

Explore Southern Africa

Priced from \$3949.00 per person excluding airfares with various departures throughout the year.

Itinerary

Day 1 Cape Town

Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included.

Arrival Airport Transfer

Cape Town International Airport – Cape Town 1h

You will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to start your adventure.

Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting

1h 18:00

Meet your Cape Town G Adventures representative at the hotel (at approx. 18:00) - please have a look at the information board in the hotel. Your rep will go through your tour details, help you with booking optional activities, and be your contact person for the next few days.

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Optional Activities - Day 1

Two Oceans Aquarium

Cape Town 1h-2h

135ZAR per person

Stay dry while exploring the incredible diversity of marine life that dwells in and around the Indian and Atlantic Oceans.

Table Mountain Hike

Table Mountain – Constantianek 4km

550-1400ZAR per person

Hike up one of the world's most recognizable mountains, Table Mountain, along the Platteklip Gorge route. Rise early to meet your guide for a transfer to the start of the hike. Wind your way up the front of the mountain, stopping regularly to take in the surrounding views of the city and Table Bay. Take note of the changing vegetation up the mountain - a highlight of this trek. Once reaching the summit there are stunning panoramic views. Make your way down to the base of the mountain via the cable way.

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Table Mountain Visit

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240ZAR per person

Take the five-minute cable car trip to the top of Table Mountain, 1,085m (3,562ft) above Cape Town, and explore the summit. This is a great spot to sit and soak up the commanding 360-degree views of Cape Town, Table Bay, the peaks of surrounding mountains, and the rest of Table Mountain National Park. The visit up the mountain is weather dependent.

Please note that the cable car is closed every year for a 2 week period between July and August for annual maintenance.

Shark Cage Diving

Cape Town

Apex Shark Expeditions specializes in photographic and cage-diving excursions to view great white sharks in False Bay, South Africa. They're among the area's foremost experts on these massive creatures and are passionate advocates for conservation and ethical diving practices. Opt to get up close with a great white on this once-in-a-lifetime activity.

Accommodation

Inn on the Square (or similar)

Hotel

Day 2 Cape Town

Visit Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden with an expert guide on a tour exclusively designed for our groups – the garden has been named one of the top gardens in the world by National Geographic Traveler magazine. Continue on to explore vibrant Cape Town and Cape Point, with a visit to the penguins at Boulders Beach.

Private Vehicle

Cape Town

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens Guided Tour

Stop and smell the flowers on a tour specially designed for National Geographic travellers. Visit Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, led by an expert who will talk about the history of the gardens, its exhibits and a behind the scenes look at the mother beds. The garden is administered by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) who have received funding from National Geographic and the site has been named one of the Top 10 gardens in the world by National Geographic Traveler.

Guided Cape Town Orientation Tour and Excursion to Cape Point

Cape Town 7h

Enjoy a guided orientation tour of vibrant Cape Town. Continue on to Cape Point to enjoy a stunning vista and visit the penguins at Boulders Beach.

Accommodation

Inn on the Square (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 3 Cape Town

Enjoy a day of leisure and choose from a variety of optional activities, including Table Mountain or a Stellenbosch wine tour.

There is something for everyone in Cape Town. Visit Table Mountain, walk the V&A Waterfront or embark on a wine tour in and around Stellenbosch. For the adventurous, opt to go skydiving, abseiling, or, if you're really brave, cage diving for a close encounter with a great white shark. Wander through the city centre, which has some of the oldest buildings and gardens in South Africa. Check out the Cultural Historical Museum, Planetarium, and many other museums and theatres.

If you are interested in visiting Robben Island - you must book it directly with the museum on their website prior to travel: <http://www.robben-island.org.za> Due to high demand, it is common that this tour can be sold out over one month in advance.

Free Time

Cape Town Full Day

Enjoy a day of your leisure in this cosmopolitan and charming city.

