

WILDLIFE WALKING ADVENTURE

# South Africa

## Cape Town, Winelands & Safari

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provides unbeatable  
access to experiences  
around the globe.”*

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TRAVEL + LEISURE

## A Cultural & Safari Adventure

The wonder of South Africa is the dramatic and irresistible diversity of its cultures, landscapes and wildlife. You'll go on thrilling safari in a wonderful preserve with abundant chances to see the Big Five and more. You'll walk in gorgeous vineyards...taste your way to wine nirvana...and pair it all with remarkable cuisine. There are days in Cape Town with memorable visits to the Cape of Good Hope, the cultural townships and Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Throughout, you'll have the fulltime company of a fine local guide who helps you make sense of the complex history, the startling landscapes, and the native and colonial cultures that have clashed, sought common ground, and welcome you with warm hospitality.

## The Classic Journeys Difference

- ACTIVE HIKING & WALKING
- LOCAL WELL-CONNECTED GUIDES
- PREMIERE HOTELS
- FOODIE FOCUSED
- HANDCRAFTED TRIP DESIGN
- MORE IS INCLUDED

## What's Included

- All breakfast, 7 lunches and 5 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

## Above & Beyond Benefits

### → PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS

One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

### → INVISIBLE CHECK-IN

When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately. No waiting – no tipping.

### → WINE ON US

In many regions, we uncork wonderful local wines at every dinner, compliments of Classic Journeys.

## Terrain

Easy to Moderate

CLASSIC JOURNEYS ITINERARIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGES, HOTEL SUBSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

DAY 1 »

## Cape Town

Cape Town has been named one of the world's most beautiful cities, and you'll see why as you go exploring with your local guide. Since its founding in 1652, the city's culture and architecture have been influenced by the indigenous peoples as well as the Dutch and British. To grasp the Cape Town's scale and dramatic setting, the best vantage point is atop iconic Table Mountain. Up you go by cable car to take in views that encompass the entire city and bay.

L, D CAPE TOWN

DAY 2 »

## Cape Of Good Hope

Your day starts with a southward drive over Chapman's Peak Drive, an engineering marvel that hugs the cliffs and offers jaw-dropping ocean views all along the way.

In the 15th century, Portuguese navigators were the first to reach the Cape of Good Hope, the crucial turning point in the long and dangerous trip around Africa to the Far East. Your day is dedicated to exploring this historic place. Walking on trails high above the ocean at Cape Point with the wind in your hair, you can't help at the marvel those sailors must have felt and the awesome challenges that their journeys entailed.

In nearby Simon's Town, you'll visit Boulder Beach, home to the largest colony of endangered African penguins. Hundreds of them populate the beach, and you'll be able to get a close-up look (and terrific photos) of the birds. Back in Cape Town, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens is a remarkable collection of more than 7,000 plant species on more than five square miles at the base of Table Mountain. On a guided walk, you'll see strange and beautiful fauna, much of which is unique to South Africa.

B, L CAPE TOWN

DAY 3 »

## Cultural Townships / Robben Island

To understand modern South Africa and the path the country has taken since the end of apartheid, it's essential to visit the townships, informal settlements that grew at the peripheries of the city. While poverty is still evident in Langa, the oldest of the townships, it is also a place of hope as you'll see on this morning's visit. In the company of your local guide, you'll gain insights into South African culture that is hard to find anywhere else.

In the spirit of ubuntu – a philosophy of humanity towards others – you'll be invited to purchase soup ingredients that you'll deliver to the kitchen in a small school, where you'll meet the children in their classrooms. As you visit other community initiatives in the township, you'll interact with a traditional healer and have a taste of home-brewed African beer.

This afternoon, you explore another crucial chapter in South African history on a tour of Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for almost 20 years in an attempt to silence his anti-apartheid voice. Today, the island is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a symbol of the transformative power of forgiveness.

B CAPE TOWN

DAY 4 »

## The Cape Winelands

Soil and climate conditions have long made South Africa a premier wine growing region. Stellenbosch is the capital of the winelands, and as you make your way there, you'll have ample opportunity to soak in the sweeping beauty of the land. En route, you'll go for a scenic walk on a sustainable wine estate in the Franschoek Valley.

