

Full Itinerary

SOUTH AFRICA & VICTORIA FALLS.



TALK TO OUR WELL TRAVELLED TEAM OF EXPERTS

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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00 GMT



JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

South Africa & Victoria Falls.

DURATION:

13 days / 12 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights to arrive into Johannesburg International Airport [JNB] on Day 1 and depart from there earlier than 7pm on Day 13

PICKUP LOCATION:

Johannesburg International Airport [JNB]

OVERVIEW

Choose your own departure date for your group.

The mighty Victoria Falls - one of the seven natural wonders of the world! What better way to finish a week exploring southern Africa than by experiencing Victoria Falls - "The Smoke That Thunders"

Discover the best of South Africa on this fully escorted tour, introducing you to many well-known attractions and destinations. Starting in the traditional city of Johannesburg, we have a chance to reflect on South Africa's political history before heading along the Panorama Route to Kruger National Park to spot some iconic African wildlife! Our final nights in South Africa are spent in cosmopolitan Cape Town, sampling locally grown wines and exploring the dramatic coastline...

Whilst we're in southern Africa, what better way to round off the trip than at the mighty Victoria Falls! A spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur, be amazed by the world's largest waterfall on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Welcome to South Africa

DAY 2 - Soweto

DAY 3 - Panorama Route to Hazyview, Mpumalanga

DAY 4 - Kruger National Park

DAY 5 - Moditlo Private Game Reserve

DAY 6 - Hoedspruit to Cape Town

DAY 7 - Cape Town City Tour

DAY 8 - The Cape Peninsula

DAY 9 - Cape Winelands

DAY 10 - Welcome to Zimbabwe

DAY 11 - Victoria Falls & Sunset Cruise

DAY 12 - Day at Leisure

DAY 13 - Farewell to Africa

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WELCOME TO SOUTH AFRICA

On your arrival at Johannesburg Airport, you will be met by a local representative and escorted to the shuttle that will take you to the hotel.

On arrival at the hotel, there will be welcome drinks at reception. Here you will have the opportunity to meet your Big Journey Company Tour Director and discuss the upcoming tour with them.

DAY 2 - SOWETO

After breakfast, we travel together to Soweto for a thought-provoking day. Soweto is a sprawling cluster of townships on the south-western flank of Johannesburg. We visit the Hector Pieterse Memorial in Orlando West, built in memory of the people who died on the June 16 Soweto Youth Uprising.

We will also stop at the Mandela House Museum, Nelson Mandela's former home in Orlando West. The museum contains an assortment of memorabilia, paintings and photographs of the Mandela family and honorary doctorates bestowed on Nelson Mandela. You can also see the mansion belonging to Winnie Madikizela-Mandela in an affluent part of Orlando West. Archbishop Desmond Tutu's house and the Sisulu residences are in the same neighbourhood.

After a stop for lunch, we proceed to the Apartheid Museum. Here we will embark on a tour with a local guide on hand to assist with insight and information relating to the exhibits. Illustrating the rise and fall of apartheid, the exhibits have been assembled and organised by a multi-disciplinary team of curators, film-makers, historians and designers. We will then return to the hotel for the evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 3 - PANORAMA ROUTE TO HAZYVIEW, MPUMALANGA

After breakfast today we depart Johannesburg and travel via the magnificent Panorama Route to Hazyview, Mpumalanga.

From many well-positioned vantage points along the road, one has a view of the 33km long gorge, which starts at Bourke's Luck Potholes and ends at the Three Rondavels. We will make several stops along the way to make the most of the scenery.

Late afternoon we will arrive at our hotel. Dinner will be enjoyed together at the hotel this evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we will head to one of South Africa's most famous sites – the Kruger National Park. We will enter the world-renowned reserve at Phabeni Gate, driving in a northerly direction through the park to our lodges, searching out the wildlife, birds and smaller creatures who call this 2-million-hectare conservation area home.

In the mid-afternoon, we exit the Kruger National Park via Orpen Gate and continue the 1hr drive to our lodge accommodation, located in a private reserve. Settle into your rooms and freshen up before heading out on an open-vehicle sunset drive through the reserve. Dinner is served on our return.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 5 - MODITLO PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Today we will enjoy the scheduled game viewing activities at Moditlo Private Game Reserve.

