

South Africa: From Sea to Savanna

CAPE TOWN, WINE COUNTRY, GARDEN ROUTE, AND THE BIG FIVE



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TRIP DATES

2024

July 17-29, 2024

August 30-September 11, 2024

2025

July 19-31, 2025

September 1-13, 2025

ABOUT OUR NEW TRIPS

This is a new adventure for 2024 and one that we are particularly excited about offering. We have significant experience operating trips in this area. However, as with all new departures, flexibility and a spirit of adventure are always appreciated! Activities are described in the itinerary but they can vary, sometimes considerably, depending on weather conditions, the group, and other factors.

From the scenic Garden Route on the Indian Ocean coast to the Big Five savannas of Greater Kruger, this journey weaves all the marvels of South Africa into one perfect adventure. We'll explore the Cape of Good Hope—a biodiversity hotspot with its Cape floral kingdom and rare penguins, ferry to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 19 of his 27 years as a political prisoner, and sip wine at 17th century Cape Dutch wineries. On the Garden Route, we look for the “Marine Big Five,” including southern right whales, go cruising on Knysna Lagoon, and take an intertidal moonlight meander with a marine biologist in search of bioluminescence. We finish up with an unforgettable Big Five safari on private game lands adjoining the epic Kruger Reserve.





Itinerary

TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

- Length:** 13 days
- Arrive:** Cape Town, South Africa
- Depart:** Johannesburg, South Africa
- Lodging:** 12 nights luxury lodges, boutique hotels, and safari camps
- Meals:** All meals included except 1 lunch and 1 dinner (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Activity:** Safaris, Walking, Wildlife and Natural History
- Trip Level:** 1 2 3 4 5 6
Game viewing by 4WD vehicle, bush walks, sea kayaking, intertidal walks

DAY 1 CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival in Cape Town, you are met and transferred to the Victoria and Alfred Hotel, an icon on the vibrant Cape Town Waterfront originally built in 1904. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the Waterfront...meals on your own

Cape Town: Long regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Cape Town is southern Africa's most romantic city. Few cities in the world can match its splendid setting along the spine of the mountainous Cape Peninsula. The view of the Cape that entranced early mariners over the centuries is still here—a spectacular amphitheater formed by Devil's Peak, Table Mountain, and Lion's Head to the west. The summit plateau provides breathtaking views of Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula, and at night in the summer months, the mountain is floodlit. This lively city today is also a rare cultural gem, an amalgamation of African, Indonesian, French, Dutch, British, and German cultures.

DAY 2 CAPE PENINSULA / CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

This morning we'll head down to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, a part of Table Mountain National Park that extends all the way south to famous Cape Point, with its towering stone cliffs, endemic fynbos vegetation, and breathtaking bays. We'll drive through the Atlantic-facing suburbs of Cape Town and past the famous beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay. After passing the village of Hout Bay, we come to one of the most breathtaking roads in the world, 100-year-old Chapman's Peak Drive, set into the sandstone cliff face of Chapman's Peak with views back to Hout Bay and ahead to Chapman's Bay. We pass the scenic settlements of Misty Cliffs and Scarborough, stopping en route for coffee at a local farmstead and to pick up our picnic lunch to enjoy while we're at the reserve.

In the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, we walk up to the historic lighthouse and hear stories of storms and shipwrecks, then hike on paths surrounded by unique Cape flora, the smallest of the six floral kingdoms of the world. We'll have spectacular views over False Bay and the Atlantic side of the Cape Peninsula, then head back to Cape Town by way of the world-famous penguin colony at Boulders Beach. Tonight we gather for our Welcome Dinner. Overnight at Victoria and Alfred Hotel...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 3 miles, 2 hours

DAY 3 ROBBER ISLAND / TOWNSHIP VISIT

This morning, we enjoy a scenic ferry ride out to fascinating Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 19 of his 27 years as a political prisoner. The island is now a nature reserve and a poignant memorial to South Africa's long liberation struggle. Many of the island's guides are former political prisoners. Upon our return to Cape Town, we'll visit a historic local township. Langa is Cape Town's oldest township, established as an enclave for migrant workers in the early 1900s. A local resident will guide us on an eye-opening visit to learn about the history, education, sports, politics, hopes, dreams, challenges, and opportunities experienced by these communities disadvantaged under the colonial and apartheid regime. Along the way we'll interact with the community, visit some of the informal businesses such as the "spaza shops" ("hidden" shops), shebeens (taverns), and street restaurants. We will visit the Langa Museum, where a short explanation of the history will be given, before visiting the Guga S'thebe Art Centre for a chance to see various works ranging from pottery,

beaded art, sewn products, and mosaic work. We'll also have the opportunity to participate in a short drumming lesson, one of the traditional skills of the local musicians. Lunch may be at a local eatery to sample some of the local cuisine. Overnight at Victoria and Alfred Hotel...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 1-2 hours

