

SOUTH AFRICA & Victoria Falls Tour

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January, February, March, April,
August, September, October & November

Check approachtours.com for departure dates.



DAYS 1 & 2 • OFF TO CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport. Fly to Cape Town where you'll meet your Group Guru and fellow travellers. It's a long way, but don't worry, in-flight entertainment helps time fly by! Upon your late evening arrival, our luxury coach brings you to your hotel. Settle in, take a nice long shower, and enjoy a restful night's sleep. Overnight in Cape Town.

DAY 3 • R&R & ROBBEN ISLAND

Morning at your leisure. Your adventure begins with an afternoon boat ride to Robben Island where you will experience a cross-section of amazing views and important South African history. Trace the footsteps of Nelson Mandela with a guided tour of the Robben Island Museum, which once housed the country's most famous political prisoner and freedom fighter. Animal lovers, don't forget to bring your camera, as Robben Island also plays host to a colony of penguins! Overnight in Cape Town. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 • TABLE MOUNTAIN & CAPTIVATING CAPE TOWN

Today is dedicated to beautiful Cape Town: tour of the city, where you will discover City Hall and the colourful Bo-Kaap area (previously, the Malay Quarter). Weather permitting, you will board the cable car and climb 302 metres above sea level for a sweeping panoramic view of Cape Town and its surroundings atop iconic Table Mountain. Enjoy an evening walk on the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront before dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Cape Town. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 • CAPE PENINSULA, SEA LIONS, PENGUINS & THE KIRSTENBOSCH GARDEN (220 KM)

Tread along the beautiful coastlines of Clifton, Camp Bay and Hout Bay, from where you will cruise to Duiker Island to see the local sea lion community (originating from the Antarctic!) as well as a variety of bird species. Enjoy the scenery at Chapman's Peak on your way to the Cape of Good Hope National Park where you will admire an endless coastline of cliff-crashing waves and beachfronts. Marvel at the spectacular sight of hundreds of African penguins stomping sand and treading water at Boulders Beach – a unique inlet that this penguin colony calls home. End the afternoon with a tour of the Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. Overnight in Cape Town. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 • THE DUTCH, THE FRENCH & THE CAPE'S WINE REGION (45 KM)

Experience a touch of colonial influence in Stellenbosch, located in the appropriately named Cape Winelands. Stellenbosch, renowned for its beautiful oak-lined Dutch and Victorian houses, as well as its award-winning wines, is the very first wine town in South Africa. Learn about the local history while cleansing your palate with wine tasting at a two-century old local winery estate. In the afternoon, discover Franschhoek (the "French Corner" of the Cape), one of the most beautiful wine valleys in the world, during an orientation tour. Overnight in Cape Town. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 • SAINT LUCIA ESTUARY & HLUHLUWE LODGE (FLIGHT)

Board a morning flight to Durban. On arrival, enjoy an afternoon boat safari on the Saint Lucia Estuary, a network of coastal lakes, dunes, subtropical forests, swamps and wetland that is home to 800 hippos, over 1,000 Nile crocodiles and over 500 resident bird species. Marvel at the colourful butterflies that drink on the nectar of fynbos flowers on a leisurely cruise along the estuary. Our luxury coach escorts you to our lodge in Hluhluwe for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 • DUMAZULU & HLUHLUWE GAME RESERVE SAFARI

Spend the morning in the DumaZulu Cultural Village, feeling the beat of the Zulu drums and learning the rich significance of the tribe's famous beadwork, weaving and pottery. In the afternoon, set off on a 4x4 game drive in the Hluhluwe Game Reserve known for its black and white rhino conservation efforts and home to some 1,500 white rhinos, 360 black rhinos, as well as a variety of antelope species. Return to our lodge in Hluhluwe for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 • DISCOVERING ESWATINI

On to Eswatini (formerly called Swaziland), a small landlocked country that is a true kaleidoscope of colours. Mingle with local Swazis at the Manzini Market, an eclectic space filled with a daily buzz of activity and colourful stalls selling everything from fruits and vegetables, to traditional medicines and contemporary artefacts. In the afternoon, meet Swazi candlemakers at the Swazi Candle Shop, which now exports its products all over the world. Overnight stay in the area. (B,L,D)



VICTORIA FALLS

DAY 10 • ESWATINI & KRUGER NATIONAL PARK SAFARI (250 KM)

Ascend towards Pigg's Peak, a mountainous landscape filled with sparkling waterfalls that earned it the nickname 'Switzerland of Africa'. Enjoy a tour of Matsamo Cultural Park, a village showcasing the Swazi way of life through cultural celebration and live interactions. Leave convention behind as you partake in rhythmic dancing performances, age-old folk songs and music with authentic African instruments, as well as traditional Swazi cuisine. End the day with an afternoon 4x4 game drive in breathtaking Kruger National Park. This massive park covers 20,000 square kilometres and is home to over 137 species of mammals, including the "Big Five": elephants, lions, leopards, Cape buffalos and rhinos, as well as numerous bird species. Overnight near Kruger National Park. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 • KRUGER NATIONAL PARK SAFARI & FREE TIME (213 KM)

Enjoy a morning 4x4 game drive where you can look forward to an encounter with over 20 different game species and a much-anticipated encounter with at least one of the Big Five. Enjoy free time in the afternoon or join us for an optional game drive (at no additional cost). Overnight near Kruger National Park. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 • PRIVATE GAME RESERVE SAFARI

