

# **SOUTH AFRICA:**

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## **A NATION OF DIVERSE PEOPLE & LANDSCAPES**



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**T**his fascinating trip to modern South Africa will introduce you to the nation's wealth of cultural and historical venues – Robben Island, Soweto township, the Apartheid Museum – and of course South Africa's world-class safari parks!

You will also enjoy visits to community organizations, and you will get to know the beautiful Republic of South Africa through the eyes of its people. In short, you'll embrace South Africa from many angles – the arts, youth activism, and food as rich and diverse as its people. In addition to guided tours, we have built in time to explore several fascinating cities on your own. Finally, you'll explore renowned art galleries, and you'll meet designers, artists and musicians.

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In and near **Cape Town**, you'll notice a laid-back vibe, a Mediterranean climate, a land's end harbor-town culture dominated by a single, imposing geological feature: Table Mountain. You'll notice distinct hillside neighborhoods, cliffs plunging to the sea, postage-stamp pastel houses, and a relatively easy racial and ethnic mix. With luck, you'll notice calm waters, blue skies, and a sun-splashed cityscape; in any weather, Cape Town's beauty is second to none. Here in South Africa's 'Mother City', you'll enjoy the nation's finest natural attractions, sample its finest wines, and breathe its fresh, rarefied air.

In this world-class city, you'll visit some of the world's most amazing commercial vineyards. The Cape Winelands is an enchanting region of dramatic mountains and fertile valleys. Hundreds of wine estates dot the landscape; each offers the chance to sample its unique blends in a picture-perfect setting. Treat yourself to magnificent wines, hosted by knowledgeable winemakers, and finish the tours with dishes from gourmet local restaurants.

And, not to be missed! You'll take the cable car up Table Mountain for magnificent, unsurpassed views from the summit. Majestic, mysterious Table Mountain dominates Cape Town's skyline; its austerity draws visitors from around the world.

### **THE CAPE TOWN AREA**

This part of the trip features the following guided activities:

- Robben Island Museum and South Africa's commitment to peace & reconciliation.
- Table Mountain and beach drives along the South African Riviera.
- Cape Winelands!
- World-class galleries – and local curio markets.

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In **Johannesburg**, you'll notice a 'go-go' cosmopolitan urban culture that is home to all South Africans, but increasingly to migrants from all corners of our shrinking planet: Africa, to be sure, yet also China, India, Europe, the Middle East, and America. Ever since gold was discovered here in the 1870s, this mile-high city has meant opportunity, ambition, and financial success. Your tours in Johannesburg are an opportunity not only to learn about

South Africa’s history, but to understand the depth of the changes it has made in recent decades – and the ongoing opportunities it is creating for its people.

## THE JOHANNESBURG AREA

This part of the trip will have the following guided activities:

- Soweto Township and the Apartheid Museum.
- Lesedi Cultural Village.
- World-class galleries – and local curio markets & international shopping.

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**Kruger National Park:** Your trip to South Africa is not complete without a visit to the spectacular Kruger Park. Here you will explore vast landscapes and spectacular African wildlife. Your 3-day African safari in the world-renowned Kruger is an unforgettable look into Africa’s Big 5: Elephants, leopard, rhinos, buffalo, and lion. Experience thrilling Kruger Park game drives in an open safari vehicle!

## THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA

This part of the trip will feature these guided activities:

Stay in a safari lodge that combines international-class luxury with traditional tribal design. Experience thrilling Kruger Park game drives in an open safari vehicle! Enjoy dinner under the skies in a traditional circular “boma”.

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## PRICING OF THE PACKAGE

- ▶ *Base Program (Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Kruger Park): \$3800*
- ▶ *Single Room Supplement: \$665*

## INCLUSIONS

- ▶ Air from San Francisco to Cape Town return
- ▶ 4-star hotel accommodation w/ breakfast daily
- ▶ Lunches daily
- ▶ Guided tours: Robben Island, Table Mountain, Cape winelands, Apartheid Museum, Lesedi Cultural village & Soweto tour
- ▶ Certified English-speaking local guide
- ▶ Fees to museums and national parks, as per program
- ▶ International-class ground transport throughout

## EXCLUSIONS

- ▶ Domestic-US transport to and from SFO
- ▶ Meals not mentioned in the inclusions
- ▶ Gratuities to your driver and guide, at your discretion
- ▶ Items of a personal nature (e.g., laundry, room service, travel insurance, telephone expenses, etc.)

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION

*Registration for trip is now open!*

- ▶ Initial deposit of **\$1500** is due upon registration or on **Monday, JUNE 5 2017**.
- ▶ Second deposit of **\$1500** is due **Monday, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017**.
- ▶ Final Deposit of **\$800** is due **Monday, NOVEMBER 6, 2017**.