

### **Day 1**

#### **Australia - Johannesburg**

Today begins the adventure of a lifetime as you depart Australia for your private Africa safari!

### **Day 2**

#### **Johannesburg - Kruger National Park**

Welcome to South Africa! On arrival in Johannesburg, you will take your connecting flight to Nelspruit Airport, the airport for Kruger National Park. Upon arrival at Nelspruit, you will be warmly greeted by a representative of your lodge and transferred to your luxury accommodation. After check-in, take the rest of the day at leisure to relax and mingle with your fellow travellers. Later this evening, enjoy a delicious 3-course dinner to round off the day before preparing for an early morning tomorrow.

Hotel: 4★ Maqueda Lodge or similar

Meals: 3-course dinner

### **Day 3**

#### **Kruger National Park**

Rise with the sun this morning as you begin an early game drive through Kruger National Park. Ensure you bring your camera along as you will be spotting the magnificent Big 5 in their natural environment. The Big 5 represent the five largest game animals in Africa and include the lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant and Cape buffalo. Seeing these incredible animals is on everyone's African safari bucket list; however you will be seeing much more. The abundance of species within the park is extraordinary. Get up close to the animals over this 6-8 hour tour in your specialised safari vehicle lead by an expert guide. Later this evening, enjoy a well-deserved, sumptuous 3-course dinner while swapping stories of your animal encounters earlier that day.

Hotel: 4★ Maqueda Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast, dinner

### **Day 4**

#### **Kruger National Park**

Today is a free day to spend as you wish. Following breakfast, you may simply wish to relax and unwind from the previous days safaris or partake in an optional excursion to Swaziland.

Optional tour: Swaziland - Known for its wilderness reserves and colourful festivals, this landlocked monarchy is an incredible cultural experience and a must-see place on your South Africa tour. After an early breakfast, you will be visiting a Swazi Village to gain insight to the beautiful Swazi culture and traditions. The tour includes an authentic African lunch, dancing and an opportunity to interact with the local community.

Optional tour: Sunset Game Drive - This tour offers a very different experience to your daytime safari. Kruger National Park is alive with a whole new range of nocturnal animals once the sun starts to set and your expert guide will help you spot them.

Hotel: 4★ Maqueda Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### **Day 5**

#### **Kruger National Park**

Rise early again today for another phenomenal game drive through Kruger National Park. Be on the lookout for animals you may have missed on the first game drive and prepare to encounter different experiences. No two days within the park are the same!

Hotel: 4★ Maqueda Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast, dinner

### **Day 6**

#### **Kruger National Park**

Enjoy a free day today after breakfast. Relax at the lodge and reminisce about all the amazing animals you have seen so far or partake in our optional tour.

Optional tour: Panoramic Tour - Rise early for one of the most scenic tours in South Africa. You will explore the North Eastern escarpment of the Drakensberg, a breathtaking natural structure enclosing the central Southern African plateau. Your tour includes a visit to the stunning Blyde River Canyon, the aptly named God's Window and the spectacular geological phenomenon, the Bourkes Potholes.

Hotel: 4★ Maqueda Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### **Day 7**

#### **Kruger National Park - Livingstone - Victoria Falls**

After breakfast, say farewell to the magnificent animals that call Kruger National Park home as you head to Nelspruit Airport for your onward flight to Livingstone. On arrival at Livingstone Airport, you will be welcomed by a local representative who will arrange your transfer to your hotel, the luxurious Royal Zambezi Lodge.

Later in the afternoon, enjoy a sundowner Zambezi River cruise, a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the river. You will have the opportunity to see a variety of game, including elephants, hippo, crocodiles and different bird species. The rest of the evening is yours at leisure.