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Cape Winelands Tour

Cape Town 8h-9h

1050-1450ZAR per person

Take a full day guided tour of three different South African wine regions, including a visit to the historical Dutch Capital of Stellenbosch. Explore an old wine estate on a guided cellar tour, and indulge in multiple tastings and pairings of chocolate, cheese, and the local delicacy, Biltong (salted meat). Take in the picturesque surroundings and enjoy a traditional South African lunch before returning to your hotel in Cape Town.

Accommodation

Inn on the Square (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 4 Cape Town/Johannesburg

Fly to Johannesburg. Arrive in time for a unique dinner Braai (barbecue) and meet your CEO and fellow travellers.

Fly to Johannesburg and transfer to hotel. Meet your local CEO for a briefing and enjoy a traditional South African braai (barbecue) dinner in the evening.

Accommodation

Malikana Guesthouse (or similar)

Guesthouse

Meals included:

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 5 Johannesburg/Kruger National Park

Enjoy a full day scenic drive along the famed Panorama Route with stops at Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, and God's Window. Continue to our tented camp located just outside Kruger National Park and this evening enjoy a delicious South African dinner on the deck or in the boma.

Today is a very long driving day; however, we will make many stops along the way at sites along the Panorama Route.

Panorama Route Scenic Drive

Enjoy a scenic drive along the famed Panorama Route. You'll see magnificent mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, and waterfalls. There will also be stops at Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, and God's Window.

Private Vehicle

Johannesburg – Kruger National Park 7h-8h 30m 500km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Accommodation

Muluwa Lodge (or similar)

Safari Lodge

Meals included:

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 6 Kruger National Park

Enjoy a morning wildlife safari drive through Kruger National Park in an open vehicle. Take in views of the abundant wildlife including elephants, lions and giraffe. Afterwards, opt to take an afternoon safari drive, wildlife bush walk, or relax on the deck with views of the watering hole - a popular spot for animals to visit.

At over 19,000 sq km (7,500 sq mi), South Africa's Kruger National Park is one of the largest and most impressive animal reserves in the world. With 147 species, Kruger has more species of large mammals than any other park on the continent.

Safari vehicle

Kruger National Park 3h

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride.

Kruger National Park Open Vehicle Wildlife Safari Drive - Half day

Kruger National Park 3h-4h

Hop in a 4x4 safari vehicle and get yourself one step closer to the surrounding nature. Be ready to spot elephants, giraffes, hippos, lions, zebras, and many other species in this impressive South African NP.

Free Time

Kruger National Park Afternoon

Opt to take an optional afternoon safari drive or wildlife walk.

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Optional Activities - Day 6

Kruger Area Wildlife Walk

Kruger National Park 2h30m-3h30m

1220ZAR per person

Embark on a bush walk in Kruger National Park with a local guide/ranger. Encounter the wildlife and enjoy an on the ground perspective of this amazing ecosystem.

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1050ZAR per person

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Accommodation

Muluwa Lodge (or similar)

Safari Lodge

Meals included:

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 7 Kruger National Park/Karongwe Private Game Reserve

Continue on to a private nature reserve in the Greater Kruger area. This afternoon, take in a lecture with a researcher from the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Cheetah Metapopulation Project who will share information about their efforts to protect cheetahs and other carnivores. This National Geographic-sponsored project is part of the Big Cats Initiative. After, the researcher will join us on our evening wildlife safari drive.

For the next two days, enjoy ranger-led morning and evening wildlife safari drives in an open safari vehicle in Karongwe Nature Reserve. Search for buffaloes, elephants, leopards, lions, and rhinos – Africa's famed Big Five. With over 9,000 hectares (22,240 acres) of supreme African bushveld, Karongwe Private Game Reserve is home to many creatures, and our safari drives provide several opportunities for wildlife viewing.

We use various accommodations within the reserve (the location is based on availability). During your time here, you will either stay in lodge rooms or very comfortable permanent tents (both of equal quality and with similar amenities).

Wildlife safari drives are conducted with qualified wildlife rangers and Shangaan trackers who will share their vast experience of the African bush.

