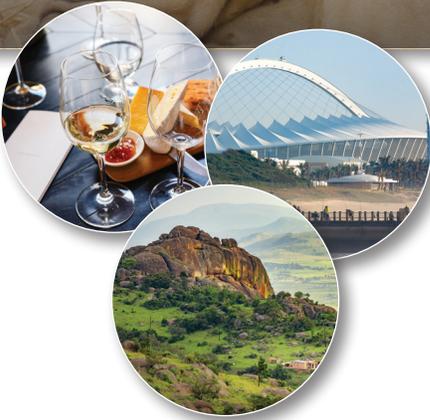


Discover the Best of South Africa

Wildlife, Nature & Culture



FULLY ESCORTED: SEPTEMBER 01-17, 2023

Our tour is packed full of activities and experiences both cultural/historical and nature-based with visits to the scenic cities of Cape Town, Durban & Johannesburg and the Kingdom of Swaziland along with jaw-dropping game viewing in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi and Pilanesberg Game Parks. You will see the battlefields of the Boer War, hear the stories of Apartheid and the struggles for freedom, learn about the traditions of the native South Africans, the Cape Malay, Indians, and Afrikaners, explore the stunning coastal regions and high mountains, and of course always keeping your eyes peeled for wildlife. South Africa's stunning array of experiences will not disappoint.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- See the best of Cape Town including a trip to the top of Table Mountain and the historic landmark of Robben Island
- A scenic drive along the Cape Peninsula with a stop at Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve comprising of over 17,300 acres of fauna and flora
- Cape winelands tour filled with fine wines, great food and spectacular scenery
- Relax at Umhlanga Beach famous Oyster Box Hotel overlooking the Indian Ocean.
- Wetlands Boat Cruise at Lake St Lucia in Isimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO recognized area
- Optional Round of Golf at Royal Swazi Spa in the Kingdom of Swaziland
- Full day game drives in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park is the oldest game park in Africa
- 4 game drives in Karongwe Nature Reserve from Chisomo Safari Camp
- 6 game drives in Kapama Nature Reserve from River Camp



\$7899 CAD

PER PERSON BASED
ON SHARED OCCUPANCY

Deposit is \$750 per person non refundable to hold your space.

Additional Deposit Due in Sept. 2022

Final payment : May 1, 2023

INCLUDED:

- Hosted from North America and locally escorted
- 16 nights' accommodation at deluxe properties based on double occupancy
- Meals: Daily breakfast, 6 lunches and 9 Dinners
- All admissions and cultural visits listed in itinerary

HOTELS:

- 4 Nights in Cape Town at Victoria & Alfred Hotel, piazza-facing room
- 2 Nights in Durban at Oyster Box, Sea facing room
- 2 Nights in Hluhluwe at Zulu Nyala Safari Lodge
- 1 Night in Swaziland at Royal Swazi Sun
- 2 Nights in Karongwe GR at Chisomo Safari Camp, tent
- 3 Nights in Kapama GR at Kapama River Lodge, deluxe suites
- 2 Nights in Johannesburg at DaVinci Hotel

MURRAYVILLE TRAVEL

107 22314 FRASER HIGHWAY
LANGLEY BC. V3A 8M6

CALL NOW TO BOOK:

604.530.2081

MURLAN@TELUS.NET

Day 1 SEP 01

ARRIVE CAPE TOWN

On arrival at Cape Town Airport you will be met and transferred to the hotel for check in. History and modern luxury merge to create ageless beauty at the Victoria & Alfred Hotel, which was built in 1904 as the North Quay Warehouse. This iconic establishment was named after Queen Victoria and her son, Prince Alfred who played an intrinsic role in the establishment of the Breakwater Basin, now the V&A Water front.

Accommodation: Victoria & Alfred hotel (4 Nights)

Day 2 SEP 02

TABLE MOUNTAIN & ROBBEN ISLAND (B, D)

Breakfast at the hotel and then today set out for a full day tour around Cape Town.

Ride on a cable car to the summit of legendary Table Mountain (weather dependant) for a view of the city and the surrounding layout of the southernmost tip of Africa. Spend time up there exploring.

