at Johannesburg Airport you are met by your local guide and transferred to your lodge in the Pilanesberg.
- On Route you visit Lion Park where you do a game drive and have the opportunity to do an interaction with some of the animals they have at the park.

Lion Park

The park offers terrific up close views and other exciting interactions with a large variety of predators and large herbivores indigenous to Africa. The Lion Park is home to over 80 lions including the rare white lions and many other carnivores such as cheetah, wild dog, brown hyena, striped hyena, spotted hyena, black-backed jackal, side-striped jackal, and a wide variety of antelope which roam freely in the antelope area.





Overnight: Bakubung Bush Lodge [View iBrochure]

A mere two hour drive from the hustle and bustle of Johannesburg and ten minutes from Sun City, is a place of breathtaking beauty and serenity. Overlooking the rich expanses of the malaria-free Pilanesburg National Park, Bakubung, or 'People of the Hippo', offers guests Big 5 viewing in one of Africa's beautiful national parks. Guests are spoilt for choice be it having a cup of coffee overlooking our resident hippo in the waterhole, bushveld boma barbecues, game walks or the culinary experience of Bakubung's famous buffet.





Included

Half Board & Game

Day 2: Bakubung Bush Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park

Day Itinerary

- This morning you enjoy a game drive.
- You have the rest of the day at leisure to enjoy at Sun City
- You return to your lodge in time for your afternoon game drive

Sun City

Sun City is internationally renowned as South Africa's premier holiday resort and it offers a multitude of attractions and activities to keep everyone occupied. With its combination of golf, game and gambling, as well as world class hotels it is a mini Las Vegas in the African bush.





Included

Half Board & Game

Day 3: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town



Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Ocean, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town, is lucky enough to be blessed with all of these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.

Day Itinerary

Today you leave the Pilanesberg.

You visit Lesedi Cultural Village.

Flight to Cape Town.

On arrival in Cape Town you are met by your local guide and do a City orientation tour before going to your hotel to check in.

Castle of Good Hope

The Castle of Good Hope is the oldest surviving building in South Africa. Built between 1666 and 1679, this pentagonal fortification replaced a small clay and timber fort built by Commander Jan van Riebeeck in 1652 upon establishing a maritime replanishment station art the Cape of Good Hope for the Dutch East India Company, better known as the VOC (Verenigde Oos-Indische Compagnie).





Cape Town City Hall

The City Hall was built in 1905 and is one of Cape Town's architectural landmarks. It was also the site of Nelson Mandela's post release speech, when he addressed two hundred thousand people squashed into the Grand Parade.





Company Gardens

The Company Gardens is a treed haven in the middle of the city and is surrounded by museums and fascinating buildings - St Georges Cathedral, the Salve Museum, The National Art Gallery and the Jewish Museum to mention a few.





Bo Kaap

The colourful suburb of Bo Kaap was exclusively for coloured Muslims during the Colonial and Apartheid times and today, this group still makes up the majority of residents. The quaint cobbled streets, the museum, the authentic purveyors of Cape cuisine and Cape Town's oldest spice emporium are all worth a visit.





Overnight: Commodore Hotel [View iBrochure]

Overlooking the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront with views of Table Mountain, Robben Island, the Harbour 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.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 4: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

- This morning you are collected from your hotel for a full day Cape Point Tour.
- Highlights of a trip down to Cape Point include; one of the world's most spectacular drives, Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak, Noordhoek Beach, the Cape Point Nature Reserve, two lighthouses on the tip of Africa, Boulders Penguin Colony and Simonstown.

Seal Island Hout Bay

Trips departing from Hout Bay Harbour ferry passengers across to nearby Duiker Island – also known as Seal Island – where thousands of Cape Fur Seals can be seen in their natural habitat. The boat trip provides beautiful views of the bay, the harbour, The Sentinel and Chapman's Peak.