Hotel: 4★ Zambezi Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast

### **Day 8**

#### **Victoria Falls**

Today you'll enjoy an in-depth tour of the spectacular Victoria Falls, the awe-inspiring grandeur that sits on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe. Discover how the falls were formed and what local customs and traditions surround them. The tour is very informative and ends with a visit to the local art and crafts centre. Following this, the remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Optional tour: Helicopter Flight – this unforgettable experience will take you on a thrilling airborne tour over the falls. This is an exciting activity for those with a taste for adventure. See a completely new perspective of the beautiful falls and have the chance to spot some unsuspecting game from above.

Hotel: 4★ Zambezi Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast

### **Day 9**

#### **Victoria Falls - Chobe National Park**

Your safari adventure continues today as you are transferred to the Cresta Mowana Safari Resort and Spa on the banks of the Chobe River. This luxury accommodation lies within the incredible Chobe National Park. Settle in and relax, spending the rest of your day at your leisure. Chobe National Park, in northern Botswana, has one of the largest concentrations of game in Africa. By size, it is the third largest park in the country, after the Central Kalahari Game Reserve and the Gemsbok National Park, and is the most biologically diverse.

Hotel: 4★ Cresta Mowana Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast

## **Day 10**

### **Chobe National Park**

Spend the morning at leisure exploring the stunning resort and preparing for your afternoon game drive. In specialised open air safari vehicles you will have a fantastic experience on your first game drive in the world famous Chobe National Park. Game drives offer you the opportunity to view the abundant elephants and other big game animals in their natural habitat. Start by beginning your count for the Big 5! Later, return to the Lodge and enjoy your evening swapping stories of your day's favourite sightings.

Hotel: 4★ Cresta Mowana Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast

## **Day 11**

### **Chobe National Park**

Rise early today for your morning game drive through Chobe National Park. The game drive will begin at sunrise to give you the opportunity to catch the animals when they are hungry and most active. Keep your eye out for some of the animals you might have missed yesterday!

Optional tour: Sunset River Safari - Later this afternoon, you may choose to do an afternoon river cruise on the Chobe River to view the animals on the banks of the river. Otherwise simply relax and unwind while the sun goes down over beautiful Africa.

Hotel: 4★ Cresta Mowana Lodge or similar

Meals: breakfast

## **Day 12**

### **Chobe National Park - Kasane - Cape Town**

After breakfast, say farewell to the magnificent animals that call Chobe National Park home as you head to the Kasane Airport for your flight to Cape Town. On arrival in Cape Town, you will be welcomed by a representative of Private Safaris who will assist you with the transfers to your hotel, Winchester Mansions. This iconic seafront hotel is situated between the famous Table Mountain and V&A Waterfront. Refresh before spending the rest of your day at leisure.

Hotel: 4★ Winchester Mansions or similar

Meals: breakfast, lunch

## **Day 13**

### **Cape Town**

Today is a free day to enjoy the spectacular city of Cape Town at your own pace.

Optional tour: Franschoek Valley - the food and wine heartland of the country, where splendid wines are grown and top chefs create lasting memories. The tour includes a combination of a tram and tram bus that will transport you around a seven stop loop. You'll be allowed to hop off at each stop and experience the activities on offer, may it be wine tasting on a cellar tour or a delicious lunch.

Hotel: 4★ Winchester Mansions or similar

Meals: breakfast

## **Day 14**

### **Cape Town**

After breakfast, you will be taken on a brief tour of Afrogem, one of the leading jewellery manufacturers in South Africa. You will enjoy a firsthand experience of how smelted gold is transformed and watch the craftsman set gems and semi-precious stones into the creation of new jewellery. After this you'll enjoy a trip up the cable car to the top of Table Mountain for some exquisite views of Cape Town! When you are ready, make your own way back to your hotel where the rest of the day is yours to do as you will.

Optional tour: Robben Island - Robben Island is famous, or rather infamous, as the holding place for the imprisoned Nelson Mandela. Mandela served 18 of his 27 years in prison incarcerated on the island's prison, but Robben Island has also housed a hospital, mental institution, leper colony and military base during its rich history. Now, Robben Island is a World Heritage Site and museum to explore.

