Beauty, Trains and Wildlife

Cape Town - Pretoria - Johannesburg - Kruger Private Reserves

9 Days / 8 Nights



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Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Table Bay Hotel	Cape Town	3	B&B	Luxury Twin Room
Rovos Rail	Pretoria	2	FB	Pullman Suites
The Residence	Johannesburg	1	B&B	Luxury Room
Kapama Karula Lodge	Kruger Private Reserves	2	FB+	Superior Suite

Key
B&B: Bed and breakfast
FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch
FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

Included

3 Night Accommodation - Cape Town
2 Night Accommodation - Rovos Rail
1 Night Accommodation - Johannesburg
2 Night Accommodation - Kruger
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
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: Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town



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.



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

- On arrival at Cape Town Airport you are met by your guide and taken on 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: Table Bay Hotel [View iBrochure]

Set on Cape Town's historic V&A waterfront this elegant hotel offers 329 fully air-conditioned rooms, all of which feature views of either the ocean or Table Mountain. The rooms have luxurious walk-in cupboards, marble finishes and writing desks and each is equipped with a butler station and an honour bar. Bathrooms have separate showers and baths. Vanities include a personal hairdryer and a full range of internationally acclaimed cosmetics and toiletries. Hotel facilities include an outdoor pool, an exercise room and a day spa. Cosmopolitan, gracious and relaxed, The Table Bay Hotel is the sum of all that is good about Cape Town.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 2: Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

- This morning you are collected from your hotel for a full day Cape Point tour which includes a cruise to seal Island, a visit to Cape Point, the Funicular at Cape Point and a visit to Boulders Penguin colony.

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.





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.

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.





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Bed & Breakfast

Day 3: Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

- This morning you are collected from you hotel for a full day Table Mountain and Winelands tour which includes a trip up Table Mountain, a wine tasting and time at leisure to explore the Historic Town on Stellenbosch.
- This afternoon you enjoy a scenic flight over Cape Town.

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.

Helicopter Rides @ V&A Waterfront

This is where helicopter rides over Table Bay and down the peninsula leave from.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 4: Rovos Rail

Day Itinerary

- This morning you are collected from your hotel and transferred to Rovos Rail at Cape Town Station where you check in for your 2 night train journey.

Overnight: Rovos Rail [View iBrochure]

Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world class travel experiences. Exceptional train safaris combine some of Africa's most magnificent scenery with travel aboard an authentically refurbished Edwardian-style train, accommodating up to 72 guests in the most spacious train suites in the world, each with their own en-suite

bathroom and subtle modern conveniences. The nine scheduled journeys begin or end at Rovos Rail Station, the headquarters and private station of this independent railway company, which is situated in Pretoria.





Included
Full Board

Day 5: Rovos Rail

Day Itinerary
- You continue your stay on board the train.

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Full Board

Day 6: The Residence, Johannesburg



Johannesburg is one of Africa's biggest and most vibrant cities. It is the economic capital of Africa and the gateway to Southern Africa. Although not as famous as other South African destinations, there is plenty to do in Johannesburg and nearby Pretoria. The old city is a multi-cultural mixture of traditional medicine shops, Chinese restaurants, taxi ranks and ultra modern skyscrapers. There are excellent museums, art galleries and organised tours of historical and political interest. The shopping is Southern Africa's best and the many restaurants cater for all tastes. The nearby township of Soweto is Johannesburg's most popular tourist attraction.

Day Itinerary

- On arrival at Capital Park Station you are met by your guide and taken on a City orientation tour before going to your hotel to check in.

Johannesburg Tour

Johannesburg Southern Africa's economic powerhouse and although it is the city of gold there are many attractions aside from mining. Much of the big business has moved from the old town but the fascinating stories and historical buildings remain. Major sites include the Carlton Centre (Africa's tallest building), the iconic Brixton Tower, Newtown, the Constitutional Court, the Nelson Mandela Bridge and the Origins Centre.





