

# THE BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH KELLY MAY

Featuring - CAPE TOWN , JOHANNESBURG, MAPUMALANGA (KRUGER)

10 Oct, 2024 - 19 Oct, 2024

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
8 Nights / 10 Days	6 People	Ex Chicago	Twin Sharing Price - \$ 4,799.00

## Overview

A South Africa tour is a popular travel itinerary that combines the diverse cultural and natural attractions of South Africa. The tour typically begins in 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 Johannesburg, the tour continues to Kruger National Park, one of the largest game reserves in Africa, known for its diverse wildlife and safari experiences. Finally, we arrive 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.

Overall, a South Africa 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	Signature Lux Hotel by Onomo	2 Nights
MAPUMALANGA (KRUGER)	Anew Resort Hazyview	2 Nights
CAPE TOWN	Old Bank Hotel	4 Nights



## TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Round trip airfare in economy class ex Chicago (ORD) / Houston (IAH) / Atlanta (ATL)
- ◆ Airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- ◆ 8 Nights' Accommodation in listed hotels or similar based on DBL / TWN sharing basis
- ◆ Daily Breakfast
- ◆ Daily dinners during your stay in Mpumalanga (Kruger)
- ◆ Soweto and Apartheid Museum tour in Johannesburg including lunch at Sakhumzi Restaurant
- ◆ Full day Cape Peninsula Tour in Cape Town
- ◆ Robben Island, Bo kaap, Table mountain tour in Cape Town
- ◆ Morning Game Drive in Kruger
- ◆ Half day Winelands tour including lunch
- ◆ Fare will dinner at Gold restaurant
- ◆ Entrance to the attractions as specified in the itinerary.
- ◆ Transport in private / scheduled touring vehicles
- ◆ Regional flights in economy class from Johannesburg to Mpumalanga and Johannesburg to Cape Town
- ◆ Services of English-speaking driver/ guide for all transfers and sightseeing
- ◆ Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

## TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or Services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Visa fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages during meals, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included
- ◆ Local city taxes if applicable to be paid directly at hotels upon check out

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 Depart USA [-/-/]

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/L/-]

Explore both these destinations in a single day, brimming with historical significance and cultural richness. Witness the vibrant tapestry of South African cultures at Lesedi Cultural Village, gaining insights into their influence on contemporary life, while the Cradle of Humankind offers a journey back in time. Embark on your adventure after breakfast, traversing the suburbs of Johannesburg North towards the Cradle of Humankind. Your knowledgeable guide will address any inquiries you may have about this remarkable destination. According to legend, this area has been inhabited by African ancestors for 3 million years, earning its title as the birthplace of humanity. Delve into the Sterkfontein Caves and the Maropeng Visitor Center to delve deeper into why this locale holds such significance. Witness various fossils and absorb vast knowledge about our human origins.

Next, proceed to the Lesedi Cultural Village to immerse yourself in the diverse cultures that shape South Africa's modern society. With its rich African heritage, Lesedi Cultural Village offers an unparalleled opportunity to explore the rainbow nation's multitude of cultures. Conclude your day with a captivating African dance performance, adding a spectacular finale to your enriching tour.

Post tour enjoy lunch at Sakhumzi Restaurant followed by drop-off at your hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight in Johannesburg

## DAY 4 Johannesburg Sightseeing-Flight to Mpumalanga (KRUGER) [B/-/D]

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.

Later you will be transferred to Johannesburg airport for your 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 5

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 6

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 7

Cape Town - Robben Island & Bo Kaap Table Mountain tour [B/-/-]

Morning after breakfast, meet your guide and proceed to Cape Town on an informative full-day sightseeing tour. See where many were incarcerated during Apartheid on Robben Island, see Table Mountain, and discover the colorful houses of Bo-Kaap. A Robben Island tour is a must-do activity when visiting Cape Town. Here's some information about the tour: Robben Island is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a symbol of South Africa's struggle against apartheid. It's located in Table Bay, about 7 kilometers from Cape Town. The island served as a prison for political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela, for nearly five decades. Today, it's a museum and a popular tourist attraction.

The tour to Robben Island starts with a ferry ride from the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town. The journey takes about 30 minutes, and you'll be able to enjoy stunning views of Table Mountain and the city skyline along the way.

