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# South Africa

**2018 Escorted Tours of Africa.**

**Cape Town to Johannesburg**

**12 days from \$4799**

Per person twin share from Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney

**No Single supplement for single rooms.** Book by 31 Aug 2018



Valid for weekly departures from 01 Feb to 30 Nov 2018.

Call our office for your preferred departure date.

### *Escorted Package Includes*

- Return economy airfares from Australian Capital Cities to-Cape Town, and Johannesburg.
- Intra-flight Cape Town-Durban
- 10 nights accommodations
  - 4 nights Cape Town
  - 1 night Hluhluwe
  - 1 night Swaziland
  - 2 nights Hazyview
  - 2 nights Johannesburg
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
- 17 meals: 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Game drives in modern 10-seater safari vehicles
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary

### **Special Features**

- Enjoy a tour of Cape Town, view the Castle of Good Hope, the Grande Parade and visit Table Mountain
- During the Cape Peninsula Tour, visit the Cape of Good Hope reserve and view the penguin colonies at Boulders Beach
- Game Viewing Cruise on the St Lucia Estuary, a uniquely diverse ecosystem
- Game drive through Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve
- A thrilling game drive on an open-vehicle through Kruger National Park
- In Soweto, the most metropolitan township, visit Nelson Mandela's former home



### **DAY 1, Friday - Depart for South Africa**

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### **DAY 2, Saturday - Arrive in Cape Town**

Arrive in Cape Town, undeniably one of the most beautiful cities in the world. As you transfer to your hotel, you'll see the towering symbol of the city - Table Mountain. The rest of the day is at leisure in this magnificent seaside city

**Overnight:** Cape Town

### **DAY 3, Sunday - Cape Peninsula Tour**

Depart on a full day Cape Peninsula Tour with lunch along the way. Drive to Cape Point at the southwestern tip of the Cape Peninsula, passing steep mountains, secluded coves, and sweeping beaches en route. After a stop at the fishing village of Hout Bay, one of Cape Town's best-kept secrets, continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, comprising over 17,300 acres of indigenous flora and fauna, where you may see baboons by the road-side, rheboks, cape mountain zebras, bonteboks and the elusive eland. The native plant life, known as fynbos, forms one of only six floral kingdoms in the world. Following the coastline along False Bay, return to Cape Town after lunch by way of Simon's Town. Here, visit the penguin colonies at

Boulders Beach, and continue with a scenic drive over Muizenberg Mountain. Lastly, visit the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, resting at the foot of Table Mountain, for a short walking tour of the beautiful gardens before arriving to Cape Town. This evening enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the hotel

**Overnight:** Cape Town

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 4, Monday - Cape Town City Tour**

After a leisurely breakfast depart on a half day Cape Town city and Table Mountain tour. Driving to the city center, pass famous landmarks such as the Castle of Good Hope built in 1666 by the Dutch East India Company and City Hall, a splendid baroque building, and of course the Grand Parade. See St. George's Cathedral, the Anglican Diocese of Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Pass the Company Gardens and the Malay Quarter. The route then leads to Kloof Nek and the magnificent Table Mountain. Ascend to the top (weather permitting) by means of a cable car. At the summit, see wild flowers, the famous silver tree, and marvel at a birds-eye view of the city and its beaches. On a clear day it is even possible to see Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, on one side, and Cape Point on the other. Descend from the upper cableway station and proceed to the Milnerton Lighthouse. Later, you will have the opportunity to learn the three billion year old story of diamond while touring the prominent Shimansky Jewelers & Museum at Cape Town's famous V & A Waterfront. The 45-minute tour reveals the origins of diamond mining and includes explanations of color, cut and clarity. Following the tour (or for those who do not wish to participate) stroll through the adjacent V & A Shopping Mall with its endless shopping and dining opportunities before returning to your hotel, or join the *optional* Townships of Cape Town Tour which provides the opportunity to experience authentic interactions with the city's many different communities

**Optional:** Half Day Townships of Cape Town Tour (PM)

**Overnight:** Cape Town

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 5, Tuesday - Full Day in Cape Town**

Enjoy the day at leisure in Cape Town. Perhaps join the *optional* Winelands Tour which takes you along the country's principal wine route to the scenic towns of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch with tastings along the way. Alternatively, thrill seekers will not want to miss the *optional* excursion to "Shark Alley" to experience

great white shark cage diving. Tonight, experience local culture in a relaxed and comfortable environment at the *optional* Home Hosted Dinner