Overnight: The Residence View iBrochure

Outside is the new in, amongst lush landscaping and cascading bougainvillea covered terraces. You are now in the heart of Johannesburg's suburban seat of power – daily retreat to the most recogniseable South African names and faces. This is new world glamour and old world charm. This is the Residence, Houghton.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 7: Kapama Karula Lodge, Kruger Private Reserves



All along the world renowned Kruger National Park's western boundary are private game reserves which combine with the Kruger to create one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. These reserves offer excellent game viewing opportunities together with the advantages of smaller, hosted accommodation and game drives. A trip to the Kruger is an unforgettable and potentially life changing experience.

Day Itinerary

- This morning you are transferred to Johannesburg Airport where you check in for your flight to Hoedspruit. [Eastgate Airport]
- On arrival in Hoedspruit you are met by your ranger and transferred to the lodge in time for your afternoon game drive.

Game Drive

Across all of Kapama's lodges, two daily game drives are offered and are included in the tariff. Accompanied by a skilled ranger and tracker, guests can expect to encounter a diverse range of animal and bird species on game drives. Since this is a Big Five reserve, seeing lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo is possible over a two-day safari in Kapama Private Game Reserve.

The day starts with an early wake-up call between 5am and 5:30am. Tea, coffee and rusks are enjoyed together before heading out at first light. While seeing big game is always exhilarating, there are many other smaller species that are also captivating, and birding enthusiasts will be delighted at the approximately 350 species of birds recorded on the reserve. Halfway through the game drive, there's a stop for hot drinks and snacks, before returning to the lodge at around 9am for a full breakfast. Throughout the day, it's likely you will see wildlife around the lodge - nyala antelope and vervet monkeys are frequent visitors, though seeing some of the Big Five is also not uncommon.

At around 3:30pm, everyone gathers for a decadent high tea, before heading out with your ranger and tracker for the afternoon game drive through the reserve. En route, you'll stop for a sundowner drink and will have a chance to stretch your legs as you watch the sun set over the distant peaks of the Drakensberg mountains.

As darkness falls, the nocturnal animals of the bush come out. The skilled tracker will scan the landscape using a spotlight, which illuminates animals' eyes. A variety of completely different species can be seen on the night drive back to the lodge. Arrival is at the lodge is usually around 7pm, allowing time to freshen up before enjoying a sumptuous dinner.

Overnight: Kapama Karula Lodge [View iBrochure]

Kapama Karula radiate calmness and depicts the pinnacle of the ultimate luxury five-star safari accommodation. Kapama Karula flourishes with twelve indistinguishable superior suites, two of these are purpose-built for families. Each suite is elegantly decorated and with generous private space. The suites measure on average 100m² each, with a lavish en-suite bathroom, featuring indoor and outdoor showers, his and hers basins and a large designer bath. The suites are wrapped by glistening glass sliding doors opening onto a private outside deck area with a full-size heated swimming pool and sun loungers for relaxation, enabling seamless views over the Klaserie River while spotting wildlife in the Game Reserve.

Situated in the greater Kruger area, Kapama Private Game Reserve sweeps across 13 000 hectares of savannah and riverine forest. The iconic and most dangerous wild animals of Africa - the Big Five - are at home on Kapama, It's not only the wildlife encounters that are superb at Kapama - so, too, are its four diverse luxurious safari lodges. Vibrant River Lodge, breathtaking Kapama Karula, olde worlde-Africa Buffalo Camp and fantastical, nature-inspired Southern Camp welcome guests from around the globe to experience wild Africa in sumptuous style.





Included

Full Board and Activities

Day 8: Kapama Karula Lodge, Kruger Private Reserves

Day Itinerary

- You continue your stay at the lodge and enjoy some of the many activities they have on offer.

OPTIONAL - Bush Walks

Feel Africa underfoot on a guided bush walk with a highly trained game ranger. The experience offers an intimate encounter with nature and wildlife, and medicinal and other plants are identified en route.

Rangers also teach walkers to track wildlife in the traditional way, using animal footprints and scat. Expert trackers are able to tell the gender of many animals just from their footprints. Large and dangerous animals are avoided on walks, but many other species can be viewed from a safe distance at ground level. A bush walk through Kapama Private Game Reserve is a truly memorable and authentic encounter.

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Day 9: Departure

Day Itinerary

- After a final morning game drive, you are transferred back to Hoespruit [Eastgate Airport] where you check in for your flight to Johannesburg.
- On arrival in Johannesburg you check in for your onward flight.

End of Services

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