

THUNDERING BEAUTY

“Falls, Wine & Wildlife”

October 8-18, 2027



Capetown * Victoria Falls * Chobi Safari!

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Day 1: Onward Flight

Get ready for an incredible and exciting adventure!

Day 2: Cape Town (D)

Upon arriving at Cape Town International Airport, you will be whisked out along the shores of Table Bay to your hotel in the seaside resort town of Bloubergstrand. Belle Maroc Blouberg is set on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and offers magnificent views across the bay of Table Mountain. That evening, enjoy the lazy sunset over the ocean while having a scrumptious dinner then later take a leisurely stroll along the beach - a great way to mark your arrival in South Africa's Mother City and the start of your new adventure.

Overnight: Belle Maroc Blouberg or similar

Day 3: Capetown (B, L, D)

After an on-the-go breakfast from Belle Maroc, you will be transferred to the V&A Waterfront, where you will catch a ferry to Robben Island - a place of great historical significance in South Africa. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Robben Island has undergone many transformations, but one of its first and last uses was as a prison. The most famous modern-day political prisoner was Nelson Mandela who was fighting for a new South Africa and democracy. Back on the mainland it's time for lunch. You will then take a rotating cable car to the top of Cape Town's most iconic natural landmark - Table Mountain. At 3 563 feet above sea-level, it's one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature. Settled within the Cape Floral Kingdom, one of only 6 Floral Kingdoms in the world, and the most diverse, Table Mountain is a place of myth, legend, and spectacular views! The Hop-On-Hop-Off bus which will take you to Table Mountain and back again hosts the rest of your day's adventure and will allow you to experience all that cosmopolitan Cape Town has to offer. Dinner that evening will be at GOLD Restaurant, complete with a djembe drum performance and a 14-dish tasting menu. Each dish is based on African culinary traditions and storytelling.

Overnight: Belle Maroc Blouberg or similar

Day 4: Cape Town (B, L, D)

What better way to start your day after a scrumptious breakfast than by heading into the Winelands surrounded by the breathtaking views of Stellenbosch Hills. The relaxed atmosphere sets you up for a delicious day of food, cheese, and wine, all produced on the centuries-old vineyards of the region. Here is where you will find some of South Africa's finest wines and beautiful architecture. Nestled among the green and fruitful vines are stunning examples of the area's Cape Dutch homes. If you like cheese, then you'll find the cheese tasting opportunities a delight as the region produces a vast range of both cow and goat milk cheeses. Following trails of flowers and wildlife winding their way through the Mont Rochelle Nature Reserve overlooking the Franschhoek Valley will help you build up your appetite once more as they lead to another foodie delight for dinner, back at your hotel.

Overnight: Belle Maroc Blouberg or similar

Day 5: Cape Town (B, L, D)

Today's full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula begins with a drive of never-ending breath-taking scenery along the Atlantic Seaboard, stretching from the V&A Waterfront to your first stop in Hout Bay. Here, you can explore the largest bird park in Africa - World of Birds Wildlife Sanctuary and Monkey Park. From Hout Bay, a quaint village with a fishing harbour, a 40-minute cruise charter takes you past the famous Maori Bay Wreck, to the protected home of thousands of wild Cape Fur Seals - Duiker Island Seal Colony. After lunch in Hout Bay Harbour, you journey beyond Simon's Town to Boulders Beach, including a photo-stop at Chapman's Peak. The highlight at Boulders Beach is the colony of vulnerable African Penguins in their natural habitat. Then, take in the countryside en-route to the southern point of the Cape Peninsula. Here three promontories tower over 200 metres above the sea - Cape of Good Hope, Cape Maclear and Cape Point. The Cape Point Funicular Railway takes you to the old lighthouse and panoramic views at the summit of Cape Point.

