

SPOIL YOURSELF IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa, Zimbabwe



14 day flight inclusive travel package
(luxury accommodation)

Enjoy three fascinating destinations during this luxury journey. In Cape Town visit Table Mountain, the Cape Winelands and Cape Point Reserve. In the Kruger spend three nights at a 'big five' game lodge, followed by a stay in Victoria Falls where you enjoy a Zambezi River sunset cruise and a tour of the Falls. Combine this with a two night journey on South Africa's iconic Blue Train and our hand picked accommodation, and you certainly have a holiday to remember.





The Table Bay - Cape Town

Price includes:

- return economy class flights SYD/BNE/MEL - Perth - Johannesburg - Hoedspruit - Cape Town - Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Perth - SYD/MEL/BNE, including pre-paid taxes
- return transfers from / to Hoedspruit airport to Kapama Southern Camp, game drives (time dependent) in 4x4 open sided safari vehicle, all meals and local beverages, conservancy levy
- Meet & greet at Johannesburg airport for flight to Hoedspruit
- meet & greet private arrival transfers at Cape Town, Victoria Falls airport and The Blue Train station, private departure transfers hotel to Cape Town, Victoria Falls and Johannesburg airports
- Accommodation and meals as listed
- Cape Town guided tours - sunset harbour cruise with complimentary glass of wine, half-day city and Table Mountain tour - including entrance fee to Castle of Good Hope, full day tour of Cape Point - including entrance fees; and Cape Winelands tour - including one wine tasting
- The Blue Train: departure & arrival transfers, accommodation in a deluxe cabin, meals, local beverages, excursion in Kimberley
- Victoria Falls: Vulture Culture lunch, Zambezi River sunset cruise, guided tour of Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), Lookout Café lunch, Boma dinner with entertainment, Club Dinner Platter, local beverages including beer, house wine, soft drinks and bottled water at meals, in-room beverage station including a mini bar re-stocked daily with beer, wine, soft drinks, bottled water and a Nespresso machine, afternoon tea and pastries (served 15:30 - 16:30), sundowner cocktails and canapés (17:30 - 18:30)
- national park fees and river usage fee in Victoria Falls.

Price excludes:

- visas, personal, medical and travel insurance
- Table Mountain cableway ticket as weather permitting), entry to Boulders penguin colony and Cape Point funicular
- drinks (other than those listed), dining room tips, portorage, escort & ranger gratuities
- purchases of a personal nature & laundry

Australia to Australia (return flights from Syd, Melb or Bris)

Accommodation: luxury

Departs: daily to 31 October 2019*

Itinerary overview:

- Day 1: Fly Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane to Perth, Johannesburg
- Day 2: South Africa, Kruger region - Kapama Southern Camp
- Day 3: South Africa, Kruger region - Kapama Southern Camp
- Day 4: South Africa, Kruger region - Kapama Southern Camp
- Day 5: South Africa, Cape Town - Table Bay Hotel
- Day 6: South Africa, Cape Town - Table Bay Hotel
- Day 7: South Africa, Cape Town - Table Bay Hotel
- Day 8: South Africa, Cape Town to Pretoria – The Blue Train
- Day 9: South Africa, Cape Town to Pretoria – The Blue Train
- Day 10: South Africa, Pretoria – Castello di Monte
- Day 11: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Victoria Falls Safari Club
- Day 12: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Victoria Falls Safari Club
- Day 13: Fly Victoria Falls to Johannesburg, connect onto Perth
- Day 14: Fly Perth to Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane

*Airmiles are seasonal and prices may vary. Some blackout periods apply departure point prices are available on request. Flights are subject to availability. Flight times may vary due to airline rescheduling or seasonal variations.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

FI - meals and local beverages (some premium brands are excluded)

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Day 1: Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane - Perth - Johannesburg

Your African adventure begins today. Your Virgin Australia flight departs the Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane domestic terminal in the early evening and arrives into Perth in the mid-evening. In Perth you connect with your South African Airways flight SA281 departing at 11:50pm arriving into Johannesburg at 4:50am the following morning. (Flights are in economy class).

