

THE BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND VICTORIA FALLS WITH DIANNE FINK

Featuring - CAPE TOWN , JOHANNESBURG, MAPUMALANGA (KRUGER), VICTORIA
FALLS

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DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
12 Nights / 14 Days	8 People	Los Angeles	Twin Sharing Price - \$ 6,599.00 Single Supplement Price - \$ 1,249.00

Overview

A South Africa and Victoria Falls tour is a popular travel itinerary that combines the diverse cultural and natural attractions of South Africa with the awe-inspiring beauty of Victoria Falls. The tour typically begins in Cape Town, known for its stunning natural scenery, including Table Mountain and the Cape of Good Hope. Along the way, travelers can also visit the Cape Winelands, famous for its vineyards and wine-tasting experiences.

From Cape town, the tour continues to Kruger National Park, one of the largest game reserves in Africa, known for its diverse wildlife and safari experiences. Next visit Johannesburg, the largest city in South Africa, where travelers can explore the city's history and culture through visits to landmarks such as the Apartheid Museum and Constitution Hill. From there, travelers may continue on to Victoria Falls, where they can witness the stunning power and beauty of the falls, and enjoy activities such as bungee jumping, white-water rafting, and helicopter rides.

Overall, a South Africa and Victoria Falls tour offers a unique blend of culture, wildlife, and natural beauty, providing travelers with a truly unforgettable experience.

ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
JOHANNESBURG	Hotel Southern Sun Sandton	2 Nights
VICTORIA FALLS	A'zambezi River Lodge	3 Nights
MAPUMALANGA (KRUGER)	Kurger Gate Hotel	2 Nights
CAPE TOWN	Southern Sun Water Front	5 Nights



TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 12 Nights' Accommodation in listed hotels or similar based on a DBL / TWN sharing basis
- ◆ Daily Breakfast
- ◆ Daily dinners during your stay at Kruger Gate Hotel
- ◆ 1 Farewell dinner at the Gold restaurant
- ◆ Johannesburg City tour including admission to Mandela's house, Hector Pieterse Museum
- ◆ Constitution Hill Highlights tour
- ◆ Zambezi Dinner Cruise in Victoria Falls
- ◆ Tour of the falls and helicopter flight over Victoria Falls
- ◆ Full-day Chobe National Park day trip including Lunch
- ◆ Full day Game drive in Kruger National Park
- ◆ Panorama route drive from Kruger to Johannesburg airport including Three Rondavels, God's Window, and Bourke's Luck Pot Holes
- ◆ Robben Island tour
- ◆ Cape Town city tour with Table Mountain
- ◆ Full-day Cape Peninsula tour including Cape of Good Hope, Cape Point Funicular, Boulders Penguins colony
- ◆ Airport transfers in Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, Kruger, and Cape Town
- ◆ Entrance to the attractions as specified in the itinerary.
- ◆ Transport in private / scheduled touring vehicles
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver/ guide for all transfers and sightseeing
- ◆ International Return Airfare **ex Jacksonville**
- ◆ Regional airfare - Johannesburg to Victoria Falls to Mpumalanga (Kruger National Park), Johannesburg to Cape Town

TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals and all other sightseeing or Services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Beverages during the meals
- ◆ Visa fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included

- ◆ Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart Jacksonville [-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Johannesburg to start your unbelievable Ultimate South Africa Journey.

DAY 2 Johannesburg Arrival [-/-]

Welcome to Johannesburg!!!. Arrival in Johannesburg with transfer to hotel. Please note that the usual check-in time is 3:00 PM, so you can take some time to settle in and rest. Spend your evening relaxing and getting ready for the exciting sightseeing adventures that await you tomorrow.

Overnight in Johannesburg

DAY 3 Johannesburg Sightseeing [B/-]

After breakfast, meet with the tour guide at the hotel in Johannesburg and depart to explore the vibrant sights and sounds of Soweto and Johannesburg, Africa's economic powerhouse. The tour delves into the political and historical significance of the struggle against apartheid, and visits key memorial sites, such as the Apartheid Museum, Soweto's suburbs, and informal settlements.

