

SIMPLY SOUTH AFRICA

11 day flight inclusive package (standard accommodation)





Price includes:

- return economy class flights* SYD/ BNE/MEL - Perth - Johannesburg - Hoedspruit - Cape Town - Johannesburg - Perth - SYD/MEL/BNE, including pre-paid taxes
- meet and greet arrival transfer at Johannesburg airport
- Johannesburg accommodation as listed, including breakfast
- half day guided Soweto tour
- departure airport transfer
- three nights at Makalali Main Lodge, all meals, return airport transfers (Hoedspruit airport), six ranger and tracker guided game drives in open sided safari vehicle, conservancy fees
- meet and greet arrival transfer at Cape Town airport
- Cape Town accommodation as listed, including breakfast
- half day Cape Town city and Table Mountain guided tour
- full day Cape Point Reserve and Cape Winelands guided tour, including one wine tasting.

Price excludes:

- visa (if applicable)
- Entry to Boulders penguin colony and Cape Point funicular
- medical and travel insurance
- escort and ranger gratuities
- meals not listed
- drinks, dining room tips and portorage
- telephone calls and laundry
- Table Mountain cable car ticket (weather dependent)
- purchases of a personal nature.

* flights are subject to availability

B - breakfast

L - lunch

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

Accommodation: standard

Departs: daily to 31 October 2019*

Itinerary overview:

- Day 1: Australia, flight Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne - Perth /Johannesburg
- Day 2: South Africa, Johannesburg - Garden Court Sandton City
- Day 3: South Africa, Johannesburg - Garden Court Sandton City
- Day 4: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Main Lodge
- Day 5: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Main Lodge
- Day 6: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Main Lodge
- Day 7: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Hotel Victoria Junction
- Day 8: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Hotel Victoria Junction
- Day 9: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Hotel Victoria Junction
- Day 10: South Africa, Johannesburg - overnight flight
- Day 11: Australia, Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne - ends

*Airfares are seasonal and prices may vary. Some blackout periods apply (eg travel between 9 December 2018 - 16 January 2019). Departure and arrival points are Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Alternate location prices are available on request.

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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 in Perth in the mid-evening. At 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. Virgin Australia have an international desk which 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 terminal and international 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.

Day 2: Johannesburg

On arrival at Johannesburg airport you complete passport control and customs. In the arrivals hall you are greeted and transferred to Sandton for your two night stay. Sandton is a popular suburb with plenty of restaurants, hotels and shops. Your day is at leisure. Perhaps enjoy a lingering lunch as you relax after your flight, try some retail therapy at the nearby Mandela shopping centre, or choose from a selection of optional excursions, such as a tour of Johannesburg's cultural hotspot; Newtown. Please note that check-in at your hotel is not until 2:00pm. To ensure a guaranteed early check-in a pre-night can be added at an additional cost. **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 3: Johannesburg

This morning 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. Soweto is a sprawling township, or more accurately, a cluster of townships on the south-western flank of Johannesburg. Soweto was created in the 1930s, with Orlando the first township established. In the 1950s, more people were relocated there from 'black spots' in the inner city - black neighbourhoods which the apartheid government had reserved for whites.

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.



Garden Court Sandton City



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. Returning to your hotel, your afternoon is at leisure. **Garden Court Sandton City (B).**

Day 4: Makalali 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. 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 Makalali Main Lodge, situated within the wildlife prolific Makalali Game Reserve. Only one hour from Hoedspruit, the reserve covers 26,000 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 the wildlife and go 'off road' ensuring guests close encounters with the reserve's creatures, as they go about their day interacting with their young, feeding and resting.

After a rest and 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 your return to the lodge, you enjoy dinner at the traditional open air boma or indoor dining room. **Makalali Main Lodge (BLD).**

Makalali Private Game Lodge - Main Lodge

Makalali Main Lodge is a newly rebuilt game lodge comprising of 30 comfortably designed standard rooms all with en-suite bathrooms. The rooms are air-conditioned and feature luxurious interiors with classic leather and wood furnishings. Makalali Main Lodge has a central dining area where guests can enjoy an array of African cuisine. The outside boma is ideal for an evening under the African sky. The spa offers a variety of soothing treatments and the pool area offers the perfect place to unwind and take in the sounds of the African bush. Built for pure comfort in one of the area's biggest and best game reserves, Makalali Main Lodge is set to become a long term favourite amongst safari aficionados.

Days 5 - 6: Makalali 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. Main Lodge is home to an extensive wellness centre for those wishing to indulge themselves with a spa treatment. Additional activities such as visits to the Hoedspruit Centre for Endangered Species and Panorama Route tours can be booked at the lodge.

