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SOUTH AFRICA

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SMALL GROUP
INCLUDES VICTORIA FALLS & CHOBE NATIONAL PARK
MARCH 5-26, 2027 | 22 DAYS | 40 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADERS: DETLEF & BARB DRANSCH

The powerful Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe

South Africa is blessed with a diverse climate, geography, and cultural heritage. Our journey embraces this country and extends to the wonders of Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Eswatini. Each day, new vistas unfold, from the thundering mist of Victoria Falls to the green expanse of the Blyde River Canyon. We will trace the lush Garden Route, explore the Cango Caves, and stay at a beautiful lodge nestled inside Chobe National Park. This journey connects you to the region's history in Soweto and Pretoria, and its wild heart with game drives in Kruger and Mkuze. From modern cities to the untamed bush, it offers the very best of Southern Africa.

Highlights

- Stays in Kruger and Chobe National Parks, and Mkuze Game Reserve for exceptional game drives and river safaris
- Three nights in Cape Town, with tours of the Cape of Good Hope, Table Mountain, and the surrounding wine districts
- Arid Little Karoo and Oudtshoorn, home of the ostrich
- Explore the limestone formations of the Cango Caves
- Garden Route: Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, and Tsitsikamma
- Homelands of the Zulu and the Kingdom of Eswatini
- Pretoria, the national capital, historic Soweto, and bustling Johannesburg
- Victoria Falls, Africa's most magnificent waterfall
- Blyde River Canyon, one of the world's largest canyons
- Connect with the local community at Theodora Crèche

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to South Africa, plus domestic flights within the destination when booking air-inclusive
- First class hotels and lodges as indicated or similar
- Extensive sightseeing and game drives as indicated
- 40 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B - 19 breakfasts, L - 10 lunches, D - 11 dinners)
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for inclusions
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare
- Complimentary eSIM with mobile data

Journey Leaders

Meet your journey leaders, **Detlef** and **Barb Dransch**. They share a love of exploration, culture, and connection, with travels spanning South America, Costa Rica, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. Detlef, a retired high-tech professional, has led motorcycle tours across the Alps, Norway, and North America. Barb, retired from non-profit finance, adds a curious and thoughtful touch to every adventure. They look forward to sharing the journey—and plenty of great stories—with you.



SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

LIMITED TO ONLY 20 TRAVELLERS

MAR 5-6, Friday-Saturday CANADA / CAPE TOWN

Our journey begins as travellers from across Canada fly overnight to Cape Town. Upon arrival, we transfer to our hotel in the city's exclusive Bantry Bay neighbourhood.

The President Hotel (3 nights)

MAR 7, Sunday CAPE TOWN

Today we discover the historic heart of Cape Town. Our tour begins with a walk through the Company's Garden, the city's green lung, before visiting St. George's Cathedral, known for its role in the resistance against apartheid. We then explore the vibrant Bo-Kaap district, famous for its colourful homes and unique Cape Malay culture. After lunch along the V&A Waterfront, we ascend Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting). This incredible sandstone formation rises over 1,000 metres from the city floor and is defined by its distinctive, level plateau. From the top, we will take in magnificent views of Cape Town and the ocean before enjoying a free evening at leisure. BL

MAR 8, Monday CAPE PENINSULA

Our exploration of the Cape Peninsula begins at Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the slopes of Table Mountain showcasing diverse native flora. Next, we visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, watching them waddle between granite boulders. The journey continues with a breathtaking coastal drive to Cape Point, the dramatic tip of the Cape of Good Hope. BD

MAR 9, Tuesday STELLENBOSCH / MONTAGU

This morning we journey into the heart of the Winelands, starting in Stellenbosch. We explore its oak-lined streets, admiring the Cape Dutch architecture of this historic university town. Next, we visit a local wine estate for a cellar tour, wine tasting, and lunch. Our route continues to beautiful Franschhoek to see the Huguenot Monument, a tribute to the valley's French founders, before arriving in Montagu. **Monte Vista Boutique Hotel** (1 night) BL

MAR 10, Wednesday LITTLE KAROO / OUDTSHOORN

Our drive east traces the historic route of early settlers, taking us through the spectacular scenery of the Little Karoo via Barrydale. Following a stop for lunch, we visit the

award-winning De Krans Estate to sample its renowned port wines. Our day concludes in Oudtshoorn, a town whose grand 'feather palaces' were built on the wealth of the 19th-century ostrich trade. **Surval Olive Estate** (1 night) BL

MAR 11, Thursday **GARDEN ROUTE**

This morning, we explore the fascinating Cango Caves, a remarkable subterranean wonder. At a local ostrich farm we learn about these intriguing birds and enjoy a special lunch featuring ostrich meat and vegetables. Our journey then takes us down the scenic Outeniqua Pass and through the lake district to the resort town of Knysna.

Protea Knysna Quays (2 nights) BL

MAR 12, Friday **KNYSNA**

After a leisurely morning, we visit Theodora Crèche to learn about the school and enjoy refreshments. We then stop at Birds of Eden, a remarkable free-flight sanctuary home to 220 bird species. Later, we take a scenic walk in Robberg Nature Reserve, complete with a glass of bubbly. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. BD

MAR 13, Saturday **GQEBERHA / UMHLANGA**

Departing early, we head east along the coast, following the scenic route from Tsitsikamma to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), a city known for its sunshine and relaxed coastal vibe. From there, we fly to Durban and spend the night near the city's northern shoreline.