DAY 4 TABLE MOUNTAIN // KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDENS / FRANSCHHOEK

A scenic cable car ride (weather permitting) brings us up iconic Table Mountain for incredible views of the city and Table Bay. This mountain is one of the most spectacular urban geographic features in the world and also an incredible environment for hundreds of species of endemic flora. We'll take an easy hike of one or two hours then descend by cable car. In the afternoon we enjoy a leisurely walk amid the lush beauty of Cape Town's Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden. Few gardens in the world match the grandeur of Kirstenbosch, set on the eastern slopes of Cape Town's famed Table Mountain. Established in 1913, it was the first botanical garden devoted to a single country's indigenous flora, with some 7,000 species from South Africa's six different biomes, including 2,500 species found only on the Cape Peninsula. In the late afternoon, we drive to the Franschhoek winelands, birthplace of South Africa's wine culture, begun by the French Huguenots who founded Franschhoek in 1688. We'll have dinner at a local restaurant in the Cape Winelands. Overnight at La Residence, a stunning boutique hotel set on a 30-acre estate...BLD

Driving Details: Approximately 1.5 hours



DAY 5 CAPE WINELANDS / VINEYARD WALK / WINE TASTING / CHEF'S TABLE DINING EXPERIENCE

A visit to the Cape Winelands is an essential part of any visit to South Africa. World renowned for its scenic beauty, this region's colonial history dates back to Dutch settlement in the mid-17th century. The fertile valleys were occupied in pre-colonial times by the Khoi herders and San hunter gatherers. We'll start with a visit to a historic wine estate that shows off the best in Cape Dutch architecture in its charming farmhouse buildings and wine cellars, then taste wines that show off the range of varietals produced in the area.

Afterwards, we'll drive through the wine town of Stellenbosch, long regarded as the hub of the South African wine industry. We return on a scenic route back to the Franschhoek Valley, stopping on the way at one of the boutique wine estates. We'll take a short but scenic hike on the La Motte wine estate, where we'll hear about the activities of the early Khoi settlers and the later occupation of the land by the mainly French colonial settlers, then enjoy lunch and wine tasting in a vineyard setting. For dinner, we'll enjoy an exclusive Chef's Table dining experience at our wine estate, with dinner prepared in front of us by one of the estate's celebrated chefs as he discusses the ingredients and cooking techniques. Overnight at La Residence...BLD

DAY 6 HERMANUS / BIG FIVE MARINE EXCURSION

We'll take a memorable day trip to Hermanus, a town on the southeast coast of the Western Cape, where we'll stroll along the cliff path, well known as one of the best land-based whale viewing sites in the world. The southern right whales migrate to this region from the cold Antarctic during their breeding season from July to October. After our short walk we board a whale watching boat for an opportunity to spot these fascinating creatures in their own environment. We may also see humpback and Brydes whales, as well as Cape fur seals, bottlenose dolphins, and other sea life. The onboard guides are marine specialists with a vast knowledge of the region and the ocean creatures. Safety jackets and wet weather gear are provided. After our sea excursion we return to our vehicle for a short trip to one of the local wine estates, set in the picturesque Hemel-en-Aarde Valley (Heaven & Earth), where we will enjoy a late lunch and tasting of the local wine products before returning to our hotel in Franschhoek. Dinner and overnight at La Residence...BLD

Driving Details: Approximately 1.5 hours

Marine Excursion Details: Approximately 2.5-3 hours

DAY 7 THE GARDEN ROUTE / MOONLIGHT MEANDER

After a morning flight from Cape Town to the coastal town of Port Elizabeth, we transfer to our accommodation, Kambaku@Sea, set in the hills above Sedgefield, stopping for lunch along the way. We'll arrive in the late afternoon with time to settle in before enjoying a light dinner. After dinner, we'll be joined by a marine biologist for an evening "Moonlight Meander"





(weather permitting). We've scheduled all our trips so they will be around either a full moon (July) or new moon (September) while we're here, when the light and tidal conditions are just right for coastal exploration. As we meander along the tidal lagoons, we may be lucky enough to observe the phenomenon of bioluminescence, an incredible natural phenomenon during which the production of light by living organisms causes the sea to sparkle and glow, a sight to behold! Please note that this is not a guaranteed phenomenon because it only happens occasionally, but the winter months (our summer months) are the season when it happens. The Moonlight Meander starts around 7pm at the Swartvlei Beach area with a brief introduction, followed by a walk along the shoreline toward Gericke's Point, looking at the impact the intertidal zone has on the distribution of the marine flora and fauna. We'll be finished by 10pm or 10:30pm, depending on conditions and guests' enthusiasm, and can continue beyond 11pm.

