



SOUTH AFRICA



October 20 - November 10, 2027 • 22 Days • 40 Meals
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CAPE TOWN

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

PRIVATE SAFARI & GAME DRIVES

Kruger Gate Hotel sits steps from Paul Kruger Gate. At Chobe, we stay at Chobe Game Lodge located inside the national park and perched on the banks of the Chobe River, with direct access to both land and water game drives. Together with Mkuze, these three reserves give us the best possible chance of encountering the Big Five while experiencing some of southern Africa's most celebrated wilderness.

UNESCO & NATURAL WONDERS

Explore Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, part of the UNESCO-listed Cape Floral Region, as well as the World Heritage Sites of iSimangaliso Wetland Park and Victoria Falls. Marvel at the Blyde River Canyon, one of the world's largest green canyons.

CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS

Tour Soweto and the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg, cross into the Kingdom of Eswatini and witness a Zulu dance performance in Zululand.

CAPE & THE GARDEN ROUTE

Ascend Table Mountain, taste wine in Stellenbosch, explore the Cango Caves and the ostrich farms of Oudtshoorn in the Little Karoo. Plus, visit Birds of Eden in Knysna.

Chobe River image courtesy of Desert & Delta Safaris

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

Limited to 25 members

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.



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OCT 20-21 | CANADA / CAPE TOWN

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

The President Hotel - 3 nights

OCT 22 | CAPE TOWN

Today we discover the historic heart of Cape Town. Our tour begins with a walk through the Company's Garden before visiting St. George's Cathedral, known for its role in the resistance against apartheid. We then explore the colourful homes of the Bo-Kaap district. After lunch, we ascend Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting) for sweeping views of Cape Town. (BL)

OCT 23 | CAPE PENINSULA

Our exploration of the Cape Peninsula begins at Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, part of the UNESCO-listed Cape Floral Region and known for its 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, at the tip of the Cape Peninsula near the Cape of Good Hope. (BD)

OCT 24 | STELLENBOSCH / MONTAGU

This morning we journey into the heart of the Winelands and the historic town of Stellenbosch, where oak-lined streets and Cape Dutch architecture reflect the region's heritage. At a local wine estate, we enjoy a cellar tour, tasting and lunch before making our way to Franschhoek to visit the Huguenot Monument. *Monte Vista Boutique Hotel - 1 night* (BL)

OCT 25 | LITTLE KAROO / OUDTSHOORN

Our drive east takes us through the spectacular scenery of the Little Karoo via Barrydale. We visit the award-winning De Krans Estate for a port wine tasting before continuing to Oudtshoorn, known for its 19th-century ostrich trade.

Survival Olive Estate - 1 night (BL)

OCT 26 | GARDEN ROUTE

This morning we explore the fascinating Cango Caves. At a local ostrich farm, we learn about these intriguing birds and enjoy a special lunch. Our journey then takes us down the scenic Outeniqua Pass and through the Lake District to Knysna.

The Moorings - 2 nights (BL)

OCT 27 | 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 more than 200 bird species. Later, we enjoy a walk in the Robberg Nature Reserve, complete with a glass of bubbly. (BD)

OCT 28 | PORT ELIZABETH / UMHLANGA

Departing early, we travel east along the coast from Tsitsikamma to Port Elizabeth. From there, we fly to Durban and continue to Umhlanga.

Protea Hotel Umhlanga - 1 night (BD)

OCT 29 | UMHLANGA / ZULULAND

Our day begins with a short orientation tour of Durban before we travel north to St Lucia, gateway to the UNESCO-listed iSimangaliso Wetland Park. After lunch, we take a boat cruise through the estuary, known for its birdlife, hippos and crocodiles. Our drive continues into the heart of Zululand.

Ghost Mountain Inn - 2 nights (BLD)

OCT 30 | MKUZE GAME RESERVE

Today we enjoy our first game drive, exploring Mkuze Game Reserve in open 4x4 vehicles in search of zebras, wildebeest,

elephants and other wildlife. This afternoon is free to relax at our resort, followed by dinner and a presentation of Zulu dances. (BD)

OCT 31 | ESWATINI

We cross into the Kingdom of Eswatini, one of the last remaining absolute monarchies in the world. A scenic drive through the countryside includes a stop at a roadside market before continuing to the Ezulwini Valley for lunch.

