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EXPERIENCE SOUTH AFRICA



MAXIMUM
20
SMALL GROUP

PLUS VICTORIA FALLS & CHOBE NATIONAL PARK
OCT 16-NOV 8, 2024 | 24 DAYS | 44 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADER: SUSANNE COLLINS

Often described as “The World in One Country”, South Africa is blessed with a diversity of climate, geography, wildlife and cultural heritage not possible anywhere else. Each day we find new and exciting vistas spread before us: the rolling pastures of the Mpumalanga, the rugged peaks of the Drakensberg, the bush with its endless varieties of game and bird life, miles of golden sand beaches, quaint country towns, modern thriving cities and much more. South Africa has undergone several tremendous political and social changes over the past two decades, from minority white rule and apartheid to representative government. Today, we find a country that is living in harmony, both with nature and man. We’ll have special opportunities to meet with and learn from different ethnic groups within South Africa throughout our journey. Come, let the enchantment of the safari awaken your spirit and forge a lasting connection with the untamed soul of Africa.



**Our 2024 South Africa Tours are
LIMITED TO JUST 20 MEMBERS**

THIS SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE will be popular so enrol early to avoid disappointment

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to South Africa plus domestic flights
- First-class hotels and lodges as indicated or similar
- Extensive sightseeing throughout, including all admissions plus more than five game drives
- Special opportunities to engage with local South Africans through receptions and hosted meals
- 44 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B - 21 breakfasts, L - 12 lunches, D - 11 dinners)
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare

Highlights

- Five nights in Africa’s most beautiful city, Cape Town, with tours to the Cape of Good Hope, Table Mountain and the surrounding Wine Districts
- Arid Little Karoo and Oudtshoorn, home of the ostrich
- Garden Route via Tsitsikamma Forest, Knysna, and Plettenberg Bay
- Homelands of the Zulu and the Kingdom of Swaziland with opportunities to experience local living
- Kruger and Chobe National Parks for the best game viewing and scenic drives in southern Africa
- Pretoria, national capital of South Africa, Johannesburg and Bishop Desmond Tutu’s Soweto
- Victoria Falls, Africa’s most magnificent waterfall on the Zambesi River, and Chobe National Park on the flood plains of the Chobe River

Journey Leader

Susanne Collins, a lifelong traveller, shares a passion for diverse cultures and places. Retired from a senior partner role in global financial services, she now dedicates time to her interests: travel, pottery, photography, and outdoor pursuits. Splitting time between Muskoka, Tampa, and various global destinations, Susanne's extensive travel across six continents informs her role as a journey leader, creating unforgettable memories for her groups. She looks forward to sharing lots of fun and many adventures exploring Africa with you!



OCT 16, Wednesday DEPART CANADA/AMSTERDAM

Tour members from across Canada gather to fly to Amsterdam before connecting to South Africa.

OCT 17, Thursday AMSTERDAM / CAPE TOWN

After our late arrival in Cape Town, we will be transferred directly to our hotel in vibrant Bantry Bay on the slopes of Lion’s Head. **The President Hotel** (5 nights)

OCT 18, Friday CAPE TOWN

Our day begins with a cable car ride to the heights of Table Mountain (weather permitting). This unique landmark rises over 1,000 metres above the city and spreads horizontally across the skyline. Following lunch at the waterfront, enjoy some leisure time to explore. **BL**

OCT 19, Saturday CAPE TOWN

Take in the sights as we drive through the city centre and visit the Government Gardens, Bo-Kapp Malay Quarter, and St. George’s Cathedral. Dating from 1824, the church has been the pillar of the Anglican Church in South Africa and was a major centre against apartheid led by Bishop Desmond Tutu. At an additional cost, you may opt to explore Robben Island before we enjoy a welcome dinner together at Gold Restaurant. **BD**

OCT 20, Sunday **CAPE OF GOOD HOPE**

We head south to the quaint town of Simonstown. After lunch, we will visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach. Delight in the magnificent scenery as we drive to Cape Point, on the tip of the Cape of Good Hope. BL

OCT 21, Monday **CAPE TOWN**

Enjoy a guided walk through the National Botanical Garden in Kirstenbosch, a 528-hectare natural area set on the slopes of Table Mountain with over 10,000 different native flowers and plants. We head to Groot Constantia for a chocolate and wine tasting, followed by lunch. BL

OCT 22, Tuesday **STELLENBOSCH / MONTAGU**

We travel to the long-established university town of Stellenbosch, with its oak-lined streets and stately mansions. The area was first settled in 1680 and many buildings date from the late 18th century. Continue to Grand Provence Estate for a cellar tour, wine tasting and lunch. In Franschhoek, nestled in its own valley, we shall see the Huguenot Monument before reaching Montagu.

