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## Itinerary

### **Day 1 – Saturday, February 15, 2025 Depart USA**

Your African adventure begins with your overnight flight to South Africa.

### **Day 2 – Sunday, February 16, 2025 Arrive in Cape Town**

Welcome to Cape Town, a vibrant city nestled between Table Mountain and the beautiful coastline. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

### **Day 3 – Monday, February 17, 2025 Cape Town**

Today is all about exploring (and savoring!) this unique city. Join a local expert to see the highlights and charms of Cape Town. We'll ascend via cable car to the top of Cape Town's iconic landmark, Table Mountain, for incredible city and bay views. Then we'll have a chance to view and photograph Table Mountain from a distance from the historic, colorful neighborhood known as Bo-Kaap (the Malay Quarter). Our tour ends at the vibrant V&A Waterfront, where you can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Relax at a café, sip a glass of South Africa's renowned wine or browse local art and craft shops. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B,D)

### **Day 4 – Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Cape Town & Cape Peninsula Tour**

This morning, we'll drive past sweeping landscapes to stop at Hout Bay fishing village before we continue on to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, home to baboons, rheboks, and more. At Cape Point, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet, we'll soak up majestic views. We'll also enjoy a 40 minute cruise to Duiker Island where you'll view thousands of wild Cape Fur seals in their natural habitat. After lunch, we'll visit Boulders Beach, home to one of the most remarkable mainland African Penguin colonies. Next, we'll visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, one of the world's great botanic gardens with 7,000+ indigenous plants.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch (B,L)

### **Day 5 – Wednesday, February 19, 2025 Cape Town**

This morning, catch the ferry to Robben Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the infamous maximum-security prison where Nelson Mandela and others were jailed. Adding to the realism of this tour: guides on the island were once political prisoners and the tour concludes with a viewing of Nelson Mandela's cell. Next, learn about South Africa's precious stones on a guided Diamond Experience where you learn about the journey of a diamond direct from South African mines to a finger. This evening, enjoy dinner at Cape Town's Gold restaurant: the evening kicks off with a djembe drumming session followed by a hand-washing ceremony. Then you delve into a 14-course meal, each one from a different African country.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B,D)

### **Day 6 – Thursday, February 20, 2025 Cape Town at leisure**

Today is at leisure for independent exploration, shopping, or relaxing. Go to the beach or take an optional excursion to the scenic Winelands.

Meals: Breakfast (B)



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**Day 7 – Friday, February 21, 2025 Cape Town - Kruger National Park**

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to the Mpumalanga Province. Upon arrival, transfer to the world-famous Kruger National Park, South Africa's premier wildlife sanctuary. Enjoy views of the wild from the comfort of our own motor coach as we wind our way to our safari home base, an upscale lodge located near the park.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B,D)

**Day 8 – Saturday, February 22, 2025 Kruger National Park**

Our chances of seeing lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and buffalo (the "Big 5") are very good on today's safari, as Kruger National Park boasts an estimated 1,500 lions, 17,000 elephants, 48,000 buffalo and even 1,000 of the elusive leopard. We may also spot hippos, crocodiles, zebras and giraffes as we navigate the park in open vehicles. Time to have our cameras ready!

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B,D)

**Day 9 – Sunday, February 23, 2025 Kruger National Park - Johannesburg**

Scenic vistas abound as we traverse the wild countryside of Mpumalanga along parts of the Panorama Route. We'll be wowed by mountains, rivers, waterfalls and more in what is called "Paradise Country." Highlights include the magnificent Blyde River Canyon, divine views from God's Window and the bizarre and legend-inspiring Bourke's Luck Potholes. Our final destination is Sandton, a flourishing suburb of Johannesburg, the commerce and diamond mining center.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

**Day 10 - Monday, February 24, 2025 Johannesburg**

Today, we'll delve into South Africa's turbulent past on a fascinating tour of Soweto, an urban settlement or "township" outside Johannesburg. Our tour takes us to Freedom Square, the home of Nelson Mandela, and the Apartheid Museum, which documents the rise and fall of apartheid and offers a beacon of hope for a future all South Africans can call their own. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B,D)

