



Days 1-2: Fly to South Africa

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Johannesburg.

Day 3: Johannesburg

Meet your Tour Director at the airport

Arrival in Johannesburg: Welcome to Johannesburg, the heart of South Africa and the largest city in the world that isn't situated on a lake, river or coastline.

Take a guided tour to Johannesburg: Your guide introduces you to Johannesburg, starting with a visit to the township of Soweto, or the South Western Townships. A startling example of segregationist planning, Soweto is also known for its contributions to fashion, music, language and politics. See the Regina Mundi Catholic Church, and visit the homes of Winnie Mandela and Desmond Tutu, as well as the former residence of Nelson Mandela. Make your way into downtown Johannesburg, where you'll find a dense shopping district and be at the foot of the largest buildings on the African continent.

Apartheid Museum: Learn about the tumultuous history of South Africa as you explore this museum complex with your guide. See weapons used to enforce apartheid and listen to an interview with Nelson Mandela from when he was in hiding.

Lunch and dinner: Lunch and dinner are included on this day.

Day 4: Johannesburg

Cradle of Mankind: This morning, take a full day excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Cradle of Mankind, one of the world's richest hominin sites and home to around 40% of the world's human ancestor fossils.

Visit the Maropeng Visitor Centre: an award-winning exhibition focusing on the development of humans and our ancestors over the past few million years.

Sterkfontein Cave: Discover ancient fossils during a guided tour of the Sterkfontein Caves.

Dinner: Reflect on today's events over dinner with your group.

Day 5: Johannesburg | Kruger National Park area

Travel via the Panorama Route to Kruger National Park area: Travel to the Kruger National Park area along the "Panorama Route," past such natural wonders as the Blyde River Canyon, God's Window and the twisted Bourke's Luck Potholes.

Visit Pilgrim's Rest: the gold-rush town where fortunes were made and even greater fortunes were lost.

Travel to Kruger National Park area: Only minutes away from the wildlife haven of Kruger National Park, Timbavati serves as the perfect base to explore the park and participate in a variety of lodge activities.

Shangaan village walk: Get an in-depth look at the local culture as you explore this village by foot. During your walk, you'll visit a clinic, trading store, school and homes of the village inhabitants. You'll even make a stop at the village's herbal and spiritual doctor.

Day 6: Kruger National Park area

Game drive at Kruger National Park: Today enjoy a full-day game drive at Kruger National Park. Named after South Africa's first president, an ardent naturalist deeply committed to wildlife protection, Kruger is considered the best-managed wildlife park on the entire African continent.

Lunch: Enjoy lunch with your group today.

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Early-morning bush walk: Rise and shine for an early-morning adventure into the bush. The area around the lodge offers a unique ecosystem of smaller wild game and bird life. However, you can also expect to see zebra, wildebeest, impala and the occasional leopard or hyena.

Travel via Johannesburg to Cape Town: Return to Johannesburg and catch a flight to Cape Town. As your plane lands amid vineyards, sandy beaches and flat-topped mountains, you'll see why Cape Town is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Day 8: Cape Town

Guided tour of Cape Town: What better way to get to know Cape Town than with an incredible panoramic view? A cable car will take you to the summit of Table Mountain (weather permitting)—a phenomenally beautiful sandstone plateau that overlooks the city. Head back down the mountain and pass Devil's Peak and Lion's Head, two mountain peaks that flank Table Mountain, on your way to the Company's Garden. The "Company" in question is the Dutch East India Company, and the garden was originally built on its orders to provide vegetables for the colonists. Set in the Company's Garden is the South African Museum, where you'll see its captivating natural exhibits, including a "whale well" filled with real whale skeletons.

Castle of Good Hope: The oldest surviving building in Cape Town, the Castle of Good Hope's cornerstone was laid in 1666.

Greenmarket Square: On your way to the waterfront, stop at Greenmarket Square, one of Cape Town's oldest markets.

Victoria and Alfred Waterfront: The waterfront is also a perfect place to browse Cape Town's wares. Be part of the exciting atmosphere created by the area's abundance of theaters, restaurants and shops and enjoy lunch with your group.

District 6 Museum: Visit District 6 Museum which works with the memories of the District Six experience, removals, and marginalisation.

Robben Island: Discover a place of exile and isolation at Robben Island. A leper colony for nearly 400 years, it became a stark prison during apartheid. Step inside Nelson Mandela's maximum-security cell where the revolutionary leader was held for 18 years, and walk through the lime quarries where the prisoners were used for hard labor. Despite its grim reputation, the island later came to symbolize triumph in the face of adversity and the power of the human spirit.

Lunch and dinner: Lunch and dinner are included on this day.

Day 9: Cape Town

Guided tour of Cape Town: Visit the exclusive coastal suburbs of Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay for a bit of relaxation.

Cape Point Nature Reserve: After lunch with your group, travel to the Cape Point Nature Reserve, home to an array of wildlife and the Cape Point lighthouse.

Boulders Penguin Colony: Nearby, visit an African penguin colony before stopping at the naval hamlet known as Simon's Town.

Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens: On your way back to Cape Town, stop to wonder at this vibrant botanical garden nestled at the foot of Table Mountain. Take in the stunning flora and fauna, all set against a breathtaking backdrop that is uniquely Cape Town.

Lunch and dinner: Lunch and dinner are included on this day.

Day 10: Depart for home

Free time and departure: If the scheduled departure of your return flight permits, take advantage of a little free time for some final photo stops, souvenir shopping or snacks in one of Cape Town's many cosmopolitan cafes. Your Tour Director will assist you with the transfer to the airport for your overnight return flight home.

📍 **Langa Township:** Take a tour of the Langa Township, one of the most culturally and historically significant neighborhoods in Cape Town. See what life was like in one of the most segregated towns in South Africa during apartheid.

Day 11: Arrive home

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