Once you arrive on the island, you'll be taken on a guided tour by a former political prisoner, who will share their personal experiences and give you insights into life on the island. You'll visit the prison cells,

including Nelson Mandela's cell, and learn about the harsh conditions and the prisoners' daily routines.

The tour also includes a visit to the island's museum, where you can see exhibits about the island's history and the anti-apartheid struggle. The tour takes about 3.5 hours in total, including the ferry ride.

It's recommended to book your Robben Island tour in advance, especially during peak tourist season, as tickets can sell out quickly. It's also important to note that the tour is weather dependent, and the ferry ride may be canceled or delayed in case of adverse weather conditions.

Visiting Robben Island is a moving and informative experience that offers a glimpse into South Africa's past and the struggle for freedom and equality.

Soon after returning from Robben Island, enjoy some free time for lunch (own expense). Post lunch 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 8

Cape Town - Full day Peninsula Tour, Evening Dinner at Gold restaurant [B/-/D]

Embark on an adventure to discover the incredible Cape of Good Hope after having breakfast. Travel along the Atlantic coast and admire the stunning scenery as you pass through Bantry Bay, Clifton, Camps Bay, Llandudno, and Chapman's Peak. Chapman's Peak Drive is a renowned marine drive that offers breathtaking views of the coastline and the sandy bays below. The route begins at Hout Bay, a picturesque fishing harbor, and winds steeply up to Chapman's Point before descending to Noordhoek.

As you continue along Victoria Road, you'll pass through exclusive residential areas before reaching the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, a remarkable reserve that spans rugged cliffs, lush fynbos, and vast open spaces. The park is located at the very tip of the peninsula, with the Indian and Atlantic Oceans on either side. Your guide will provide an overview of the reserve upon your arrival, and you'll take the funicular to the Cape Point Lighthouse. As you travel through dense foliage, take in the stunning scenery on your way to the upper lighthouse.

After visiting Cape Point, head to Boulders Beach to see the penguin colony, followed by a scenic drive along Boyes Drive, where you'll see Kalk Bay and Muizenberg. The Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, which are located against the iconic Table Mountain and overlook the city of Cape Town, are the next stop.

The tour ends with drop-off at your hotel in the late afternoon. Evening, take a stroll around the harbor and enjoy the views of Table Mountain and the ocean

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 9 Cape Town - Half day Winelands tour with Lunch (B/L/-)

Embark on an awe-inspiring journey through the captivating winelands of the South African Cape. Experience the intricate process of winemaking firsthand, from the lush vineyards to the final bottled product, as you explore the historic towns of Stellenbosch. Your adventure begins with a pickup from your Cape Town hotel, leading you to the enchanting Stellenbosch Winelands, a mere 20-minute drive away. As you traverse the region, be captivated by the breathtaking scenery, offering a stark contrast to the landscape of the Cape peninsula. Stellenbosch boasts a renowned array of grape varieties, including Chenin Blanc, Shiraz, Pinotage, and the Méthode Cap Classique.

Delve into the charm of Stellenbosch, a quaint yet vibrant town steeped in history. Enjoy a guided tour of

a wine cellar, immersing yourself in the fascinating world of winemaking, followed by a delightful wine tasting session. Here, you'll have the opportunity to acquire some of the exceptional wines to relish at home, extending your appreciation of the region's superb vintages long after your visit.. Post lunch, return back to the hotel and relax.

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.

Overnight in Cape Town

#### DAY 10 Cape Town - Departure [B/-/-]

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

## Payment Policy

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**Deposit: US\$ 2200 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

Deposit date: 10th April 2024

Full Balance: 11th August 2024 **[Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

(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

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**We encourage everyone who books a VOYAGES HUB TOURS package, regardless of age or tour choice, to obtain a travel protection plan. While you intend to take that once-in-a-lifetime trip, illness, family emergencies, and other factors can derail your best-laid plans.**

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## Cancellation Policy

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- ◆ Starting from the booking date until August 11, 2024, a cancellation will incur a \$2200 per person non-refundable/non-transferable deposit fee plus any interruption insurance costs if bought.
- ◆ From August 12, 2024 to Oct 10, 2024, canceling 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

All payment cut-off dates are firm, and missing deadlines without approved extensions will result in cancellations without refunds being offered.

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