Hotel: 4★ Winchester Mansions or similar

Meals: breakfast

## **Day 15**

### **Cape Town**

After an early breakfast you'll set out to enjoy a full day tour of the Cape Peninsula. Don't forget your camera! The tour begins with a scenic drive along the Atlantic Coast, passing through the natural beauty of Camps Bay and the quaint fishing village of Hout Bay. The tour includes a trip to the gorgeous Cape Point, which lies at the south western tip of the Cape Peninsula. Here you'll witness the most spectacular views as you witness the union of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The Cape Point Nature Reserve comprises of 17,300 acres of indigenous fauna and flora. Here you can see some incredible wildlife, including baboons, rhebok, Cape Mountain Zebra and the elusive eland. On route back to your hotel you'll also have the opportunity to visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach. Your day will finish off at the beautiful Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens for a short walking tour.

Hotel: 4★ Winchester Mansions or similar

Meals: breakfast

## **Day 16**

### **Cape Town - Rovos Rail**

This morning you will be transferred to Cape Town station after breakfast where you will begin your luxury tour on board the gleaming wood panelled Rovos Rail. This 5 star train embodies the spirit of travel in a bygone era. Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car or observation car at the rear of the train. Lunch is served in the charming Victorian dining cars. Meals on board will be complimented by a selection of fine South African wines and will include fresh, local ingredients and traditional game dishes. After lunch the train will reach Worcester in the Hex River Valley before climbing  $\pm 750\text{m}$  up the face of the escarpment. The train will then reach the first of four tunnels on the pass. The third tunnel is 13.5 kilometres long and guests are advised to be careful during this thrilling experience as we are temporarily deprived of the natural light. Tea will be available in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train as you relax and enjoy the vista on route towards the town of Matjiesfontein. Here you will disembark and enjoy a stroll through the historic village before returning to the platform to visit the collection of historic cars and railway carriages to the right of the beautiful Lord Milner Hotel. From Matjiesfontein you will continue overnight through the huge semi-desert expanse of the Karoo. Dinner will be served in the dining cars.

Hotel: 5★ Rovos Rail - Pullman Suite

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

## **Day 17**

### **Rovos Rail**

After breakfast, spend the morning relaxing and mingling in the lounge car and observation car at the rear of the train. Shortly after lunch you will arrive in Kimberley, the capital city of South Africa's Northern Cape Province. Disembark the train for a tour of the city and a visit to the famous Diamond Mine Museum, where you'll see sparkling jewellery displays and raw uncut diamonds. Next visit the 19th century diamond mine, the incredibly deep, hand-dug Big Hole. After this you will depart Kimberly where approximately 10 minutes later the train will pass by a beautiful shallow lake. On the left-hand side of the train there are, on most occasions, spectacular flocks of lesser flamingos,

approximately 23,000 strong. Spend the rest of the day sipping tea with fellow travellers and enjoy more incredible sights as your journey continues on.

Hotel: 5★ Rovos Rail - Pullman Suite

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### **Day 18**

#### **Rovos Rail - Pretoria**

Enjoy a lovely breakfast this morning as you travel northeast through the goldfields of the Witwatersrand. The train arrives at journey's end at the Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria. On arrival at Pretoria station, you will be warmly welcomed by a tour representative for your transfer to your hotel. After check-in, relax and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Hotel: 4★ AM Milner or similar

Meals: breakfast

### **Day 19**

#### **Pretoria - Johannesburg - Australia**

After breakfast it'll be time to check-out of your hotel and begin your farewells as your trip comes to a close. You will be transferred to Johannesburg Airport where you will board your onward flight to Australia. We hope you've had a fantastic adventure with plenty of stories, photos and memories to share with friends and family back home.

Meals: breakfast

### **Day 20**

#### **Australia**

Arrive home today.