



## Itinerary

### Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

Jul 16, 2020 - Jul 28, 2020

#### Pre Night: The PortsWood Hotel



Complete your exploration with a pre-tour Dubai extension. See one of the world's fastest growing and most intriguing countries. With its many famous man-made structures, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveler. Enjoy magnificent views of the world famous Burj Al Arab hotel. See the Jumeirah Mosque, the Palaces of the Sheikhs, and Dubai Creek. View the Al Bastakia old-wind tower houses built by wealthy merchants. Stop at Al Fahidi Fort, now the Dubai Museum. Visit Abra station and take a water ferry. Navigate the bustling alleys near the spice and gold souk markets. Embark on an exciting desert safari and ride aboard luxury 4x4 vehicles over rolling sand dunes through the Dubai desert. Arrive at a desert campsite where a feast awaits you and enjoy a belly dancing performance. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy shisha water pipes or even a camel ride in the middle of the desert OR Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in %%CITY\_

#### Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa - Tour Begins



From urban centers to wild safaris, Africa takes you by surprise, delighting you again and again until its unique spirit clams you, heart and soul. Welcome to South Africa's electric cultural mecca of Cape Town. Nicknamed "The Mother City," it 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.

##### Hotel

The Portswood Hotel  
Cape Town

##### Weather

High 17°  
Low 8°  
Rain 3"

#### Day 2: Cape Town



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. The rest of the afternoon is yours. Take advantage of your hotel's ideal location, just steps from the lively waterfront. Tonight, taste the country's beloved flavours at dinner, starring a host of South African specialities and delicacies.

##### Hotel

The Portswood Hotel  
Cape Town

##### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

##### Weather

High 17°  
Low 8°  
Rain 3"

#### Day 3: 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 honoured 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**

The Portwood Hotel  
Cape Town

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 17°  
Low 8°  
Rain 3"

**Day 4: Cape Town - 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. 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, make the most of free time in the afternoon. This evening, learn about South Africa's renowned varietals during a wine tasting. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients.

**Hotel**

Spier Hotel  
Stellenbosch

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 18°  
Low 7°  
Rain 2"

**Day 5: Stellenbosch - Franschhoek - Stellenbosch**



Sip the South African specialities 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 favourite, 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.

**Hotel**

Spier Hotel  
Stellenbosch

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Lunch

**Weather**

High 18°  
Low 7°  
Rain 2"

**Day 6: Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park**



Take to the skies on a flight to Johannesburg. In a place where the lions reign as kings, head to Pilanesberg National Park, a fascinating game reserve set within an ancient crater. 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 21°  
Low 2°

**Day 7: Pilanesberg National Park**



Answer the call of the wild before sunrise. In the open expanse of Pilanesberg, among the pitch-perfect sounds of the wild, drive out in your 4x4 on a chase 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, marvelling 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 21°  
Low 2°

**Day 8: 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 21°  
Low 2°

**Day 9: 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 25°  
Low 6°

**Day 10: 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 25°  
Low 6°

**Day 11: 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 and swim along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun.

**Hotel**

Chobe Marina Lodge  
Chobe

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Lunch

**Weather**

High 26°  
Low 9°

**Day 12: Chobe National Park**



On a game drive through Chobe National Park, embark on an unforgettable wildlife excursion that features 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, chef-hosted farewell dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional braai, complete with some local favorites and delicacies.

**Hotel**

Chobe Marina Lodge  
Chobe

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Lunch

**Weather**

High 26°  
Low 9°

**Day 13: Chobe - Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends**



Fly to Johannesburg today, where your tour comes to a close.