



# CAPE TOWN AND SAFARI

9 Days

## Day 1 ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN

A warm welcome on arrival at Cape Town International Airport, with a private transfer to the hotel.

*Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, with its majestic Table Mountain backdrop. It is also the oldest town in the country and one of South Africa's jewels. The city is filled with culture and rich in historical experiences, with pristine white beaches along the coastline.*

The afternoon is free to relax and explore the Waterfront precinct at your leisure.

## Day 2 IN CAPE TOWN: explore the City

After breakfast, depart for a day exploring Cape Town, Table Mountain and the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

*On a clear day, the distinctive shape of Table Mountain can be seen from up to 200km out to sea, while its summit provides spectacular views of the city, its Waterfront and Harbour below, the majestic Hottentots Holland mountains to the East and Cape Point to the south.*

### **An Authentic Touch – Why not Abseil down Table Mountain?**

*Abseiling down one of the 7 wonders of nature, the iconic Table Mountain. The panoramic views from the top of Table Mountain are breath-taking, but the views from the side of it are even better. Descending the side of a sheer cliff you will have Camps Bay, the Atlantic Seaboard, and the deep blue ocean at your feet.*

After descending the mountain, depart on a tour of the “Mother City”, past Lion’s Head to Signal Hill with its dramatic views of Cape Town, Table Bay, Robben Island, Sea Point and Camps Bay. The tour continues past the Grand Parade and City Hall to take in the South African Cultural History Museum, which is housed in a former slave lodge. Pass the Fort of Good Hope and District Six on the way to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

*The Castle of Good Hope is a bastion fort built in the 17th century in Cape Town, South Africa. Originally located on the coastline of Table Bay, following land reclamation the fort is now located inland. In 1936 the Castle was declared a historical monument (now a provincial heritage site) and following restorations in the 1980s it is considered the best-preserved example of a Dutch East India Company fort.*

Continue to District Six, a former inner-city residential area in Cape Town, South Africa. Over 60,000 of its inhabitants were forcibly removed during the 1970s by the apartheid regime. The area of District Six is now partly divided between the suburbs of Walmer Estate, Zonnebloem, and Lower Vrede, while the rest is undeveloped land.

Arrive at the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and enjoy a picnic lunch in the gardens.



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Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden is acclaimed as one of the great botanic gardens of the world. Few gardens can match the sheer grandeur of the setting of Kirstenbosch, against the eastern slopes of Cape Town's Table Mountain.

Head back to the hotel and enjoy dinner at leisure at one of the many restaurants nearby.

### Day 3 CAPE TOWN : Cape Peninsula Excursion

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day Cape Peninsula excursion.

*Chapmans Peak drive is surely one of the most scenic drives in South Africa. The views are majestic and ever changing, an icon not to be missed.*

*Cape Point is a landmark at the end of the Cape Peninsula located in the Good Hope Section of the Table Mountain National Park. From its rugged, rocky outcrops and sheer cliffs, to the fynbos covered plains, Cape Point holds much in store for its visitors.*

Take a leisurely stroll down to the beach or tackle the one-hour trail that takes you from the lofty 250 m high peak to the sheltered cove of the Cape of Good Hope, on the south-westernmost tip of Africa.

#### **An Authentic Touch – Why not Kayak to visit the Penguin Colony at Boulders Beach?**

Head back to the hotel and enjoy dinner at leisure.

### Day 4 CAPE TOWN : Cape Winelands

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for a full day exploring the Cape Winelands, enjoying the internationally acclaimed food and wine for which this area is renowned.

#### **An Authentic Touch – Enjoy a classic Winelands Picnic**

The picnic area has spectacular mountain views and is surrounded by vineyards. Picnic baskets are carefully laid out on tables under the shade of oak trees to enjoy.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

### Day 5 CAPE TOWN - HERMANUS

After breakfast at the hotel, drive along the start of the Garden Route, along the scenic coast to the small resort town of Hermanus.

*This coastal town is known to be one of the best land-based whale watching destinations in the world. The most diverse floral kingdom and a beautiful hidden valley called the Hemel en Aarde Valley (Heaven on Earth) can also be found here.*

On arrival at the hotel, check in relax and enjoy the surrounds.

### Day 6 IN HERMANUS

This morning after breakfast, depart on an adventure filled Great White Shark Cage Dive  
OR  
Whale Watching Cruise (in Season).

#### **Great White Shark Cruise with optional Cage Dive**

Great White Shark Diving in South Africa is a combination of goosebump thrills, education and relaxation on a luxury boat in the company of experienced experts and researchers! Learn how to distinguish between a male and female shark, and how to identify a specific shark by its unique dorsal fin and scars.

OR

### **Whale Watching Cruise (In season: June – December)**

Set off from Hermanus New Harbour in search of the 'gentle giants.' The purpose-built catamaran provides superior viewing and comfort and the friendly, knowledgeable crew add that personal touch allowing for an all-round great experience, from ensuring the perfect photo opportunities are not missed to serving complimentary light refreshments.

Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring Hermanus.

## **Day 7 HERMANUS – CAPE TOWN – SKUKUZA – SAFARI LODGE**

After breakfast at the hotel, private transfer back to Cape Town, and on arrival at Cape Town International Airport, check in for the scheduled flight to Skukuza Airport (2.5 hours).

Welcome on arrival at Skukuza Airport, and private transfer to the Lodge by open safari vehicle, so guests can lookout for wildlife along the way.

Enjoy lunch on the deck and spend time relaxing and taking in the surrounds.

High-Tea is served on the deck, overlooking the waterhole as animals come down to drink.

Depart with your ranger and tracker on the afternoon game drive through the reserve. A huge variety of wildlife species (such as reptiles, game, amphibians, and birds) can be seen on the night drive back to the lodge.

Feel the heartbeat and rhythm of Africa as you become part of a Big 5 on a Safari Adventure. Experience authentic, wild Africa, guided by an experienced ranger on an open game viewer, enjoy breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable wildlife sightings.

Return to the lodge for dinner under the African sky.

## **Day 8 ON SAFARI**

Early morning wake up call, before heading out on an exciting open vehicle safari.

During the drive, the vehicle will stop for freshly brewed coffee and a selection of pastries, at a scenic spot.

Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast, then some time at leisure to enjoy the pool, relax on the viewing deck, visit the spa etc.

Lunch at the lodge.

Afternoon tea and cake, then depart on the afternoon safari to a different area of the vast reserve.

**An Authentic Touch:** Sleepout in a luxury Treehouse.

Before heading out on your afternoon safari, pack a small overnight bag for your night under the stars in a luxury treehouse.

As the African sun sets, enjoy sundowner cocktails somewhere deep in the bush, then return to the lodge for a traditional Boma dinner, under the stars.

## **Day 9 ON SAFARI**

Early morning wake up call, before heading out on the last unforgettable safari.

Return to the lodge, enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out and heading back to Skukuza Airport.

Check in for the flight to Johannesburg, in time to connect with the homeward flight.