Afterwards, group will be dropped off at the V & A waterfront where they will have time to get lunch on own account and then will walk to the ferry terminal with the guide for your tour to Robben Island. Embark on a 3 ½-hour tour of Robben Island. Robben Island needs no introduction with regards to the significance of its place in South Africa's and indeed the world's history. You will have a guided tour and see where Nelson Mandela spent 18 years of the 27 years of his incarceration imprisoned on the island.

Tonight group will enjoy an interactive drumming and dinner at Gold's restaurant. Return transfers included. Gold Restaurant is a unique African restaurant in the heart of Cape Town. An evening here begins with a djembe drumming session, followed by a hand-washing ceremony and afterwards, you will tuck into the set 3-course meal consisting of 14 'taster dishes'. This dining experience can best be described as a taste safari that will transport you from Table Mountain to Timbuktu. This culinary experience is accompanied by a unique interactive traditional entertainment.



Day 3 SEP 03

FULL DAY PENINSULA TOUR (B, L)

Breakfast at the hotel and then today set out for a full day Peninsula Tour.

Drive along Millionaires Paradise from Clifton to Camps Bay and llandudno, heading towards the charming working har-

bour of Hout Bay for an "optional" short cruise to Seal Island. Wind along the legendary Chapman's Peak Drive hugging the cliffs and relishing the breath taking ocean views. You end up at the wild and beautiful Cape of Good Hope Section of the Table Mountain National Park, an integral part of the world renowned Cape Floral Kingdom. Once at Cape Point, you will have time to explore (funicular ticket included).

On the return, stop at in Simon's town for lunch at Bertha's restaurant. Relaxed, warm and informal with a cosmopolitan appeal it is a favourite place for visitors to pass a few leisurely hours. Bustling by day you can enjoy a long, lazy lunch. The terrace is perfectly positioned for a memorable experience. Berthas Restaurant fronts the old Town Pier and boasts picturesque views across the yacht harbour and over False Bay, absolute water's edge position, in the very heart of Simons Town. Here visit the penguins at Boulders Beach. Later return to Cape Town. Evening is yours at leisure.



Day 4 SEP 04

STELLENBOSCH WINE TASTING (B, L)

Breakfast at the hotel and then transfer to Stellenbosch in the winelands region for a half-day tour. Although there are over 70 wine growing regions around Cape Town, the Cape Wineland region usually refers to the three most popular, Franschhoek, Stellenbosch and Paarl. A superb half day dedicated to celebrating the glorious grape, the exceptional winelands region, and the heavenly scenery. The area's rich with history, and we can't help but feel it as we move through the region to experience a wine tasting and lunch at a wine estate, where you'll learn all about the process of winemaking, from grape to goblet. Return to Cape Town for an afternoon at your leisure.



Day 5 SEP 05

CAPE TOWN – DURBAN FLIGHT (B)

Breakfast at the hotel and then in time group will check out and be picked up and dropped off at the airport for onward flight to Durban.

Upon arrival in Durban at King Shaka Airport group will be greeted and transferred to your hotel to check in. The iconic Oyster Box, standing majestically on Umhlanga's beachfront,

overlooking the Indian Ocean and the iconic lighthouse, discover our timeless elegance. Enjoy a multitude of dining options, including their famous curry feast and High Tea, and indulge in award-winning spa amid tropical gardens.

Accommodation: Oyster Box Hotel, sea-facing room (2 Nights)



Day 6 SEP 06

MORNING DURBAN CITY TOUR (B)

Enjoy an incredible breakfast selection overlooking the Indian Ocean at the hotel and then group will be taken on a morning city tour around Durban. Explore this city built by Zulu tribes, colonial settlers and Indians who came during the 19th century to work as indentured servants. Learn more about how this diversity has shaped Durban. Group will travel along the Durban Golden Mile, drive by City Hall to the Durban Harbour, visit markets of Warwick Triangle, Visit the Durban Botanic Garden and stop at Moses Mabhida stadium. Return to the hotel and spend the afternoon is at your leisure.

