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South Africa Discovery 2023: CAPE TOWN AND JOHANNESBURG

Oct 7, 2023 - Oct 17, 2023

\$3,950.00 per person

Discover the beauty and wonders of South Africa on this 10 day/9 night tour which includes stays in both Cape Town and Johannesburg:

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Airfare from USA to CapeTown- Cape Town to Johannesburg-Johannesburg to USA
- Four (4) Nights accommodation at Protea Hotel Breakwater (by Marriott) on a BB basis
- Five (5) Nights accommodation at Hilton Hotel Sandton on a BB basis
- One game drive at Pilanesburg National Park
- Entrance fees to sightseeing venues as stated in the itinerary
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary, including two lunches and two dinners
- Porterage at airports and hotels (one standard piece of luggage per person)
- Transport in private touring vehicles
- Local English speaking driver on all transfers and sightseeing excursions
- Local English speaking guide on all transfers and sightseeing excursions

COST EXCLUDES:

- All other airfares, air reservations and airport taxes
- All other accommodation
- All other meals
- All other transport

- All other sightseeing
- Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers, game rangers and trackers
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls and laundry
- Any other services not mentioned above

Trip Summary

October 7 - Saturday

Depart USA (RDU) for Cape Town, South Africa - Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU), Cape Town International Airport (CPT)

October 8 - Sunday

Arrival - Welcome to Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge, V & A Waterfront, Marco's African Place

October 9 - Monday

Table Mountain, Cape Town City, and Cape Winelands Tour - Table Mountain Aerial Cableway, Cape Winelands

October 10 - Tuesday

Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour - Cape Of Good Hope, Chapman's Peak, Boulders Beach

October 11 - Wednesday

Full Day Robben Island Tour - Robben Island, Bo-Kaap Museum, Langa

October 12 - Thursday

Depart Cape Town for Johannesburg - Hilton Sandton, Pata Pata

October 13 - Friday

Cradle of Mankind and Lesedi Cultural Village - Cradle of Humankind, Lesedi Cultural Village
Pilanesberg National Park Safari and Chameleon Village - Pilanesberg National Park

October 14 - Saturday

Day at Leisure - Nelson Mandela Square

October 15 - Sunday

Full Day Johannesburg and Pretoria Tour - Johannesburg, Pretoria

October 16 - Monday

Full Day Soweto Tour - NELSON MANDELA HOUSE, Apartheid Museum

October 17 - Tuesday

Depart Johannesburg for USA - O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)

October 7 - Saturday



Depart USA (RDU) for Cape Town, South Africa

Your departure is in the afternoon or evening with arrival the following morning or evening in Cape Town. Air schedule not yet confirmed.



Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)

2400 John Brantley Blvd, Morrisville, NC, US, 27560
(919) 840-7700



Cape Town International Airport (CPT)

Cape Town, WESTERN CAPE, ZA, 7490
021 937 1275

October 8 - Sunday



Arrival - Welcome to Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town International airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel: the Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge- BB Standard Room, Includes: Breakfast

Perfectly positioned in the heart of Cape Town's V & A Waterfront and just a minute from restaurants, theatres and shops, the Protea Hotel by Marriott Cape Town Breakwater Lodge provides travelers with 4-star quality, yet affordable accommodation. Once a 19th-century prison and now a national monument, the history of the hotel can be seen in some of the original fittings, which are still used in the modern day decor.

This evening enjoy dinner with live entertainment at "Marcos African Place" or similar. (D)



Protea Breakwater Lodge

Portswood Rd, iKapa, Western Cape, iNingizimu Afrika
+27 21 406 1911



V & A Waterfront

Cape Town, Western Cape, ZA, 8001



Marco's African Place

15 Rose Lane, iKapa, Western Cape, iNingizimu Afrika

October 9 - Monday



Table Mountain, Cape Town City, and Cape Winelands Tour

Following a delicious buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark upon a Full Day Table Mountain, Cape Town City Tour & afternoon Winelands tour with your driver and guide. (B)

Table Mountain

The Table Mountain Aerial Cableway has transported more than 20 million people to the summit of Cape Town's most iconic destination, Table Mountain. The cableway offers a comfortable way of reaching the top of the mountain in revolving cars that afford 360° views of the surrounds during the ascent. Each cable car can carry 65 people at a time and trips run on a continuous basis – the cableway is shut down during bad weather. At the top, visitors will discover a series of walking paths and stunning views of the surrounding oceans and the city below. There is a self-service restaurant and deli on site.

