



South Africa Culinary Journey & Safari

11 Days



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➤ South Africa Culinary Journey & Safari

This extraordinary adventure combines South Africa's culinary, cultural and nature highlights into one fine, thrilling blend. Explore Cape Town's buzzy food scene at fabulous chef's tables and fun cooking classes. Hike up to Cape Town's Table Mountain for epic vistas, journey along the Cape Peninsula spotting African penguins, and hop on a cycling tour across the beautiful Cape Winelands. Top it off with a stay and bike safari at a private conservancy and Big Five spotting at an exclusive game reserve on the edge of world-famous Kruger National Park.

Details

Arrive: Cape Town, South Africa

Depart: Johannesburg, South Africa

Duration: 11 Days

Group Size: 4-10 Guests

Minimum Age: 13 Years Old

Activity Level:



Testimonials

"The Best of South Africa exceeded my expectation I loved everything about this trip, from sightseeing in Cape Town, to wine tasting in Franschhoek, to fantastic safaris in Nagaland and Sabi Sabi!"

Camille B.

"Best holiday my family has had in years. Something for everyone. No television, family quality time as well as laughter that never ended."

Jencie F.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

This thrilling adventure blends varied highlights - from culinary heritage, wine tasting, cycling and hikes to safari game drives.

REASON #02

South Africa's private game reserves offer a chance to spot the incredible Big Five - lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo.

REASON #03

Luxury camps in South Africa's pristine wilderness provide prime game-watching paired with all the contemporary creature comforts.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Hikes and cable car rides, culinary and wine tours, cycling through winelands, and thrilling game drives.



LODGING

Luxury camps and lodges in the wilderness, paired with boutique country retreats and slick urban hotels.



CLIMATE

October to February is characterized by hot, sunny weather and an average temperature of 69°F. Expect colder, crisper weather from May to July.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Carl has guided extensively throughout South Africa, working in game reserves leading wildlife experiences for guests from around the world. He also has a decade of experience running volunteer based programs focused on rural development and elevation of previously disadvantaged communities around South Africa. Carl is a passionate South African, and feels blessed to spend time leading experiences focused on the country's natural beauty and wonderfully diverse culture.

Carl Nel

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN

Meet an MT Sobek representative at the door of your aircraft who will assist with the immigration, baggage, and customs process. Pair up with your guide and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at Chef's Table Cape Town, an exclusive experience hosted by Chef Santi Louzan. This intimate dinner, based on a shared social table concept, is served in a stylish loft where the chef prepares a 7-course wine-paired dinner, introducing each dish and sharing the story of the inspiration behind it.

Meals: D

DAY 2

HIKE TO TABLE MOUNTAIN & TOUR CAPE TOWN

Set out for a challenging half-day hike up Table Mountain via the India Venster route. Follow your guide along a rocky trail that snakes up the mountain, enjoying expansive views of its iconic vertical faces along the way. A series of chains and metal rungs are in place to assist with the climb. Be rewarded with magnificent bay vistas at the top! Strong walkers can continue to the highest point at Maclear's Beacon before returning to descend via cable car. Drive through the colorful Bo-Kaap neighborhood to learn about Cape Malay heritage. Stroll through the tree-lined Company's Garden and continue to the Castle of Good Hope, the oldest building in South Africa. This evening, enjoy a fabulous cooking class and dinner at The Chef's Studio, by well-known Chef Matt Manning.

Activity: 3-hour hiking and 3-hour guided city tour

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

EXPLORE THE CAPE PENINSULA

Set off for a guided Cape Point and Peninsula tour starting at the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay. Join a short cruise from Hout Bay to Seal Island to see the breeding colonies of Cape Fur seals. Drive to the Cape of Good Hope National Reserve via Chapman's Peak and board a cable car to see where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. Head back to Cape Town in the afternoon and stop for a stroll at the acclaimed Kirstenbosch Gardens. Tonight, be prepared to go on a culinary journey at Chef's Table, a boutique and intimate dining experience hosted by Chef Santi Louzán.

Activity: 8-hours of sightseeing

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

DISCOVER THE LEGENDARY CAPE WINELANDS

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Head to Stellenbosch, South Africa's second-oldest town located in the legendary Winelands region. Visit Waterford Wine Estate and follow your guide on the Porcupine Trail Wine Walk through 120 hectares of vineyard and fynbos. Savor a picnic-style lunch and back at the winery enjoy a wine and chocolate tasting. Head to the picturesque village of Franschhoek for a tasting at the 300-year-old Grande Provence Heritage Wine Estate. Enjoy dinner tonight at Foliage Restaurant, serving upmarket bistro and contemporary farmhouse fare.