Day 7 SEP 07

DURBAN - WETLAND ESTUARY CRUISE (B, D)

Another incredible breakfast selection overlooking the Indian Ocean at the hotel and check out. Travel overland to Hluhluwe via St Lucia and enjoy a boat cruise. A boat cruise tour allow visitor's access to basking hippos, crocodiles and abundance of birds. Isimangaliso Wetland Park, this UNESCO recognized area is extremely varied and includes: lakes, beaches, coral reefs, wetlands, woodlands, coastal forests and grasslands together supporting an astounding diversity of animal, bird and marine life. Lake St. Lucia started forming about 140 million years ago. There were two phases – dropping sea levels starting a mere 2 million years ago caused the most recent formation. This created the largest estuarine lake in South Africa. Stretching from the mouth in the southern part of the park, and then northwards to the Mkuze swamps. On arrival in Hluhluwe, check into your lodge. Dinner included

Accommodation: Zulu Nyala Safari Lodge, standard room (2 Nights)



Day 8 SEP 08

HLUHLUWE – UMFOLOZI PARK – SAFARI (B, D)

Today group will set out on a full day game drive. Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park is the oldest game park in Africa and is the only one in KwaZulu Natal where the Big 5 occur. It covers some

96 000 ha and is world renowned for its rhino conservation. In addition to the Big Five - lion, rhino (black & white), elephant, buffalo and leopard - other wildlife include the Nile crocodile, hippo, white and black rhino, leopard, lion, cheetah, hyena, elephant, buffalo, blue wildebeest, jackal, giraffe, zebra, waterbuck, nyala, eland, kudu, impala, duiker, suni, reedbuck, warthog, bush pig, mongoose, baboons, monkeys, a variety of tortoises, terapins, snakes and lizards. Return to the lodge, dinner is included.

Day 9 SEP 09

HLUHLUWE TO SWAZILAND (B, D)

Travel overland to Swaziland. Drive is approx. 3 ½ hrs.



The Kingdom of Swaziland is a landlocked country bordered by South Africa and Mozambique. Dinner included at hotel.

Optional Gold at Royal Swazi Spa (Extra Charge)

Accommodation: Royal Swazi Sun, standard room (1 Night)

Day 10 SEP 10

SWAZILAND TO KARONGWE GR VIA PANORAMA ROUTE (B, D)

Travel overland to your game lodge via the glorious Panorama route taking in the spectacular scenery. Gasp at the glory of the never-ending Lowveld landscape from the ledge of God's Window, a boundless view of forested mountains and fertile plains, explore the extraordinary rock formations of Bourke's Luck Potholes, one of nature's most intriguing creations.

Upon arrival at Karongwe Game Reserve in the Greater Kruger Area you will be transferred to your lodge. Group will arrive in time for afternoon game drive.

Chisomo Safari Camp (which means 'blessings') combines the warmth and vibrancy of a safari, exuding a true feeling of being in a bygone era. Chisomo Safari Camp overlooks the Makhutsi River, tucked deep in the Big Five Karongwe Game Reserve in Limpopo.

This afternoon set out in search of the Big 5 on an afternoon game drive. Return to the lodge for dinner. Traversing over the 9000 hectares of supreme African bushveld, Chisomo is home to the Big Five (Lion, Leopard, Buffalo, Rhino and Elephant) as well as a wealth of other creatures. Our open vehicle game drives are perfect for game viewing. Enjoy a sun-downer while the sun sets over the magnificent Drakensberg Mountains. The magnificent game viewing makes for perfect photographic opportunities; enjoy the view of the Lowveld from a "kopje" amid the lush vegetation, huge variety of trees and over 365 different bird species. Game drives are conduct-

MURRAYVILLE TRAVEL

107 22314 FRASER HIGHWAY
LANGLEY BC. V3A 8M6

CALL NOW TO BOOK:

604.530.2081

MURLAN@TELUS.NET

ed with our qualified game rangers and Shangaan trackers – who will share their vast experience of the African Bush and a chance to view Cheetah on foot.