Cape Town City

Explore South Africa's exciting 'Mother City' on this guided tour of the historical and cultural sights of Cape Town. You will step into the rich history of the city passing by key historical monuments and places of interest, such as the impressive Castle of Good Hope and Cape Town City Hall. The tour stops at the beautiful St. George's Cathedral, passes through the lush Company Gardens, and explores a cultural hub of Cape Town, the Bo-Kaap, also known as the Cape Malay quarter. A tour of this vibrant city, home to street markets of every kind, cosmopolitan and rustic eateries, and a host of cultures is an unforgettable experience.

Half Day Winelands

A visit to the Cape is not complete without experiencing the attractions of the Cape Winelands. This immersion in the country's leading wine region of Stellenbosch, is centered on a historic town with an elegant mix of Cape Dutch, Georgian and Victorian buildings, yet exuding a modern vibrancy. This is South Africa's golden triangle for winemaking and the region is known for its reds, whites, blends and bubbly, along with stunning locations, fabulous food and hospitable people. This tour is a marvelous complement to a trip to Cape Town and shouldn't be missed.

Following this full day tour, return to the hotel for the evening and dinner on your own.



Table Mountain Aerial Cableway

5821 Tafelberg Road, Cape Town, Western Cape, ZA, 8001



Cape Winelands

Western Cape, ZA



October 10 - Tuesday



Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour

Breakfast at the hotel, then a Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour with your driver and guide. Visit to Hout Bay Harbour. Step into the working harbour of Hout Bay at the end of Cape Town's Atlantic seaboard for an authentic fishing village experience from the colourful fishing boats moored on the dock to the range of fish markets, restaurants, street markets and shops set overlooking the bay. Indulge in fresh seafood, fabulous views, adventure activities and shopping experiences – everything from jewelry and maritime artifacts to seashells and more. The beach stretches from here to Chapman's Peak in the east. (B)

Visit to Cape Of Good Hope

The famous Cape of Good Hope nature reserve, a World Heritage site, is set at the end of Cape Town's south peninsula. Take a trip via funicular to the lighthouse at 286 metres above sea level (built to warn ships they are approaching the feared "Cape of Storms"), stroll along the cliff paths or venture down the steep slopes to the stunning white-sand beaches below. The reserve is home to a variety of small wildlife and is a favoured picnicking, fishing (with a permit) and hiking destination with its rich plant biodiversity and inspiring landscapes. Enjoy lunch at Two Oceans Restaurant (not included)

Visit to Boulders Beach (Penguins)

The sheltered Simon's Town beach of Boulders Beach is the home of an endangered land-based colony of African penguins (over 2 000 of them), as well as a favourite swimming and beach destination for locals and international travelers, particularly children. One can walk between the three pristine and sheltered beaches on boardwalks, which also link to the penguin-viewing area offering fantastic sightings of these unique and endearing animals in their natural habitat.



Cape Of Good Hope

Cape Town, WESTERN CAPE, ZA, 8001
021 780 9526



Chapman's Peak

Cape Town, Western Cape, ZA



Boulders Beach

Kleintuin Rd, Cape Town, WESTERN CAPE, ZA, 7975
021 786 2329

October 11 - Wednesday



Full Day Robben Island Tour

Robben Island Tour

Robben Island is best known internationally as being the place where Nelson Mandela and many other famous anti-apartheid activists were imprisoned. For this reason, it is today a World Heritage Site. However, it has always been a place of isolation for those not accepted in society and has in its past been home to a leper colony and a mental hospital. Located in Table Bay, just off Cape Town's coastline, the island is 5.4km in length. The tour takes approximately 3.5 hours including the one-hour return ferry trip that departs from the Robben Island Museum at the Clocktower, Nelson Mandela Gateway, V&A Waterfront. Once the ferry embarks on the island, guests will visit the maximum security prison, meet an ex-political prisoner and explore the island on a bus tour accompanied by an experienced guide.

Bo Kaap Museum

The Bo-Kaap Museum is in the heart of what is known as the Cape Malay quarter, home to many Muslims and descendents of freed slaves. The building, constructed in 1763, has been restored to represent a typical Malay-style dwelling in the 19th century. The suburb is known for its characteristic cobbled streets and colourful houses. The museum documents the history of the Malay people in the Cape. Originally brought as slaves to the Cape, they have contributed extensively to the cultural and culinary make-up of the city in the centuries since.

Langa Township

Next, visit Langa, Cape Town's oldest formal township, established in 1927. Explore the settlement with your guide and discover how the lively community—which was established pre-apartheid—is suffused with the history and culture of the Xhosa people, one of the largest cultural groups in South Africa. Enjoy a local beverage in an authentic "shabeen, if you desire.