And then how about a cuisine walk? Starting near your hotel in Stellenbosch, you'll follow a lovely trail that just happens to include stops for bread fresh from the ovens on an artisanal baker, snacks at a family-run butchery, a tasting at a lively wine bar, and Cape desserts with a tasting of the locally grown teas.

Dinner tonight is on your own in one of the town's many terrific restaurants.

B, L                      STELLENBOSCH

DAY 5 »

## The Cape Winelands

After a leisurely breakfast, you're off for a daylong immersion in the romantic beauty of the Cape Winelands. Vineyards undulate over dramatic hills under perfect blue skies – perfect conditions for the tastings to come.

As your guide will proudly remind you, the Stellenbosch region produces 3% of the world's wines, including many of the finest. On a variety of walks, you'll enjoy the fresh mountain air and a chance to see the distinctive Fynbos plants that grow only here. You'll also visit the crème de la crème of the top boutique wineries (and stay away from the commercial farms that draw touristic crowds). Along the way, you'll enjoy food pairings as well and a wonderful lunch.

With your new knowledge about favorite local wines, you may want to order a special bottle when for dinner in Stellenbosch tonight.

B, L, D                      STELLENBOSCH

DAY 6 »

## Safari

Your safari officially begins this afternoon! After breakfast, you'll fly to the northeast where the Phinda Private Game Preserve sits inland from the Indian Ocean. "Phinda" means "return to the wild" and it refers to the remarkable transformation that these former farmlands have made back to their original natural state.

At Phinda, you'll have fine opportunities to spot The Big Five – the elephant, rhinoceros, Cape buffalo, lion and leopard – all of which are found within the reserve. It's also home to zebra, wildebeest, hippos, cheetahs, and more. The days ahead will provide plentiful opportunities for wildlife spotting.

Your luxurious and very comfortable lodge is on the grounds of the Preserve. Thanks to the wonderful architecture, your quarters look out on to the wild terrain. So from your first moment, and as you enjoy the pools and other amenities, the animals you came to see are never far away.

An al fresco dinner is a perfect way to enjoy the savannah sunset.

B, L, D PHINDA PRIVATE GAME PRESERVE

DAY 7 »

## Safari

Thanks to rainfall patterns caused by the Indian Ocean, Phinda actually contains seven ecosystems that range from Savannah and bush to sand forest and thornveld. That great diversity means that on your guided forays into the countryside, it's remarkably easy to reach settings that are most attractive to the wildlife you came to see.

You'll have a variety of chances to go exploring, and they change daily depending on weather, time of day and animal activity. In the heat of the afternoon, you may want to follow the lead of the wildlife and relax at the lodge with a dip in the pool or a massage.

B, L, D PHINDA PRIVATE GAME PRESERVE

DAY 8 »

## Safari

In the bush, every day is different. As you head out today with your expert guides, you're likely to see more species, witness interesting behaviors, capture memories (and photos) you'll cherish forever. Thanks to the size of the preserve, you won't have to travel endless dusty miles to have the safari experience you've waited so long to fulfill.

B, L, D PHINDA PRIVATE GAME PRESERVE

DAY 9 »

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## Departure

As you know well by now, morning hours are some of the best for spotting wildlife, and you'll have a chance for one final drive this morning. We will transfer you to the local airstrip. From here, you can connect to your homebound airline via Cape Town or Johannesburg.

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## Tour Hotels



### Cape Grace

Situated on a private quay between Cape Town's bustling V&A Waterfront and the tranquil yacht marina, there is no better position from where to soak in the natural beauty of the Mother City and the very essence of Cape Town.

NIGHTS: 3 nights



### Oude Werf Hotel

The oldest running hotel in South Africa, this classic property is an eclectic blend of old and new. Spacious rooms offer modern amenities and period-inspired styling. You're an easy walk from the shopping and historic highlights of Stellenbosch.

NIGHTS: 2 nights



# Arrival & Departure

## → ARRIVAL DETAILS

START LOCATION: **Lobby of Cape Grace Hotel**  
START CITY: **Cape Town**  
START TIME: **9:00 AM**

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## → DEPARTURE DETAILS

END LOCATION: **Phinda Private Game Reserve**  
END CITY: **KwaZulu-Natal**  
END TIME: **At Leisure**