

# THE BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH VEDONNA COX

Featuring - CAPE TOWN , JOHANNESBURG, MAPUMALANGA (KRUGER)

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DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
8 Nights / 10 Days	12 People	Cincinnati	Twin Sharing Price - \$ 4,899.00 Single Supplement Price - \$ 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	Southern Sun Rose Bank	2 Nights
MAPUMALANGA (KRUGER)	Kurger Gate Hotel	2 Nights
CAPE TOWN	Southern Sun Water Front	4 Nights



## TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 8 Nights' Accommodation in listed hotels or similar based on DBL / TWN sharing basis
- ◆ Daily Breakfast
- ◆ 2 Dinners during stay at Kruger gate hotel
- ◆ Admissions to Apartheid Museum Entrance, Mandela House Entrance, Hector Pieterse Museum Entrance, God's Window, Blyde River Canyon, Three Rondavels, Cape of Good Hope (Cape Point), Boulders Penguin Colony, Cape Point Funicular, Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
- ◆ Table Mountain Aerial Cableway Tickets - Weather Permitting
- ◆ GOLD Restaurant: Interactive Djembe Drumming and 14 Dish African feast & Entertainment
- ◆ Transportation as per the itinerary above
- ◆ Guide and Driver meals & accommodation where applicable
- ◆ Local English-speaking driver on all transfers and sightseeing excursions
- ◆ National English-speaking guide on all transfers and sightseeing excursions
- ◆ International Return Airfare **ex Cincinnati**
- ◆ Regional airfare - Johannesburg to Cape Town
- ◆ Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

## TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals and all other sightseeing or Services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Visa fees & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Covid Testing fees (RT-PCR)
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, 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 Cincinnati [-/-/-]

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 -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 Mpumalanga

## 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 - Day free at leisure [B/-/-]

The day is free at leisure. Cape Town has plenty of

things to see and do to make the most of your time.

Explore the V&A Waterfront, wander around the shops, cafe and restaurants, or pre-boo one of our suggested

Add-ons -

### **Add-on Robben Island tour : USD 70 Per person**

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.

### **Add-on Winelands Tour including Lunch: USD 95 Per person**

Experiencing the attractions of the Cape Winelands is an essential part of any visit to the Cape. A half-day tour of Stellenbosch, the country's top wine region, is highly recommended. The town is steeped in history and features a beautiful blend of Cape Dutch, Georgian and Victorian architecture, with a modern atmosphere. This area, known as South Africa's golden triangle for

winemaking, produces a range of exceptional wines, including reds, whites, blends, and sparkling wines. The region is also renowned for its stunning scenery, fantastic cuisine, and friendly locals. This tour is a perfect addition to any trip to Cape Town and should not be missed.

Overnight in Cape Town

#### DAY 8 Cape Town - Full day Peninsula Tour [B/-/]

After breakfast, meet your guide and embark on a full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula. The first stop is Hout Bay, a picturesque coastal suburb that boasts a vibrant fishing harbor. A boat ride to Seal Island is available at an additional cost.

Next, drive along Chapman's Peak, a scenic coastal road that offers breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and the rugged coastline. Stop at the Cape of Good Hope, the most southwestern point of the African continent, and take a short hike to the lighthouse for panoramic views of the coastline.

After lunch at a local restaurant (own expense), visit Boulders Beach to see the African penguin colony. This is a unique opportunity to see these fascinating creatures in their natural habitat.

Next, head to the historic naval village of Simon's Town and visit the South African Naval Museum. Finally, on the way back to Cape Town, take a scenic drive through the affluent suburb of Constantia, known for its world-renowned wine estates. 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

Overnight in Cape Town

#### DAY 9 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.

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 10 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

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**Deposit: US\$ 750 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferable]**

**Deposit date: 20th Dec 2023**

**2nd Deposit: US\$1500 by 15th Jan 2024 [Non-refundable / Non-transferable]**

Full Balance: 4th April 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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**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.**

VOYAGES HUB TOURS has teamed up with Travel Guard to provide a Travel Protection Plan specifically designed for U.S. residents. Feel free to email us to receive a quote, without any obligation to commit.

## Cancellation Policy

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- ◆ From the date of booking to 90 days before departure: \$2250 per person Non-Refundable / Non-transferrable Deposit + interruption insurance cost (if purchased) + **Cost of Air ticket if issued**
- ◆ 89 days or fewer before departure: **No refund is available.**

### 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.

### PLEASE NOTE

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