Return to the Protea Breakwater for overnight, and dinner on your own. (B)



Robben Island

Robben Island, WESTERN CAPE, ZA, 7400



Bo-Kaap Museum

71 Wale Street, iKapa, Western Cape, iNingizimu Afrika



Langa

Cape Town, WESTERN CAPE, ZA

October 12 - Thursday



Depart Cape Town for Johannesburg

Transfer from the hotel to Cape Town airport for your flight to Johannesburg (flight included) On arrival in Johannesburg you will be met and transferred to your hotel, the Hilton Hotel Sandton. This afternoon is free to enjoy on your own. Later experience African culture with entertainment and dinner at Pata Pata restaurant. (D)

The 5-star **Hilton Sandton Hotel Johannesburg** offers comfortable accommodation within about 950 metres from Sandton Convention Center. Situated in the Sandton district, the garden venue is set 1.7 km from Sandton City Shopping Centre.

The property is located near Nedbank Head Office, in the very heart of Johannesburg. Nelson Mandela Square is also a short drive away.

The venue offers airy rooms with standard amenities such as tea and coffee making equipment, iron/ironing board, and high-velocity internet. Some of the non-smoking units have views of the garden. For your comfort, you will find glassware, coffee & tea making machines and a microwave.

Start your morning with a buffet breakfast, served in the restaurant. Dine in the à la carte restaurant and enjoy international cuisine. The on-site bar features a lounge and a spacious terrace. Choose from an unlimited choice of contemporary, healthy and international dishes at Tasha's the Marc. Hilton Sandton Hotel is set near Sandton train station, about 800 metres away. O.R. Tambo International airport is less than 25 km away. A spa therapy and a tennis court are available for no additional cost.

Your afternoon is free. Dinner on your own.



Hilton Sandton

138 Rivonia Rd, Sandton, GAUTENG, ZA, 2196
011 322 1888



Pata Pata

286 Fox St., EGoli, IGAUTENG, ININGIZIMU AFRIKA, 2094
+27 87 830 0440

October 13 - Friday



Cradle of Mankind and Lesedi Cultural Village

After breakfast, a Full Day Cradle of Mankind and Lesedi Cultural Village with driver and guide is on the itinerary.

Lesedi Cultural Village offers a unique experience to visitors wanting to immerse themselves in authentic African culture. The village is based in the Cradle of Humankind, an hour's drive from Johannesburg and it was created to showcase the diversity of African cultures, particularly of the dominant groups found in South Africa – the Zulu, the Xhosa, the Basotho, the Ndebele and the Pedi. Guests will be welcomed in the carpark with traditional African singing before being escorted for a wander through the Ndebele-styled village and craft market. Before embarking on a tour of the five homesteads, each representing a particular culture's choice of housing materials, decorative details and way of living, guests will be orientated by watching a multi-visual theatre presentation on the history and origin of the South African peoples. Divided into smaller groups, guests are then escorted on a tour of the five homesteads before reuniting with their fellow guests at the bar and heading onto a spectacular lunch on offer in the Nyama Choma Restaurant with a menu offering African speciality dishes. Guests are entertained by local dancers and musicians during lunch. (BL)



Cradle of Humankind

Gauteng, ZA
014 577 9000



Lesedi Cultural Village

Portion 198 Of Farm No 493, Broederstroom, GAUTENG, ZA, 1748
012 205 1394



Pilanesburg National Park Safari and Chameleon Village

Visit Chameleon Village Lion and Tiger Park, then an afternoon (sunset) game drive with open vehicle.

Scheduled Game Drive (3 Hours)

Guests will leave for the game drive and head to the beautiful and game-rich Pilanesberg National Park. They will be met and escorted by experienced and registered field guides eager to share their extensive knowledge of the region. The 25-seater open vehicles traverse a region populated by virtually every mammal in Southern Africa including the Big 5 – lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo. There are no age restrictions to these safaris and guests are advised to wear comfortable outdoor clothing and bring along binocular, cameras and beverages.



Pilanesberg National Park

Pilanesberg National Park, NORTH WEST, ZA

October 14 - Saturday



Day at Leisure

Use this day to rest and relax from all the previous activities. Shop at Nelson Mandela Square Mall, spend time at the pool or spa. It's up to you.



Nelson Mandela Square

West St., Sandton, IGauteng, iNingizimu Afrika, 2196
+27 11 784 3330

October 15 - Sunday



Full Day Johannesburg and Pretoria Tour

Johannesburg, city, Gauteng province, South Africa. It is the country's chief industrial and financial metropolis.

One of the youngest of the world's major cities, Johannesburg was founded in 1886, following the discovery of gold. The city was initially part of the Transvaal, an independent Afrikaner, or Boer, republic that later became one of the four provinces of South Africa. Today the city is a part of Gauteng (a Sotho word meaning "Place of Gold"), one of the nine provinces of South Africa.