Our first stop is at Apartheid Museum, exploring the exhibits that cover the turbulent history of the Apartheid era in South Africa. It offers a comprehensive overview of South Africa's Apartheid era, from the onset of segregation to the implementation of the Apartheid system, and covers all of the factors that have shaped the country's 20th-century history, including the discovery of gold, black consciousness, and the first democratic elections. Next, depart for Mandela House and spend some time touring the national monument and learning about Nelson Mandela's personal life and the families that he lived with from 1946 to 1990.

Continue to Constitutional Hill in Braamfontein, a former prison and military fort that now houses South Africa's Constitutional Court. Explore the isolation cells, where famous political activists such as Mahatma

Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Walter Sisulu were held, the Women's Gaol that housed Winnie Mandela and others, and many other cells, as well as the awaiting trial building. Next head to the Hector Peterson Memorial, to pay respects to those who lost their lives during the Soweto uprising, and learn about the pivotal moment in the anti-Apartheid struggle.

The tour concludes with a visit to the cultural hub of Vilakazi Street and the historic suburb of Orlando West before your guide drives you back to your Johannesburg hotel.

Overnight in Johannesburg

DAY 4 Johannesburg - Victoria Falls - Zambezi Dinner Cruise [B/-/D]

Following breakfast in the morning, you'll head to Johannesburg airport for your flight to Victoria Falls. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted and taken to your hotel, giving you the freedom to spend the rest of the day as you please.

In the evening, treat yourself to a captivating sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. It's an awe-inspiring way to unwind, basking in the incredible beauty of the powerful Zambezi River. Bring your camera to capture stunning moments against the backdrop of the African sunset. The riverbanks might offer glimpses of wildlife like elephants, crocodiles, and hippos, along with an array of distinct bird species. Departing from the Pure Africa Waterfront, you'll sail into the evening, enjoying your preferred drink before being seated for a delightful meal featuring freshly prepared dishes paired with premium drinks aboard the boat.

Overnight in Victoria Falls

DAY 5 Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight and Tour of the falls [B/-]

After breakfast, you'll be transported to the Helipad for a thrilling helicopter ride over the impressive Victoria Falls. As you lift off, anticipate a magical experience, feeling a sense of wonder as the falls gradually come into view. Glide over the upper Zambezi River, capturing breathtaking views from both sides of the

helicopter as it maneuvers around the falls. Admire the natural splendor of the Batoka Gorge along the river, passing cliffs. Your flight will take you over a lengthy island upstream from the falls, toward Zambezi National Park, known for its diverse wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for elephants, hippos, crocodiles, buffaloes, giraffes, kudus, and more as you return to the helipad.

Following the helicopter adventure, proceed to Victoria Falls Rainforest Park. Your guide will lead you through the Rainforest, offering insights into the history of Victoria Falls (Mosi-oa-tunya) and detailing the rich variety of flora, fauna, birds, wildlife, cultural, and historical aspects of the region. Wander through the misty rainforest alongside the falls, pausing at various viewpoints including Main Falls, Horseshoe Falls, Rainbow Falls, the Boiling Pot, Cataract Island, and Livingstone Island. Experience the powerful sight and sound of millions of liters of water cascading into narrow gorges below. Witnessing this seventh Natural Wonder of the World is a truly remarkable privilege.

Upon arrival at Victoria Falls National Park, the thunderous sound of the falls will greet you. Follow a paved path to different viewpoints, where your guide will share geological and historical information about the area. Capture stunning photographs and immerse yourself in the breathtaking views at Devil's Cataract and Main Falls. Be prepared to get wet from the falls and consider bringing rain gear. You can also opt for an open-ended experience, choosing to stay in the rainforest cafe for refreshments or explore the 1.6 km path overlooking Victoria Falls at your leisure

Add-on: Boma Dinner and Drum Show - USD 60 Per person (minimum 2 pax)

Revel in a feast of fun at The Boma dinner and drum show. Savor a 4-course meal featuring local dishes, all the while enjoying non-stop entertainment culminating in an interactive drumming show. Upon arrival, you'll be ceremonially draped in a chitenge (sarong) and welcomed by traditional dancers, followed by a mini face-painting session. Women receive dots on their cheeks symbolizing African beauty, while men get stripes embodying the warrior spirit. Then, you'll be escorted to the main area, where your senses will be immersed in the flavors, sights, and sounds of Africa. The festivities include mbira music, traditional dances,

local storytelling, fortune telling, hair braiding, intricate face painting, and stalls selling souvenirs.