Please note:

You should be able to check in for both flights to Johannesburg at the Virgin Australia counter at Sydney/Melbourne/ Brisbane domestic airports. The Virgin Australia international desk will issue both boarding passes in Sydney/Melbourne/ Brisbane. You will need to complete passport control to depart Australia at Perth. There is only a short walk between the domestic and international terminals at Perth airport, where you proceed through passport control only. Your luggage will be checked through to Johannesburg from your original departure airport. Here you will clear customs and complete passport control as your initial entry point into South Africa, prior to checking in for your domestic flight.

Day 2: Kapama Private Game Reserve, Greater Kruger National Park

On arrival at Johannesburg, complete passport control and customs and proceed to the domestic departure level to board your flight to Hoedspruit. On arrival at Hoedspruit airport, in the Kruger region, you are met and transferred to the lodge where you will enjoy lunch (dependant on arrival time). Your accommodation is at the stunning Kapama Southern Camp, situated within the wildlife prolific Kapama Private Game Reserve. Only ten minutes from Hoedspruit, the reserve covers 13,000 hectares of savannah and riverine forest. Kapama is surrounded by the northern Drakensberg mountains in the distance and iconic Kruger National Park to the east. As part of the Greater Kruger area, vast herds of buffalo, elephant and antelope are resident on Kapama, along with plentiful supply of predators.

After a rest and high tea, you join your first game drive in the late afternoon. As a private game reserve, adjacent to the Kruger National Park, Kapama offers the chance to see the 'big five' and more. Your open sided game vehicle is guided by your ranger, whilst a 'spotter' tracks animals from the front of the vehicle. This gives guests the best opportunity of viewing wildlife up-close. A stop for a sundowner drink is taken at sunset as you watch the sun disappear over the horizon. On return to the lodge you enjoy dinner in the open air boma or indoor dining room.

Kapama Southern Camp - suite (FI).

Kapama Southern Camp

Recently renovated over two years, Southern Camp is set to impress. This hospitable camp is elegantly decorated in creams and fauns creating a tranquil atmosphere. The lounge, dining area and swimming pool are spacious outdoor entertainment areas.

There are 15 suites with private patios and bathrooms and picture windows to enjoy the surrounding scenery. The newly opened luxury suites are 85 metres square and include their own private lap pool, both inside and outside showers and a romantic fireplace. Southern Camp was built for those who enjoy a social safari lodge. Its casual atmosphere encourages a friendly ambience where guests can enjoy pre-dinner drinks and catch up on the days' wildlife sightings around the open fire place.



Kapama Southern Camp pool





Kapama private Game Reserve - game drive

Days 3 - 4: Kapama Private Game Reserve, Greater Kruger National Park

Each day begins with a wake-up call at 5.00 am before you meet for tea and coffee at 5.30 am. After a cuppa you head out on your morning game drive. The fresh morning air in your face as you travel on an open 4WD with the prospect of seeing the 'big five' (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino, elephant) is an exhilarating experience.

Animals are often most active at this time of day and spotting wildlife is guaranteed. Experienced rangers and trackers will share their knowledge of the African bush with you as you enjoy a range of animal sightings. You return to the lodge late morning for breakfast. Your time is now at your leisure. There is a cooling pool, with a sandstone pool terrace to relax upon and a friendly bar with numerous board games and books to enjoy. Or if you feel like a spa treatment, a complimentary 10 minute transfer will take you to Kapama River Lodge, which is home to an extensive wellness centre for those wishing to indulge themselves. Additional activities such as a visit to the Hoedspruit Centre for Endangered Species, elephant interactions and hot air ballooning can be booked at the lodge.