Montagu Country Hotel (1 night) BL

OCT 23, Wednesday **LITTLE KAROO / OUDTSHOORN**

Our journey east follows the route of the early settlers over rolling farmlands and past spectacular scenery. Our travels will take us through Barrydale into Little Karoo. Following lunch, we continue to De Krans Estate where we will enjoy a glass of port wine. We then head to our hotel in the old-fashioned town of Oudtshoorn, made wealthy by the feathers of the flightless Ostrich.

Survall Olive Estate (1 night) BL

OCT 24, Thursday **OUDTSHOORN / GARDEN ROUTE**

This morning we shall explore the fascinating Cango Caves followed by a visit to an ostrich farm to learn more about these fascinating birds, and to enjoy a lunch featuring its eggs and very lean meat. In the afternoon we descend the Outeniqua Pass and drive through the Garden Route Lakes District to the resort centre of Knysna.

Protea Knysna Quays (2 nights) BL

OCT 25, Friday **GARDEN ROUTE**

Enjoy a leisurely morning relaxing or exploring on your own. Our afternoon is highlighted by a reception at Theodora Creche, hosted by the local community, and by a visit to Birds of Eden. Enjoy a short nature walk on Robberg Nature Reserve followed by a glass of sparkling wine. We will enjoy a delicious dinner at Drydock restaurant on Knysna's waterfront. BD

OCT 26, Saturday **PORT ELIZABETH / UMHLANGA**

Departing early, we head east along the coast following the scenic route from Tsitsikamma to Port Elizabeth which is known for its sunshine and beautiful sandy beaches. From there, we fly to Durban, where we will overnight by the northern beaches. **Protea Hotel Umhlanga** (1 night) BD

OCT 27, Sunday **DURBAN / ZULULAND**

Relax this morning with opportunities to join an orientation tour of Durban City. Drive through Zululand to Lake St. Lucia, an area known for its exceptional bird life, where we will have lunch before a cruise on the lake. Continue into the land of Zulu and our delightful country inn.

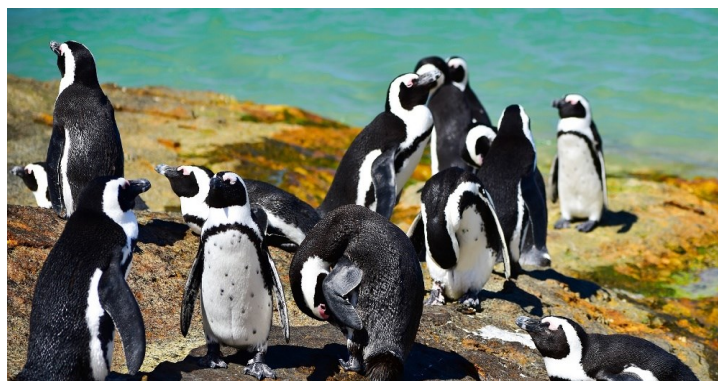
Ghost Mountain Inn (2 nights) BLD



Breathtaking views of Blyde River Canyon



Enjoy opportunities to see a variety of game



Boulders Beach penguins

OCT 28, Monday **MKUZE GAME RESERVE**

We enjoy our first game drive in the Mkuze Game Reserve in open 4x4 vehicles, with opportunities to see a wide variety of game. Later we can relax at our resort or join an optional excursion to explore the mountainous countryside of the traditional Zulu homelands, highlighted by a visit to a Zulu compound where we will be introduced to their unique lifestyle. This evening, weather permitting, we are treated to a BBQ dinner and a presentation of Zulu war dances. BD

OCT 29, Tuesday **SWAZILAND**

Our morning drive takes us to neighbouring Swaziland, an independent kingdom. Follow the Ezulwini Valley, known as the "Place of Heaven", to the capital of Mbabane. Lunch is in the Ezulwini Valley. Along the way, we will visit the Swazi Market and a craft centre.

