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South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana Optional: 3-Night Dubai Pre-Tour Extension

Two Departures:

Depart Canada January 31st – February 14th, 2025

Per Person Rates*: Double \$7999; Single \$9299

Included in Price: Attraction Taxes and Fees, Inter-flights from Johannesburg, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price:

International flights from Canada

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$649 per person

Small Group Travel With just 20 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of. Escorted by Rick MacSwain Network Travel.

15 Days • 29 Meals: 13 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 10 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Pilanesberg National Park, 8 Wildlife Safaris, Choice on Tour: Chobe Game Viewing by 4x4 or by Cruise, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Day 2 Southern Sun O.R. Tambo*, Johannesburg

Days 3, 4 Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls

Days 5, 6 Chobe Marina Lodge, Chobe

Days 7 – 9 Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg Game Reserve

Days 10, 11 Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West

Days 12 – 14 Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town



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 centres 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

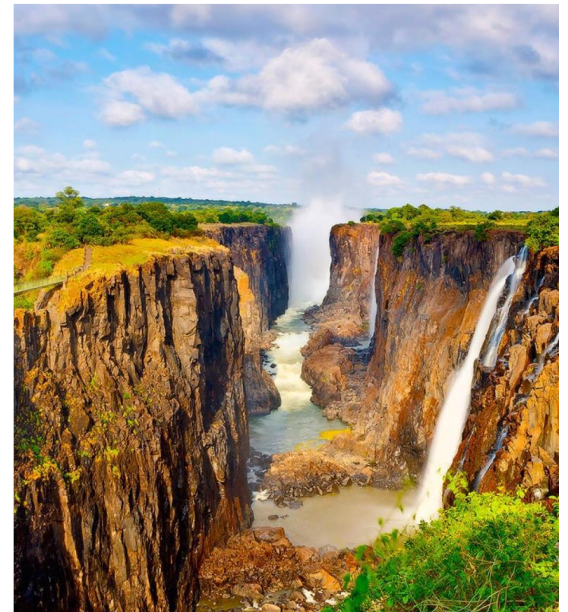
Your adventure starts in Johannesburg – a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the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

Day 3 - 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 the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when rainbows are at their best, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. *(B, D)*

Day 4 - Victoria Falls

Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and witness some of their unique behaviors. Then, experience an **impact moment** during our visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and learn how their programs are having a positive impact in the local communities and animals. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. *(B, L, D)*



Day 5 - Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead, meet the village chief, and come to understand more about traditional ways of living in this part of the world. 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. *(B, L, D)*

Day 6 - 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 favourites and delicacies. *(B, L, D)*

Day 7 - Chobe - Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park

This morning transfer to Victoria Falls Airport where you will fly to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg transfer 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, and while you're out there, enjoy a traditional African sundowner with a drink and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. *(B, D)*

Day 8 - Pilanesberg National Park

Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in your 4x4 on a search for the elusive “Big 5.” Later on, an afternoon game drive could take you past the big cats preparing for the hunt. Back at the lodge tonight, indulge in a bush dinner. *(B, L, D)*

Day 9 - 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. *(B, L, D)*

Day 10 - Pilanesberg - Cape Town, South Africa - Somerset West

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 Johannesburg and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the town of Somerset West – located in South Africa's most famous wine region and overlooking the majestic False Bay. Settle in for a two-night stay among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. *(B)*

Day 11 - Somerset West - Franschhoek - Somerset West

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, crossed between a Pinot Noir and a Cinsaut, the Pinotage is a specialty of South Africa. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. *(B, L, D)*

Day 12 - Somerset West - 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. *(B)*

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 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. *(B, D)*

Day 14 - Cape Town

Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner to taste the country's beloved flavours at dinner, starring a host of South African specialties and delicacies. *(B, D)*

Day 15: Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 - Cape Town - Tour Ends

Today you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. *(B)*

Dubai Extension See Below!

Optional 5 Days 3-Night Dubai

Pre-Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,820 CAD double, \$2,210

CAD single, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your tour begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Tour Begins

Today you arrive in Dubai, one of the world's most exciting destinations. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city independently. As one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is considered the shopping capital of the Middle East. With its many world-famous man-made structures built in recent years, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveler and will surely be an experience you will always remember.



Day 3: Dubai

Today, take a private 4x4 vehicle for a light dune drive through the desert.* Later in the morning, stop at a flamingo hide where you'll see wild flamingos mingle in their sanctuary. Then, visit the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood where a local guide will take you on a walking tour to see the sites. Along the way, stop at the coffee museum before heading to the Sheikh Mohammad Cultural Centre of Understanding (SMCCU). While visiting SMCCU, enjoy a cultural Arabic lunch followed by a Q&A session hosted by a local. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 4: Dubai

This morning, visit the Dubai Museum – located in the oldest existing building in Dubai – then head to the Al Shindagha Museum located on the waterfront. After, venture across the creek in a private Abra and visit the Spice and Gold Souk to get a closer look at local life and culture found in Dubai. This afternoon, take an optional tour to visit Burj Khalifa – the world's tallest building. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Dubai - Johannesburg, South Africa

Today, board your flight** to Johannesburg, South Africa. *Breakfast will be included.*

Please contact Michelle if you would like to join our group or if have questions.

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