Protea Hotel Umhlanga (1 night) BD

MAR 14, Sunday **UMHLANGA / ZULULAND**

Our day begins with a short orientation tour of the vibrant coastal city of Durban. We then travel north to St Lucia, the gateway to the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This estuary is celebrated for its concentration of birdlife, hippos, and crocodiles. After lunch, we embark on a boat cruise to experience this unique wetland ecosystem up close. Our drive continues into the heart of Zululand, a region rich in the culture of the Zulu people.

Ghost Mountain Inn (2 nights) BLD

MAR 15, Monday **MKUZE GAME RESERVE**

Today we are taken on our first game drive, exploring the Mkuze Game Reserve in open 4x4 vehicles, with opportunities to see a wide variety of wildlife, including zebras, wildebeest, baboons and elephants. This afternoon we have free time to relax at our hotel, and dinner tonight includes a presentation of Zulu dances. BD

MAR 16, Tuesday **ESWATINI**

Our journey continues as we cross into the Kingdom of Eswatini, one of the last remaining absolute monarchies in the world. We enjoy a scenic drive through its countryside, stopping at a roadside market. We then continue to the Ezulwini Valley for lunch. **Piggs Peak Hotel** (1 night) BL

MAR 17, Wednesday **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

An early start sees us drive across the border into Kruger National Park. This world-renowned sanctuary is one of Africa's largest game reserves, famed for its density of wildlife, including the "Big Five." After free time for lunch, we enjoy our first introduction to this vast wilderness, scanning for animals as we cross the park by coach.

Kruger Gate Hotel (2 nights) BD



Aerial views of Cape Town



Spot wildlife while on safari. Courtesy of Desert Delta Safaris.



Explore Cango Caves



Blyde River Canyon, the world's largest green canyon

MAR 18, Thursday **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**
 Enjoy a full-day game drive in open safari vehicles through the heart of Kruger National Park, an untamed sanctuary for over 500 bird species. We will search for Africa's most iconic wildlife, keeping a special watch for elephants, buffalo, rhinos, lions, and leopards. BD

MAR 19, Friday **BLYDE RIVER CANYON / NELSPRUIT**
 We set off on a scenic drive from the plains of Kruger to the Highveld. Following its crest, We will enjoy magnificent views of the Blyde River Canyon, the world's largest 'green' canyon. Take in the stunning scenery along this famed Panorama Route before continuing to our hotel. **Protea Nelspruit Hotel** (1 night) BD

MAR 20, Saturday **PRETORIA / JOHANNESBURG**
 Today we explore Pretoria, the picturesque administrative capital of South Africa. Our tour takes us through this gracious city, known for its broad avenues bordered by trees, impressive public buildings and monuments. After, we continue to Rosebank, located in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg. **Fire & Ice Melrose Arch** (2 nights) BL

MAR 21, Sunday **JOHANNESBURG / SOWETO**
 This day is dedicated to exploring Johannesburg, a city founded on the wealth of gold and diamonds, including a visit to the compelling Apartheid Museum. After a special lunch at Chez Alina, we tour Soweto (an acronym for South Western Townships), once home to Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu. This sprawling, vibrant urban centre was a focal point of the anti-apartheid movement. BL

MAR 22, Monday **VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE**
 A short flight brings us to Victoria Falls, the largest waterfall in Africa at 108 metres high and nearly 1.7 kilometres wide. Discovered by David Livingstone in 1855, the falls are the region's most spectacular natural sight. After checking into our hotel, we set out on an afternoon guided walk to experience the iconic falls, taking in views of the Main Falls, Devil's Cataract, and Danger Point. **Ilala Lodge** (1 night) BD

MAR 23, Tuesday **CHOBE, BOTSWANA**
 Our journey takes us across the border into northern Botswana, the gateway to Chobe National Park. Home to superb game viewing, Chobe covers over 11,000 sq. km and hosts a remarkable variety of wildlife, including vast herds of buffalo, elephants, hippos, and lions. After check-in and lunch, enjoy some time to relax before embarking on our first game viewing activity. **Chobe Game Lodge** (2 nights) BLD

MAR 24, Wednesday **CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**
 Enjoy an incredible day in the park with game viewing excursions by both land and water, allowing us to see the diverse wildlife that frequents these fertile floodplains. Between adventures, take advantage of the lodge's amenities, perhaps relaxing on the boardwalk deck overlooking the river or cooling off in the large swimming pool. BLD

MAR 25, Thursday **KASANE / JOHANNESBURG / CANADA**
 Relax and enjoy the amenities of our lodge, or join one last early morning game drive. Later, we transfer to the Kasane airport for our flights to Canada via Johannesburg. B

MAR 26, Friday **ARRIVE CANADA**
 On arrival in Toronto, our journey concludes, with onward connections available across Canada.

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CT Rating 3/5 – Moderately Challenging: While relatively easy, this journey features long flights and a few long travel days. It includes some early morning starts and walks over uneven ground (some with steps), at times in hot, humid weather. Please note that Wi-Fi is limited in some areas. 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)	\$12,485
Toronto	\$15,995
Montreal / Ottawa	\$16,225
Halifax / St. John's / Moncton / Winnipeg	\$16,355
Regina / Saskatoon	\$16,455
Calgary / Edmonton	\$16,355
Vancouver / Victoria	\$16,455
Single Supplement	\$2,995

***Land only price excludes all flights and airport transfers.** Land only members join at the Cape Town hotel and leave at the Chobe Lodge. International and internal flights are only included when booking air-inclusive. Airfare from other gateways is available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

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 March 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 15 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 October 22, 2026
Deposit is \$950 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, book online through our website or submit an enrollment form with your deposit to:

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