However, the highlight of the evening is the renowned interactive drumming show that commences after dinner. Each guest is handed a djembe drum, offering the chance to join in the rhythmic performance by learning a few beats. Following the drumming, the dance floor beckons for guests to move to the pulse of African drums. The night culminates with a group of a cappella singers serenading guests with personalized melodies at their tables.

The dining experience kicks off with a shared starter platter featuring delectable specialties like skewered peppered impala, smoked crocodile tail, corn ciabatta, and "nyimo" fritters. Move on to the campfire for the chef's daily soup served with croutons and homemade bread. A salad bar offers various dishes made from local organic produce, including sweet potatoes, legumes, nuts, seeds, greens, dressings, and assorted breads.

For the main course, indulge in a barbecue buffet featuring pork fillet, beef, borewors, marinated chicken, game meatballs, and the roast of the day, served with peanut butter rice or sadza (a thick maize-meal porridge, a local staple) and an array of sauces. Explore traditional hunter's stews or sample fish like Zambezi bream and kapenta (freshwater sardine). Vegetarian options comprise a vegetable stir fry, the chef's daily pasta, homemade garlic bread, and roast potato wedges. Halal meals are also available. For the adventurous, there's the option to try a local delicacy, sautéed mopane worm, and receive a certificate as proof of your daring palate

Overnight in Victoria Falls

DAY 6

Victoria Falls - Full day Chobe National Park [B/L/-]

Enjoy your breakfast this morning.

Today you'll go on a boat trip on the Chobe River and a game drive in Chobe National Park. Botswana's Chobe National Park, located on the banks of the scenic Chobe River, is home to one of the largest game concentrations in Africa. Experience the thrill of a game

drive on the lookout for elephants and lions that populate the park. Your guide will transport you approximately an hour to the Kazungula border between Zimbabwe and Botswana for immigration procedures. The adventure begins with a morning cruise along the Chobe River. Glide serenely along the river, admiring its stunning scenery and encountering giraffes, antelopes, hippos, crocodiles, and an array of wild birds. Following the cruise, you'll be taken back to your Victoria Falls hotel.

In the afternoon, enjoy a buffet lunch at either Chobe Safari Lodge or Chobe Marina Lodge. Post-lunch, hop onto our open 4X4 safari vehicles for an afternoon expedition in Chobe National Park. Here, you'll have ample opportunities to witness an abundance of wildlife. Traverse the park's expansive terrain and be on the lookout for Africa's renowned Big 5 game animals: lions, leopards, rhinoceroses, elephants, and buffaloes. Embrace the breathtaking park vistas, ensuring you capture numerous fantastic photo opportunities along the way.

fantastic destination for all wildlife lovers, photographers, and birders, this experience continues with a fabulous lunch at a lodge on the river's edge before heading back into the national park in safari vehicles for even more game viewing and finally, the transfer back to your lodge.

Overnight in Victoria Falls

DAY 7 Victoria Falls -Mpumalanga (KRUGER) [B/-/D]

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the flight to Mpumalanga. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your lodge in Africa's Iconic Kruger National Park.

Mpumalanga, which means "the place where the sun rises" in Zulu, is a magnificent province of South Africa. It boasts stunning canyons, rivers, mountains, and impressive caves that visitors can explore. Some of the world's top nature reserves, including the Kruger National Park, are located here, providing opportunities to encounter African wildlife and appreciate the breathtaking scenery. In addition, the province features charming towns nestled among lush valleys, orchards, and cascading mountains, allowing visitors to experience the vibrant culture and cuisine of South Africa. Mpumalanga offers a wealth of sights and

experiences for those who seek to immerse themselves in the full spectrum of natural beauty, wildlife, and small-town charm.

Unwind at the lodge this evening and enjoy dinner.

Overnight in Mapumalanga

DAY 8

Mpumalanga - (Kruger National Park Safari) [B/-/D]

Indulge in a scrumptious breakfast and get ready for an exhilarating morning safari at the Kruger National Park, one of Africa's vast game reserves. To witness the animals in their most active state, wake up early and venture out in an open vehicle with an experienced guide, who will show you the various landscapes ranging from grassy plains to riverine forests.

