



SOUTH AFRICA: THE SIX-CARAT SAFARI

Duration: 11 Days/10 Nights

Rekindle the spark of romance in South Africa, land of exotic wildlife, renowned wine & cuisine, nature and lively culture. Enjoy whale watching, cellar and vineyard tours, and safari drives in the Game Reserve.

Programme Overview

Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Paarl, Hermanus, Johannesburg, Thorny bush Private Game Reserve

Highlights

Visit the beautiful garden of Cape Town and other places of importance
Stellenbosch and Paarl Winelands experience
Hermanus, whale watching
Game drives to explore the wilderness and sight the Big Five
Hot air ballooning over Thorny bush Private Game Reserve
Bush walk to explore the various plants, other plains animals
Special meals and sundowner experiences

A&K Advantage

Whale watching and a sundowner cruise at Hermanus
Chef's table dinner at Johannesburg

Private arrival and departure airport transfers
The services of an A&K Representative

** On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Representative who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. An A&K Representative is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your A&K Representative's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.*

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE CAPE TOWN—At leisure

On arrival an A&K Representative will welcome and transfer you in a private vehicle to your hotel and assist with check-in.

Afternoon is at leisure to relax or perhaps explore Cape Town, a city set on a soaring, rocky peninsula punctuated by lush valleys.

Overnight: Cape Grace

Meal Plan: None

Day 2

CAPE TOWN—Sightseeing

This morning, meet an A&K representative for a tour of charming Cape Town in your private vehicle. Drive through the suburb of Tamboerskloof ("Drummers' Ravine") to the lower cable car station on the slopes of Table Mountain. Weather permitting; ascend by cable car to the top of this famed mountain, which offers splendid view of the sea and the city from its summit.

Proceed to historic Cape Town, where you start with a walk through the beautiful Company Gardens – which are remnants of the Dutch East India Company's fruit and vegetable gardens. Strut past the House of Parliament; Tuynhuis ("Townhouse," or Cape Town's "White House"), National Art Gallery and National Library. Move ahead to the 17th-century Castle of Good Hope. The last stop for the day will be the bustling Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a working harbor surrounded by eclectic shops and restaurants.

This is the perfect setting for a romantic waterfront dinner.

Overnight: Cape Grace

Meal Plan: B

Day 3

CAPE TOWN—Cape Point Peninsular tour

After breakfast you set off for a Cape Point Peninsula tour. Drive past the "bikini beaches" of Clifton and Camps Bay, located at the base of the towering Twelve Apostles Mountains. Continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and the Cape Peninsula. Ride "the Flying Dutchman", a funicular railway to the top or if you would like you could climb up the steps for unparalleled views.

Your touring continues to Kalk Bay, a quaint fishing hamlet on the False Bay. Around lunchtime here, fishermen offload their catch and it is possible to buy your supper straight from the boat. Travel back toward Cape Town, passing through the elegant suburb of Constantia, the cradle of the South African wine industry.

In the evening stroll through Kirstenbosch, the world-renowned National Botanical Garden. A private guide will show you around this fascinating, romantic garden. Return to your hotel, passing the University of Cape Town, Rhodes Memorial and Mostert's Mill, a Dutch windmill dating back to 1797.

Overnight: Cape Grace

Meal Plan: B

Day 4

CAPE TOWN—STELLENBOSCH—PAARL—CAPE TOWN—Explore the Winelands

After Breakfast, explore Cape Town's famous western region, blessed with ideal wine-growing climate, beautiful natural scenery and historic estates - not to mention a bevy of top-notch restaurants.

Start your gastronomic journey at Stellenbosch. Stellenbosch is undoubtedly the most beautiful and scenic wine land in South Africa, home to some of the finest wines of the world. Visit the top of the line wine estates for a cellar tour and sampling of wine and olive oil (also produced here). Explore this lovely town's history and shops on your own as you meander through the charming streets.

Enjoy lunch at the critically acclaimed Cape Winelands restaurant Terroir, on the grounds of the Kleine Zalze winery. Dine on a Provençal-inspired chalkboard menu dominated by seasonal ingredients and local wines.

After lunch, visit Waterford Wine Estate and sample some more award-winning wines complemented by a chocolate tasting.