Pretoria is one of the three capital cities of the African country of South Africa. It is the executive (administrative) and de facto capital of the country. The other two capitals are Cape Town (legislative) and Bloemfontein (judicial). The city is in the northern part of Gauteng Province, South Africa.



Johannesburg

Johannesburg, Gauteng, ZA



Pretoria

Pretoria, Gauteng, ZA

October 16 - Monday



Full Day Soweto Tour

Visit to Mandela House

Mandela House in Orlando West, Soweto is a national monument dedicated to offering insights into the life of Nelson Mandela and the families that he lived with from 1946 through to the 1990s. Managed by the Soweto Heritage Trust, the house has been fully renovated and hosts a visitor centre as well as excellent multi-media and audio-visual displays outlining the history of the Mandela family. A meaningful experience, visitors are exposed to Mandela's personal life on this visit. (B)

Visit to Hector Pieterse Memorial

On the 16th of June 1976, Hector Pieterse was shot by the police during a protest by schoolchildren about Afrikaans being imposed as the medium of instruction. The Soweto uprising, as it has come to be known, saw 20 children shot by police during what started out as a peaceful protest. One of the pivotal moments in the anti-Apartheid struggle, 12-year old Hector has come to symbolise those that stood against the tyrannical regime. Today, the 16th of June is celebrated in South Africa as National Youth Day in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the protest. The site where Hector was shot is not far from the memorial and close to the Hector Pieterse Museum.

Visit to Apartheid Museum

The prestigious and must-visit Apartheid Museum is located in Johannesburg's Ormondo suburb. The museum, opened in 2001, covers the full history of the Apartheid era in South Africa. The exhibitions span the beginnings of segregation in the country, the implementation of the Apartheid system and all of the factors that have shaped its 20th century history including the discovery of gold that spurred on the migration of thousands of foreigners to the country, the rise of black consciousness and the first democratic elections. The political groups (both for and against the Apartheid system) are represented and the exhibitions combine news articles, photographs and artefacts to create a riveting story of this era.

Lunch today is at Chez Alina restaurant. (included) (BL)

Return to the hotel for overnight. Dinner on your own. Those who may want a taste of Johannesburg nightlife may want to visit "Katsy Live" in Rosebank. It is a nightclub serving dinner, drinks and live music (on your own). Overnight at the Sandton Sun.

**NELSON MANDELA HOUSE**

8115 Vilakazi St & Ngakane St, Johannesburg, GAUTENG, ZA, 1804
+27 11 936 7754

**Apartheid Museum**

Northern Parkway And Gold Reef Rd, Johannesburg, GAUTENG, ZA, 2001
011 309 4700

October 17 - Tuesday**Depart Johannesburg for USA**

Your final day in South Africa concludes with breakfast at the hotel (if time permits), then transfer to the OR Tambo International airport for your flight home.

Savor the memories and share all your fabulous photos with friends and family!

**O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)**

O R Tambo Airport Rd, Johannesburg, GAUTENG, ZA, 1627
011 921 6262

Information & Documents**Deposits, Payments and Other Information**

Make Deposits/Payments to: Joy! Cruises and Tours Inc ,P O Box 900, Graham, NC 27253. 919-680-3337.

\$350.00 per person due by February 15, 2023. Full payment required by August 1, 2023. Other payments: \$1,000.00, April 1; \$1,000.00 June 1; Full Balance August 1.

Cancellation Policy: Initial Deposits are non-refundable.(\$350.00)
120 days to 91 days prior to departure: 25% of total cost penalty(June 6)
90 days to 61 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost penalty(July 6)
60 days prior to departure: No refunds.

CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. Group rates can be provided at a later date.
For more information, call 919-680-3337 or Email: escape2@mindspring.com.

Note: A valid passport is required for this travel, a minimum of 30 days beyond return date. Passports must contain a minimum of two consecutive blank pages for entry and departure. No visa or immunizations required unless transiting through certain WHO countries before entering South Africa. Please visit state.gov for more information.

Currency Exchange Rate: \$1.00 = 17.1111 ZAR (South African Rand)

It is a good idea to exchange some currency before departing on your trip. This can be done either online or at your local bank. Small bills are great for tipping drivers, guides, and making small purchases.

NOTE: The children who live in the townships (Langa and Soweto) are truly delighted and appreciative when receiving candy or fruits, and even books. I strongly encourage travelers to have these items available to hand out during your visit. (Tip: Fruit..apples, pears, bananas, etc) can be picked up at the hotel breakfast bars). The smiles you receive will warm your heart and leave a lasting impression!