Piggs Peak Hotel - 1 night (BL)

NOV 1 | KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Early this morning we drive towards Kruger National Park, one of Africa's largest game reserves. We cross the park by coach, keeping watch for wildlife along the way.

Kruger Gate Hotel - 2 nights (BD)

NOV 2 | KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a full-day game drive through Kruger National Park in open game-viewing vehicles. We'll search for the Big Five and the many other species that inhabit this vast reserve. (BD)

NOV 3 | BLYDE RIVER CANYON / NELSPRUIT

Our drive brings us to the Blyde River Canyon. We pause to admire this spectacular natural wonder, recognized as one of the largest green canyons in the world.

Protea Nelspruit Hotel - 1 night (BD)

NOV 4 | PRETORIA / JOHANNESBURG

Today we explore Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, with a city tour highlighting its tree-lined avenues, public buildings and monuments. We then continue to Rosebank in Johannesburg's northern suburbs.

Fire & Ice Melrose Arch - 2 nights (BL)

NOV 5 | JOHANNESBURG / SOWETO

This day is dedicated to exploring Johannesburg, a city that grew rapidly following the discovery of gold on the Witwatersrand. We also visit the Apartheid Museum. After a special lunch, we tour Soweto, once home to Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu. (BL)

NOV 6 | VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

A short flight brings us to Victoria Falls, one of the world's most impressive waterfalls, stretching nearly 1.7 kilometres wide and plunging more than 100 metres. This afternoon, we set out on a guided walk along the falls, taking in views of the Main Falls, Devil's Cataract and Danger Point. *Ilala Lodge - 1 night* (BD)

NOV 7 | CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA

We cross the border into Botswana and Chobe National Park, known for superb game viewing and large populations of elephants, buffalo, hippos and lions. After check-in and lunch, enjoy some time to relax before our first game-viewing excursion. *Chobe Game Lodge - 2 nights* (BLD)

NOV 8 | CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a day of game-viewing excursions by land and water, offering different perspectives on Chobe's diverse wildlife. Between excursions, enjoy time to relax and take advantage of the lodge's amenities. (BLD)

NOV 9 | KASANE / JOHANNESBURG / CANADA

Relax and enjoy the amenities of our resort or join one last early morning game drive. Later, we transfer to the Kasane Airport for our flights to Canada via Johannesburg. (B)