Overnight: Belle Maroc Blouberg or similar

Day 6: Victoria Falls (B, L, D)

Depending on the flight schedule, enjoy a healthy and filling breakfast at the hotel or at the Cape Town International Airport before flying to Victoria Falls. You'll be met at the airport upon arrival by a tour representative and transferred to the Royal

Livingstone Hotel, a mere 5-minute walk from the Falls themselves. All Royal Livingstone guests have unlimited access to Victoria Falls. After checking-in, you will discover the fabulous experiences already in store for you. This part of Africa has so many adventures and delights that you may decide to reserve a place on other experiences as well. These additions are for your account. As you settle in, you can choose to relax and unwind in the expansive pool, lounge on the deck, enjoy a delicious light snack, or stroll the beautiful Royal Livingstone grounds. Humans aren't the only ones who enjoy the gardens. You may meet zebras, bucks or even warthogs!

Overnight: Royal Livingstone Hotel or Ilala Lodge

Day 7: Victoria Falls (B, L, D)

This morning, on a guided tour, you will discover the Victoria Falls and experience much the same as explorer and missionary, David Livingstone must have when he, the first European to see the Falls, encountered them. Nothing could have prepared him for their stunning, almost overpowering beauty. They are the largest sheet of falling water in the world at 1,700m across, 108m high and the Zambezi River pours over at a rate of 935 cubic m per second. No wonder he said, "...scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight." Along the edge of the opposite side of the Falls is the rain forest, a narrow stretch of almost mystical beauty that thrives purely because of the volume of spray from the cascading water. Apart from flowers, trees and ferns that are endemic to this stretch of rainforest, you may catch a glimpse of shy bushbuck and other animals within its green and lush heart. After shopping in the local market, you will return to the hotel to relax before floating luxuriously along the Zambezi River on a scenic 2-hour sunset cruise and discover a whole new, lazy charm about the Zambezi River, one that is quite different to the power of the Falls. While you enjoy a feast of snacks and drinks of your choice, you will see the unforgettable sight of an African sunset. There's nothing like it anywhere else. You may also see the sight of elephant, drinking along the shore or even swimming across the river, hippo poking their eyes and snouts above the water to watch you pass by. Once back at the resort, the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight: Royal Livingstone Hotel or Ilala Lodge

Day 8: Chobi National Park (B, L, D)

There's nothing like the bird life of Africa to make rising early an absolute joy, and you'll need an early start today for your Chobe National Park experience. Chobe is in Botswana and it's important to arrive at the border post just as it opens. What's so special about Chobe? This famous national park covers a huge range, 11,700 square kms of the spectacular Northern Kalahari, unlike anywhere else on earth. It's the perfect place to go on safari, and that includes the Chobe Riverfront, along which your safari begins. A leisurely three-hour game-viewing cruise on the Chobe River is the perfect way to experience the timelessness of the African bush and its animals. On the river you can see the abundant birdlife from Goliath herons to delicate waders and the African skimmers whose fishing skills are truly something to see. There are also the massed pods of hippos, the rugged and seemingly prehistoric crocodiles, as well as the imposing yet maternal herds of elephant and the nervous, yet beautiful antelope that drink from the Chobe River. After lunch, you will explore the park beyond the river in a 4x4 safari vehicle with an experienced guide. Beautiful wilderness, open grasslands, lush flood plains and dense woodlands means that there is habitat for almost every kind of African animal that makes its home in Southern Africa. Prides of lions are common, and the mighty herds of buffalo and elephant are among the largest anywhere. Returning to your hotel, where you will have dinner and the evening at leisure, your dreams will be filled with the majesty that is Africa at its finest.

Overnight: Royal Livingstone Hotel or Ilala Lodge

Day 9: Victoria Falls (B)

You will have time for a hearty breakfast, a stroll to the Falls for some final pics before your transfer to the airport and your flight back to Johannesburg, South Africa with a connecting flight to home. There may even be time to view the Falls by helicopter. You'll be amazed at the memories you will have of your four days at Victoria Falls in Zambia and Chobe in Botswana - the friendly locals, the beautiful and iconic wildlife, the impressive Victoria Falls and African hospitality at its finest.

Day 10: Onward Flight Home

Price Per PERSON:
TBD

\$500 Deposit Per Person Required to reserve your spot!
Final payment due 7/1/27

- Your Package Includes:**
- Round-trip Airfare from Mpls/St. Paul (All other cities-call for pricing)
 - All Accommodations on Tours
 - Private Experienced Driver 24/7 and Ranger Guide
 - All Daily Excursions and All Ground Transportation



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