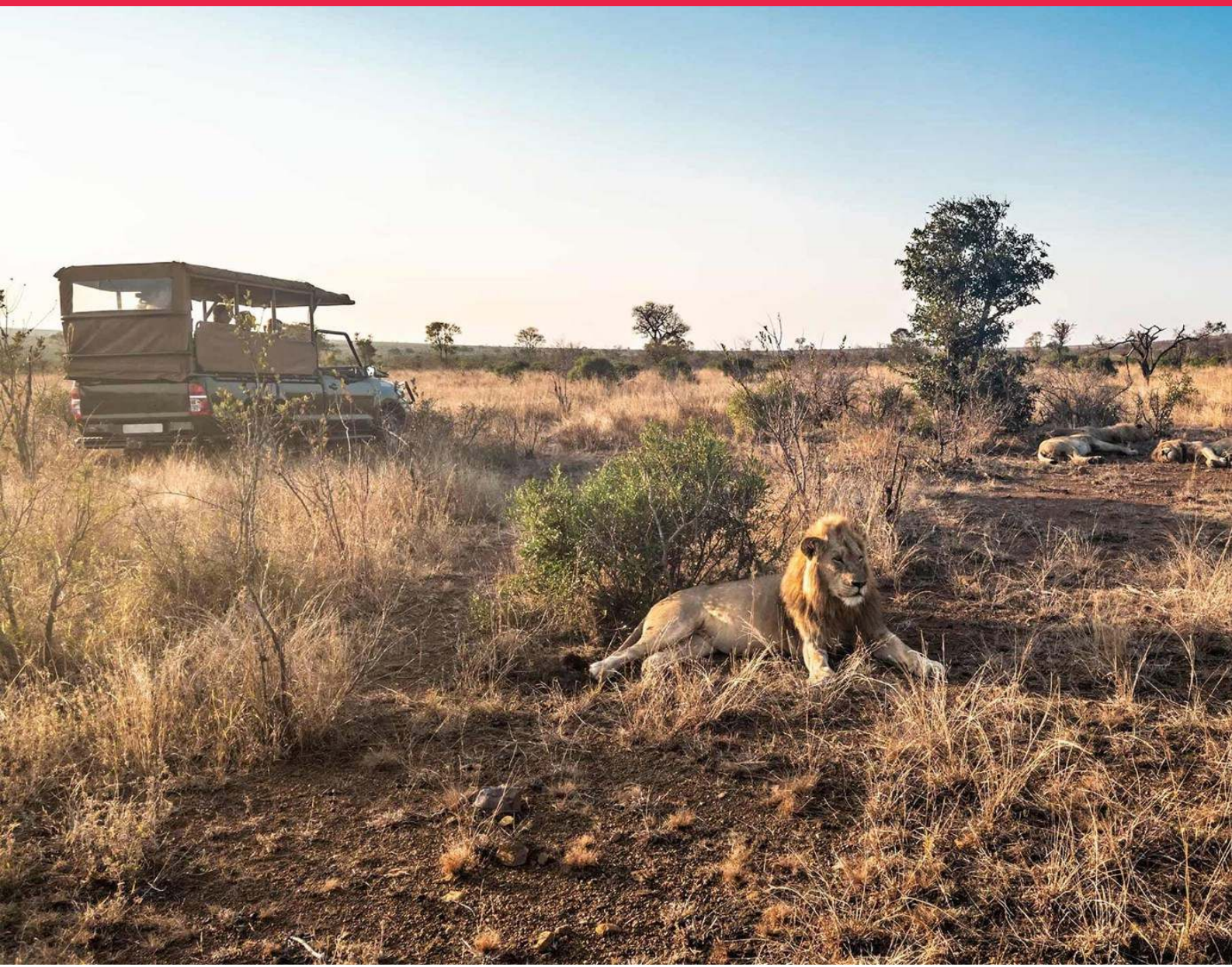
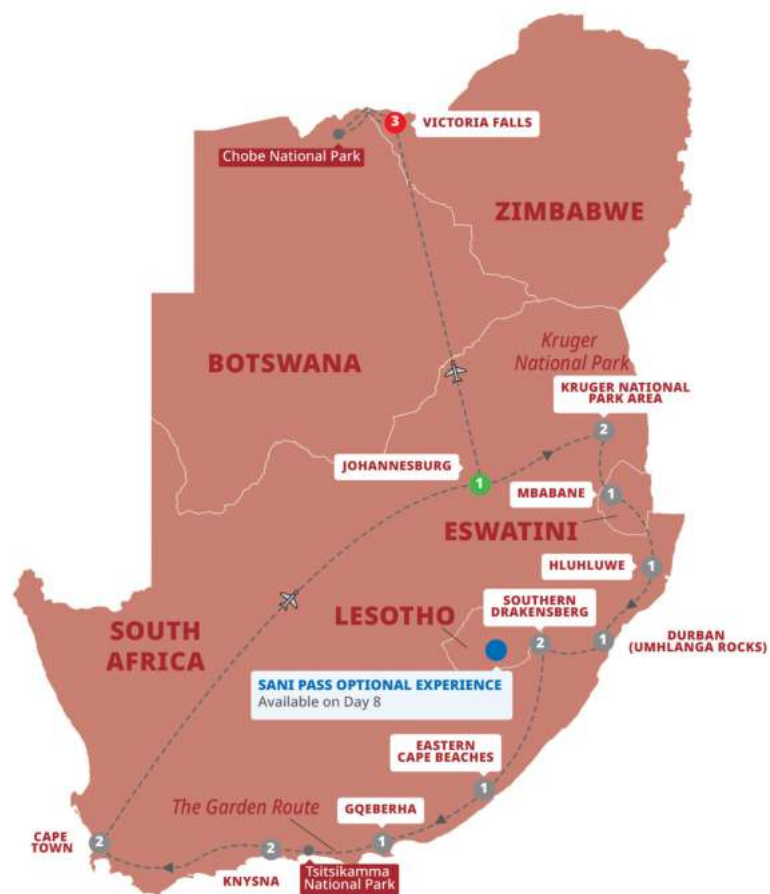