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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. **Makalali Main Lodge (BLD).**

Day 7: 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. 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 near to the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. **Protea Hotel Victoria Junction (B).**

Protea Hotel Victoria Junction

Explore the V&A Waterfront and the heart of Cape Town from stylish accommodation at the Protea Hotel Cape Town Victoria Junction. The Victoria Junction's location is convenient to the CBD, Green Point Stadium and so much more. A mixture of modernist and contemporary décor the Victoria Junction features rooms to suit every taste and inclination. Whether you are seeking a standard guest room or one of the spacious, bi-level loft apartments, each accommodation features environmentally-friendly lighting, water-saving rain showers and energy efficient entertainment options, including Bravia LCD screens. The hotel also offers all-day dining at the Connexion restaurant, an outdoor pool, fitness centre, room service and complimentary high-speed internet. This popular hotel offers guests a good location, friendly atmosphere and four star facilities at a three star price.

Day 8: Cape Town

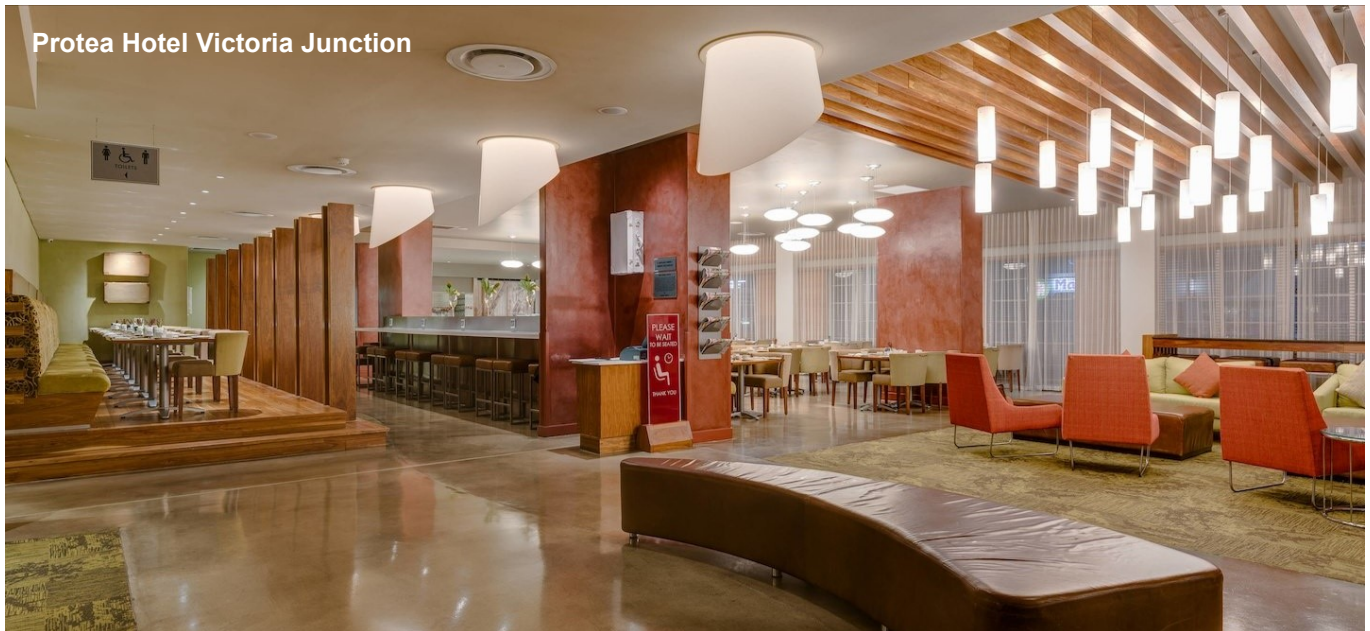
After an early breakfast you will be collected at approximately 7.30 am for a guided half day tour of the city. Highlights of the tour include: a visit to the top of Table Mountain on the cableway where the various flora and fauna will be explained (the cableway ticket is not included as the mountain visit is weather permitting); the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens and, time permitting, the Castle of Good Hope. Your afternoon and evening are free to explore this fascinating city.

Returning to your hotel around midday, 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. **Protea Hotel Victoria Junction (B).**

Day 9: Cape Town

Today you combine the best of 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. 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. **Protea Hotel Victoria Junction (B).**

Day 10: Cape Town—Johannesburg—Perth

After breakfast and the morning at leisure, you are transferred to Cape Town airport for a mid-afternoon flight to Johannesburg. You complete passport control in Johannesburg between flights, then board your overnight flight to Perth **(B)**. (Flights are in economy class).

Day 11: Perth to Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane

Your flight arrives in Perth around midday. In Perth you clear Australian passport control and customs, and 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 have to re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in cases of non-availability.
- 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.
- 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.