

**Luxury African Extravaganza
15 day Safari experiencing South Africa**

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Day 1

On arrival at Johannesburg International Airport you will be met and transferred to your accommodation at the Forum Homini, which is built on the Blaauwbankspruit in the **Cradle of Humankind**: a major *World Heritage Site*. This oasis of intelligent life is a breakaway area, surrounded by water and standing in direct contrast to the wilderness / game farm surrounding it.



The **deluxe suites** are partly submerged with veld grass roofs that form part of the view of the rolling landscape. They are like sophisticated caves with raked off shutter concrete roofs, that open up onto the view beyond. Suites include: stalactite lights handmade by Karen Vermeulen, fireplaces designed to make the fire look as if it's encased by glass, king size luxury beds, open-air bath and open-air shower.

Dinner to be enjoyed at **Roots**, the fine dining restaurant at Forum Homini.

Overnight: Forum Homini Boutique Hotel (D,B&B)

Day 2

Today you are off on an unforgettable **aeronautical adventure** over breathtaking valleys, as you lazily drift with the wind in a hot air balloon. Hover gently over the treetops or soar high amongst the clouds. Savour the freshly cooked, hearty champagne bush-breakfast after landing.



You will have the afternoon at leisure.

Alternative options include:

- A visit to The Cradle of Humankind, a World Heritage Site.
- Enjoy the Magaliesberg Meander, part of the **arts and crafts route**
- Visit Hartebeespoortdam, where a lunch cruise or a picnic "in the clouds" can be enjoyed, once you have reached the top by cable car. The Hartebeespoortdam Cableway is the longest Monocableway in Africa.

Dinner to be enjoyed at **Roots** again.

Overnight: Forum Homini Boutique Hotel (DB&B)

Day 3

After breakfast, transfer to the Airport to board your chartered flight to Sabi Sabi. On arrival you will be met by your Ranger and transferred to your accommodation at the **Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge**, which offers the ultimate in luxury accommodation, excellent cuisine and life-changing wildlife experiences. This very special lodge is sculpted into the earth itself, and is totally at one with nature and its environment.



After check-in, you will have time to freshen up before departing on a game drive. Your own armed and knowledgeable Game Ranger and **Shangaan Tracker** will take you deep into the bushveld by open land rover or on foot. Close enough to share in a thrilling encounter with Africa's beautiful wild creatures. Dinner in the Lodge's **spectacular wine cellar**.

Overnight: Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge (Fully Inclusive)

Day 4

After an early morning wake-up call, you will set off into the bush on an exciting safari with your dedicated Ranger / Tracker, who will show you **Africa's Big 5** in their natural habitat. You will not miss out on the hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, mammals and plants indigenous to the area.



Late afternoon return to the Lodge, where you will have time to freshen up before meeting in the cosy bar for a pre-dinner drink. A **special dinner in the bush or the boma** to be enjoyed tonight.

Overnight: Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge (Fully Inclusive)

Day 5

After your return from your early morning game drive, check out and return to the airport for your flight back to Johannesburg, where you will be met and transferred to the Pretoria railway station. Here you will board the **luxury Rovos Rail train** on a three-day journey between Pretoria and Cape Town. Rovos Rail is rated as one of the most luxurious trains in the world !!



Step aboard the wood paneled coaches - classically remodeled and refurbished to mint condition - and enjoy **fine cuisine in five-star luxury**, as some of the most varied scenery imaginable unfolds beyond the windows. Recapture the romance and atmosphere of a bygone era, where you will get to experience the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion. This **classic steam railway trip** travels through some of the most beautiful landscapes in South Africa.

Overnight: Rovos Rail (Fully Inclusive)

Day 6

Travel the grasslands of the gold rich Highveld to the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo. Trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and **scenic wine lands** of the Cape. The journey ends in **Cape Town**, the Mother City of South Africa, cradled by the imposing **Table Mountain**, Devil's Peak and Lions Head.