Accommodation: Chisomo Safari Camp, standard tent (2 Nights)

*Rates Chisomo Safari Camp includes three meals, teas and coffee and two game drives daily.

Day 11 SEP 11

CHISOMO SAFARI CAMP – SAFARI (B, L, D)

A typical day looks like this – An early morning wakeup call at 5:00am, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate served with rusks in the main area. Then the morning game drive commences at approx. 5:30am. Return to the lodge at approx. 8:30am – 9:00am when breakfast is served. The rest of the morning is at leisure until lunch is served at approx. 1:00pm – 3:00pm. This afternoon set out at approx. 4:00pm for your afternoon game drive. Return to the lodge at approx. 7:00pm – 7:30 pm and then dinner is served. The evening is at your leisure.

DAY 12 SEP 12

OVERLAND TO KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (B, L, D)

Morning game drive and then return for breakfast and check out. Travel overland to Kapama (Drive is approx. 1 hr). On the way in from the arrival gate enjoy your first Game Drive in search of the Big Five and Little Five on the way to the Lodge.

Set out for an afternoon game drive. Accompanied by a skilled ranger and tracker, guests can expect to encounter a diverse range of animal and bird species on game drives. Since this is a Big Five reserve, seeing lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo is possible over a two-day safari in Kapama Private Game Reserve

Accommodation: Kapama River Lodge, deluxe suites (3 Nights)

*Rates at Kapama Game Lodge include three meals, local beverages and two game drives daily.

DAY 13 SEP 13

KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE – SAFARI (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the lodge and then set out for a full day game drive in open safari vehicles.

The day starts with an early wake-up call between 5am and 5:30am. Tea, coffee and rusks are enjoyed together before heading out at first light. While seeing big game is always exhilarating, there are many other smaller species that are also captivating, and birding enthusiasts will be delighted at the approximately 350 species of birds recorded on the reserve. Halfway through the game drive, there is a stop for hot drinks and snacks, before returning to the lodge at around 9am for a full breakfast. Throughout the day, it is likely you will see wildlife around the lodge - nyala antelope and vervet monkeys are frequent visitors, though seeing some of the Big Five is also not uncommon.

Afternoon is at leisure and optional activities or optional spa treatments are available.

At around 3:30pm, everyone gathers for a decadent high tea, before heading out with your ranger and tracker for the afternoon game drive through the reserve. En route, you'll stop for a sundowner drink and will have a chance to stretch your legs as you watch the sun set over the distant peaks of the Drakensberg Mountains.

As darkness falls, the nocturnal animals of the bush come out. The skilled tracker will scan the landscape using a spotlight, which illuminates animals' eyes. A variety of completely different species can be seen on the night drive back to the lodge. Arrival at the lodge is usually around 7pm, allowing time to freshen up before enjoying a sumptuous dinner.

Day 14 SEP 14

KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE – SAFARI (B, L, D)

Two game drives and all meals included today.

Day 15 SEP 15

IN JOHANNESBURG (B)

The day starts with an early heading out at first light for your last morning game drive. While seeing big game is always exhilarating, there are many other smaller species that are also captivating, and birding enthusiasts will be delighted at the approximately 350 species of birds recorded on the reserve. Halfway through the game drive, there's a stop for hot drinks and snacks, before returning to the lodge at around 9am for a full breakfast and then check out.

Travel overland to Pretoria City passing the beautiful Union Buildings. Stop for lunch on own account. On arrival in Johannesburg, check into the hotel.

Accommodation: Da Vinci Hotel, standard room (2 Nights)

Day 16 SEP 16

JOHANNESBURG – AT LEISURE (B)

Breakfast at the hotel and then today is at your leisure. The hotel is adjacent to the Nelson Mandela Square, which is a shopping and entertainment complex.

Day 17 SEP 17

JOHANNESBURG – DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel and then in time check out. Group will be transferred to the airport for return flight home.

MURRAYVILLE TRAVEL

107 22314 FRASER HIGHWAY
LANGLEY BC. V3A 8M6

CALL NOW TO BOOK:

604.530.2081

MURLAN@TELUS.NET