

SPLENDID SOUTH AFRICA

9 day package
(standard accommodation)



This popular package combines South Africa's two major cities with its premier wildlife park, providing a taste of the 'rainbow nation'. Join tours to Soweto, the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Town with Table Mountain. Be enthralled by the prolific wildlife of the Kruger region with game drives in a private game reserve. On safari your ranger will track animals in an open-sided 4WD safari vehicle.





Price includes:

- meet and greet arrival transfers and all road transfers
- standard accommodation with breakfast daily
- half-day guided Soweto tour
- three nights at Shiduli Private Game Lodge, including all meals, six ranger and tracker guided game drives in an open-sided safari vehicle, conservancy fees
- half-day Cape Town city and Table Mountain guided tour
- Full day Cape Highlights tour

Price excludes:

- flights
- visa (if applicable)
- entry fee to Boulders penguin colony and Cape Point funicular, Table Mountain cable car ticket (weather dependent)
- medical and travel insurance
- escort and ranger gratuities
- drinks and meals not listed
- dining room tips and portorage.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Johannesburg to Cape Town

Accommodation: standard

Departs: daily

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: South Africa, Johannesburg - Garden Court Sandton City

Day 2: South Africa, Johannesburg - Garden Court Sandton City

Day 3: South Africa, Kruger region - Shiduli Private Game Lodge

Day 4: South Africa, Kruger region - Shiduli Private Game Lodge

Day 5: South Africa, Kruger region - Shiduli Private Game Lodge

Day 6: South Africa, Cape Town - Inn on the Square

Day 7: South Africa, Cape Town - Inn on the Square

Day 8: South Africa, Cape Town - Inn on the Square

Day 9: South Africa, Cape Town - ends

A visit to Victoria Falls can easily be added onto this package. Experience the majesty of one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, or fly above the falls by helicopter for a birds-eye view. Refer to our Victoria Falls packages on pages 58 - 61 of our brochure for details.

Splendid South Africa

Day 1: Johannesburg

On arrival at Johannesburg airport make your way to the arrivals hall where you will be greeted and transferred to Sandton for your two night stay. Sandton is a popular and safe Johannesburg suburb with plenty of restaurants, hotels and shops. If you arrive in the morning consider visiting the nearby Mandela shopping centre, or choose from a selection of optional excursions, such as a tour of Newtown, Johannesburg's cultural hotspot. **Garden Court Sandton City.**

Garden Court Sandton City

The Garden Court Sandton City is located in the exclusive northern suburbs with access to all the prime facilities in this area. It is the business person's choice as well as an excellent base for tourists. The hotel is located adjacent to the Sandton Convention Centre and within easy walking distance of the upmarket Sandton City and Nelson Mandela Square shopping centres. The 444 rooms each have colour TV, M-Net and enhanced DSTV channels, high speed internet access, telephone with voice mail, hairdryer and tea and coffee making facilities. Hotel facilities include a sparkling outdoor pool, fitness centre, Café Maude restaurant and bar. This mid-market, family friendly hotel offers excellent value.

Day 2: Johannesburg

Morning at leisure. This afternoon you join a tour to Soweto. Vibrant and upbeat, Soweto (South Western Township) was home to anti-apartheid activists, Nobel Prize winners and uprisings that rocked the world.

With a population of over two-million, the township is the biggest urban settlement in Africa with a rich political history. Soweto was the centre of political campaigns aimed at the overthrow of the apartheid state. The 1976 student uprising started in Soweto and spread to the rest of the country. Many of the sights on this route, therefore have political significance. From the footbridge of the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, the largest on the continent, one can get a panoramic view of Soweto. Visit the Hector Pieterse Museum in Orlando West, Soweto, built in memory of the people who died that day, 16 June 1976. Nelson Mandela's humble little house in Orlando West, Soweto, now called the Mandela Family Museum, is an interesting stopover for those keen to imbibe a slice of authentic history on the world's most famous former prisoner. The museum, a house comprising four inter-leading rooms, contains a rather eclectic assortment of memorabilia, paintings and photographs of the Mandela family as well as a collection of honorary doctorates bestowed on Nelson Mandela from universities and institutions around the world. You can also have a glimpse of the mansion belonging to Winnie Madikizela-Mandela in an affluent part of Orlando West. Archbishop Desmond Tutu's house and the Sisulu residences are in the same neighbourhood. Return to your hotel with the afternoon at leisure. **Garden Court Sandton City (B).**

Day 3: Karongwe Private Game Reserve, Kruger region

This morning you are transferred to Johannesburg airport to board your flight to the Kruger region in the north of the country (flight not included). On arrival at Hoedspruit airport you will be met and transferred to the lodge where you will enjoy lunch (dependant on arrival time). Your accommodation is at the popular Shiduli Private Game Lodge, within the wildlife prolific Karongwe Private Game Reserve. Only one hour from Hoedspruit, the reserve covers 9,000 hectares of savannah and riverine forest. The reserve is home to the 'big five' (leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhino and lion), along with many grazing animals, hyena and much more. Game driving in this private reserve allows your ranger and spotter to track animals and go 'off road', ensuring guests close encounters with the reserve's wildlife as they interact with their young, feed and rest.





