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DAYS 1/2~THURSDAY/FRIDAY~SEPTEMBER 10/11

CINCINNATI/EN ROUTE/CAPE TOWN

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to South Africa. Upon arrival, you will be met by your specialist guide and escorted to your hotel. The provincial capital, Cape Town, is a sophisticated city with plenty to see and do, particularly around the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront area, where delightful buildings of the Cape Dutch and Victorian-era architecture have been restored as shops, restaurants, museums and pubs, as the busy water traffic of the docks goes on unabated. Cape Town, which faces north across Table Bay, has thrived from its birth, first as a Dutch settlement in 1652 when Jan van Ribeeck established it as a supply station for ships of the Dutch East India Company, and later, under the British as a port supplying ships with food and fresh water from the perennial mountain streams.



Your home for the next three nights, the Vineyard hotel and Spa, with over 200 years of history within its walls, is situated in six acres of attractive landscaped parkland on the banks of the Liesbeeck River. Located in the lush leafy suburb of Newlands, the Vineyard Hotel & Spa is within easy walking distance of the up-market Cavendish Shopping Centre and is just 10 minutes away from the City Center and the popular Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. This beautiful establishment comprises the original home of Lady Anne Barnard and new bedrooms designed by highly acclaimed architects Jack Barnett and Revel Fox. It is filled with works by leading South African artists and offers rooms ranging from single to family suites, both mountain and courtyard facing.

Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA. (Meals Aloft) <https://www.vineyard.co.za/>

DAY 3~SATURDAY~SEPTEMBER 12

CAPE TOWN~ CAPE PENINSULA / KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDENS

Your luxury motorcoach takes you on a breathtaking coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope. You are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, and the blue sea below. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. Pass quaint seaside towns as you continue to Cape Point where the stormy waters of the Atlantic meet up with the calm waters of the Indian Ocean. At Cape Point, climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top where you can explore a lighthouse, enjoy the views or even indulge in a bit of shopping. Take a close look at the ocean where you may see southern right whales in





the spring and early summer as well as dolphins and a variety of seabirds. You will also have the chance to explore the Cape Point Nature Reserve which is host to approximately half of the 2,700 species of indigenous plants contained in the Cape Peninsula. Look for the distinctive orange found in leucospermums, one of the rarest types of proteas – the mimites, marvel at the helicysums and pelargonium calcullums, and enjoy the ericas, phenacomias and fine bush which the Dutch called “fynbos.” There are 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from ostriches to minuscule sunbirds. Caracal, chacma baboon, a wide variety of buck and various other mammal species may be seen, including Cape Mountain zebra and the bontebok which is endemic to this part of the world. The baboons feed occasionally on marine foods which they garner at low tide. At Olifants Bay, look for Oystercatchers, and enjoy some superb birding.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and continue to Boulders Beach where the African (Jackass) Penguins can be seen – also known as the Black-footed Penguins. These flightless seabirds are found only on the coast of Southern Africa and the only

penguins walk on a sheltered and sea. Since presence them as sometimes and bushes.



found on this continent. Enjoy a delightful specially-built platform onto the little beach where they nest among the rocks, "waddle" up and down into and out of the the penguins are accustomed to human you can safely get within a few feet of you stand on the platform, and it is possible to view them nesting behind rocks

Your Botanical beautiful

Table gardens of the Liesbeek River, as well as natural forest that extend up to the lower slopes. Kirstenbosch covers an area of 1,383 acres, 148 of which are cultivated; the remainder is a natural flora reserve. It is a living display featuring 9,000 of the estimated 20,000 species of indigenous South African flora, and close to 50% of the peninsula’s floral wealth. In the cultivated area, related plants are grouped together and radiate from the central lawns like the spokes of a wheel. Among the interesting sections here are the Cycad Amphitheatre, which hosts most species of these “living fossils” found in southern Africa; the famed Protea Garden on the higher slopes, with its profuse growth of silver trees (*Leucadendron argenteum*); the JV Mathews Rock Garden (named after the first curator) containing succulents of the genera *Crassula*, *Aloe*, *Lampranthus* and *Euphorbia*; the Erica Garden and the Pelargonium Koppie. Two streams cut through Kirstenbosch, both laced with besembos, red alder and hard fern. Of historical interest is an avenue of camphor trees and fig trees planted by Cecil Rhodes in 1898, and a small section of wild almond (*Brabejum stellatifolium*) hedge planted by Dutch settler Jan van Riebeeck in 1660. Birds of