**Optional:** Full Day Private Winelands Tour\*

**Optional:** Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving\*

*\*The Full Day Winelands Tour and Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving operate simultaneously. Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours.*

**Optional:** Home Hosted Dinner in Cape Town

**Overnight:** Cape Town

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 6, Wednesday - Flight to Durban, Game Viewing Cruise on the St. Lucia Estuary**

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Durban. Upon arrival in the early afternoon, drive to St. Lucia. Later, embark on a game viewing cruise that takes you on the St. Lucia Estuary. This tidal estuary is home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles, and even sharks, making it a fascinating and uniquely diverse ecosystem. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel

**Overnight:** Hluhluwe

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 7, Thursday - Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, Travel to Swaziland**

After an early breakfast, travel to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, situated in northern KwaZulu Natal, which contains an immense diversity of fauna and flora and is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhinos. Home to Africa's "Big Five," you may have a chance to see elephant, Cape buffalo, lion and leopard, in addition to rhino during your morning game drive through the reserve. The park also boasts warthog, crocodile, and antelope. Following the safari, continue to the border of the Kingdom of Swaziland. This independent kingdom within the borders of South Africa is known for its lovely scenery and vibrant indigenous culture. Stop at a handicraft market this afternoon before arriving to your hotel in the early evening

**Overnight:** Swaziland

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 8, Friday - Swaziland Sightseeing and Matsamo Village Visit**

After breakfast visit the Ngwenya glass factory, where visitors can watch talented

glass blowers create a range of enchanting African animals, birds and fish, as well as tableware, made from recycled glass that is collected by the children of Swaziland. Transfer to the South African border and visit Matsamo Cultural Village where you can learn more about the Swazi traditions and customs. Enjoy traditional dance and song performances with authentic African instruments as well as traditional Swazi cuisine. You may wander through the village with its many traditional huts and interact with the locals. Later, continue to the hotel where you will enjoy dinner

**Overnight:** Hazyview

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 9, Saturday - Kruger National Park Game Drive**

The day begins at dawn with coffee, tea, and rusks, a South African dry biscuit. Upon departure from the hotel, a pre-packed breakfast will be provided for you. Then, on to Kruger National Park for a thrilling full day open-vehicle game drive. Larger than the state of Connecticut, the park offers some of the best game and wildlife viewing opportunities in the world, and early morning is an optimal time of day. You may have a chance to see lion, elephant, giraffe, or zebra in their natural habitat. After stopping at a rest camp for lunch on your own, continue your game drive. With any luck, you may even see cheetah and leopard. After the day's excitement, relax by the pool and enjoy dinner at the hotel

**Overnight:** Hazyview

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Sunday - Panorama Route to Johannesburg**

Depart after breakfast and travel to Mpumalanga Province, known as "Paradise Country," driving the spectacular "Panorama Route." Stop to admire the views of amazing scenery along the 16-mile-long Blyde River Canyon, cut deep into red sandstone, and God's Window (weather permitting), a breathtaking, edenic vista at the edge of the escarpment overlooking Kruger National Park. Visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, a series of waterfalls and distinctive rock formations created by countless millennia of water erosion before proceeding this afternoon to Johannesburg

**Overnight:** Johannesburg

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 11, Monday - Soweto Tour**

After an early breakfast depart on a half day tour of Soweto. Experience a fascinating glimpse of the bustling neighborhood life of Soweto, the most

metropolitan township in the country, setting trends in politics, fashion, music, dance and language. Drive by the former residence of Bishop Desmond Tutu and visit Nelson Mandela's former home, before proceeding to the Hector Peterson memorial, dedicated to one of the first casualties of the Soweto uprising of 1976. Return to the hotel for lunch on your own before departing for the Apartheid Museum. On your guided tour of the museum you will journey through the racial segregation experienced by millions of South Africans just over a decade ago. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner at the hotel

**Overnight:** Johannesburg

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 12, Tuesday - Depart South Africa**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast



Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Cape Town, Cape Town





This first class hotel is situated a short walk away from the Company Gardens.

#### Hotel Details

Protea Hotel Umfolozi River, Richards Bay



This tourist class hotel is located nearby the Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve.

#### Hotel Details

Mountain Inn, Mbabane





This tourist class hotel is located a short distance away from the Mbabane city center.