**Day 11 - Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Depart Johannesburg**

For those not traveling onto Victoria Falls, your tour comes to an end after breakfast today. Travelers can take care of last-minute shopping or explore independently before transferring to the airport for their return flight.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

**Day 12 - Wednesday, February 26, 2025 Arrive in USA**

Your South African adventure ends today as you arrive back in the USA



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### **Day 11 - Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Johannesburg - Victoria Falls**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Victoria Falls. You'll be met and escorted to your deluxe hotel. Join a Sundowner cruise on the mighty Zambezi River. Marvel at the vegetation on the river's banks and the spectacular sunset.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

### **Day 12 - Wednesday, February 26, 2025 Victoria Falls**

Begin the day with The Life of David Livingston, an inspirational story that offers insights into Africa's tumultuous past. You'll have time to see the traditional way of life before returning to the Zambezi River and the magnificent Victoria Falls, the largest curtain of water in the world. Twice as wide and deep as Niagara Falls, it looks much the same as it did to David Livingston in the 1860s. In the afternoon, you can return for more mesmerizing views of the 355-foot-high falls.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

### **Day 12 - Thursday, February 27, 2025 Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Depart South Africa**

After breakfast this morning, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight to South Africa. Upon arrival, connect to your flight back to the USA.

Meals: Breakfast (B)

### **Day 13 - Friday, February 28, 2025 Arrive in USA**

Your South African and Zimbabwean adventure ends today as you arrive back in the USA

## **Optional Tour**

Winelands Tour Taste for yourself why South African wines are so celebrated with a trip to the enchanting Winelands and the second oldest town in South Africa. See Stellenbosch's oak-lined streets and admire the gables of Cape Dutch architecture. We'll then head to a wine estate for a wine tasting session and to explore the grounds. Here's your chance to purchase some local wines!

## **Accommodations**

### **Cape Town: President Hotel or similar**

Featuring an infinity pool, the President Hotel has a terrace bar with panoramic views of Lion's Head Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean. Guest rooms are air-conditioned and contemporary in style. All rooms have a flat screen TV, semi self-catering kitchenettes with tea/coffee making facilities, bar fridge and a microwave. The President Hotel is a short drive from Cape Town Stadium and the shops and attractions of the V&A waterfront.

### **Kruger National Park: Sabi River Sun Resort or similar**

Sabi River Sun Resort has an outdoor swimming pool, garden, a shared lounge and terrace in Hazyview. The property has a 24-hour front desk, airport transportation, a business center and free WiFi



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throughout the property. All rooms include air conditioning, a desk and a flat-screen TV, and some rooms at Sabi River Sun Resort have a balcony.

**Johannesburg: Garden Court Sandton City or similar**

This modern hotel is connected to the Sandton Convention Center and located adjacent to Nelson Mandela Square and Sandton City shopping centers. It offers an outdoor swimming pool, a gym and a terrace. The air-conditioned rooms at the Garden Court Sandton City are decorated in warm colors. Each is equipped with modern amenities, including a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, a work desk and a tea/coffee maker. WiFi is available throughout the hotel. The Garden Court's restaurant serves rich international dishes prepared with seasonal ingredients. There is also a casual bar serving refreshing drinks and light snacks.

**Victoria Falls: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge**

Located in Victoria Falls, within 3.1 mi of the Victoria Falls Bridge, Victoria Falls Safari Lodge offers 4-star accommodations with a garden, a terrace and a bar. The property is close to Elephant's Walk Shopping & Artist Village, Swimming hole and Victoria Falls Safari Spa. The restaurant serves international cuisine. At the hotel, all rooms have a balcony. The rooms have a private bathroom with a shower, free toiletries and a hair dryer. The units at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge feature air conditioning and a desk.