afternoon is devoted to Kirstenbosch Gardens, arguably one of the most gardens in the world. Founded in 1913, Kirstenbosch lies on the eastern slopes of Mountain and consists of landscaped indigenous plants and trees, watered by



all sorts can be seen here as well – Dusky and Paradise Flycatchers, sunbirds, Klaas's cuckoos, bulbuls, pigeons, brilliant green and red Cape Sugarbirds (which pollinate the flowers), guinea fowls, and the Cape Batis.

Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA. (B,L)

DAY 4~SUNDAY~SEPTEMBER 13

CAPE TOWN~TABLE MOUNTAIN/WINELANDS

After breakfast, get a feel of what Cape Town is all about by taking the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, the signature of this city, easily one of the most recognizable mountains. This tour is very dependent on the wind factor, as well as the clouds. Many a times a cloud covers this flat-topped mountain, which rises to 3,563 feet above sea level and the locals affectionately say it's a white tablecloth. Legend has it that a retired pirate, on climbing the mountain met up with the devil. In order to preserve his soul, the pirate challenged the devil in a smoking contest. So they stoked up their pipes and have been smoking ever since. For centuries Table Mountain has been a guiding beacon to mariners rounding the Cape of Southern Africa. Sir Francis Drake described it as "the most stately thing and the fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth." Despite its formidable appearance, it is possible to hike up Table Mountain. The first recorded ascent was in 1503 by the Portuguese navigator Antonio da Saldanha who, confused by the Cape Peninsula geography, climbed to the summit via the frontal cleft, now known as Platteklip Gorge. For nature lovers, the birding is awesome, and the wild flowers include agapanthus, watsonias and red nerines which poke out from rock crevices amid a scrub of ericas and gnarled proteas. More than 1400 species of flowering plants have been recorded on the mountain which makes it a spectacular sight in the spring. Cute guinea pig-like creatures known as rock dassies, or hyraxes, (genetically, the closest living relatives to elephants) scuttle everywhere. They are not afraid and scamper among the tourists seeking to be fed.



Leave the Cape Town behind and delve into another world, an artist's pallet. A tapestry of vineyards interwoven with the historic towns of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek at the base of the Boland Mountains engulfs you. The cradle of the South African fruit and wine industries, every season offers enchanting foliage: spring flowers, summer fruits, autumn leaves and the fresh greenery of the rainy winter. Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route. You will visit the historic estate of Boschendal with some of the most brilliantly preserved Cape Dutch buildings in the Cape, and its collection of priceless period furniture. You will also visit Franschhoek with its lovely antique shops and gardens, nestled in the "Valley of the Huguenots" where the French first settled in 1688. All the wine estates you will be visiting in the region offer tastings and cellar tours and you will enjoy lunch in one of them. This afternoon, explore the university town of Stellenbosch, the oldest town in South Africa after Cape Town, undoubtedly the most scenic and historically-preserved town in Southern Africa. Oak-lined streets next to water furrows compliment the many fine examples of elegant Cape Dutch, Victorian and Georgian architecture - all part of this unique "Town of Oaks".



Return to Cape Town in the late afternoon where your evening is at leisure.

Overnight at the VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA. (B,L)

DAYS 5/6~MONDAY/TUESDAY~SEPTEMBER 14/15

CAPE TOWN/HERMANUS

Leave Cape Town behind and drive to Hermanus. En route, visit Harold Porter Gardens, a beautiful, secluded area set between mountain and sea, in the heart of the Cape Fynbos region within the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve. It consists of 24 acres of cultivated fynbos garden and 470 acres of pristine natural fynbos. The Garden Estate is the natural part of the garden with several miles of nature trails providing scenic views of forests, mountains and coastline. The main fynbos families (proteas, ericas and restios) are present as well as other important families such as irises, daisies and orchids. The Garden boasts red disa (*Disa uniflora*) in its natural



habitat as well as South Africa's national flower, the king protea (*Protea cynaroides*).