After lunch, high tea and some time to relax, you set off again at around 4.00 pm for another game drive to experience wildlife at dusk. This is your opportunity to view the interaction between animals as they search for food. Once back at the lodge, dinner is served buffet style in the dining area. **Kapama Southern Camp - suite (FI).**

Day 5: Cape Town

Join a final early morning game drive, followed by breakfast. Transfer to Hoedspruit airport to board your economy flight to Cape Town. On arrival at Cape Town airport you will be met by our representative and assisted to the transfer vehicle, before being driven to your hotel. Cape Town is one of the world's most picturesque tourist destinations and is a city offering a mix of attractions. Situated amidst majestic mountains and surrounded by pristine white beaches, the city is truly very beautiful. Often called the 'cosmopolitan hub of Africa', Cape Town is home to a rich cultural and historical heritage, vibrant restaurants, scenic cruises and world-class, affordable shopping. Your accommodation is located on a vibrant waterfront with views across the city and a waterside terrace with bar and restaurant.

To celebrate your first night in this ocean side city you join a sunset cruise. Take a short walk from your hotel to the departure point at the Waterfront. Cape Town is one of the best cities in the world to see sunset from the sea. To view Table Mountain and the city while the sun dips into the sea at sunset, with a complimentary glass of local sparkling wine in hand, is a great introduction to South Africa's 'mother city'. **Table Bay Hotel (B).**

Table Bay Hotel

This sophisticated hotel is a proud member of 'The Leading Hotels of the World' and the choice of hotel for celebrities, VIP's and visiting royalty. The hotel occupies a prime position on Cape Town's vibrant marina complex, the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. This five-star property captures the elegance of the Victorian era both in its exterior design and interior decor. Each of the 329 designer decorated rooms offer magnificent views across the bay to Robben Island or uphill to the majestic Table Mountain. The communal areas are spectacular and showcase the waterfront and adjacent harbour. The hotel has several restaurants, including the popular Union Bar, which is perfect for sunset drinks after relaxing by the rooftop pool. The communal areas are spectacular and showcase the waterfront and adjacent harbour. This plush hotel is the perfect way to spoil yourself during your stay in Cape Town.

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Day 6: Cape Town

After breakfast you depart on a guided half day **Cape Town** city and **Table Mountain** tour . Highlights of the tour include: a visit to the top of Table Mountain on the cableway where the various flora and fauna will be explained (the cableway ticket is not included as the mountain visit is weather permitting); the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens and, time permitting, the Castle of Good Hope. Your afternoon is at leisure. You may wish to choose from a range of optional excursions such as a visit to Robben Island, a helicopter flight over the city or a Cape Malay cooking class (own expense), or simply relax and enjoy a lingering lunch on the waterfront. **Table Bay Hotel (B).**

Day 7: Cape Town

Combine the best of the Cape Town's regional highlights with a visit to the Cape of Good Hope and a winery in the Cape Winelands. Travel along the Atlantic seaboard with its gorgeous white beaches and rugged mountains to Hout Bay. Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve, the tip of the Cape Peninsula that has captivated travellers for centuries with its dramatic scenery and fascinating history this morning.

In the afternoon you join your Cape Winelands tour and set off to the historic wine region of Stellenbosch. Set against the backdrop of spectacular mountains, Stellenbosch is world-renowned for making some of South Africa's premier wines. Enjoy a tour through this historic town where much of the original Cape-Dutch architecture has been beautifully preserved. Visit a Stellenbosch wine estate and enjoy a wine tasting. A second wine tasting can be included if time permits (on own account). **Table Bay Hotel (B).**

Day 8: The Blue Train - Cape Town to Pretoria deluxe cabin

Spend your morning at leisure prior to transferring to the rail station to board the Blue Train. Since its inception in 1946, the Blue Train has become recognised as the epitome of luxury rail travel and an icon of the Southern African tourism, hospitality and leisure experience. Comparable to the world's finest hotels, each suite on board the train offers five star luxury accommodation with private en suite bathroom facilities.

This two night, fully inclusive, 1600 kilometre journey takes you from the harbour city of Cape Town to South Africa's capital city, Pretoria. The Blue Train's friendly crew have worked on the train their entire working life. Their generosity towards guests and their exemplary work ethic reinforces the Blue Train's legendary status. All meals, local drinks and excursions listed are included in the price. **The Blue Train - deluxe cabin (FI).**

The experience

Guests are accommodated in spacious suites which include all the modern facilities of a leading hotel combined with the character and opulence of colonial rail travel. Sleeping carriages are interspersed with wood-panelled lounge and club cars where you can relax as spectacular scenery fills the large viewing windows. When night falls, the train transforms into a fine dining restaurant. Guests dress for a dinner of perfectly prepared delicacies complemented with South Africa's finest wines. Each meal is served to a selection of tasteful background music, ranging from smooth jazz and light classical, to the Soweto String Quartet.