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 Start Location


 Plane

 Cruise

 Over night

 Visited Location

 End Location

 Train

 Ferry



## Day 1 | Welcome to Johannesburg



Your seamless South African journey begins with an airport transfer from O.R. Tambo International Airport to your hotel. Settle in to the pace of Africa's most energetic city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** The Maslow

## Day 2 | Journey to the Kruger National Park Area



The golden Highveld gives way to rolling green hills as we travel to South Africa's Lowveld. We admire the iconic sights along Mpumalanga's Panorama Route – the Blyde River Canyon, the heavenly landscapes of God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes. Before evening falls, we venture to our hotel near the famous Kruger National Park, our home for two nights.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Sabi River Sun Resort

## Day 3 | Safari in Kruger National Park



Connect with nature and explore South Africa's oldest and most iconic national park in the company of a Local Specialist. Uncover the secrets of the bushveld and keep a look out for the magnificent 'Big 5', the Little 5 and everything in between. See the glistening yellow Golden-orb spider waiting on her web, smell the damp scent of acacia trees in the early morning and keep your head down in search of animal spoor. Spend your afternoon at leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Sabi River Sun Resort

## Day 4 | Onwards to Eswatini



Travel to landlocked Eswatini and get a real feel for the local culture. You'll visit a Swazi Chief's village, meet the community and learn about their way of life, before sampling some of the local pap and stew. Admire their striking crimson traditional dress up close and feel the beat of this vibrant culture with a spirited drumming class. You'll come away with a deeper connection to the villagers and their traditions.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Hotel:** Royal Swazi Spa

## Day 5 | Head to Hluhluwe



We venture to 'garden of province' of KwaZulu-Natal and its northern wilderness. Traversing rolling sugarcane fields and lush valleys, we arrive at Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park where there is an opportunity to embark on an optional 4x4 game drive. This evening enjoy a delicious South African braai (weather dependent) – a perfect way to end the day.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Anew

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Drive** - If you visit KwaZulu-Natal, you can't leave without visiting Big Five country in the oldest park in South Africa: Hluhluwe-iMfolozi. This is the legendary park where a dedicated team made worldwide conservation history with their successful efforts to bring the white rhino back from the brink of extinction. You won't simply be enthralled with this game-rich reserve and the extraordinary beauty of the terrain, but also with the sense of history having been made here. Our specialist tours are all conducted in specially modified open safari vehicles to enhance your game viewing, and give photographers the very best vantage point to capture that perfect image. We only tour with qualified, experienced guides, so you will not only be one step ahead because of their intimate knowledge of the animal movements and habitats, but you'll learn more than you could have imagined possible about everything from trees, to animal spoor, to the rich bird life.