Highlights on the route include a stop in Kimberley, providing an opportunity to enjoy a city tour and a visit to the Mine Museum and the world's largest man-made excavation, **the Big Hole**. You will also get to visit the historic village of **Matjiesfontein**. This authentic perfectly preserved Victorian Village, which was founded by Mr Logan as a refreshment stop in 1890, also boasts an impressive museum on the platform. **Overnight: Rovos Rail (Fully Inclusive)**

Day 7

On arrival at Cape Town station, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation at the **Cape Grace Hotel**, with its classically inspired exterior and gracefully elegant interior. The Cape Grace is set on its own private quay on Cape Town's vibrant **Victoria & Alfred Waterfront**. It's charm lies in its intimate atmosphere, stylish décor and unique personalized hospitality, where you will find staff warm and flexible, with a spirit of unrivalled generosity.



Rest of the evening at leisure. **Overnight: Cape Grace Hotel (B&B)**

Day 8

After a leisurely breakfast, depart on a full day **Peninsula Tour**, where you will sit back and relax, while you travel via the Atlantic Seaboard, the *12 Apostles* flanking your journey, through Hout Bay. You will wind your way to *Chapman's Peak* from Hout Bay, enjoying breathtaking views with every turn. Marvel at magnificent *Cape Point* and see the Penguins which frequent the area. Lunch will be enjoyed at the Two Ocean Restaurant overlooking the ocean. Enjoy your return to Cape Town via the beautiful scenery of Simon's Town, *Fish Hoek* and the popular holiday resort of Muizenberg.



Late afternoon transfer to **Table Mountain** for sundowners and dinner. A unique revolving cable car will take you to the summit from where breathtaking views await you. The best views of Cape Town are from the top of Table Mountain. The **cableway** takes you to the summit in under ten minutes, whilst rotating gondolas ensure that visitors enjoy a 360-degree view of Cape Town and Table Bay. Once on top, you can stroll along 2 km's of pathways and enjoy magnificent views from over 12 viewing sites and decks.



Dinner this evening will be in the Summit Boardroom, where you will enjoy a **private dinner** at the very top of Table Mountain. A private balcony opens up on to breathtaking views over the city, the Twelve Apostles, Camps Bay and the Cape Peninsula.

Overnight : Cape Grace Hotel (B&B)

Day 9

After breakfast, depart for **Canal Walk Shopping Centre** at Century City, the biggest shopping mall in the Southern Hemisphere for a shopping excursion. After lunch your chauffeur will pick you up and transfer you back to the hotel to freshen up, before embarking on your sunset cruise.



Late afternoon set off for Hout Bay harbour for a **romantic sunset dinner cruise**. Once you board the luxurious and elegant charter, you will be welcomed with a *glass of champagne* before experiencing magnificent views as you cruise along the rugged coast of Chapman's Peak with sights of the Sentinel. You make your way to one of the secluded coves at the bottom of Chapman's peak, to ensure you have the best vantage point from which to watch the sunset. This is the perfect moment to enjoy the *Platter of Pate & Seed Loaf* and dry snacks as you sip your champagne, with the sunset on the horizon coloring the skies. Once the sun has set, you cruise back to the mooring, where you will be shown to your table, covered in Rose petals and surrounded by Candles, and served a **4-course dinner** accompanied by soft, romantic background music. **Overnight: Cape Grace Hotel (B&B)**

Day 10

After a leisurely breakfast, you will be transferred by *helicopter* to the beautiful **valley of Franschhoek**. Enjoy spectacular scenery, as you fly along the coast and then inland over the awesome wineland regions of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek (routing will change according to weather).



Capturing the essence of **four star luxury**, the impeccably appointed Le Franschhoek offers unparalleled views of the **spectacular Franschhoek Mountains** and is the perfect setting for a taste of the **legendary Cape wine route**.

Located on the site of one of Franschhoek's original country retreats, *Le Franschhoek* will retain its exclusive charm, but now has a Cape-contemporary feel. Features include a destination *Camelot Spa*, a ballroom and conference rooms. **Activities**, such as tennis and cycling to wine farms in the surrounding vineyards can be enjoyed. Other options include wine tasting on horse back, various hiking trails, cheese tasting, fly-fishing, mountain biking and golf at Pearl Valley.

For dinner tonight, a truly **spectacular evening** awaits you: **Moyo's at Spier**, unlike any other restaurant, is set in Spier's gardens. It is a magical dining experience, to be savoured under a starlit sky - all in all a sensory extravaganza! The tree-lined garden is filled with Bedouin tents and gazebos made from wrought iron, and tree houses almost reaching the clouds. Excellent service and true **African cultural entertainment** rounds off a perfect evening.

