

South Africa 2022

December 1-12, 2022

Thursday – 01 Dec 2022

Depart USA

Depart from Washington, DC (DULLES) on your international South African Airways flight to Johannesburg, South Africa.

DEPART WASHINGTON (DULLES) 5:40PM SA210

Please be aware that this flight stops in Accra, Ghana roughly 10 hours through the flight. The aircraft is on the ground for an hour during which time you will remain on the plane. Other passengers may join or leave the flight and a cleaning crew will move through the aircraft.

Friday – 02 Dec 2022

Arrive Johannesburg

ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG 5:30PM

On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport, collect your luggage and then clear Customs & Immigration.

You will then be met by a **Travel** representative and transferred to your hotel. Rest of evening at leisure...

Legacy's latest luxury hotel, **The Da Vinci on Nelson Mandela Square** is located adjacent to the prime location of Nelson Mandela Square. This is Legacy's fourth hotel on the cosmopolitan square in the heart of the Sandton business and leisure district. One could speak of the opulence of the rooms, the restaurant and lounge, pioneering fitness centre and health spa but we suggest you come and see for yourself. Guests can enjoy the endless edge swimming pool, or perhaps, even the convenience of luxurious shopping at the Legacy Corner Mall and Sandton City an elevator trip away. **Accommodation: The Da Vinci on Nelson Mandela Square**

Saturday – 03 Dec 2022

Johannesburg

This morning you will be taken on a half day **Soweto tour** followed by lunch at **Sakhumzi Restaurant**.

Travel to **Soweto** (South Western Township), the largest black residential area in South Africa. This "city within a city" consists of 50 suburbs and essentially acts as a labor reservoir for the greater metropolitan area of the Witwatersrand.

In many ways, the story of Soweto is the story of South Africa; this is where the seeds of South African freedom took root. The tour includes all the major points of interest, such as the Apartheid Museum, Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Baragwanath taxi rank, Freedom Square, Hector Pietersen Memorial and Nelson Mandela's former home. This sprawling township was the scene of the tragic riots of 1976. Despite crowded, chaotic conditions, there is a tangible sense of community in these neighborhoods which the ordered, walled suburbs lack. It is virtually impossible not to be moved by what you will witness. Return to the hotel to rest a bit and freshen up for dinner. **Later this evening you will be transferred to "The House on the Hill" for a Special CST**

"Welcome Dinner" -Accommodation: The Da Vinci on Nelson Mandela Square (B, L, D)



Sunday – 04 Dec 2022

Johannesburg

This morning you will be taken on a half day **Lesedi Cultural Village** tour including lunch.

Lesedi Cultural Village is a multi-cultural African village, set amongst the pristine Bushveld and rocky hills less than an hour's drive from the city of Johannesburg.

The village consists of a number of different homesteads or traditional villages: the Xhosa, with their beautiful thatched homes and red blankets; the Zulu with their fighting sticks and cozy beehive huts; the Pedi, with their courtyards and rhythmic drums; and the conical straw hats and sturdy mountain ponies of the Basotho. Guests experience a traditional welcome upon arrival, guided cultural walkabout through two of the four homesteads. The visit includes a **Show and a traditional dinner**.

Accommodation: The Da Vinci on Nelson Mandela Square (B, D)

Monday – 05 Dec 2022

Johannesburg/Pilanesberg

This morning the group will be taken by private transfer from the hotel by coach to the Pilanesberg Game Reserve.

The 4-star Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge is approximately a 3-hour drive from Johannesburg and ten minutes from Sun City. Kwa Maritane Lodge offers televisions with DSTv, Big Five game viewing, an underground hide, guided bush walks and game drives, two bomas, wireless internet connectivity, unlimited free internet access and two swimming pools.

At Kwa Maritane one can experience excellent game sightings. Virtually all the animal species of southern Africa exist here, including healthy populations of Lion, black and white Rhino, Elephant, Buffalo and Leopard - Africa's **Big Five** and over 360 bird species can be seen on bush walks or game drives in the company of qualified field guides. You can also relax in the game viewing hide, connected to the lodge by a 500-foot tunnel, and enjoy a front row seat as the animals drink at the waterhole.

Accommodation: Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge - Standard Room (B, D)

Tuesday – 06 Dec 2022

Kwa Maritane

The day starts as dawn breaks over the African bushveld. Venture out into the scenic Pilanesberg Game Reserve where an abundance of wild life proliferates and the *Big Five* are a common sight.



Pilanesberg wildlife

Aside from game viewing you'll enjoy the spectacular landscape with rocky outcrops, open grasslands, wooded valleys and thickets. Set in the crater of a long extinct volcano, the park ranks among the largest of the parks in South Africa and covers an area of some 55,000 hectares... The rest of the day is spent enjoying the tranquility of the bush or perhaps taking a nap.