Deluxe cabins

There are nine deluxe coaches on the train. The deluxe coaches have four suites per coach, one suite with a bath and the others with showers. The deluxe suites feature either twin beds with a shower, or double beds with a bathtub and handheld shower.





Lounge and club cars

Linking the private suites of the Blue Train are two wood-panelled cars - the lounge and club cars. The elegant lounges are ideally positioned for an aperitif, an interlude between meals or an after-dinner conversation over coffee or Cognac. Smoking is allowed in the burnished surroundings of the club car where mellow lamplight sets the tone for quiet reflection or the glow of good company. Travellers can while away the journey with a game of cards, chess or backgammon, tune in to the big-screen television or browse through a volume from the library while savouring a beverage of choice from the well-stocked bar. Unwind, relax, and indulge.

Dining car

The Blue Train experience is a banquet for all the senses and this is especially true of our dining car. Here the reassuring weight of Sheffield cutlery and crystal glassware on crisp white linen set the tone for the delights to follow. A meal on the Blue Train is an experience in itself. Our menus feature a selection of local cuisine from Karoo lamb and ostrich fillet, to Knysna oysters accompanied by award-winning cultivars from the Cape wine lands, all serving as the perfect complement to the landscape through which you are travelling.

Cape Town to Pretoria

The northbound journey from Cape Town to Pretoria stops en-route at the diamond town of Kimberley. The journey cuts through the heart of South Africa as it follows the story of a forging nation. From the days of the Dutch East India Company in Cape Town, to the first colonial settlers of the desolate Karoo, then the gold rush towns of Gauteng, this journey is both scenic and historical before it culminates in South Africa's capital, Pretoria. The journey stops en-route at Kimberley, where you can step back in time to the days of the diamond rush in the mid 1800s. You will visit 'the big hole' and diamond museum to learn about the wealthy days when thousands of miners from around the world poured into Kimberley to dig for diamonds. Kimberley is still influenced by the diamond industry with De Beers diamonds retaining a base here.

Blue Train Journey

- 14:30 – Register and check-in at the Blue Train Lounge at Cape Town Station.
Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks.
- 15:30 – Boarding commences (suite orientation done by butlers)
- 16:00 – The Blue Train departs from Cape Town Station
- 16:30 – High tea is served in the non-smoking lounge
- 19:30 – 21:00 – First sitting for dinner
- 21:15 – 23:00 – Second sitting for dinner.

Day 9: The Blue Train - Cape Town to Pretoria

- 06:00 – 09:00 – Breakfast is served on a first come first serve basis
- 11:30 – 13:00 – First sitting for lunch
- 13:15 – 14:30 – Second sitting for lunch
- 14:30 – The Blue Train arrives at Kimberley Station.
Guests can disembark for a visit to the Kimberley Open Mine Museum.
- 17:30 – Guests depart from the Kimberley Open Mine Museum for the Kimberley Station.
Back on the train you can enjoy aperitifs before dinner
- 18:30 – The Blue Train departs Kimberley Station
- 19:30 – 21:00 – First sitting for dinner
- 21:15 – 23:00 – Second sitting for dinner

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Day 10: Pretoria

06:00 – 09:00 – Breakfast is served on a first come first serve basis

10:30 – The Blue Train arrives at Pretoria Station

Your rail journey ends today in the capital city of Pretoria. On arrival you will be greeted and transferred to your overnight accommodation in a leafy suburb of Pretoria. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Castello di Monte (B).**

Castello Di Monte

This Tuscan style estate portrays pure luxury and elegance and offers spectacular views of the hills in and around South Africa's capital city. The landscaped gardens with mature olive trees and lavender bushes give an Italian flavour to the African landscape. Castello di Monte's sixteenth century splendour is complemented by every modern amenity. Fully stocked minibars, digital television, underfloor heating, air-conditioning and the creature comforts of tea, coffee and local papers will meet your every whim.

