

Itinerary

One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival. Breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat! This is indeed a photographer's dream! It's an unforgettable experience for everyone!

DAYS 1-2: Overnight Flight.

Sit back and take it easy as you fly length of the Atlantic Ocean to Johannesburg. Relax the rest of the day. Overnight Protea Hotel.

DAY 3: Victoria Falls. This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. This is a World Heritage site with breathtaking views and thunderous sounds. The Falls are a little over a mile wide and 351-ft. high, making them 1-1/2 times as wide and twice as high as the Niagara Falls. This is a destination where you can still encounter herds of buffalo and elephant on their way to the wild Zambezi for their own sundowners. Enjoy two nights at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge. (B)

Day 4: Victoria Falls. Enjoy a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world. This walking safari takes you through the magnificent rain forest to view the Cataracts, Livingston's statue and a wide variety of birds and plants. Later, enjoy a sublime sundowner cruise on the broad sweep of the mighty Zambezi River. Return to the lodge. (B)

Day 5: Johannesburg. This morning transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for a return flight to Johannesburg. Return to the Protea Hotel for two nights. (B,D)

Day 6: Soweto. Experience a fascinating glimpse of the bustling neighborhood life of Soweto, the most metropolitan township in the country, setting trends in politics, fashion, music, dance and language. Drive by the former residence of Bishop Desmond Tutu and visit Nelson Mandela's former home, before proceeding to the Hector Peterson memorial, dedicated to one of the first casualties of the Soweto uprising of 1976. This evening you'll have dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 7: Panorama Route. Travel to Mpumalanga Province, known as

Featuring Thunderous Victoria Falls



South Africa



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- R/T air from San Antonio.
- Accommodations at 1st-class hotels and lodges.
- 19 meals (13 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners).
- Highlights: Cape Town • Johannesburg • Kruger National Park • Panoramic Route • Peninsula Tour • Soweto • St. Lucia Estuary Cruise • Swaziland • Table Mountain • Umfolozi Game Reserve • and Magnificent Victoria Falls.
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"Paradise Country," driving the spectacular "Panorama Route." Stop to admire the views of amazing scenery along the 16-mile-long Blyde River Canyon, cut deep into red sandstone, and God's Window (weather and fog permitting), a breathtaking Edenic vista at the edge of the escarpment overlooking Kruger National Park. Visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, a series of waterfalls and distinctive rock formations created by countless millennia of water

erosion and continue to the picturesque old mining town of Pilgrim's Rest. Enjoy two nights at the Protea Hotel Hazyview. (B,D)

DAY 8: Kruger National Park. Your day begins at dawn with coffee, tea, and rusks, a South African dry biscuit.

Depart for Kruger National Park to join a thrilling open-vehicle game drive. Larger than the state of Connecticut, the
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park offers some of the best game and wildlife viewing in the world, and early morning is an optimal time of day. You may have a chance to see lion, elephant, giraffe or zebra in their natural habitat. After stopping at a rest camp for pre-packed breakfast, the game safari continues. With luck you may even see cheetah and leopard. After the day's excitement, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

DAY 9: Swaziland Sights. Travel to Swaziland, an independent Kingdom within the borders of South Africa, known for its lovely scenery, fine handicrafts and vibrant indigenous culture. You'll visit the **Ngwenya Glass Factory** to watch talented glass blowers create a range of enchanting African animals, birds and fish, as well as tableware, made from recycled glass that is collected by the children of Swaziland. Overnight **Mountain Inn Swaziland.** (B)

Day 10: Big Five Safari. Today continue through Swaziland before re-entering South Africa. Enjoy a safari in the **Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve**, situated in northern KwaZulu Natal which contains an immense diversity of fauna and flora and is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhinos. Home to Africa's "Big Five," you may have a chance to see elephant, Cape buffalo, lion and leopard, in addition to rhino during your afternoon game drive through the reserve. The park also boasts warthog, crocodile and antelope. Overnight **Protea Hotel Umfolozi River, St. Lucia.** (B)

Day 11: Estuary Cruise. This morning you'll cruise on the **St. Lucia**

Estuary, home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles, and even sharks, making it a fascinating and uniquely diverse ecosystem.

Later, transfer to the airport an evening flight to **Cape Town.** Upon arrival, transfer to the **Protea Hotel Victoria Junction** for four nights. (B)

Day 12: Table Mountain. Depart on a Table Mountain tour. Driving

through Cape Town you'll pass famous landmarks such as the Castle of Good Hope built in 1666 by the Dutch East India Company and City Hall, a splendid baroque building, and of course, the Grand Parade. See St. George's Cathedral, the Anglican Diocese of Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Pass the Company Gardens and the Malay Quarter.

The tour route then leads to Kloof Nek and magnificent **Table Mountain.** Ascend to the top (*weather permitting*) by means of a cable car. At the summit, see wild flowers and the famous silver tree, and marvel at a birds-eye view of the city and its beaches. On a clear day it is even possible to see Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned and Cape Point. Descend from the Upper Cableway Station and proceed to the Milnerton Lighthouse before returning to your hotel. (B)

Day 13: Peninsula Tour. Depart on a full day Cape Peninsula Tour with lunch along the way. Drive to Cape Point at the southwestern tip of the Cape Peninsula, passing steep mountains, secluded coves, and sweeping beaches. Your tour stops at the fishing village of Hout Bay, one of Cape Town's best-kept secrets, then on to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, comprising over 17,300 acres of indigenous flora and fauna. You may see baboons by the roadside, rheboks, Cape Mountain zebras, bonteboks and the elusive eland. The native plant life, known as fynbos, forms one of only six floral kingdoms in the world. Following the coastline along False Bay, return to Cape Town after lunch by way of Simon's Town. Here, visit the pen-

guin colonies at Boulders Beach, and continue with a scenic drive over Muizenberg Mountain. Lastly, visit the **Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens**, resting at the foot of Table Mountain, for a walking tour of the beautiful gardens before finally returning to Cape Town. (B,L)

Day 14: Cape Town. Enjoy a day at leisure in Cape Town. Or, join Kay and John on an optional Private Wine-lands' Tour. The tour starts at the "Pearl of Paarl" with a visit to one of the local estates. Enjoy a cellar tour and wine tasting. Then continue to the old scenic village of Franschoek, founded in 1688 by French immigrants, whose descendants eventually supplied highly sought after wine to Napoleon, Bismarck, and even King Edward VII. Lastly, travel to Stellenbosch, South Africa's second oldest town and the historic heart of the country's wine region. .

Tonight, enjoy a "Farewell Dinner" at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 15: Depart for the U.S.A.

Transfer to the airport for your departure Flight home. (B)



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