Adult: 981.00 ZAR



## Day 6 | Venture to Durban (Umhlanga Rocks)



Board an optional morning cruise on Lake St. Lucia and get up close to the hippos, crocodiles and birdlife residing in the estuary. Alternatively, explore the town of St. Lucia. We continue south to Durban for an effortless encounter with this tropical east coast hub, which begins with a delicious Curry Buffet at the Oyster Box Hotel, one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories – a seaside hotel that captures the nostalgia of a bygone era.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** The Oyster Box

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**St. Lucia Boat Cruise** - All aboard the comfortable Santa Lucia, a spacious double-decker boat on St Lucia Estuary, with ample room for everybody to have the best view possible. We're off on a two-hour relaxed interpretative cruise from the smartest vantage point - the water. We'll get up close to the sight and sounds of hippo, crocodiles and other game species, and if we're lucky, we'll be serenaded by the haunting cry of the fish eagle...perhaps even watch one catch a fish. The boat has a coffee, snack and full bar on board, so relaxation is the order of the day.

Adult: 325.00 ZAR

## Day 7 | Make Tracks for the Drakensberg Mountains



Venture through the scenic Valley of 1000 Hills bound for the spectacular escarpment that winds north from the Eastern Cape to Mpumalanga. The Underberg's vibrant arts and crafts scene and stunning setting provide a beautiful backdrop for a morning drive. You'll continue to the foothills of the iconic Sani Pass where you'll have the rest of the afternoon at leisure and stay overnight .

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Premier Resort Sani Pass

## Day 8 | A Day in the Drakensberg



Indulge in the freedom of a day spent exploring this UNESCO World Heritage Site on your terms. Consider joining an optional 4x4 Sani Pass drive, ascending to a heavenly height of 2,876 meters for lunch at Africa's highest pub in Lesotho, or alternatively relax down here on earth amidst the Drakensberg's lofty peaks.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Premier Resort Sani Pass

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Sani Pass 4 X 4 Tour** - The Tour departs at 09h30 and takes approx. 2.5 hours to reach the summit, climbing a grand 2874 meters above sea level, stopping at breath taking view sites along the Sani Pass and the two border posts i.e. The South African Border Control and Lesotho Border Control. Once at the Top of the Sani Pass, we enjoy lunch at the highest Pub in Africa - The Sani Mountain Lodge. After lunch the Tour continues into a living Basotho village, where our experienced mountain guide will interest you on Lesotho and its people - the hardy mountainous Basotho folk. Traditional beer and homemade bread offered on request. We wind down the Sani Pass after this cultural experience and arrive back in Underberg between 16h00- 16h30 depending on the wildlife spotted along the way. **Please note:** Guests are responsible for checking visa entry requirements into Lesotho.

Adult: 1476.00 ZAR

## Day 9 | On the Road to the Eastern Cape Beaches



From enigmatic mountain landscapes to South Africa's untamed coastline, we venture through the Eastern Cape and the green hills of the Transkei, dotted with Xhosa kraals and homesteads. Discover the legacy of Nelson Mandela, at his birthplace in Xunu, then enjoy the unspoiled Wild Coast beaches of Chintsa, where the only footprints in the sand will be yours.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Crawford's Beach Lodge

## Day 10 | Travel to Gqeberha



Wake to the sound of the ocean and spend time admiring pristine natural surrounds before we begin our journey to Gqeberha. Once a British settlement known as Port Elizabeth, this port city holds the distinction of being South Africa's friendliest city, which you'll encounter first-hand as you explore it on your own terms this evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Boardwalk

