

SCENIC SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana



11 day travel package
(standard accommodation)

This journey explores three iconic destinations in southern Africa. Cape Town; where you visit Table Mountain and Cape Point Reserve. The Kruger; where you spend three nights at a 'big five' game lodge. Victoria Falls; where a Zambezi River sunset cruise, tour of the falls, helicopter flight and day trip to Chobe National Park are included. This iconic journey is certainly one to remember.





Price includes:

- meet and greet arrival transfer at Cape Town airport, departure transfer from Cape Town hotel to Cape Town airport
- accommodation as listed
- full breakfast daily in Cape Town, White River and Victoria Falls
- Cape Town guided tours - half-day city and Table Mountain tour (Table Mountain ticket not included as weather permitting), full day Cape Point tour.
- one way transfer Hoedspruit airport to lodge
- game drives and meals at Makalali Private Game Lodge
- private guided tour of the Panorama Route, lookout fees included
- meet and greet transfer at Livingstone airport, departure transfer The Kingdom to Victoria Falls airport
- Zambezi River sunset cruise and guided tour of Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)
- 12-13 minute scenic helicopter flight over Victoria Falls with transfers
- dinner and entertainment at The Boma
- Chobe National Park day trip with boat safari on Chobe River, game drive in Chobe National Park and lunch
- national park fees and river usage fee at Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park.

Price excludes:

- visas and flights
- medical and travel insurance
- escort and ranger gratuities
- drinks, dining room tips and portage, purchases of a personal nature.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Cape Town to Victoria Falls

Accommodation: standard

Departs: daily

Itinerary overview:

- Day 1: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge
- Day 2: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge
- Day 3: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge
- Day 4: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Private Game Lodge
- Day 5: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Private Game Lodge
- Day 6: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Private Game Lodge
- Day 7: South Africa, White River - Pine Lake Inn
- Day 8: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - The Kingdom
- Day 9: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - The Kingdom
- Day 10: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - The Kingdom
- Day 11: Victoria Falls - ends

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Start your journey in style. Begin this itinerary with a two night journey from Pretoria to Cape Town on the iconic Blue Train.

Heading to East Africa after your Scenic Southern Africa

Check out our Grand Africa. This 27 journey combines the Scenic Southern Africa with a two week small group safari in Kenya and Tanzania, before experiencing one of the worlds greatest wildlife encounters; time spent with the mountain gorillas of Uganda.

Scenic Southern Africa

Day 1: Arrival in 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 at the rear of the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge.**

Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge

Just minutes away from restaurants, theatres and shops, the Breakwater Lodge is a perfectly positioned Cape Town hotel at the rear of the V & A Waterfront. The hotel lies within easy reach of the best beaches, visitor hotspots and the airport, making it an ideal base during your stay in Cape Town. Once a 19th century prison, this hotel today provides comfortable and affordable accommodation in a spectacular setting that looks out over Cape Town's harbour and up to Table Mountain. The rooms are all comfortable and attractively furnished as well as being equipped with LCD televisions with an 11 channel DSTV package, mini-fridge and ensuite bathrooms. Facilities include a gym, spa treatment centre and secure parking. Protea Breakwater Lodge is great value for those on a budget who wish to stay on the vibrant V & A Waterfront.

