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TRAVEL WITH
EXPERIENCE

9 day package (deluxe 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 Winelands, 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 Makalali Main Lodge , 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
- half-day Cape Point Reserve tour
- half-day Cape Winelands tour with a wine tasting

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, dining room tips and porterage

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 - Makalali Main Lodge

Day 4: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Main Lodge

Day 5: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Main Lodge

Day 6: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Hotel Victoria Junction

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 - ends

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Day 1: Johannesburg

Your African adventure begins today. 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 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. Returning to your hotel, your 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 Makalali Main 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.





Makalali Main Lodge– room

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 reserves 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 Main Lodge

Located on 26,000 hectares of savannah and riverine forest, this lodge's rangers have a reputation for their infectious enthusiasm. Rebuilt in 2017, Makalali now features two brand new lodges. The four-star Main Lodge offers great value with 30 well designed rooms and luxurious social areas, including a pool with extensive decking and views. The five-star River Lodge comprises of three camps, each with only six luxury suites with private plunge pools. Amenities at each camp include a swimming pool, boma and dining and lounge area. Makalali Private Game Lodge is the ideal safari destination, with activities including: game drives in open Land Rovers, game walks accompanied by professional game rangers, photographic excursions and bird watching safaris. The lodge cooks up culinary delights to equal the extraordinary setting. A taste adventure awaits you as chefs create a fusion of African flavours to be enjoyed at bush breakfasts, leisurely lunches overlooking the river and romantic boma dinners under the stars. For ultimate relaxation, the on-site therapist provides a comprehensive range of treatments. Makalali, situated 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.

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. **Makalali Main 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

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building on Green Market Square adjacent to the squares famous craft markets. **Protea Hotel Victoria Junction (B).**

Protea Hotel Victoria Junction

Explore the V&A Waterfront and the heart of Cape Town from stylish accommodations 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 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, 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 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. **Protea Hotel Victoria Junction (B).**

Day 8: 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 9: Cape Town

After breakfast and the morning at leisure, you are transferred to Cape Town airport (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.
- 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.
- At times an alternative vehicle type may be used other than those mentioned in the itinerary and inclusion listing.
- 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 Makalali Main 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.