## Day 11 | On to Tsitsikamma National Park and Knysna



Walk beneath the tranquil canopy of Tsitsikamma's giant and ancient Yellowwoods, arriving at Storms River Mouth to peer into the depths of the gorge. Connect with locals during a Be My Guest experience in Knysna, where you'll learn a few key Xhosa phrases and gain insights into Xhosa culture. Host Ella will share her life story and reveal the meaning behind some of the local songs that will accompany your traditional Xhosa meal. The visit also contributes towards supporting Ella's work in the local community and is a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Our final stop today is the picturesque lagoon setting of Knysna, known as South Africa's own Garden of Eden. Famed for its indigenous forests, fresh oysters and the two landmark Knysna Heads that stand as sentinels at the edge of the lagoon which shield the town from the Indian Ocean.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Be My Guest

**Hotel:** Knysna Hollow Country Estate



## Day 12 | Knysna Your Way



You'll have a free day to explore the jewel of the Garden Route. Start your day with a leisurely coffee in the Knysna Quays overlooking the lagoon, then consider an Optional Experience to Featherbed Nature Reserve including a drive through the reserve to the top of the lagoon's Western Head.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Knysna Hollow Country Estate

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Featherbed Nature Reserve Eco Experience with lunch*** - Cruise on Knysna Lagoon over to Western Head where you'll join a tour through Featherbed Nature Reserve, a South African Heritage site. You'll make stops along the way to take in spectacular viewpoints, whilst your specialist guide will give plenty of information on the flora and fauna that surround you and explain how the reserve has recovered following the devastating fires in 2017 and is once again flourishing. Take the guided walk through the coastal forest and fynbos into ancient sea caves, before relaxing over lunch.

Adult: 1347.00 ZAR

## Day 13 | Continue to Cape Town



Leave the Garden Route behind bound for the Mother City. You'll wind your way through vibrant coastal towns and the Cape Winelands before arriving in Cape Town later this afternoon. Head straight to the most iconic site in the city and visit Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting).

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Southern Sun The Cullinan



## Day 14 | Cape Town Your Way



Capture the cosmopolitan energy of South Africa's Mother City. Spend the day exploring its streets and squares in search of a tucked-away restaurants, boutiques and galleries. Or consider joining one of our Optional Experiences to tour around the scenic Cape Peninsula, sample the Cape's finest wines in the Cape Winelands or visit infamous Robben Island. Spend your final evening at a Farewell Dinner with your traveling companions indulging in delicious Cape Malay specialty dishes.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Southern Sun The Cullinan

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Cape Peninsula Tour - Full Day** - Cruise along Millionaire's Paradise from Clifton to Camps Bay. Wind along Chapman's Peak Drive with lunch (own account) at Cape of Good Hope Section of the Table Mountain National Park before meandering back along the coast, visiting Simon's Town and the penguin colony at Boulder's Beach.

Adult: 1678.00 ZAR

**Cape Winelands Tour - Full Day** - A superb day dedicated to celebrating the glorious grape, the exceptional winelands region, and the heavenly scenery. The area's rich with history, and guests can't help but feel it as you move through the region to experience a wine cellar tour and tasting, where you'll learn all about the process of winemaking, from grape to goblet. Visit the exquisite little town of Franschhoek, pass by the impressive Huguenot Monument, and in a town with a reputation for gourmet fare, where else could you choose to enjoy lunch. Wind your way to the heady heights of the Helshoogte Mountain Pass to meet the charming university town of Stellenbosch on the other side. Stroll through this little town, absorbing the quaintness, and sneaking into the odd shop or two (on Sundays not all galleries and shops are open). Enjoy a wine tasting at two different wine estates where you'll be able to purchase your favorite wine to take back home.

Adult: 1363.00 ZAR

**Robben Island Tour** - Journey to the famous Victoria and Alfred Waterfront to board a ferry to Robben Island (weather permitting), a home of our icon Nelson Mandela for more than a quarter of a century. It's a highly charged and emotional moment when you visit the site of this suffering, and realise how far South Africa has come from those days. During the apartheid years Robben Island was used to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. Freedom fighters, like Nelson Mandela, spent many years in this prison for their beliefs. Take the ferry to this historic site, pass buildings and a high wall built by prisoners during the 1960s before meeting your guide, a former political prisoner from the Island, fully conversant and knowledgeable about the Island's multi-layered 500 year old history. Your route, aboard a bus, includes the graveyard of people who died from leprosy, the Lime Quarry, Robert Sobukwe's house, the Bluestone quarry, the army and navy bunkers and the Maximum Security Prison where thousands of South Africa's freedom fighters were incarcerated for years culminating with a viewing of Nelson Mandela's cell. The round trip is approximately 3.5 hours long, including the two half-hour ferry rides, and is subject to weather conditions.