Overnight: Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa (B&B)



Day 11

Enjoy a day at leisure. Your **rental vehicle** will be delivered to you at the hotel today. You could explore the quaint village of Franschhoek, where a host of shops and galleries line the Main Street. They provide a wonderful choice of antiques, a world class collection of artworks and interesting bric-a-brac to browse through.



Another option to consider would be a **picnic lunch at Boschendal Wine Estate**, one of the oldest wine estates in South Africa still offering traditional and original Cape Dutch architecture. Here you can enjoy a wine tasting, followed by a scrumptious picnic lunch on the lawns and under the trees of the Estate. Dinner to be enjoyed in a private gazebo in Le Franschhoek's own charming fruit orchard.

Overnight: Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa (B&B)

Day 12

After breakfast, check-out and depart on a **scenic drive** on the N2 towards Swellendam, where you will soak up the breathtaking beauty and tranquillity of Mardouw's setting against the **Langeberg Mountains**. Diverse sophistication, ultimate luxury and the finest fare will make your stay on this picturesque olive and wine estate.



Lunch can be enjoyed on the wide verandah before relaxing at the inviting swimming pool, or unwinding with a good book in the garden. *Cycle* through farmlands, *walk* between the olive groves, arrange an outing around the estate, or practice at Madouw's *golf driving range*. Visit the ***Drostdy Museum*** in Swellendam, the ***Bontebok Park***, or sample estate wines on the nearby wine routes of Robertson and the Breede River Valley. With its unique setting and its environment of stylish modern architecture, ***African artefacts*** and superb ***contemporary art***, Mardouw offers a stylish sojourn. Dinner at Mardouw.

Overnight: Mardouw Country House (DB&B)

Day 13

After breakfast, take a leisurely drive to Plettenberg Bay stopping in Knysna where you can explore the quaint ***arts and craft*** shops along Knysna's main road, as well as the ***Knysna Waterfront***, a development that boasts fine vintage wine, fresh seafood, curios and a magical indoor market, guaranteed to provide that extra special gift.

Late afternoon arrive in Plettenberg Bay and check-in to the Plettenberg Park Hotel, which is situated in a ***private nature reserve***, nestling on a cliffs edge, offering dramatic and sweeping views of the Indian Ocean.



It is a perfect location for those seeking something both benefiting and inspiring to ones inner well being. They have been host to many a famous traveler, such as Nelson Mandela and Richard Branson, amongst many others. Various ***activities and excursions*** can be organised:

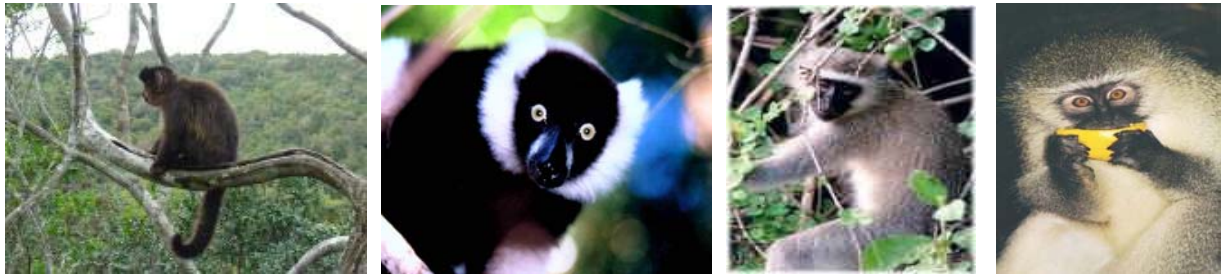
- *Ocean Safaris*: a 3.5 hour trip to view the dolphins and whales (seasonal Sept./Oct.).
- *Treetop Canopy Tour*: you will be traversing the tree tops from platform to platform, suspended 30 metres above the ground.
- Take a picnic to *Stormsriver* and the *Tsitsikamma Forest*.
- *Keurbooms River Ferries*: for a *ferry trip* and lunch or dinner on a secluded island in the Keurbooms River.
- Visit Knysna for the *Featherbed excursion*. This is a four-hour excursion taking in some awesome scenery around the Knysna Heads and ending off with a *fish barbeque* in the forest.
- Enjoy a lunch or dinner cruise on board South Africa's only *Paddle Steamer* in Knysna.