After some time relaxing, followed by afternoon tea, you join your first game drive in the late afternoon. 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. Upon return to the lodge enjoy dinner in the traditional open air boma or the dining room. **Shiduli Private Game Lodge (BLD).**

Shiduli Private Game Lodge

Situated amongst lush indigenous gardens friendly Shiduli Private Game Lodge offers a relaxed atmosphere. Traversing over 9,000 hectares of diverse vegetation, with its three perennial rivers and huge Jackalberry and Leadwood trees, Shiduli is home to the 'big five', as well as a wealth of other smaller creatures and bird species. The lodge offers 24 suites, featuring en-suite bathrooms in rich African tones. The secluded Royal Suite lies tucked away a short distance from the main lodge, with its own private deck and splash pool offering unsurpassed luxury and privacy. Communal areas include lounges with internet facilities, a bar, enormous sparkling pool and thatched dining areas punctuated with original South African art. This popular lodge offers great value, a friendly atmosphere and plenty of big game viewing.

Days 4 - 5: Karongwe Private Game Reserve, Kruger region

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 in 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 large teak pool terrace to relax upon, a curio shop for some retail therapy and a friendly bar with numerous board games and books to enjoy.

After lunch, afternoon 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 in the open dining area. **Shiduli Private Game Lodge (BLD).**

Day 6: Cape Town

You join your final early morning game drive, followed by breakfast. After check-out you will be transferred back to Hoedspruit airport for flight to Cape Town (flight not included). 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 in an iconic building on Green Market Square adjacent to the squares famous craft markets. **Inn on the Square (B).**

Inn on the Square

Housed in one of Cape Town's oldest buildings overlooking the vibrant Greenmarket Square, which hosts a popular street market, Inn on the Square is a contemporary leisure hotel. The hotel offers 165 comfortable en suite rooms with individual climate control and electronic safes, satellite TV, and onsite facilities, such as a sauna, fitness centre and heated pool and sundeck on the 8th floor overlooking Table Mountain.

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Day 7: Cape Town

After an early breakfast you will be collected at approximately 7.30 am for a guided half day tour of the city. 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 and time permitting, the Castle of Good Hope.

Return to your hotel around midday for an afternoon at leisure. You may wish to join an optional tour to Robben Island, wander through the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, or take to the skies in an optional helicopter ride to see the massive Table Mountain from above (own expense) This evening we suggest a dinner at one of the numerous restaurants, bars or cafes along the waterfront. **Inn on the Square (B).**

Day 8: Cape Town

Today you experience the highlights of Cape Town city and the Cape Peninsula. Travel along the Atlantic seaboard via Hout Bay and the iconic Chapman's Peak drive en route to Cape Point Nature Reserve at the southern tip of the Cape Peninsula. This national reserve incorporates the Cape of Good Hope which has captivated travelers and explorers for centuries with its dramatic scenery and fascinating history. Visit the quaint villages of Kalk Bay and St James. Enjoy lunch (own expense) and taste award-winning wines at a vineyard nestled in the beautiful Constantia Valley on the way back to the city. Continue onto the city centre, passing the Castle of Good Hope, visit the Company Gardens, which were the colonial gardens used to stock the convict fleets sailing to Australia, and the colourful streets of the Cape Malay Quarter, with the opportunity to taste traditional delicacies (own expense), before taking in the best views of the city from the lookout spot at Signal Hill. **ONOMO Inn on the Square (B).**

Day 9: Cape Town

After breakfast and the morning at leisure, you are transferred to Cape Town airport (flight not included). **(B).**

Important 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.
- Flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the operator.
- Transfers may be in a sedan, minibus or coach.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this itinerary.
- At times the sequence, or inclusion of activities may vary due to local conditions, arrival and departure times, opening hours or non-availability.
- Children younger than six are unable to stay at Shiduli Private Game Lodge, however we would be pleased to make alternative suggestions for families with young children.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Prices for airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase will be passed on to the client.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.