Drive the world-famous whale coast of South Africa, along the Hermanus Wine Route, meandering through the picturesque Hemel-en-Aarde Area which unites three wine wards with a reputation for exceptional quality, small production, and cool-climate wines; enjoy lunch and wine tasting here. Continue to Hermanus and The Marine, which overlooks South Africa's most pristine whale sanctuary, and is just a stone's throw from one of the greatest densities of the endangered great white shark in the Cape. The Marine offers guests the unique opportunity to experience the finest land-based whale watching in the world. Enjoy a boat-based whale watching excursion or marine cruise from Gansbaai depending on the time of year. Dyer Island is an access controlled Important Bird Area (IBA) for the conservation of its many resident bird species, including African Penguins. Adjacent to Dyer Island is Geyser Rock, home to a 60,000 strong Cape fur seal colony. These seals are present all year round. Venture into the channel between Dyer Island and Geyser Rock, the world-famous "Shark Alley."

This area of coast is prime whale breeding and calving grounds and every year between July and November (even mid-December) many Southern Right whales come here. It is a sight to behold especially when they are so close to the

shore that you can smell their fishy breath. Late afternoon you will enjoy a spectacular sun set over Walker Bay, casting warm orange hues over all in its path. Sunrise is no less spectacular and makes for magnificent landscape or floral photography.



On the morning of your second day here enjoy a boat-based Whale Watching excursion or Marine cruise from Gansbaai, *weather permitting*. Once you have arrived at The Great White House in Gansbaai, you will receive a brief introductory talk about the route, safety, and what to look out for. Passengers are fitted with comfortable life-jackets and waterproof jackets. Trip lengths are between 2 and 2.5 hours, depending on sightings and weather conditions. Dyer Island is located 8 km from shore and is an access controlled Important Bird Area (IBA) for the conservation of its many resident bird species, including African penguins. Adjacent to Dyer Island is Geyser Rock, home to a 60,000 strong Cape fur seal colony. These seals are present all year round. Venture into the channel between Dyer Island and Geyser Rock, the world-famous "Shark Alley."



In the afternoon visit the Heart of Abalone, one of the oldest and largest abalone farms in South Africa, situated in the New Harbour of Hermanus. Sit back and relax while you learn more about the South Africa abalone, its biology, life cycle, history in the wild and the farming industry. After your informative abalone tour, boot-up for a guided walk to experience the aquaculture industry of abalone farming. End your tour with a tasting of this delicacy in various forms, paired with a selection of local wines.





The Marine Hermanus Hotel is one of South Africa's most spectacular seaside hotels, overlooking Walker Bay and Cape Point. It is located on the best whale-watching coast in South Africa. The Hotel offers 40 individually decorated bedrooms and luxury suites, each adorned with rich textures, bathrooms and living rooms with mini bars, tea & coffee making machines. The most overwhelming feature is the opportunity for the guests to view all the marine life from the comfort of their room.

Overnight at THE MARINE HERMANUS HOTEL. (B,L;B)

<https://the-marine-hermanus.hotel-rn.com/>

DAY 7~WEDNESDAY~SEPTEMBER 16

HERMANUS/OUTDSHOORN

Your drive now takes you on South Africa's spectacular Garden route to Oudtshoorn, also known as "the ostrich capital of the world", located in the Western Cape district of South Africa. The town's population (roughly 60,000 residents), makes it the largest town in the Little Karoo region. The economy is fundamentally reliant on ostrich farming and tourism industries.



En route visit Dias Museum complex. The museum grounds are

situated at the very site where European explorers came ashore and made contact with the indigenous people in 1488.

Explore the five buildings that make up the museum complex as you explore this area's history. In the evening, settle into the cozy town of Oudtshoorn, and spend the night at your historic hotel, known for its beautiful rose garden.



The outstanding rose garden that gave Rosenhof its name, leads to elegant decorated bedrooms, each individually furnished. All rooms provide the essentials such as air-conditioning, satellite television, telephone, mini bar and tea trays. With its luxurious facilities and excellent service, Rosenhof is recognized as one of the most exceptional establishments in the region.