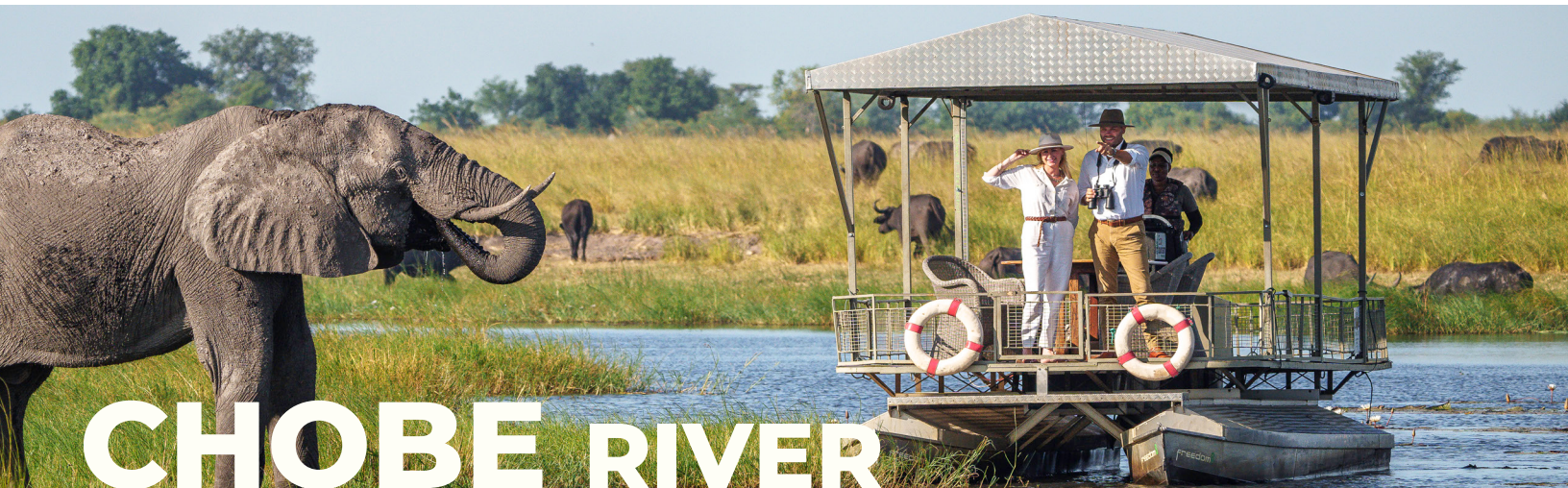
NOV 10 | ARRIVE CANADA

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

B: BREAKFAST (19) L: LUNCH (10) D: DINNER (11)

DID YOU KNOW?

Chobe is home to one of Africa's largest concentrations of elephants. Large herds can often be seen along the Chobe River, while game drives and river cruises offer different perspectives on the park's remarkable wildlife.



CHOBE RIVER

CRAIG TRAVEL INCLUSIONS

- International and domestic flights, plus airport transfers, with air-inclusive packages
- Carefully selected accommodation as listed, or similar
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as described
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Dedicated journey leaders, national guides, and local specialists where applicable
- All gratuities, surcharges, fees, and taxes
- International eSIM to keep you connected
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TOUR & AIR COST

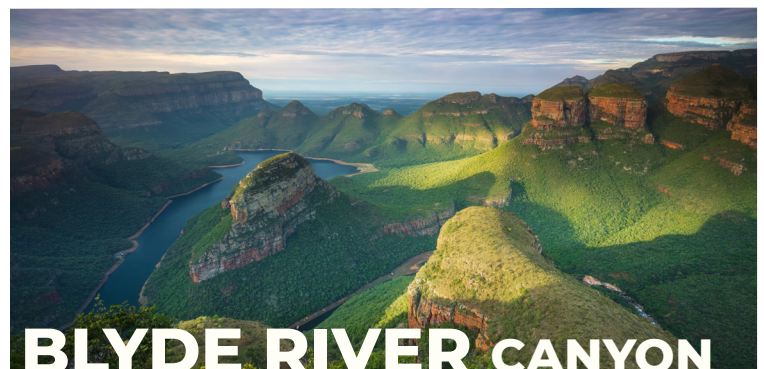
Land Only*	\$14,645
Toronto	\$16,845
Ottawa / Montreal	\$16,995
Winnipeg / Halifax / St. John's	\$17,145
Saskatoon / Regina	\$17,215
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Single Supplement	\$3,345

Deposit is \$900 per person
Final payment is due July 15, 2027



YOUR JOURNEY LEADERS

Lori and Doug Patterson share a passion for travel and bring decades of industry experience to every journey they lead. Lori spent more than 20 years as a travel agent before moving into sales and marketing with Holland America, Windstar and Seabourn, while Doug has over 35 years of experience in guided vacations and teaching travel and tourism. Their extensive travels together have taken them around the world and strengthened their love of sharing new places with others. At home near Georgian Bay, they enjoy golfing, skiing, tennis, pickleball and spending time with their daughter and their Shih Tzu/Bichon, Halo.



BLYDE RIVER CANYON

Visit craigtravel.com/83 to learn more!

Prices are in Canadian dollars per person and based on sharing a twin-bedded room. *Land-only price includes all domestic flights but excludes international air. Land-only members join at the Cape Town hotel and depart from Johannesburg airport. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective August 2026. The group will be escorted with a minimum of 20 members. Prices are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. For full terms and conditions, visit our website: craigtravel.com/terms-conditions. Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended. Canadian passport holders require a visa for Zimbabwe. Application instructions will be provided prior to departure.

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