Later enjoy another afternoon game drive, returning to the lodge for dinner.

Accommodation: Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge (B, D)

Wednesday – 07 Dec 2022

Pilanesberg/Johannesburg/Cape Town

Today you will be transferred from the lodge back to Johannesburg Airport for your flight to Cape Town.

On arrival in Cape Town you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

The **Commodore Hotel** lies where Table Mountain and the ocean meet, overlooking the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, with views of Table Mountain, Robben Island, the Harbour and the Atlantic Ocean. The 4-star Commodore Hotel is situated just a short walk from shopping and entertainment at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront and a multitude of restaurants.

The Commodore Hotel epitomizes stylish living, quality service and a tranquil setting. The elegantly furnished air conditioned classic rooms feature minibars, tea and coffee making facilities and in-room safes, free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs.

The hotel has a cocktail bar and a relaxed restaurant, offering a harbor-side terrace and international dishes. 24 hour room service is also available. **Accommodation: Commodore Hotel – Standard Room (B)**

Thursday – 08 Dec 2022

Cape Town

After breakfast depart on your full day **Table Mountain and Cape Peninsula tour**. The tour starts early with a trip up Table Mountain in a cable car (weather permitting). The new revolving cable cars give stunning views over Cape Town. This world-famous mountain is a national monument; it is covered with a wide variety of wild flowers and is the natural home of the famous silver tree. From the summit you can marvel at the awe-inspiring 360-degree view of Cape Town. There are great views of the City, Signal Hill, Sea Point and across to Robben Island.

After making the descent we head out to the **Cape Peninsula**. See for yourself how this spectacular southern tip of Africa became known as the 'Fairest Cape'. Drive past the pristine beaches of Camps Bay, Clifton and Llandudno – currently the hottest real estate in the world – to Hout Bay, a functioning harbor and heart of the local crayfish industry.

After a stop for lunch, it's on to the Cape Point Nature Reserve, where you are able to ride the Funicular to the scenic viewing point where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. The spectacular sea and mountain views are reason enough to make the 66km/41mile trip from Cape Town. Amid the rocky landscape – home to mountain zebra, eland and ostriches – blooms magnificent Cape flora.

We continue along the coastline to the beautiful Boulders Beach where you can sit among a colony of penguins. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. **Accommodation: Commodore Hotel (B, L)**

Friday – 09 Dec 2022

Cape Town

After breakfast make your way to the nearby jetty at the Clocktower at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Here you board the ferry for your morning Robben Island tour. The rest of the day is at leisure.

For nearly 400 years, **Robben Island**, 12 kilometers from Cape Town, was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. During the apartheid years Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality. The duty of those who ran the Island and its prison was to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. Some freedom fighters spent more than a quarter of a century in prison for their beliefs.

Robben Island came to symbolize, not only for South Africa and the African continent, but also for the entire world, the triumph of the human spirit over enormous hardship and adversity.

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel (B)

Saturday – 10 Dec 2022

Cape Town

Today you will have the day at leisure to explore Cape Town. Cape Town is a city with a diverse range of attractions, sights and activities to offer and it has something for everyone. From the landmark beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay to the vibrant V&A Waterfront and Cape Town city centre, the award-winning wine farms of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek – time spent in Cape Town will not be forgotten. Cape Town is a sophisticated city at the gateway to a majestic continent. The Mother City is a place where old and new harmoniously converge – in history, architecture, cultural pursuits and the essence of its people. The city is dominated by a towering, table-shaped mountain, set on a peninsula of soaring, rocky heights and lush valleys, where two oceans converge – Indian and Atlantic.

Natural beauty and the fast pace and bright lights of a great urban centre meld effortlessly here. Firmly positioned on the international map, Cape Town offers a myriad things to do and places to see, whatever your tastes, inclinations or budget. Later this evening enjoy a CST **"Farewell Dinner"** at the Quarterback Restaurant, at Portwood Hotel 7:30PM., right next door to our Commodore Hotel. **Accommodation: Commodore Hotel (B, D)**

Sunday – 11 Dec 2022

Depart South Africa

Today you will be transferred from your hotel to Cape Town Airport in time for your flight to Johannesburg.

On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport connect with your scheduled international South African Airways flight back to the USA. **(B)**

DEPART JOHANNESBURG

6:55PM

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Monday – 12 Dec 2022

Arrive Home

Arrive home with memories of a trip of a lifetime!

Apprx. 8AM/ TBA

B = Breakfast – L = Lunch – D = Dinner