Overnight at the ROSENHOF COUNTRY HOUSE. (B,L,D) <https://www.rosenhof.co.za/>

**DAYS 8/9~THURSDAY/FRIDAY~SEPTEMBER 17/18
OUDTSHOORN/PLETTENBERG BAY/TSITSIKAMMA**

Begin today in the golden depths of Cango Caves, situated close to the Little Karoo and Oudtshoorn. The caves are one of the world's great natural wonders sculptured by nature through the ages - fascinating limestone formations in a wide variety of colors. The limestone beds of the Cango Group are, through movement in the Earth's crust, no longer in a horizontal plane. The layers of strata are also displaced laterally, forming dykes. Rainwater, combined with acidic carbon dioxide from decomposing plant material on the surface, flows through a fracture zone. Trained guides are at hand to conduct visitors along the magic paths of the world's finest stalactite cave. According to legend the caves were discovered during 1780.



Continue to Knysna, where you will be given access to Featherbed Nature Reserve, a protected nature area and South African heritage site that allows limited visitors, and only in the company of an expert guide. Enjoy unsurpassed views of the Lagoon, mountains, and Knysna, as your guide spins the history and ecology of the Reserve.



Afterwards, transfer to Plettenberg Bay, jewel of The Garden Route. It's tranquil and charming, hospitable and rather special. Originally christened "*Bahia Formosa*" (beautiful bay) by early Portuguese explorers, Plettenberg Bay is characterized by sweeping, unspoiled golden beaches, a dramatic rocky peninsula, intriguing lagoons and estuaries, towering indigenous forests and unpolluted rivers and sea. With its exceptional climate, and beautiful views over the Indian Ocean, it's the perfect place to escape the world.



Despite its ideal setting for lazing around, Plettenberg Bay offers many opportunities to explore this region by land and sea. Boat Cruises, canoeing, abseiling, blackwater tubing, sea kayaking, bungee jumping, hiking and horseback riding are but a few of the activities offered in the area. South Africa's southern Cape coast offers visitors the wonderful opportunity to watch a truly great mammal, the southern right whale, during winter

and spring months when these dignified creatures come into calm waters to calve and protect their young. Plettenberg Bay offers outstanding whale watching facilities with ideal viewpoints along the coastline as well as by boat.

Next day head off to Tsitsikamma National Park, situated midway along the Garden Route. Its focal point is rocky coastline with cliffs that press close to the sea. The park extends offshore to include inter-tidal, reef and deep-sea ecosystems. Savor the view during a picnic lunch and enjoy a short trek in this amazing forest. Tsitsikamma encompasses a marine reserve, deep gorges and local vegetation like the Big Tree, a towering yellowwood. The Mouth Trail crosses a suspension bridge over Storms River. The name of this coastal region of South Africa is "The Garden Route" – so named for the indigenous Fynbos that is the world's smallest and most diverse of all the floral kingdoms and the dense natural forest of the Tsitsikamma.

Hunter's Country House is an exclusive family-owned retreat set in the heart of the magnificent Garden Route of the Western Cape. The property is situated six miles west of South Africa's premier resort town of Plettenberg Bay with its endless golden beaches and 12 miles east of the lagoon town of Knysna. The hotel is surrounded by rich indigenous forests and is framed by the majestic Tsitsikamma Mountains. In the extensive gardens surrounding the Manor House are 23 luxurious guest suites, each one individually decorated and designed for the absolute comfort and privacy that one would expect from a Relais and Chateaux property.

Overnights at the HUNTERS COUNTRY HOUSE. (B,L,D Daily) <https://countryhouse.hunterhotels.com/home/>



DAYS 10/11/12~SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY~SEPTEMBER 19/20/21

ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

Embark on the adventure of a lifetime to seek out Africa's "big five" at Gorah Elephant Camp. Gorah is the only private concession and Camp situated in the middle of the famous Addo Elephant National Park, home to the densest population of elephants on Earth! Game drives at Gorah, expertly led by passionate and professional guides, are a testament to the safari of old. Intrepidly searching the vast terrain for animals is the essence of the experience with the excitement of discovering big game in their natural habitat. Witness the large Cape buffalo herds, red hartebeest, rhino, leopard and antelope, and the most dominant – the elephant. The Park was created in 1931 to protect the remaining 11 survivors that avoided the hunter's gun. Today, over 600 of these giants

freely roam this 405,200-acre sanctuary that reaches to the coastline protecting the largest breeding population in the world of Cape Gannet. This malaria-free sanctuary offers diverse close up encounters with elephant; together with sightings of black rhino, Cape buffalo herds, and numerous antelope species, makes game viewing activities varied and exciting. The bird life is excellent.



Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.



The main house of Gorah Elephant Camp is a gracious old building built in 1856, and has been immaculately restored and period furnished. Colonial verandas look out over the African plains from 11 luxury tented suites with thatched canopies and king size beds. To ensure that guests never want for any comforts during their stay, the 11 tented suites are superbly equipped with all the modern necessities required for a 5-star experience. The service is warm and personalized, with a meticulous attention to detail. Lighting here is provided with the romantic atmosphere of candles and lanterns not electricity. Open verandah with views over the waterhole, large lounge with a fireplace, spacious swimming pool with pool loungers, complimentary Wi-Fi access in the reception area, a curio store and boma area.

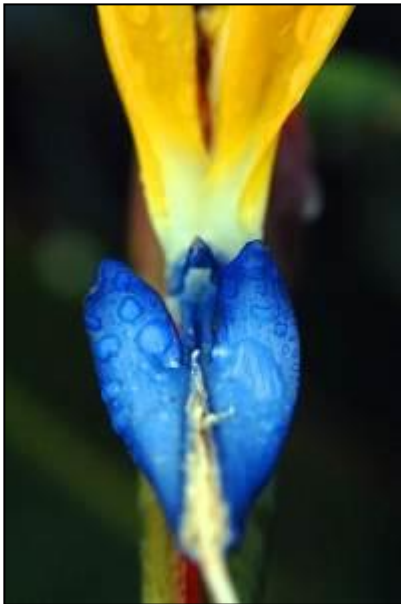
Overnights at the GORAH ELEPHANT CAMP. (B,L,D Daily)
<http://gorah.hunterhotels.com/home/>



DAYS 13/14~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~SEPTEMBER 22/23

ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK/PORT ELIZABETH/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE/CINCINNATI

Enjoy a final game run this morning before flying back to Johannesburg from Port Elizabeth. Connect with your flight, arriving home the next day. (B, Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

DAY 13~TUESDAY~SEPTEMBER 22

ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK/JOHANNESBURG

Transfer to the airport today for your flight to Johannesburg. Here bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to US and continue on your adventure.

Often called Jo'burg, Johannesburg is the country's largest city and financial center with ultra-modern skyscrapers and a bustling way of life. It is the city of gold, as its claim to fame is the gold that was discovered close-by. There are many things to do in Johannesburg – relax, shop, sightsee and take in the local flavor.

Located in the prestigious Sandton suburb of Morningside Manor, the elegant Fairlawns Hotel is an exclusive boutique hotel, set in superb, park-like gardens. The architectural style is reminiscent of the late 18th century European era and the classical exterior blends harmoniously with its indigenous surroundings. Welcoming staff are on hand to ensure personal service and attend to your every need. Decorated with impeccable style, each spacious bedroom and suite has a distinctive ambience and character, offering serenity and privacy with the luxury of beautiful generous bathrooms. This evening, relax with an aperitif on the tranquil terrace, sip a cognac in front of the fire in the comfort of an armchair, or be sociable in the elegant Colonial bar. Candlelit dinners, china, silver and crystal enhance the beautifully appointed dining rooms.



Overnight at the FAIRLAWNS HOTEL. (B) <http://www.fairlawns.co.za/>

DAYS 14/15/16~WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY~SEPTEMBER 23/24/25

JOHANNESBURG /KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

This morning bid farewell to your fellow travelers returning home and fly to Kruger National Park, one of the world's great national parks. It is home to an unparalleled diversity of wildlife and is maintained by one of the world's most sophisticated management systems. Five rivers cross the park from west to east. There are 300 different types of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 types of amphibian, 116 different reptilian species, 505 species of birds and 147 species of mammals in the park.