On some occasions, if space is unavailable, we may need to change accommodations or even use a different private reserve. In such a case, be assured we will choose other lodges or comfort camps (of equal quality) within the Greater Kruger area.

Private Vehicle

Kruger National Park – Karongwe Private Game Reserve 3h150km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Carnivore Conservation Experience

Meet with a researcher from the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Cheetah Metapopulation Project, a project managed by National Geographic grantee Vincent van der Merwe. A member of Vincent's team will give a talk about cheetahs in South Africa and the important research CMP is doing.

We will also discuss conservation within parks and reserves in South Africa and National Geographic's Big Cats Initiative. You will then be accompanied by the researcher on a wildlife safari drive to give you more insight into cheetahs and other carnivores.

Accommodation

Karongwe Private Game Reserve - Lodges (or similar)

Safari Lodge

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 8 Karongwe Private Game Reserve

Enjoy early morning and afternoon safari drives with our local guides, searching for buffaloes, elephants, leopards, lions, and rhinos – Africa's famed Big Five. In our down time, relax at the camp, take a walk around the grounds or enjoy a cool drink on the deck.

Wake up before the sun (around 5am) and sip your morning coffee before heading out on a morning wildlife safari drive. Return to the lodge for brunch and some leisure time. Converse on the deck, walk the grounds and gardens, and enjoy high tea. Following tea, it's time for a late afternoon safari drive. After spotting tons of wildlife, it's time to return to camp and freshen up before dinner.

Karongwe Private Reserve Open Vehicle Wildlife Safari Drive

Karongwe Private Game Reserve 3h05:00

Jump into a safari 4x4 and keep your eyes open for fantastic wildlife encounters. Wildlife safari drives are conducted with qualified wildlife rangers and Shangaan trackers; both will share their vast experience of the African bush.

Free Time

Karongwe Private Game Reserve Afternoon

Relax and enjoy some down time between wildlife safari drives.

Accommodation

Karongwe Private Game Reserve - Lodges (or similar)

Safari Lodge

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 9 Karongwe Private Game Reserve/Johannesburg

After one last safari wildlife safari drive, head back to the city. In the evening, enjoy dinner at our local guest house.

Karongwe Private Reserve Open Vehicle Wildlife Safari Drive

Karongwe Private Game Reserve 3h 05:00 Morning

Jump into a safari 4x4 and keep your eyes open for fantastic wildlife encounters. Wildlife safari drives are conducted with qualified wildlife rangers and Shangaan trackers; both will share their vast experience of the African bush.

Private Vehicle

Karongwe Private Game Reserve – Johannesburg 7h 500km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Accommodation

Malikana Guesthouse (or similar)

Guesthouse

Meals included:

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 10 Johannesburg/Victoria Falls

Fly to Zimbabwe and meet our local CEO. Gain insight into what life's like in Africa with a walk through a local market and dinner at a family homestead. Meet our host, learn their history and discuss daily life and culture in Zimbabwe. Share stories as you enjoy a traditional Zimbabwean dinner.

The mist off Victoria Falls can rise to a height of more than 400m (1312 ft). Local tribes used to call the falls Mosi-o-Tunya or “the smoke that thunders.” Explorer and missionary David Livingstone renamed the falls after Queen Victoria when he first saw them in 1855.

Plane

Oliver Reginald Tambo International – Victoria Falls2h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

National Geographic Journeys Exclusives: Zimbabwean Family Dinner

Flatter Ncube is the head of her family which includes two sisters and numerous children. She's the youngest of a family of 10 and, now in her early 40s, lives in the village she was raised in near Victoria Falls. There she takes care of her extended family on their homestead, which she and they have been proudly building by hand, brick by brick, for years. Flatter's story highlights that life isn't easy in Africa, but despite its challenges, there is much love and laughter and a strong sense of family here.

Visit Flatter's homestead in her rural village; meet her and some of her family, and walk with some of them throughout the property, among the fruit and vegetable plants the family grows for consumption. (They even plant hot chillies among the vegetables to discourage nosy elephants.) Then help the family prepare a traditional Zimbabwean dinner, which we'll all eat together outside on the property, weather permitting. Ingredients for the meal will have been hand-selected earlier in the day, at the bustling and friendly local village market.