Day 2: Cape Town

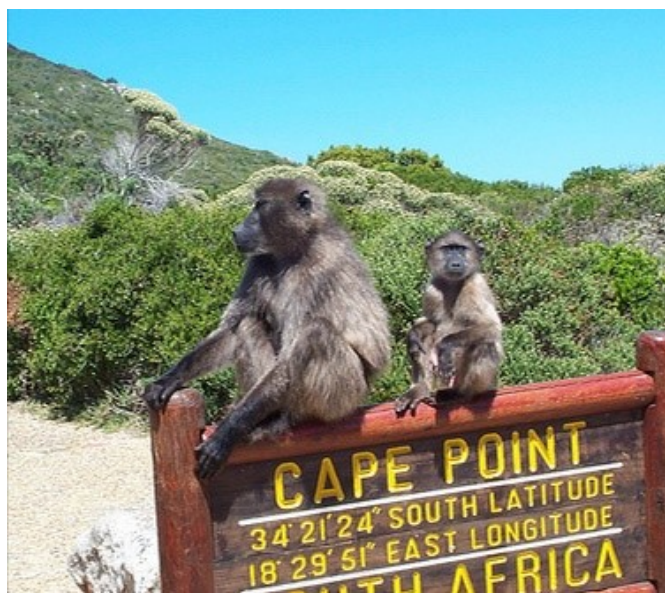
After breakfast you depart on a guided half day tour of the city. Highlights of the tour include: a visit to the top of Table Mountain on the cableway where the various flora and fauna will be explained (the cableway ticket is not included as the mountain visit is weather permitting); the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens and, time permitting, the Castle of Good Hope.

Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the city and her surrounds. Perhaps take a ferry to tour the prison of Robben island, travel to the Cape Winelands to taste some of South Africa's award winning wines, join a sunset cruise on Cape Town harbour or enjoy some retail therapy. Your hotel is located close to the Victoria & Alfred which is full of entertainment quadrants, shopping areas, bars, and the cities best restaurants. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge (B).**

Day 3: Cape Town

Today is a full day tour of Cape Point. This tour is an ideal way to appreciate the surrounding natural beauty. You will travel along the Atlantic seaboard to Hout Bay, following gorgeous white beaches and rugged mountains. If time permits you have the option of taking a half hour boat trip to Duiker Island to see a Cape Fur Seal colony (cost not included). You continue on Chapman's Peak Drive, renowned as one of the most stunning roadways in the world.

Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve at the tip of the Cape Peninsula to view the dramatic surrounding scenery and learn about the point's fascinating history. The return journey to Cape Town takes you along the False Bay coast with the option of visiting the colony of African penguins at Boulders Beach (small entry fee applicable) Pass through the naval village of Simon's Town, Fish Hoek, Kalk Bay and Muizenberg. Finally visit the world-famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens before arriving back at your hotel. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge (B).**





Day 4: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Kruger

After breakfast you are transferred to Cape Town airport for your flight to Hoedspruit (flight not included). On arrival you are met and transferred to the lodge where you will enjoy a buffet lunch (dependant on arrival time).

After a rest and afternoon tea, you join your first game drive in the late afternoon. Your lodge is in the Makalali Private Game Reserve, a private reserve adjacent to the Kruger National Park. The reserve 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. Upon your return to the lodge, you enjoy dinner at the open air boma or indoor dining room. **Makalali Private Game Lodge - Main Lodge (BLD).**

Makalali Game Lodge

This lodge portfolio within the wildlife prolific Makalali Game Reserve, appeals to the adventurer in all of us with tracking to within metres of wildlife a common occurrence. Located on 26,000 hectares of savannah and riverine forest, this rangers have a reputation for their infectious enthusiasm. Rebuilt in 2017, Makalali features two styles of accommodation. The four-star Main Lodge offers great value with 30 well designed rooms and luxurious social areas, including a pool with extensive decking. The five-star River Lodge comprises of three intimate camps, each with only six luxury suites. Amenities at each camp include a swimming pool, boma and dining and lounge area, with a comprehensive range of spa treatments available. Including airport transfers, this lodge portfolio offers great value on this popular Kruger reserve.

Days 5 - 6: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Kruger

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. Choose to relax around the pool, or on your own private sala day bed, watch the cheeky vervet monkeys as they jump between the trees or scan the riverbed in search of larger animals from the lodge's communal terrace. After lunch, afternoon tea and some time to relax, you set off again at around 3:30 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 a-la-carte in the open dining area. **Makalali Private Game Lodge - Main Lodge (BLD).**

Day 7: White River

After breakfast you drive via the scenic Panorama Route to the Kruger gateway town of Hazyview. This route is best known for its cultural heritage and its dramatic landscapes. One of the major highlights of the region is the Blyde River Canyon Reserve, home to spectacular wildlife and birdlife and some of the best views in South Africa. The Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon of its kind in the world. During your drive you will also stop at 'God's Window' for a truly breathtaking view of canyons, rock formations and waterfalls. God's Window offers a panoramic view of the lowveld more than 900 m down into a lush indigenous forest-clad ravine.