Your guide will interpret the ecosystems and animal behavior, and help you to identify the strands in the web of life. The park is frequented by browsers and grazers such as giraffe, kudu, impala, zebra, wildebeest and buffalo. Elephant and white rhino are also common. Predators include lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena and side-striped jackal, as well as wild dog.



Lukimbi Safari Lodge is situated on one of the private concessions in the southern section of the Kruger National Park. Your luxury lodge is comprised of 16 spacious suites that meander along the banks of the river Lwakahle and offers every creature comfort, and more. All rooms have tea and coffee facilities, mini bars, safes, telephones and laptop connections. The rooms are air-conditioned and have en-suite bathrooms and inside and outside showers. Other facilities include a full conference center, a library, a private chapel, a fully equipped gymnasium and a swimming pool. Night drives may afford you a glimpse of elusive nocturnal animals such as the armadillo like pangolin and African wildcat. Animal tracking, bird watching and stargazing are other available activities. Overnights at LUKIMBI LODGE. (All Meals Daily) <http://www.lukimbi.com/>



DAY 17~SATURDAY~SEPTEMBER 26

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE

Last chance to photograph the incredible sunrise before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg where you connect with your overnight flight to the USA. (B, Meals Aloft)

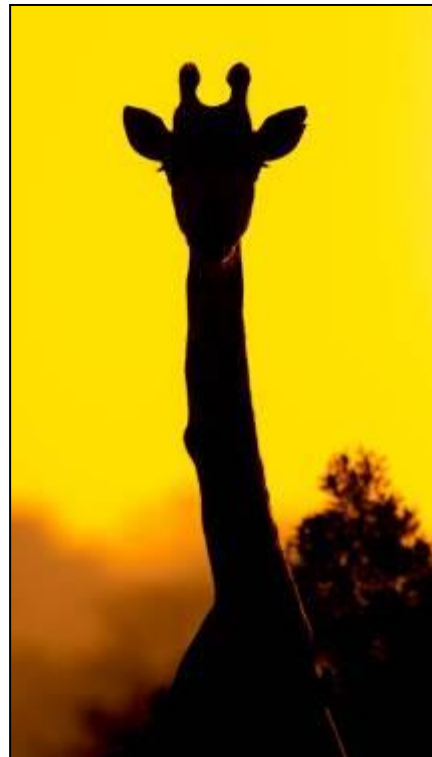
DAY 18~SUNDAY~SEPTEMBER 27

CINCINNATI

Land back home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)

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INCLUSIONS

- Internal flights: Johannesburg/Skukuza (Kruger)/Johannesburg on the post extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- All meals while on safari. Other meals as specified in itinerary.
- Bottled water in vehicles during touring and safaris.
- All wildlife viewing by 4X4 vehicles, driven by professional rangers.
- Specialist guide will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- A Zoo host will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on both and extension programs.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees and sightseeing as specified.
- Complimentary luggage tags.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flight between Cincinnati and Cape Town, returning from Johannesburg including taxes and fuel surcharges (quoted separately).
- Internal flights: Port Elizabeth/ Johannesburg on the main program (quoted separately.)
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for South Africa.
- Gratuities to drivers/guides and other conveyance attendants *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate \$15 per person/per day for the specialist guide. \$10 per person/per day for the safari driver. \$10 per person/per day for the camp staff. \$3 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport / hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry, other than specified and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, But Is Subject To Change.



BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

Your safari will include a visit to a local school in Zimbabwe and in Cape Town. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, as well as schools supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. Many of these children have never owned a book in their life and the connection you'll make with them is invaluable. You'll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance.

After seeing schools first hand, meeting the dedicated teachers working under the most difficult conditions and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child's learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Kenyan Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers' wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. With compassionate ground operators such as Rangers Safaris, Wilderness Safaris and &Beyond, Classic Escapes has expanded the reach of BAB to Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia, and other areas in the world our travelers visit. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.



CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA

Participants:

- Must be able to climb in and out of safari 4 x 4 vehicles, minibuses, small aircrafts and boats unassisted. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
- Must be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances when visiting villages, towns, or other sites. This walking will be on uneven ground or uphill, often at altitudes many people are not used to.
- Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor - unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. **The start city for this program is Cape Town and the end city is Port Elizabeth. The extension returns from Johannesburg.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: CAPE TOWN, CAPE POINT, WINELANDS, HERMANUS, OUDTSHOORN, KNYSNA, PLETTENBERG BAY, TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK & ADDO ELEPHANT PARK. **POST-EXTENSION:** JOHANNESBURG & KRUGER NATIONAL PARK.