During the safari, be on the lookout for the "Big Five," which includes lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo, and rhinos, as well as giraffes, zebras, antelopes, and diverse bird species. Enhance your knowledge of the animal's habitat and behavior and get a better understanding of the delicate equilibrium of life in the African wilderness.

Once the safari is over, head back to the lodge for a relaxed lunch and some free time to unwind and appreciate the natural surroundings.

Evening enjoy dinner at the lodge.

Overnight in Mapumalanga

DAY 9

Mpumalanga - Johannesburg - Cape Town [B/-/-]

After breakfast, we will leave the lodge and drive to Johannesburg, but first, we will take the scenic route through the famous Panorama Route. This is a stunning drive that offers breathtaking views of the Blyde River Canyon, the third-largest canyon in the world, as well as waterfalls, natural rock formations, and lush vegetation. We will stop at various viewpoints along the way, including God's Window, where you can see the magnificent vistas of the Lowveld and the Drakensberg Mountains.

We will also visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, a series of natural rock formations created by centuries of erosion, and the charming town of Pilgrim's Rest, a living

museum of the gold rush era. Along the way, we'll have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs and support local vendors.

We'll stop for lunch (At own expense) at a local restaurant before continuing our journey to Johannesburg airport for your flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival in Cape Town, transfer to the hotel. The evening is at leisure.

Overnight in Cape Town

DAY 10 Cape Town - Robben Island tour [B/-/-]

After breakfast, explore South Africa's tumultuous history with a visit to the infamous Robben Island. Embark on a ferry journey from Cape Town to the island for an enlightening tour, including Nelson Mandela's former prison cell.

Your excursion commences at the Nelson Mandela Gateway in the V & A Waterfront's Silo District. Board the ferry for a scenic 30-minute trip across to Robben Island. Relax and take in the captivating views of Cape Town from the ferry.

Upon arrival, engage in a guided tour led by a former political prisoner, offering insights into the island's extensive history. Robben Island, a UNESCO heritage site, has served as an isolation site since the late 17th century.

The tour encompasses various significant spots, including the leprosy graveyard, the Lime Quarry, Robert Sobukwe's residence, the Bluestone Quarry, military bunkers, and the maximum security prison that housed numerous of South Africa's freedom activists for extensive periods.

The culmination of the tour leads to Nelson Mandela's authentic prison cell, where he spent a significant portion of his 27-year imprisonment.

After the exploration of Robben Island, reboard the ferry for a brief return journey to the mainland, providing another opportunity to admire the coastline and Table Mountain vistas.

On your return, you could opt to spend time at the V&A waterfront, home to high-end restaurants, hotels, and clubs.

Overnight in Cape Town

DAY 11 Cape Town - Full day Peninsula Tour [B/-/-]

After breakfast, meet your guide and embark on a full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula. Explore the Cape Peninsula's top attractions through a guided tour starting from Cape Town. Traverse a scenic route along sandy coastlines and the Twelve Apostles, stopping at key destinations like Hout Bay, Cape Point, Noordhoek, and the Cape Point Lighthouse.

Begin your exploration in Cape Town's City Bowl, proceeding past the V&A Waterfront into the primary suburbs along the Atlantic Seaboard. Witness the sights of Green Point, Sea Point, Clifton, and Camps Bay.

Travel along the coastline, with the Atlantic Ocean on your right and the imposing Twelve Apostles mountains on your left, passing by Blue Flag beaches.

Journey through the fishing village of Hout Bay, taking in the stunning Chapman's Peak Drive before reaching the charming coastal town of Noordhoek. The peninsula drive leads to the spectacular Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point. Explore the bustling mariner wharf and harbor, where amicable seals often greet visitors.

Within the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, visit the Cape Point Lighthouse. Take a brief yet slightly steep walk along a well-trodden path to the lighthouse or opt for a funicular railway ride to reach the summit. Revel in panoramic views and the possibility of spotting whales and dolphins.

Conclude the morning in Simons Town, an overlook above False Bay. Walk to see the beautiful British colonial heritage buildings in Simons Town before heading to Boulders Beach Penguin Colony to see and learn about African Penguins.