End the day at Anura Estate, to sample the perfect couple: award-winning wines and handcrafted Forest Hill cheeses.

Overnight: Cape Grace

Meal Plan: B, L

Day 5

CAPE TOWN–HERMANUS–At leisure

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning.

Afterward, you are privately driven to Hermanus, a town on the southern coast of the Western Cape, known as the perfect spot for whale watching.

Check in to your luxury retreat and evening is at leisure or you may explore the wide sprawling beautiful beaches of Hermanus. We suggest you sample some fine cuisine at the sophisticated beach side restaurant like The Rock or The Burgundy.

Overnight: Birkenhead House

Meal Plan: B

Day 6

HERMANUS–Whale watching

Spend the morning at leisure, soaking in the beauty of your surroundings with a relaxed breakfast in bed.

You will later be privately driven to various vantage points for whale watching along with a private guide. Watch the mammals play around and you may watch out for the sea-spray.

Evening, you will be onboard a private cruise to add to the experience of whale watching and complete the experience with a romantic sundowner.

Overnight: Birkenhead House

Meal Plan: B

Day 7

HERMANUS–CAPE TOWN–JOHANNESBURG–Chef's table

After breakfast, drive a couple of hours overland, returning to Cape Town to catch your flight to Johannesburg.

An A&K representative will meet and transfer you to your boutique hotel, situated on 10 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens.

The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy the hotel's amenities or explore Johannesburg's shopping destinations at your pace. You may also visit the Africa Craft Market of Rosebank for renowned quality African artifacts and crafts.

Enjoy a chef's table for a very special dinner showcasing the freshest ingredients and creative presentation.

Overnight: Saxon Boutique Hotel & Spa

Meal Plan: B, D

Day 8

JOHANNESBURG–THORNY BUSH PRIVATE GAME RESERVE–At leisure

After a romantic breakfast at your hotel, take a short private charter flight to Thorny bush Private Game Reserve, located in the world-famous Kruger National Park.

Upon arrival, you will be received by an A&K representative and transferred in a private vehicle to Royal Malewane.

Royal Malewane is a gorgeous safari lodge in the heart of a private game reserve boasting of an amazing species of birds and animals including the Big Five. Your luxurious accommodation offers unparalleled views of the African bush, coupled with warm hospitality and award-winning cuisine.

Evening is at leisure.

Overnight: Royal Malewane

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 9

THORNY BUSH PRIVATE GAME RESERVE–Hot air ballooning and bush walk

Early morning you leave for your Hot Air Balloon flight & watch the sun rise as you overlook the habitants of the reserve from high up in the sky. Apart from the renowned Big Five the reserve is also home to wild dog, wildebeest and plenty of giraffe. Celebrate your flight on landing with a special champagne breakfast in the bush.

Afternoon is at leisure or you may visit the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre and discover rare species of birds and animals.

This evening you will be on a guided bush walks with expert guides and trackers. Enjoy the sightings as you discover the reserve's habitat.

Rekindle your love over delicious, candlelit dinner and South African wines, and sleep under a blanket of the brilliant stars.

Overnight: Royal Malewane

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 10

THORNY BUSH PRIVATE GAME RESERVE–Bush breakfast, spa, game drive and special dinner

Enjoy a specially planned and sophisticatedly set bush breakfast laid out especially for you. Relish the breakfast in the fresh open air along with the natural beauty and picturesque views.

Indulge in a luxurious relaxing couple's spa in a private casita on this last day of your honeymoon. Feel rejuvenated and revitalized in the lodge's spa offering the best of treatments inspired by indigenous ingredients & amidst the serenity and harmony of the bush.

Leave for a game drive at dusk. As the sun sets appreciate the beauty of the reserve and nature as you see the animals returning to their resting place for the night - a paradise for the shutter bug in you.

Return to a specially organised dinner in the wilderness - a graceful setting with burning torches, twinkling stars, traditional African music and a private butler to serve you. A beautiful setting indeed for a romantic dinner with your loved one!

Overnight: Royal Malewane

Meal Plan: B, L, D

Day 11

DEPART THORNY BUSH PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Bid farewell to this paradise of flora and fauna with a final morning game drive. Fly back to Johannesburg in your private charter & you will be met by an A&K representative and escorted to the international airport for your ongoing flight.

Meal Plan: B