Your overnight stay is at the relaxing Pine Lake Inn at White River. **Pine Lake Inn (B).**

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Pine Lake Inn

Only 35 kilometres from the world-renowned Kruger National Park and a short distance from other highlights, including the Sudwala Caves, Sabie Falls and the historical Pilgrim's Rest, Pine Lake Inn is a comfortable resort style hotel with plenty of active facilities. Nestled in the woodlands and overlooking a vast lake, Pine Lake Inn Hotel offers a home-from-home atmosphere. All 131 rooms feature air-conditioning, colour TV and ensuite. Facilities include a swimming pool, bowling green, floodlit tennis courts and a nine-hole golf course are located on the property, with scenic bush walks in the surrounding region also popular. This well-priced low level hotel is an attractive three star property for those wishing to spend a night prior to or after their safari due to its position close to both the Kruger and Mpumalanga Airport.

Day 8: Victoria Falls

After breakfast you will be transferred to Nelspruit airport for your flight to Livingstone airport, Zambia (flight not included). On arrival you are met and transferred by shuttle into Zimbabwe, which includes a border crossing.

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 much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860s.

In the late afternoon you board your 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. Your accommodation is at the Kingdom, which has plenty of facilities to keep you busy this evening. **The Kingdom (B).**

The Kingdom

The Kingdom is a modern-day tribute to the ancient and alluring Africa. Great billowing domes, pillars and bridges built on a man-made lake, mark a style that belies the modern facilities within. The decor is full of character and forms part of the hotel's persona. This hotel is the closest hotel to the mighty Victoria Falls and is the perfect family destination. There are 294 rooms (70 with bunk beds), three restaurants, four swimming pools and four bars. Located only a few minutes' walk from Victoria Falls and the national park entrance, this popular hotel is perfect for travellers wanting convenience and good value.

Day 9: 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. Make sure you bring your camera.

This afternoon you are in for a real treat. You join a scenic helicopter flight, which offers you an aerial view of the falls. The flight showcases the massive power of the river system as it flows over the cliffs surrounding the Batoka gorge and creates the waterfalls. This evening your dinner is at The Boma. You enjoy a buffet dinner, whilst being entertained with traditional drumming and dancing. **The Kingdom (BD).**



The Boma restaurant



The Kingdom



Day 10: Victoria Falls

Today you enjoy a full day trip to Chobe in Botswana. Your drive takes around 2 hours each way and includes a border crossing into and out of Botswana. Chobe National Park is known for its 100,000 strong elephant population and unique game viewing. Your day includes a game drive in the national park and a pontoon style boat safari where you silently drift within feet of the rivers inhabitants. It is not unusual to sit only metres away from large herds of elephants as they graze for their favourite food along the river banks. Predators, giraffe and grazers are also easily seen in this park. You return to Victoria Falls in the early evening for your last night in Africa. **The Kingdom (BL).**

Day 11: Victoria Falls

After breakfast, you are transferred to Victoria Falls airport for your onward flight (flight not included). **(B).**

Important information

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the departure point at the time assigned by the operator. On completion of the package, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the operator.
- This product is not a fully guided tour. It is a pre-prepared package including some shared service excursions and game drives.
- 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 tour.
- Prices for airport taxes, park fees, wildlife permits, and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on to the client.
- Distances and times mentioned within the itinerary may vary due to local conditions at time of travel.
- At times the sequence of locations and excursions may need to be altered from that of the original itinerary due to flight times and permit availability.
- 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 join shared service game drives at Makalali Private Game Reserve, 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.
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- 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.