This experience offers great insight into typical African life, and ultimately reinforce how we all really want and need the same things in life: a stable home full of love, a good education, and plenty of opportunity for our children.

Accommodation

Cresta Sprayview Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 11 Victoria Falls

Enjoy a morning tour of the beautiful Victoria Falls, then the rest of the day is free to explore the area. Take part in a river safari, cultural tours, whitewater rafting, canoeing, or a helicopter ride over the falls.

If you have an activity planned for this morning, we will reschedule your Falls tour for this afternoon, or tomorrow morning.

Victoria Falls Guided Tour

Victoria Falls 1h30m-2h30m

Join a knowledgeable guide for an unforgettable experience at Victoria Falls. Explore the rainforest and learn about the geology, history, and local legends of this world wonder. After your immersion, get up close to the falls and discover the beauty of "the smoke that thunders." Be sure to have your camera ready!

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Optional Activities - Day 11

Victoria Falls Whitewater Rafting

Victoria Falls 4h-7h

150-160USD per person

Take the opportunity to go whitewater rafting on the Zambezi River while Victoria Falls roars above. Depart in the morning and navigate through the canyon that forms the famous falls. The dramatic rapids will fill you with excitement and complete your experience. Includes a full-day of rafting on class III-V rapids, transfers, and lunch.

Please note: River conditions and activity pricing vary depending on the seasons. High water season is from about February to July. Low water season generally runs from August to January each year - this is when the Zambezi is at its very wildest. The "closed season" is dependent on the season's rains, and usually is from March to April; during this time rafting on the river is not

permitted. Additionally, this activity requires passengers to hike down and up the Batoka Gorge (approx. 45 minutes each way) to access the river; an average level of fitness is required.

This activity price excludes a \$10 park entrance fee.

Zambezi River Sunset Cruise

Victoria Falls

58USD per person

Climb aboard and cruise along the beautiful Zambezi River. Enjoy some snacks, drinks, a festive atmosphere, and gorgeous views of the sunset. It's the ideal way to end an eventful day in Victoria Falls.

Zambezi Bungee Jump

Victoria Falls

160USD per person

Get the adrenaline pumping with a bungee jump from the Victoria Falls Bridge over the Zambezi River. Hear the rush of Victoria Falls as you enjoy this once in a lifetime experience.

Victoria Falls Helicopter Ride - 15min

Victoria Falls

160USD per person

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Please note there is a cost for an additional park fee paid for on-site at time of the activity.

Victoria Falls Helicopter Ride - 25min

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330USD per person

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Canoeing the Zambezi

Victoria Falls

160USD per person

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Accommodation

Cresta Sprayview Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

Day 12 Victoria Falls

Depart at any time.

Departure Day (Activities)

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with any onward travel arrangements you require.

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Optional Activities - Day 12

Microlight Flight over Victoria Falls

Livingstone

175USD per person

Take a 12-15 Microlight flight over the falls to get an unparalleled, unobstructed view of the spectacular gorge that the Zambezi River has carved into the surrounding landscape over thousands of years.

Please note that this activity takes place in Livingstone, Zambia and visa fees are not included in the price of this activity.

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Chobe National Park Day Trip

Victoria Falls 9h-10h

170USD per person

Depart Victoria Falls in the morning for a full-day guided tour of Chobe National Park in Botswana - a wildlife-abundant region covering about 11,700km² of the Northern Kalahari. Begin your adventure with a cruise down the Chobe River, taking in the sweeping views and witnessing the wildlife grazing along the riverbank. Enjoy an included lunch on land before boarding 4x4 safari vehicles for an afternoon wildlife safari drive with an expert guide. Keep an eye out for lions, elephants, and buffalos. Transfer back to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, arriving in the early evening. Please note that this activity includes two border crossings between Zimbabwe and Botswana. The ordering of activities are susceptible to change.

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