Adult: 775.00 ZAR

**Cape Town Helicopter Flight - 12 Minutes** - Spectacular views and a different perspective of the city await you on this 12 minute helicopter flight that showcases Cape Town's iconic sights. Keep your eyes peeled for sightings of whales and dolphins below you in the Atlantic ocean, as you take off and return to the V & A Waterfront. Fly over the city's famous Green Point stadium, built for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Then your route tracks the Atlantic coastline, showing you a birds-eye view of Robben Island on your right and Table Mountain and the Cape Town City Bowl on your left. Admire the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay and the Twelve Apostles mountain range before your pilot turns around and follows the same route back to the launchpad. Note: this activity is subject to weather conditions on the day being suitable for the helicopters to operate.

Adult: 2217.00 ZAR

## Day 15 | Welcome to Victoria Falls



Welcome to Zimbabwe! Meet your Trafalgar representative on arrival at Victoria Falls Airport and transfer to your accommodation. Buckle up for an exhilarating small group encounter with Victoria Falls, an untamed natural wonder that has captured the imagination of explorers and adventurers since David Livingstone declared it the most wonderful sight he had seen in Africa. Board a cruise and navigate one of Africa's mightiest rivers, cruising past islands of basking crocodile and hippo pods lazing in the waning African sun, before returning to your lodge for dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

## Day 16 | Discover Majestic Victoria Falls



Join a Local Specialist on a guided tour of the world's largest waterfall. Admire the powerful curtain of water from various vantage points in Zimbabwe – feel the fine spray and hear the thunderous roar as water crashes over a hundred meters into a swirling mass in the gorge below. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure with the sound of the 'Smoke that Thunders' never far from your ears. Tonight you may choose to join an Optional Experience Boma dinner and interactive drum show.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Hotel:** Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Flight of Angels' 13 Minute Helicopter Flight*** - Feel the freedom. And you certainly will, on a 13 minute helicopter flight over Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River. The helicopter has the ability to fly lower than a fixed wing aircraft, so you'll have unrivaled opportunities to view the breath-taking Falls and get those perfect pictures. Your flight path takes you over the seemingly tranquil Zambezi River, and on a journey of discovery along the gorges which zigzag their way to the infamous Batoka Gorge downstream. It's a unique perspective on the Falls, and gives you the perfect overview of the size and magnitude of this astounding Natural Wonder of the World. Please Note: Our pricing for this activity does NOT include the \$15 per person park fee that is payable directly to the operator.

Adult: 230.00 USD

***Boma Dinner and Drum Show*** - This unique dining experience, coupled with a feast of cultural entertainment, is a magical night out to remember. Shangaan and Ndebele dancers and singers will inspire you with their pulsating energy, and we'll soon have to hold you back from the dance floor! You'll also be tucking into traditional Zimbabwean delicacies for dinner...and for the bravehearts among us, we've a few lightly grilled Mopani worms. Yes, it's a night you won't forget. Please note drinks are not included within the optional pricing and drinks tabs should be settled directly with the venue.

Adult: 59.00 USD



## Day 17 | Explore Botswana's Chobe National Park



Cross the Botswana border for a day-trip into Chobe National Park, where large herds of African elephant roam. Board your Chobe River cruise, watching herds of elephant and buffalo come to the edge of the river to drink. See the flash of a kingfisher hovering over the water to catch its next meal, then enjoy an included lunch at Chobe Safari Lodge on the banks of the mighty Chobe River. Later return to Victoria Falls Safari Lodge for your last night in Zimbabwe.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Hotel:** Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

## Day 18 | Farewell Victoria Falls



We bid farewell to the 'Smoke that Thunders' and return to Zimbabwe's Victoria Falls Airport for your onward journey.

**Meals:** Breakfast