Pause at Simons Town Mariner Wharf for free time to grab refreshments (costs not included), then head back towards Cape Town via the False Bay coastal route, passing through Fish Hoek, Kalk Bay, St James, and Muizenberg.

These seaside towns offer an array of eccentric bookstores, vintage clothing shops, surf shops, and

popular seaside eateries. Take a break to wander through the streets, shop, or observe the surfers in action at Muizenberg.

Overnight in Cape Town

DAY 12

Cape Town - City, Table Mountain and Cultural Township tour [B/-/-]

Enjoy your breakfast this morning. Today proceed on a comprehensive tour of Cape Town that covers some of the city's most iconic landmarks and cultural sites, a full-day tour that includes Table Mountain, Langa Township, District Six, and Bo-Kaap. Begin with a visit to Table Mountain, one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, where you can take a cable car or hike to the top and enjoy breathtaking views of the city and surrounding landscape.

Next, you'll head to Langa Township, one of the oldest and largest townships in South Africa. Here, you'll get a glimpse of daily life in a township, visit a local market, and meet with community members to learn about the challenges and opportunities facing these communities.

After Langa Township, you'll visit District Six, a former residential area that was forcibly removed and destroyed during apartheid. Today, the district serves as a memorial and a testament to the resilience of its former residents. You'll hear stories about the district's history and the impact of apartheid on South Africa.

Finally, the tour will end with a visit to the colorful Bo-Kaap neighborhood, known for its vibrant houses and Cape Malay culture. Here, you'll visit a museum, explore the narrow streets, and learn about the area's rich history and traditions.

This full-day tour offers a unique perspective on Cape Town's past and present and is a great way to experience the diversity and complexity of this beautiful city.

Overnight in Cape Town

DAY 13

Cape Town - Day free at leisure [B/-/D]

No matter what you choose to do on your free day in Cape Town, there's something for everyone. Visit the V&A Waterfront a popular shopping, dining, and entertainment hub in Cape Town. With a wide range of shops, restaurants, cafes, and attractions, you can easily spend a full day exploring this vibrant area or exploring the city center, filled with historic buildings, museums, and cultural landmarks. Take a stroll down Adderley Street, visit the South African Museum, or stop by the Castle of Good Hope for a dose of history and culture.

Relax on the beach: Cape Town has some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Head to Camps Bay, Clifton, or Muizenberg for a day of sun, sand, and surf.

Later this evening enjoy Dinner and entertainment at the Gold Restaurant, an Interactive Djembe Drumming, and 14 Dish African feast. This Cape Town restaurant is a popular restaurant that offers a unique African dining experience. The restaurant features traditional African cuisine, live entertainment, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Gold Restaurant offers a set menu that includes a variety of traditional African dishes. The menu changes regularly, but you can expect to find dishes like bobotie, sosaties, and pap en vleis. They also cater to vegetarian and vegan diets. Entertainment: The restaurant features live African entertainment, including traditional music and dancing. The performers interact with diners and create a fun and festive atmosphere. Overall, dinner at Gold Restaurant in Cape Town is a memorable and enjoyable experience. With its delicious food, lively entertainment, and warm hospitality, it's no surprise that it's a popular spot for both locals and tourists alike

Overnight in Cape Town

DAY 14

Cape Town - Departure [B/-/-]

Today marks the end of your incredible tour of South Africa and Victoria Falls. This morning your tour concludes after breakfast. At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your homeward flight.

Payment Policy

Deposit: US\$ 500 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]

Deposit Date: 20th Jan, 2024

50% Deposit: 25th Mar 2024

Full Balance: 23rd June 2024

(Once the deposit is paid, the travelers can then pay any amount on any date. Travelers to ensure that the payment deadlines are met as above)

Insurance Policy

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Cancellation Policy

- ◆ Starting from the booking date until Mar 25, 2024, a cancellation will incur a \$500 per person non-refundable/non-transferable deposit fee plus any interruption insurance costs if bought.
- ◆ Between Mar 26 and Jun 23, 2024, 50% of the tour price will be charged as a cancellation fee.
- ◆ From Jun 24, 2024 to to September 21, 2024, cancelling will result in the full tour price being charged with no possibility of a refund.

Note:

A person becoming single because of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement

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