Chapman's Peak

Chapman's Peak Drive winds it way between Noordhoek and Hout Bay. Situated on the Atlantic Coast, at the south-western tip of South Africa, it is one of the most spectacular marine drives anywhere in the world. The 9km route, with its 114 curves, skirts the rocky coastline of Chapman's Peak. The drive offers stunning 180° views with many areas along the route where you can stop and take in the scenery or sit down for a relaxing picnic.





Cape Point

Cape Point is a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breathtaking bays, beaches and rolling green hills and valleys, just 60km outside of Cape Town. Cape Point falls within the Cape Floral Region, a World Heritage Site. The Cape Floral Region is one of the richest areas for plants in the world – it is home to nearly 20% of Africa's flora. Cape Point is open daily and is a must-see.





Cape Point Funicular

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. More information can be found at the museum.

Black Marlin

The Black Marlin is nestled unobtrusively on one of the most scenic coastlines in the Cape, en-route to Cape Point. During "whale season" patrons often enjoy their meal whilst watching whales in False Bay. It is the perfect setting for an idyllic luncheon or evening experience.

The Black Marlin offers an extensive menu with the main emphasis on seafood, complimented by other choices of fine contemporary cuisine. House specialities include Cape Rock lobster, Seafood platters, oysters and mussels.

Through the many years of providing top quality fresh seafood and impeccable service to the locals and foreign tourists, this restaurant has become world-famous.






Boulders Penguin Colony

The Boulders Visitor Centre is home to the famous colony of Jackass Penguins, so called for their hilarious braying call. This is a truly special experience and Table Mountain National Park staff are knowledgeable and offer guided tours. After you have fallen in love with the penguins head to the secluded Boulders Beach and take a swim in the comparatively warm waters of the False Bay.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 5: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

- This morning you are collected from your hotel for a full day Table Mountain & Winelands tour.
- Highlights of this tour include a ride in the Cable Car to the summit of Table Mountain, a winetasting at a renowned wine estate and the afternoon at leisure to explore the historical town of Stellenbosch.

Table Mountain

Without a doubt it is Table Mountain that makes Cape Town the unique city it is. Rising up over 1000m above sea level, it is the icon that makes Cape Town instantly recognizable. It is a symbol, a playground, a spiritual retreat and a big draw card for tourists. So intertwined with the identity of Cape Town is Table Mountain that a visit to the city isn't complete without having walked or taken the cable car to the top.





Franschhoek

Idyllically situated in the Cape Winelands, this peaceful country retreat is one of the oldest towns in South Africa. The once sleepy little village was named Franschhoek, meaning "French Corner" as it was founded by French Huguenots who fled Europe and were seeking a secluded hide-out. They found it in the fertile valley of Franschhoek and this heritage is showcased at the fascinating Huguenot Memorial Museum. The Cape Dutch architecture in much of the village remains remarkably well preserved as restrictions have been placed on the extent of renovations and new construction in order to preserve the spirit of the original settlers. The town's proximity to Cape Town allows for pleasant day trips during which visitors can explore the area's many world-class wine estates and impressive range of excellent restaurants or simply browse the quaint, upmarket boutiques strewn along the town's lovely tree-lined avenues.





Morgenhof Wine Estate

The illustrious Morgenhof Wine Estate is situated on the slopes of the Simonsberg Mountains, an area renowned for the high quality of its grapes and the distinctive terroir is reflected in the character of the exceptional wines. Morgenhof Wine Estate dates back to 1692.





Historic Stellenbosch

The recorded history of Stellenbosch goes back to 1679, when it was discovered by the Cape's first governor, Simon van der Stel, who earmarked it as a fertile valley ideal for agriculture and coined its name (a Dutch derivative of 'van der Stel's bush'). Along with Constantia, Stellenbosch was one of the earliest wine regions in the country, and to this day, continues to produce a kaleidoscopic range of fine wines. Historical tours of the town take in it many well-preserved old buildings, some constructed as early as the 18th century.

Included
Bed & Breakfast

Day 6: Departure

Day Itinerary
- You have the morning at leisure.
- This afternoon you transfer to Cape Town Airport where you check in for your onward flight.

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