Day 11: Victoria Falls

After breakfast you will be transferred to Johannesburg airport for your flight to Victoria Falls. On arrival you are met and transferred to your lodge where you will stay at the exclusive Victoria Falls Safari Club.

Enjoy a Vulture Culture lunch at the lodge and learn about the plight of vultures in modern day Africa (lunch is dependent on arrival time). In the late afternoon you board a luxury boat for a gentle sunset cruise, including drinks and snacks, on the Zambezi River. As you drift down the river, watching the incredible orange sunset, you really do feel that you are in Africa. The sunsets here are stunning, with the red soil of nearby Namibia providing deep orange skies. In the evening a dinner platter at the club is included. **Victoria Falls Safari Club (BLD, drinks and snacks on cruise).**

Victoria Falls Safari Club

A fairly recent addition to the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge resort is the exclusive 20-room Victoria Falls Safari Club wing. Located adjacent to the Safari Lodge and commanding the same awe-inspiring views, the VIP experience at the Club includes a modern and open-plan design, giving the rooms a sense of abundant space. The premium Club ethos is reflected in features such as a butler service, private check-in, complimentary afternoon teas, sun-downer cocktails and snacks, and a multi-functional area that includes a bar, lounge, club members-only swimming pool and terrace. Opened in August 2012, this lavish facility comprises of four superior suites and 16 club suites. This club style lodge encourages social intermingling and is very inclusive.

Day 12: Victoria Falls

After breakfast you enjoy an informative guided tour of Victoria Falls. You will be accompanied through the rainforest by a qualified guide who will give a brief history of the Falls and detail the flora and fauna. Raincoats are provided when needed. You visit several lookouts which give you the best views of the falls.

Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders in the world. There is a magic about the falls manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the Batoka abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and crocodiles lurk. The falls are 1,708 metres wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as



Victoria Falls Safari Club room



After your tour enjoy lunch at the iconic Lookout Café. This semi open-air café is perched 120m above the turbulent rapids of the Zambezi River, overhanging a giant chasm of the Batoka Gorge and just down from the Victoria Falls Bridge, which forms part of its spectacular backdrop. Following lunch you return to the Club for some relaxation. Later this afternoon, after cocktails and canapes at the club, you are collected at 19:00 pm for your dinner at The Boma. Guests at The Boma enjoy a buffet dinner featuring international and local dishes, whilst being entertained with traditional drumming and dancing. **Victoria Falls Safari Club (BLD).**

Day 13: Victoria Falls to Johannesburg to Perth

After breakfast and check-out you are transferred to Victoria Falls airport to board your flight to Johannesburg. You complete passport control at Johannesburg airport between flights, then board your overnight flight to Perth **(B)**. (Flights are in economy class).

Day 14: Perth to Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane

Your flight arrives in Perth around midday. In Perth you clear Australian passport control and customs, then proceed to check-in for your Virgin Australia flight to the east coast (for passengers from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane). (Flights are in economy class).

Passenger information:

- This pre-prepared travel itinerary is a travel package. It is not a fully guided group tour throughout. There are shared service shuttles, day tours, and game drives included within the itinerary.
- The operator may need to re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in cases of non-availability.
- Flight times are indicative of the current flying times. This may change due to airline rescheduling or seasonal variations. Please accept the timings in this itinerary as an indication of flight times only.
- Although no minimum age restrictions apply at any of the included properties, children under the age of seven may be restricted to private vehicle game activities, which will be at an additional cost. The blue Train does accept children however, there are no child based activities on board and some regulations do apply.
- Flights are subject to availability. Airfares from alternate cities within Australia are on request. Your full name, as it appears in your passport, must be supplied upon booking. Full payment for the flight portion of this package may be required upon confirmation. Terms and conditions imposed by the airline will apply.
- Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements.
- As prices are calculated using foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and government taxes may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.