- Visit the *Oyster nursery in Knysna* for a tour and tasting.
- Take a day trip to *Oudtshoorn* to visit the *Cango Caves*, *Ostrich Farms* and *Cango Wildlife Centre*.
- Take a *scenic flight* over Plettenberg Bay.
- Enjoy a hike around *Robberg Nature Reserve*.
- Pack a picnic and visit the beautiful *Noetzie Castles* situated on the beach near Knysna.

Overnight: Plettenberg Park Hotel (DB&B)

Day 14

After breakfast, depart for **Monkeyland**, which is a primate sanctuary that accommodates primates rescued from private homes, zoos and laboratories. The goal of Monkeyland is to rehabilitate the monkeys so that they can be free roaming in the park, surrounded by beautiful indigenous forest. There are quite a lot of species of monkey like Capuchin monkeys, Squirrel monkeys, Lemurs (from Madagascar), Spider monkeys and Dusky leaf monkeys. The Gibbons are the clowns of the forest. Here a one-hour **walking safari** with the primates can be enjoyed.



Enjoy lunch at the Banana Gialla a la carte restaurant, while viewing the monkeys as they chatter and swing through the trees.

After lunch you will head for the **Elephant Sanctuary** situated on the same property. It is home to six African Elephants: *Maroela*, *Jabu*, *Thandi*, *Mopani*, *Thaba* and *Tumelo*. You will get to meet them in a beautiful indigenous forest setting, where you will be able to **touch, feed, walk trunk-in-hand** and interact with the elephants. This will be followed by a 20 minute **elephant-back ride** – a privilege historically reserved for kings! It is a truly amazing experience to ride these magnificent animals and an opportunity to experience elephants from a different perspective, making this an enriching experience.



Transfer back to your hotel and freshen up before dinner. **Overnight: Plettenberg Park Hotel (DB&B)**

Day 15

After breakfast, depart to George Airport for your flight to Johannesburg (or Cape Town) for your journey back home.

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Price available on request

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*All prices are current for 2006 and are subject to changes, increases and availability upon confirmation of booking.
The above quote has is based on 2 persons traveling. A single supplement will apply for individual bookings.*

Inclusive of:

- 2 x Night's accommodation at the 5-star Forum Homini Boutique Hotel (D/B&B)
- Return Airport Transfers
- Hot Air Balloon flight, including champagne breakfast
- Flight transfer to Sabi Sabi
- 2 x Night's accommodation at the 5-star Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge **(Fully inclusive)**
- Federal Air Flight to Johannesburg
- Transfer from Johannesburg Airport to Pretoria Station
- 2 x Nights on Rovos Rail **(Fully inclusive)**
- Entrance to the Kimberley Hole & Matjiesfontein
- Transfer from Cape Town Station to the Cape Grace Hotel
- 3 x Night's accommodation at the 5-star Cape Grace Hotel (B&B)
- Full Day Private Peninsula Tour, including entrance fees
- Lunch at the Two Oceans Restaurant at Cape Point
- Return transfers to Canal Walk, Century City
- Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Helicopter transfer to Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa
- 2 x Night's accommodation at the 4-star Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa
- Transfer to Spier
- Dinner at Moyo Restaurant
- 1 x Night's accommodation at Mardouw Country House (D/B&B)
- 2 X Night's accommodation at the Plettenberg Park Hotel (D/B&B)
- Entrance into Monkeyland
- Elephant Back Riding
- Car Hire for 5 Days in a Mercedes Benz 180 *(or equivalent)*
- One-way flight from George to Johannesburg (or CPT) Airport

Exclusive of:

- Drinks (other than included in the itinerary) & Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature, such as room service, telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Travel Insurance & Visas & International flights
- Petrol increases
- Optional excursions



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- All **prices quoted are net**, and all bank charges are on your own account.
- **Cancellation fees** apply as follows:

before 8 weeks prior to arrival:	25% of total tour cost
between 2 – 8 weeks prior to arrival:	50% of total tour cost
less than 2 weeks prior to arrival:	100% of total tour cost

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