



TABLE MOUNTAIN, CAPE TOWN

SOUTH AFRICA

Conservation and Culture from Cape Town to Kruger

13 DAYS | Choose your dates | Best season to travel: APR - SEP

Replete with natural beauty and renowned for its environmental stewardship, South Africa is a mecca for nature lovers and conservation enthusiasts. On this 13-day journey, witness conservation in action at Kruger National Park and Kirstenbosch Gardens, the crown jewels of South Africa's initiatives, as well as organizations dedicated to avian conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, and anti-poaching. As you observe some of South Africa's extraordinary biodiversity, from the safari "Big Five" to Cape Town's famous flora, go behind the scenes to get a richer understanding and appreciation of the human forces at work to protect and preserve the region's most precious natural treasures.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in scenic Cape Town from every angle: at the top of Table Mountain, along the Cape of Good Hope, and from Simon's Town, a charming Victorian village near Boulders Beach.
- Explore renowned Kirstenbosch Gardens to see the unique plant life of the world-famous Cape Floristic Region.
- Learn about wildlife rescue, research, and reintroduction at two different rehabilitation centers.
- Meet with local experts to learn about their conservation work, including the Black Mambas Anti-Poaching Unit, the first majority-female anti-poaching unit in South Africa.
- Go on game drives and bush walks to get up-close encounters with iconic African wildlife, like elephants, rhinos, antelopes, zebras, and more.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bilingual local guide
- Driver
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Private transportation
- Meals
- Beverages with meals
- Carbon offsetting



BLACK RHINO



ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

DAY 1 - DEPART US

DAY 2 - CAPE TOWN

Arrive in the evening. After clearing customs and immigration, meet your guide and transfer to the hotel. Check-in is available beginning at 3 pm.

Overnight at Radisson Blu Waterfront.

DAY 3 - CAPE TOWN

The morning is at leisure to rest after your long flight. After lunch, attend a program orientation, followed by an afternoon city tour. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the innovative and award-winning Greenhouse Restaurant. *Overnight at Radisson Blu Waterfront. (BLD)*

DAY 4 - CAPE TOWN

Today, travel along Cape Town's Atlantic Seaboard to Hout Bay, a quaint village and fishing harbor with magnificent views of the mountains and beach. From here, cruise to Seal Island, where Cape fur seals gather by the thousands. You may also see birds such as Cape and Bank Cormorants and Lesser Black-backed, Kelp, and Hartlaub's Gulls. Afterward, continue via Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breathtaking coastal drives, to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point, the meeting point between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Board a funicular and ride to the lighthouse for a panoramic view, then have lunch at Two Oceans Restaurant. Continue to historic Simon's Town, a village with charming Victorian architecture, a naval base, and

a large penguin colony at beautiful Boulders Beach. African Penguins inhabit 27 different locations on the continent; as most of these sites are inshore islands, this is one of the few places to view the penguins on the mainland. The penguins are protected by the non-profit Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB) to ensure that their populations remain strong. Wooden walkways allow visitors to observe the penguins in their natural habitat. Return to the hotel for dinner. *Overnight at Radisson Blu Waterfront. (BLD)*

DAY 5 - CAPE TOWN

This morning, take a cable car to the top of Table Mountain for views of Cape Town and the Atlantic Seaboard, followed by an afternoon visit to the Kirstenbosch Gardens with lunch at the cafe on arrival. Nestled into the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch is considered one of the



great botanical gardens of the world. It showcases a wide variety of the unique plant life of the Cape Flora, also known as fynbos, which includes sugar bushes, pincushions, and heaths. Plants from all the diverse regions and biomes of southern Africa are also grown at Kirstenbosch, including a near-complete collection of cycads. Over 125 species of birds have been recorded here, including sugarbirds, sunbirds, and a resident Spotted Eagle-Owl. Butterflies, mammals, and amphibians also make their home here, and the critically endangered Table Mountain ghost frog has been recorded at this site. Next, visit SANCCOB's seabird rehabilitation center. Dinner is on own to take advantage of leisure time at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. *Overnight at Radisson Blu Waterfront. (BL)*

DAY 6 - BLYDE RIVER CANYON NATURE RESERVE

This morning, fly to Hoedspruit, near Blyde River Canyon and Kruger National Park. Upon arrival, after collecting your luggage, you will be met by your guide/driver and transfer to Blyde River Canyon Lodge by way of the panoramic route through the Blyde River Canyon Reserve. *Overnight at Blyde River Canyon Lodge. (BD)*

DAY 7 - TIMBAVATI GAME RESERVE

After breakfast, visit the Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. The center's mission is to rehabilitate injured or orphaned wildlife and to educate the local people. Their serval breeding project has reintroduced 160 servals into areas where they had been extirpated. Continue on to Kapama Southern Camp for lunch. Check in, then begin the first of several exciting game drives, starting in the late afternoon and lasting past nightfall. Have dinner upon return to the lodge. *Overnight at Kapama Southern Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 8 - TIMBAVATI GAME RESERVE

Set out for early morning and afternoon game drives, accompanied by a skilled ranger and tracker, in hopes of observing a diverse range of animal species. Since this is a Big Five reserve, it's possible you may encounter the Cape buffalo, lion, elephant, leopard, and rhinoceros. Also likely are sightings of nyala antelopes, vervet monkeys, hyenas, zebras, hippos, and giraffes. The birding checklist includes 350

species. Also take a bush walk and have free time to enjoy the amenities offered at this luxury safari lodge. *Overnight at Kapama Southern Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 9 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, depart for the 36,000-acre Abelana Private Game Reserve in the Phalaborwa Limpopo region of Kruger National Park. En route, visit the Elephant Museum in Letaba. Makubu Lodge offers spectacular views over the Selati River, home to a plethora of wildlife such as hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of bird species, from the African Fish-Eagle to Pel's Fishing-Owl. Abelana Private Game Reserve is also home to the famed Big Five, as well as cheetahs and African wild dogs, which are occasional

visitors, and an impressive number of endemic bird species. The reserve is owned by the Mashishimale community ("abelana" means "to share amongst each other" in the local Northern Sotho language). Have dinner, and then take a night walk around the lodge grounds. *Overnight at Makubu Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 10 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today there will be two game drive activities and a talk on rhino conservation and breeding. *Overnight at Makubu Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 11 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

This morning, meet with the Black Mambas Anti-Poaching Unit, a mostly female ranger team founded in 2013 with the purpose of protecting wildlife in South Africa while helping their communities understand that the benefits of rhino conservation are greater than those of poaching. Take part in a game drive activity and an afternoon session on migration plans with a local veterinarian in Kruger. This evening, attend a farewell dinner. *Overnight at Makubu Lodge. (BLD)*

DAY 12 - DEPARTURE

After an early morning game drive and breakfast, depart for Hoedspruit and your flight to Johannesburg. You will be met and assisted with check-in for your international flight home. (B)

DAY 13 - ARRIVE US

Arrive in the US following your overnight flight. Welcome home!





LAND PRICING

\$8,375 (15 participants + 1 leader)

\$9,225 (10 participants + 1 leader)

Price includes accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, private transportation unless otherwise noted in itinerary, non-alcoholic beverages with meals, local guides in each region for duration of program, and carbon offset.

International airfare, gratuities, and items of a personal nature are not included.

Valid for travel in 2021.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

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THE FINE PRINT

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