Activity: 2-hours/3 miles vineyard walk

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

CYCLE THE CAPE WINELANDS

Cycle through the beautiful Cape Winelands, with their pastoral landscapes of fertile farmland. Stop at two different wineries for tastings and end the tour with a delicious lunch at a country restaurant. Travel to Paarl at the foot of a cluster of granite domes, then head back to Franschhoek for a relaxed evening and dinner at the stellar Werf Restaurant Boschendal.

Activity: 3-4 hours/12 miles cycling (flat terrain)

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

FLY TO HOEDSPRUIT & CYCLE THE WILDLIFE ESTATE

Transfer to Cape Town airport for a flight to Hoedspruit near Kruger National Park. Take a 4x4 to the exclusive boutique guesthouse situated in the Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate. After checking in, head out to explore the wilderness by bicycle. The estate is a 400-hectare residential conservancy home to plains species such as giraffe, antelope, and warthog. This evening at the lodge enjoy braai, a traditional South African barbecue, a dining experience under the African stars.

Activity: 2 hour/2 miles cycling

Meals: B, D

DAY 7

EXPLORE THE PANORAMA ROUTE

Today set out for a scenic drive on the Panorama Route. The high escarpment offers spectacular viewpoints over the Lowveld such as God's Window looking onto lush forests, and Lisbon Falls, the highest waterfalls in Mpumalanga. Stop at the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre for a private tour of this unique conservation and rehabilitation facility and then visit the newly built glass elevator at Graskop, with its interactive exhibits and unique vistas. Enjoy lunch at a local farm before returning to Unembeza for a relaxing afternoon.

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 8

DISCOVER KLASERIE PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

Transfer to Klaserie by 4x4 and explore the 60,000 hectares of this private reserve, established back in 1969 and home to some of the highest density of big game in South Africa, including a wide variety of predators. Enjoy a day of interpretative game drives for close encounters and prolific sightings, particularly of the elusive leopard. Also look out for buffalo, rhino, hippo, giraffe, elephant, baboons, mongooses, a variety of buck, and an array of birdlife.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9

SPOT THE BIG FIVE IN KLASERIE

Take a guided walking safari this morning, to experience the African bush from an entirely different perspective. Smell, touch and feel the wilderness while exploring it on foot. In the afternoon, choose to hop on another game drive by 4x4 and look out for the Big Five: the African elephant, African lions, Cape buffalo, black rhinos, and African leopards. Come evening, unwind in the lap of luxury back at the camp.

Activity: Walking safari, game drive by 4x4

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

MARVEL AT AFRICAN WILDLIFE IN KLASERIE

Enjoy another day of morning and afternoon game drives in Klaserie Nature Reserve, set on prime land in the heart of the Greater Kruger National Park. Its superb game viewing, abundant flora and fauna, and incredibly diverse landscapes make it an exhilarating safari destination where you can spend unrushed quality time seeing animals in their natural habitat. In the evening, enjoy dining under star-strewn African skies.

Activity: Game drives by 4x4

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11

SAY GOODBYE TO SOUTH AFRICA

After a final morning game drive, transfer to the Hoedspruit airstrip for your departing shuttle flight to Johannesburg. Upon arrival, transfer from the Federal Air terminal to Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport to connect with your international departing flight home.

Activity: Game drive by 4x4

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Meals: B

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Dates

Aug 16 - 26, 2020

Sep 20 - 30, 2020

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Pricing

2020

\$ 9,195 per person

Additional Cost

\$ 500 Internal Airfare

\$ 2,200 Single Supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- 1 glass of wine or beer at dinner
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day airport transfers

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Lunch on Day 6
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving outside of Day 1 or departing outside of Day 11
- Optional travel protection

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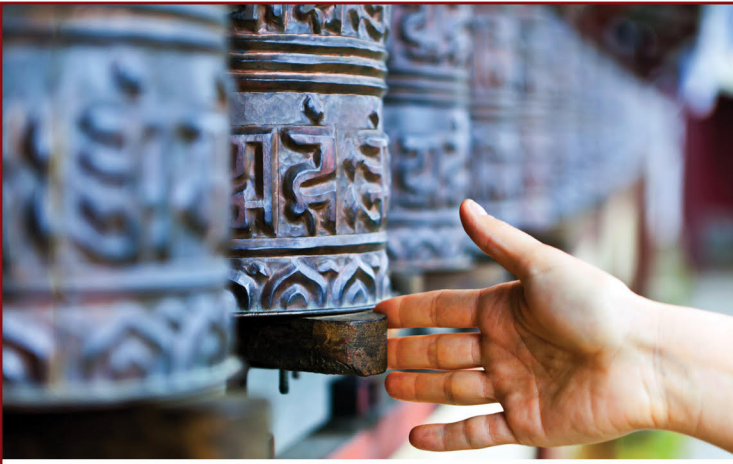
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