There will also be plenty of opportunity for relaxation in between game viewing for those who want to enjoy all the facilities the lodge has to offer.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 6 - HOEDSPRUIT TO CAPE TOWN

After breakfast, it is time to leave the nature reserves as we transfer to Hoedspruit Airport for our flight to Cape Town.

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, we will be met and transferred to our hotel where the remainder of your day will be at leisure. We will enjoy dinner together this evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 7 - CAPE TOWN CITY TOUR

We will enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a city tour of Cape Town. Cape Town is rich in both historical and cultural heritage as well as natural beauty. Some highlights on this tour will be the Company Gardens, the Castle of Good Hope and the lively Greenmarket Square where you can purchase arts and crafts from all over Africa.

We will also take a trip through the colourful Bo Kaap area, known as the home of the "Cape Malays" before enjoying a cable car trip to the top of Table Mountain (weather permitting) for panoramic views of this beautiful city.

We will return to the hotel to freshen up before transferring to a local restaurant for dinner.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 8 - THE CAPE PENINSULA

Today, we head out on a full day excursion to the magnificent scenery and wildlife of the Cape Peninsula. We travel over the scenic Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Here you can have your photos taken at the most south western tip of the African continent and enjoy an invigorating walk, or a leisurely funicular trip up to the Cape Point lighthouses to admire the dramatic cliffs and amazing views.

Lunch will be enjoyed at a popular restaurant along the False Bay coastline. Other interesting stops will include the naval village of Simon's Town and Boulders Beach to see one of South Africa's two land-based African Penguin colonies.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 9 - CAPE WINELANDS

Today we will experience a full day wine tour in the Cape Winelands including a visit to the charming town of Ooks, Stellenbosch.

After some wine tastings and an introduction to the South African winemaking tradition, we'll continue to the Gourmet Capital of South Africa, Franschhoek. After another round of wine tasting and lunch at one of the beautiful wine estates, there will be time to take a stroll in this beautiful and cosy little town.

The whole day is dedicated to showing you our favourite secret spots and wine cellars – a day to tantalize your taste buds in some of South Africa's most beautiful landscapes!

Return to the hotel for evening at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 10 - WELCOME TO ZIMBABWE

We bid South Africa a fond farewell today, as we depart Cape Town for our flights to Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls. On arrival in Zimbabwe, we transfer to the hotel and have some time at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast

DAY 11 - VICTORIA FALLS & SUNSET CRUISE

Today is a spectacular day. Here on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia, the Zambezi River has created a feast for the senses - Victoria Falls. Also known as Mosi-oa-Tunya, "The Smoke that Thunders", this is the largest waterfall in the world! After exploring the area around Victoria Falls during the day, on this evening's sunset cruise you will meander through the islands, enjoying the abundant wildlife along the banks of the Zambezi River.

Included meals: Breakfast

DAY 12 - DAY AT LEISURE

Today we will spend the day at leisure in this fantastic location. Relax in the hotel's facilities or be amazed by the natural wonders before coming together for a farewell meal to remember in the evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 13 - FAREWELL TO AFRICA

After breakfast today we will say farewell to Africa, first flying from Victoria Falls Airport to Johannesburg where we will then catch our flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: none

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet at Johannesburg Airport on arrival
- Domestic flights: Hoedspruit [HDS] - Cape Town [CPT]
- International flights: Capetown [CPT] - Victoria Falls [VFA] - Johannesburg [JNB]
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary (or similar standard)
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle
- Open vehicle game drive
- English speaking tour guide
- All activities, visits and excursions as detailed in the itinerary

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ATOL Protection
- Flights to/from Johannesburg Airport [JNB]
- Gratuities
- All entrance fees to non-stipulated attractions
- Visas, travel and medical insurance. Most visitors to Zimbabwe will need a visa to enter.
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals or drinks not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities
- Transfers on arrival or departure, to/from the airport(s), outside of the tour dates
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please note, flights to/from South Africa are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company would be happy to provide a quotation for your flights - please contact us for further details
- Mpumalanga is located within malaria risk areas. We advise guests to contact your physician prior to travel to establish which precautionary medicines are required, as well as consulting your doctor for advice on other vaccinations and inoculations before travel.
- Some visitors to South Africa may need a visa - please check entry requirements before you depart.
- Most travellers to Zimbabwe will need a visa.
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2-3pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

BOOK YOUR JOURNEY

Choose from the list of dates below

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