

ITINERARY: African Luxury Safari
Cape Town & the Bush
Valid through Nov. 2014

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(B): Breakfast; (BB): Bed & Breakfast; (L): Lunch;
(D): Dinner; (b): Bed only

Day 1,

Depart from a gateway city, either Atlanta, Washington Dulles, or New York's JFK to Johannesburg. Delta has non-stop service from Atlanta. South African Airlines has non-stop service from JFK, the Dulles flight stops in route. **Overnight flight**

Day 2,

The Delta flight and the SAA Dulles flight arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa at about 5PM. South African is six or seven hours ahead of us, depending on daylight savings time. There is no Visa required for US Citizens. Depending on the budget, there is the Intercontinental at the airport or the Garden Court five minutes away by free shuttle. You can connect to Cape Town tonight, but you will arrive at the hotel about 10PM, It makes for a very long travel day.

Garden Court (BB) or Intercontinental Hotel

Day 3,

This morning take a South African Airlines flight to Cape Town, the flight duration is a little over two hours. You will be met by longtime friend Glen Christie; she will transfer you to your hotel on the Waterfront. Glen is very experienced and knows what Americans like and expect as she spent 13 years in Washington DC. The hotel choice is two blocks off the waterfront and still close to everything. This area has many small boutiques, craft stores, restaurants, and a world class mall. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore.

Commodore (BB)



Day 4,

Depart from your hotel this morning at 9:00AM for a full day private tour of the Cape Point. Today Glen will have you traversing the panoramic Chapman's Peak drive and visit the Cape of Good Hope and the Nature Reserve. From the lookout point you can see where the Indian & Atlantic Oceans meet. The Atlantic- coastline is breathtaking, and you will see why it's a playground for South Africans. After lunch you will visit a penguin colony, up close and personal. You return late afternoon to your hotel.

Commodore (BBL)

Day 5,

Depart from your hotel this morning for a full day private tour of the Winelands. But the first stop weather permitting will be to take the cable car up to the top of Table Mountain. All of Cape Town will be spread out below you. Second stop will be at the Cheetah Park at Speer to see their Cheetah Breeding Project. You will even be able to pet a cheetah. You will then travel to enchanting Franschoek and historic Stellenbosch for wine tasting and visits to the museums. You will stop at one of the picturesque spots for lunch which is included. South African wines are now rated among the best in the world, and you will try some of the great ones. After your tasting, you will be returned to your hotel in time to freshen up for dinner.

Commodore (BBL)



Day 6,

This morning you will catch a SAA mid-morning flight to Hoedspruit. Once there your driver will take you by van into the Thorny Bush Game Reserve. After lunch at about 3:30 you will be on an official game drive into the bush. Monwana is an excellent way to get introduced to the African bush. Its small accommodating only 8 guests, so the personal service is great. Did I mention the game viewing is excellent?

Monwana (BBLD)

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Day 7

After an early morning wake-up, and tea and toast, it's off to the bush looking for lion, leopard, elephant, and buffalo. When you return from the game drive a brunch will be waiting. Mid-afternoon is at leisure, followed by a game drive. Dinner is either in the outdoor boma around a crackling fire, or in the dining room.

Monwana (BBLD)



Day 8,

After a morning game drive and breakfast you will transfer by road to your next bush camp. Here you will meet another ranger who knows the bush and where to find the "Big Five". Late afternoon you will have stopped for sundowners before returning to the camp after dark. You will be at the Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve. It's adjacent and open to famed Kruger national Park. Arathusa is next to the most famous property for leopards in Africa, Londolosi. It's separated by a dirt road.

Arathusa (BBLD)



Day 9

Today you will experience the bush and its many amazing inhabitants in a slightly different environment. Lions stalking their prey, leopards on the prowl, rhino and elephant ignoring your intrusions, and then there

are the buffalo that look at you as if you owed them money! There will be two daily game drives, with a mid-day break. Drinks in the bar followed by a delicious dinner will cap off the evening. Plus a few surprises thrown in for good measure.

Arathusa (BBLD)



Day 10,

Today, after the morning game drive and brunch, you will transfer back to Johannesburg from Hoedspruit. In Johannesburg connect to your flight home.

Overnight flight

Day 11,

All flights arrive early morning in the US where you will clear Immigration and Customs.

Base price without air: \$2967 per person based on two people sharing. Valid through November 2014.

Included:

11 days, 8 night's accommodations, all breakfasts, 4 dinners, 6 lunches. Daily laundry service is available at the bush camps. All the transfers and tours per the above itinerary are included. A 50% deposit is due to book the safari, with the balance due 90 days prior to departure.

Not included: are long haul international air tickets from the US, nor, the ticket between Cape Town, and Hoedspruit. Departure taxes, if any and items of a personal nature such as gratuities, phone calls, and meals not specified in the above.

Note 1:

The current cost of the three required internal flights within South Africa is approximately \$730

Note 2: Two nights in Victoria Falls can be added to this itinerary but you will have to add an additional back in Johannesburg, as you will miss-connect coming back from the bush.. The cost would be \$850 per person. Plus air.

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