



Itinerary

Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

Jan 14, 2022 - Jan 28, 2022

Day 1: Overnight Flight



You're on your way to southern Africa, where incredible landscapes lead the way to a blend of cultural diversity, an abundance of wildlife, and a remarkable history. From urban centers to wild safaris, Africa takes you by surprise, delighting you again and again until its unique spirit claims you, heart and soul.

Day 2: Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins



Your adventure starts in Johannesburg – a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild.

Hotel

Southern Sun O.r. Tambo
Johannesburg

Weather

High 77°
Low 60°
Rain 4"

Day 3: Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park



Leave the city behind and head to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater and where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of – now laid out before you just waiting to be discovered. Venture out in a 4x4 in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes. Enjoy a drink at a traditional African sundowner and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain.

Hotel

Shepherd's Tree Game Lodge
Pilanesberg Game Reserve

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 86°
Low 62°
Rain 5"

Day 4: Pilanesberg National Park



Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in your 4x4 on a search for the elusive "Big 5." Enjoy coffee and tea amongst the wildlife prior to your return. In the afternoon, drive past the big cats preparing for the hunt before you indulge in a bush dinner under the stars. Allow your mind to wander as you stare up at the sky in awe, marveling at the parade of stars and constellations only seen in the Southern Hemisphere.

Hotel

Shepherd's Tree Game Lodge
Pilanesberg Game Reserve

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 86°
Low 62°

Day 5: Pilanesberg National Park



Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs.

Hotel

Shepherd's Tree Game Lodge
Pilanesberg Game Reserve

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 86°
Low 62°
Rain 5"

Day 6: Pilanesberg National Park - Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



Fly to Victoria Falls** today – an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge – an authentic African tent camp with all of the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when rainbows are at their best, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. As the sun sets and the animals gather around the watering hole, toast the stunning African landscape with a sundowner. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls.

Hotel

The Wallow, Victoria Falls
Victoria Falls

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 86°
Low 65°
Rain 6"

Day 7: Victoria Falls



Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and learn some of their unique behaviors. After you've worked up an appetite, join a local family for a home-hosted lunch. This evening, you might decide to join an optional sunset cruise on the Zambezi River.

Hotel

The Wallow, Victoria Falls
Victoria Falls

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 86°
Low 65°
Rain 6"

Day 8: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana



Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe – an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun.

Hotel

Chobe Marina Lodge
Kasane

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 88°
Low 67°
Rain 6"

Day 9: Chobe National Park



On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, it's your choice! Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive -OR- venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Tonight, gather by the river for an unforgettable dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional braai, complete with some local favorites and delicacies.

Hotel

Chobe Marina Lodge
Kasane

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 88°
Low 67°
Rain 6"

Day 10: Chobe - Cape Town, South Africa - Stellenbosch



The winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Head to Victoria Falls and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the idyllic town of Stellenbosch – one of South Africa's most famous wine regions. Among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture, enjoy the scenery as you arrive and settle in for the evening.

Hotel

Spier Hotel
Stellenbosch

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 79°
Low 61°

Day 11: Stellenbosch - Franschhoek - Stellenbosch



Sip the South African specialties with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the local favorite, Pinotage, which is a Pinot Noir blend known to produce both fruit and oak undertones. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. This evening, cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients.

Hotel

Spier Hotel
Stellenbosch

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 79°
Low 61°

Day 12: Stellenbosch - Cape Town



Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates you at every turn. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain,* taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Return to the city via Table Bay. Pass through the Moorish Malay Quarter and pause at Milnerton Lighthouse.

Hotel

Southern Sun The Cullinan Hotel
Cape Town

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 77°
Low 63°

Day 13: Cape Town



Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honored guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town.

Hotel

Southern Sun The Cullinan Hotel
Cape Town

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 77°
Low 63°

Day 14: Cape Town



Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner to taste the country's beloved flavors at dinner, starring a host of South African specialties and delicacies.

Hotel

Southern Sun The Cullinan Hotel
Cape Town

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 77°
Low 63°

Day 15: Cape Town - Tour Ends



Today you bid farewell to your fellow travelers when you leave beautiful Cape Town.

Post Night: Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel



The Cullinan Hotel is a stylish and elegant hotel located within walking distance of the V&A Waterfront and the central business district. The hotel complements the rich, cultural heritage of Cape Town with a timeless architectural tradition. The rooms are spacious and comfortable.