Piggs Peak Hotel (1 night) BL

OCT 30, Wednesday KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy spectacular scenery as we drive over Piggs Peak and enter eastern Mpumalanga en route to Kruger National Park. Enjoy game viewing from our coach as we drive across the park. **Kruger Gate Hotel** (2 nights) BD

OCT 31, Thursday KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a full-day game drive through the heart of Kruger National Park in open game-viewing vehicles. Keep an eye out for sightings of the "Big Five" which includes elephants, buffalos, rhinos, lions and leopards. This evening, relax in our delightful lodge. BD

NOV 1, Friday BLYDE RIVER CANYON / NELSPRUIT

This morning we drive from the plain of Kruger to Highveld and follow along its crest for magnificent views of the Blyde River Canyon and God's Window. Enjoy the wonderful scenery along the escarpment before we continue to the **Protea Nelspruit Hotel** (1 night). BD

NOV 2, Saturday PRETORIA / ROSEBANK

Journey through the Highveld's rolling farmlands to reach Pretoria, the picturesque capital of South Africa. Explore this gracious city known for its broad avenues bordered by flowering trees and its impressive public buildings and monuments. **Fire & Ice Melrose Arch** (2 nights) BL

NOV 3, Sunday JOHANNESBURG / SOWETO

Enjoy a morning drive through Johannesburg, a city created from the wealth of gold and diamonds, before a visit to the engaging Apartheid Museum. We enjoy a special lunch at *Chez Alina* before heading off to explore the township of Soweto, home of Bishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela. BL

NOV 4, Monday VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Our flight brings us to Victoria Falls, discovered by David Livingstone in 1855. At 353ft high and over a mile wide, they are the largest falls in Africa. Enjoy a guided walk, and weather permitting, there will also be an optional helicopter ride to see the sights of the main falls, Devil's Cataract and Danger Point. **Victoria Falls Hotel** (1 night) BD

NOV 5, Tuesday CHOBE, BOTSWANA

We drive across the border into the north of Botswana, and the gateway to Chobe National Park. Chobe, spanning 11,000sq. kilometers, offers excellent game viewing with a diverse array of wildlife, including buffalo, elephants, hippos, and lions. Relax by the pool, and enjoy a dinner under the stars, serenaded by the unique sounds of Africa. **Chobe Game Lodge** (2 nights) BLD

NOV 6, Wednesday CHOBE

Spend a full day in the park with morning and afternoon excursions in open land rovers, and by boat, to view the fauna that frequent the fertile flood plains of the Zambesi. A highlight of our stay will be the visit by boat to the natural hippo pool, a short distance from the lodge. BLD

NOV 7, Thursday KASANE / CANADA

Enjoy the amenities of our beautiful resort or join an early morning game drive before checking out after breakfast. Later today we catch our return flights to Canada. B

NOV 8, Friday CANADA

On arrival in Toronto, we catch our continuing flights to our homes across Canada.



Spot a pride of lions taking a break, a rare chance in the wild



**Book by May 31, 2024
and save \$200 per person**



CT Rating 3/5 - Moderately Challenging: While relatively easy, this journey features long flights, a number of walks over uneven ground (some with steps) and some hot humid days. Members should be physically active to fully enjoy this tour. Hotels are comfortable, roads are good and the food is excellent throughout the region.

Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Land-only* (Join/Leave at hotel)	\$9,995
Toronto	\$12,995
Montreal / Ottawa	\$13,185
Halifax / St. John's / Moncton / Winnipeg	\$13,365
Regina / Saskatoon	\$13,465
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver	\$13,365
Victoria	\$13,465
Single Supplement	\$2,845

***Land-only price excludes all flights and airport transfers.** Land-only join at the Cape Town hotel/ leave at the Chobe Lodge. International and internal flights are only included if booking is air-inclusive. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. Prices are based on a group of 15 travellers and on rates, taxes and fees effective January 2024 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 10 travellers.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

**Final payment is due on July 16, 2024
Deposit is \$800 per person**

To reserve your spot on this tour, complete the enclosed enrollment form, indicating the tour you wish to join and your home city, and forward it with your deposit to:



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