Relax during a morning drive to a Private Game Reserve where you will continue to explore the African wild as portrayed on postcards. This is the land of combretum and acacia thornveld, a land where bushveld

reigns supreme and the city skyline is a thing only of the imagination; where sightings of major mammals such as giraffe, wildebeest, rhino and zebra are regular, and night visits by armadillo, bush babies, genets and porcupines are a reality. The night skies are dark, peppered by a myriad stars, the Milky Way, and the calls of nocturnal birds. Enjoy lunch upon arrival before setting off on an afternoon game drive where you can look forward to spotting the Big Five, as well as cheetahs, wild dogs, giraffes, zebras and kudus. Overnight in a lodge on the private reserve. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 • PRIVATE GAME RESERVE SAFARI PART TWO

Wake for a special sunrise 4x4 game drive, a special time to observe animals (for those who are keeping count, this is safari number five!). Return to the lodge for lunch and some R&R before heading out again this afternoon on your sixth game drive. Don't forget your camera! Overnight at the private reserve. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 • BLYDE RIVER CANYON & ROAD TO PRETORIA (530 KM)

Following breakfast, visit Blyde River Canyon and Bourke's Luck Potholes. This awe-inspiring stretch of landscape is filled with some of the most beautifully scenic vistas in South Africa where one breathtaking view follows the next. The canyon itself is one of the largest in the world, covered in lush sub-tropical vegetation with an average depth of 750 metres and 25 kilometres in length. Continue to Pretoria where you will check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)



HLUHLUWE

DAY 15 • PRETORIA & JOHANNESBURG, PAST & PRESENT

In Pretoria, explore iconic landmarks such as the Church Square, Voortrekker Monument and an imposing nine-metre statue of Nelson Mandela. After a late morning transfer to Johannesburg, visit the Apartheid Museum or the Hector Pieterse Museum (depending on open days). In the afternoon, get a taste of vibrant and gritty street life with a tour of Soweto. This township is located to the south-west of Johannesburg and is the biggest in the city, made famous for its role in the struggle against apartheid. Overnight in Pretoria. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 • VICTORIA FALLS VILLAGE (FLIGHT)

Morning transfer to Johannesburg airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, in Zimbabwe. Upon arrival, your visa and entrance formalities are handled by your Group Guru. Victoria Falls is a small, quiet tourism village dotted with many craft markets, where wildlife lovers can spot the occasional elephant crossing. After you settle into your hotel room, head out for a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, the longest eastern flowing river in Africa, connecting the borders of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia. On a tranquil stretch of the river, you will start to notice the rich wildlife that surrounds its banks, from the occasional family of hippos popping up for air to the chirps of exotic birds that accompany us downstream. Aperitifs and snacks will be served on board. Overnight stay in Victoria Falls. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 • CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOAT & LAND SAFARI

Morning scenic route to Chobe National Park in Botswana. The park lies along the Chobe River and features four distinct ecosystems – lush plains and forests, rich grasslands and savannahs, swamps, and hot and dry hinterlands that hold water well into the dry season, attracting a profusion of game. As you embark on a riverboat safari, look for the African fish eagle or Marabou stork flying overhead or resting on one of the river's islets. In the same afternoon, revel in a most special encounter during a land safari, as Chobe is known to be a haven for over 100,000 African elephants. Return to Victoria Falls and fall asleep to the distant hum of the falls. (B,L,D)

DAY 18 • WORLD WONDER – VICTORIA FALLS

Morning departure for the crown jewel of this journey, an encounter with Victoria Falls, the largest and most spectacular waterfalls in the world. The Zimbabwe side of the falls is a 1,700 metre-long water curtain that thunders down a steep 108-metre drop – get ready to feel small! You will get to experience the falls from over a dozen viewpoints sprinkled along an impressive walkway. Still in awe, enjoy free time to explore at your pace for the rest of the day before our farewell dinner this evening. Overnight stay in Victoria Falls. (B,L,D)

DAYS 19 & 20 • HOME SWEET HOME

After breakfast, make your way to the airport for your return flight to Johannesburg. Still in awe, say goodbye to your fellow travellers who opted out of our included group flights and embark on your return flights to Canada, arriving the next day. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. What a truly amazing experience! (B,L)



CAPE TOWN BEACH, SOUTH AFRICA



CAPE TOWN

20 DAYS

ALL-INCLUSIVE

\$14,095

Per person in double occupancy
Single supplement: \$1,500
2027: +\$200

 **Difficulty Rating:**
Moderate (details)

EVERY APPROACH TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PERKS:

- Private car service to and from your home airport
- International and domestic flights
- Meals and excursions that are typically sold separately
- Tips for all service providers
- 24/7 Group Guru (in addition to tour guide and local guides)
- Extensive travel insurance with Manulife Financial

TOTAL VALUE OF PERKS
\$2,905

THIS TOUR INCLUDES



TOUR ESSENTIALS

- International flights with KLM / Air France and 3 regional flights
- 12 nights in first-class hotels, 2 nights in lodges and 2 nights in a private game reserve
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, including entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage portage where available
- Visas for Canadian citizens as required



FOOD & DRINK

- All 50 meals, including: 17 breakfasts, 17 lunches and 16 dinners
- African specialty meal (included in meal count)
- Farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Wine tasting in a local winery estate
- Welcome cocktail
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



UNIQUE MOMENTS

- Panoramic view of Cape Town while perched atop Table Mountain
- Spot dozens of species mingling around a local waterhole during a sunrise safari
- Share a personal moment with the warm Ndebele tribespeople
- Feel small standing next to a 1,700 metre-long water curtain and Victoria Falls