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DATES: SEPTEMBER 10 TO 23, 2020

COST: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 12 TRAVELERS	POST-EXTENSION TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY	\$7,995 PER PERSON	\$4,995 PER PERSON, INCLUDING INTERNAL FLIGHTS
INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM CINCINNATI, INCLUDING FUEL SURCHARGES & AIRLINE TAXES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE) AS WELL AS INTERNAL AIR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA	\$2,590 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
INTERNAL AIR IN SOUTH AFRICA IF INTERNATIONAL AIR IS NOT PURCHASED THROUGH CLASSIC ESCAPES	\$270 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$2,595 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM OF 10 TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED. IF LESS THAN 10 TRAVELERS, THE FARE WILL INCREASE & SUPPLEMENTAL COSTS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TRAVELERS PRIOR TO ISSUING THE TICKETS, APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. **NOTE THAT THE SPECIAL RATES NEGOTIATED BY CLASSIC ESCAPES ARE NOT UPGRADABLE.

DEPARTURE CITY: CINCINNATI

(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT ADDITIONAL COST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd, Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$1,500 per person for the main trip, and \$1,000 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (**June 7, 2020**) – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, as well as service charges for obtaining visas; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to June 7, 2020, \$300 per person administrative fee and \$500 non-refundable deposit given to overseas suppliers
- June 8 to June 27, 2020, deposit is forfeited.
- June 28 to July 7, 2020, less 75% of tour cost.
- After July 7, 2020, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip, economy-class flights via DELTA AIR LINES and/or other IATAN carriers are between Cincinnati, and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

AIRLINE SEATING: For DELTA AIR LINES, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Classic Escapes cannot provide the **Comfort Seating Service** as this is available on specific flights subject to availability and commercial laws as determined by each airline and at their own discretion. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: As mentioned, we work primarily with DELTA AIR LINES. For a list of the airline's partners, visit http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/skymiles.html. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

INOCULATIONS: When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also, soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company, nor University of Iowa, shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents /traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to obtain enrollment form - <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839.

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan, during this trip through, Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24 hours worldwide travel and medical assistance

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=NW&ProductCode=009031&PlanCode=P4&FileType=PROD_PLAN_DOC



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Welcome Letter		
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Reminder Invoice with balance due		
Paid-in-Full Invoice		
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Your Name: _____

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RESERVATION FORM: CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDENS~ SOUTH AFRICA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$1,500 per person for the main trip and \$1,000 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Journey to South Africa departing on September 10, 2020. Cost is \$7,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional airfare from Cincinnati is \$2,590, including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (Subject to change).

Final payment due date is: June 7, 2020

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377 **OR**

Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, **all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.**

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Passport No. _____ Expiration Date _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Passport No. _____ Expiration Date _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Cincinnati Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single-room supplement amount. I prefer to share with: Smoker Nonsmoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$2,595 for the main program \$995 for post-extension
- I desire to participate in the optional extension (s)
 \$4,995 for the post extension to Kruger National Park including the internal flights.

- Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from Cincinnati via Delta Air Lines
- Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
Please send me information on air upgrades for: Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)

Airline Seating Preference Aisle Window Frequent Flier # _____

***We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.*

- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand I will be required to pay \$270 for the internal air within South Africa.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of June 19, 2019, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.

58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)

CINCINNATI ZOO- SOUTH AFRICA
SEPTEMBER 10 TO 23, 2020



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E: info@classicescapes.com

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted for this tour on which I'm making a payment are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of June 19, 2019, and are subject to change. Deposit is refundable up to 95 days prior to departure, less cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. The per person cancellation penalties are repeated below.

- Up to June 7, 2020, \$300 per person administrative fee and \$500 non-refundable deposit given to overseas suppliers
- June 8 to June 27, 2020, deposit is forfeited.
- June 28 to July 7, 2020, less 75% of tour cost.
- After July 7, 2020, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.