**Hotel Details**

Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini



This tourist class hotel is located in Swaziland's Ezulwini Valley.

**Hotel Details**

Protea Hotel Hazyview, Hazyview



This tourist class hotel is situated in the lush Mpumalanga Lowveld, and is twenty-five minutes from the famous Kruger National Park.

**Hotel Details**

Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Melrose Arch, Johannesburg



This first class hotel is located in the Melrose Arch Precinct.

#### Hotel Details

**Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.**

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
  
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Book Online or call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

#### Half Day Townships of Cape Town Tour

Join your local guide on a fascinating tour of Cape Town's townships. These locations will illustrate the struggles still facing parts of the country and the bitter legacy of apartheid, but also show the great strides that have been made since Nelson Mandela was released from prison. Begin at the District Six Museum, dedicated to the once vibrant community that was displaced to the Cape Flats during the apartheid era. Drive through the former settlement and continue to Langa, the oldest formal township in Cape Town. Visit a community center that is providing arts and cultural education to locals, enjoy the drumming experience, and walk through the township to better understand everyday life experienced by township residents today.

Approximate tour duration is 3.5 hours.



### Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving

Join a thrilling full day excursion to "Shark Alley" to experience great white shark cage diving. Early this morning depart Cape Town and head east to the coastal fishing town of Gansbaai. Upon arrival, the crew of your expedition boat will review the day's activities, safety etiquette and provide fascinating insight to these marine predators. Enjoy a light breakfast before boarding your boat and heading out into the open waters between Geyser Rock and Dyer Island where great white hunt for seals and penguins. Outfitted with a wetsuit, lifejacket and snorkeling mask, climb through the top of the cage secured to the boat. You will take turns with your fellow divers watching these predators under water and from the comfort of the ship deck.

Return to the port in the early afternoon where you will be greeted with a hot bowl of soup and bread. Relax as the marine biologist recaps your adventure and answers any remaining questions before your return to Cape Town.

\*Departure from the hotel will be approximately 5:00 am and the drive from Cape Town to Gansbaai is approximately 2.5 hours (one way). The boat will be launched around 9:00 am and the boat trip will last between 3-5 hours depending on the weather and sea conditions. Shower facilities will be available after the ship returns from the dive. The return transfer to Cape Town will be at approximately 2:00 pm and arrival at 4:30 pm. Pick-up and drop-off times are approximate and will be advised locally.

\*Due to limited capacity, advanced booking is recommended for this tour. This is not an exclusive Gate 1 tour and therefore you may be with passengers from other tour companies. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Due to inclement weather and/or rough seas, this tour may be canceled and refunded. Clients who are prone to seasickness are advised not to participate in this tour.

Day #5

04 Nov 2016 - 31 Dec 2017

AUD\$211.00



### Full Day Winelands Tour

Wind through South Africa's fertile valleys, prized for their renowned vintages, and discover the rustic beauty of sprawling estates shaded by giant oaks and rows of vines running as far as the eye can see. Travel the country's principal wine route to Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch and enjoy tastings at some of the excellent vineyards along the way. Begin with the "Pearl of Paarl" and visit one of the local estates to savor a wine tasting and cellar tour. Then continue northwest to the old, scenic village of Franschhoek, founded near the Drakenstein Mountains in 1688 by French immigrants, whose descendants eventually supplied highly sought after wine to Napoleon, Bismarck, and even King Edward VII. Next, stop for lunch on your own and then it is off to another wine tasting. Lastly, travel to Stellenbosch, South Africa's second oldest town and the historic heart of the country's wine region. First recognized as an ideal location for vineyards in 1679, viticulture has been entwined with the town's history ever since. Also of interest is the town's fascinating variety of architecture, including buildings in Cape Dutch, Georgian, and Victorian styles. Enjoy a final tasting before bidding farewell to the wine country and returning to Cape

Town.

Approximate tour duration is 8 hours.

Day #5

04 Nov 2016 - 31 Dec 2017

AUD\$104.00



### Home Hosted Dinner in Cape Town

This dinner will allow you to meet a local South African family and visit their home. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a home cooked three course meal with wine typical to South Africa. Give yourself the chance to experience local culture in a relaxed and comfortable environment with fascinating conversation about the way of life in South Africa, while also exchanging views as well as experiences with your hosts.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #5

04 Nov 2016 - 31 Dec 2017

AUD\$73.00





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Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days' Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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