If the weather does not cooperate tonight, we'll instead take a fascinating evening intertidal walk on Swartvlei beach, just west of Sedgefield. This is an opportunity to explore rock pools that are kaleidoscopes of color, with vivid red anemones, purple urchins, orange nudibranchs, and a Persian carpet of cushion starts. Overnight at Kambaku@Sea...BLD

Driving Details: Approximately 3.5 hours

Flight Details: Approximately 1.5 hours (Cape Town to Port Elizabeth)

Walking Details: Approximately 3-3.5 hours

DAY 8 FOREST HIKE / FRESH LOCAL OYSTERS! / KNYSNA LAGOON SEA KAYAKING

A beautiful morning hike on a well-maintained path brings us through indigenous rainforest alive with birds, chameleons, and bushbuck. We'll pause at scenic spots along the way, such as the Woodville Big Tree, a giant and very old Outeniqua yellowwood that has become an icon and popular attraction in the indigenous forest. Its large crown is still a favorite nesting spot for birds and its fruit is enjoyed by bats, bush pigs, and birds including the endemic Knysna turaco and Cape parrot. Although yellowwood is still used for furniture and construction, it is a protected tree under South Africa's National Forest Act. For lunch today, we'll sample the local oysters, a renowned specialty on the Garden Route. At our dining spot, Oyster's R Us, we'll learn how the local oysters are grown and nurtured and see them shucked right onto our plates. Our afternoon is for leisurely optional kayaking on the beautiful Knysna Lagoon (no previous experience necessary), with oars and life jackets provided, and warm drinks to welcome you when we come off the water. The lagoon, sheltered between two massive cliffs known as The Knysna Heads, is a marine reserve. In the evening, we can take an optional cruise on the lagoon. Overnight at Kambaku@Sea...BLD

Driving Details: Approximately 30 minutes

Hiking Details: Approximately 6 miles, including both hikes



DAY 9 HOEDSPRUIT / KAMBAKU TRAILS CAMP / TIMBAVATI PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

We'll fly to Hoedspruit (via Cape Town) this morning, where we'll be met for a game drive transfer to Kambaku Trails Camp, set in the unspoiled wilderness of the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, a private concession that forms part of the famed Greater Kruger National Park. The reserve is large, with a range of different biospheres and bush ecosystems. All the animals found within Greater Kruger National Park can also be found here. Our camp is rustic but comfortable, and gives us the opportunity to truly get out in the bush away from other travelers. After lunch in camp and a rest, we'll head out for our first afternoon game drive. On return, dinner will be waiting for us, having been cooked over the open fire at the boma (a traditional African enclosure of entwined branches). We'll gather in the dining tent and talk about the game we've seen on our drive. Our camp has a fully equipped kitchen and a talented and welcoming staff. Overnight at camp...BLD
Flight Details: Approximately 3.5 hours
Driving Details: Approximately 45 minutes

DAY 10 KAMBAKU TRAILS CAMP / OPTIONAL SLEEP-OUT

We'll get an early morning start with coffee/tea and a light breakfast, then take a game walk with our private tracker-guide, arriving back at camp in time for brunch and a siesta. In the late afternoon, about 4pm, we set out for a game drive, returning to camp after dark for a delicious dinner. Tonight, there is an option of sleeping out under the African night sky

with the star-studded sky overhead, a unique experience of wild Africa, and the sound of wildlife all around. Mattresses and sleeping bags are provided, and there will be an armed guard on watch. Overnights at Kambaku Trails Camp...BLD

DAYS 11-12 KAMBAKU RIVER SANDS

After a short game walk in the morning, we transfer to Kambaku River Sands in Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, game viewing along the way. In addition to our game drives and bush walks in Timbavati, our lodge offers a swimming pool, spa, air-conditioned suites with private viewing decks, and an active watering hole. On one night, we have the option to sleep under the stars at the Star Deck (at additional cost). Overnights at Kambaku River Sands...BLD each day
Driving Details: Approximately 2 hours

DAY 13 JOHANNESBURG / DEPART

A dawn game drive ends our wildlife safari, and after brunch at the lodge, we transfer to Johannesburg via Hoedspruit for departing flights leaving after 6:30pm...B
Driving Details: Approximately 45 minutes

Trip Details

DATE AND PRICING INFORMATION

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2024

\$11,995 (7-8 members)

\$12,895 (4-6 members)

Single supplement: \$2,365

Internal airfare: \$1,100 (subject to change)

Discount: \$1,100 (Low Season, July)

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations based on double occupancy
- All meals included except 1 lunch and 1 dinner as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Local beer, wine, spirits (excluding premium brands) and soft drinks included for all lunches and dinners
- Park fees
- Land transportation
- Airport transfers
- Baggage handling
- Sightseeing as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare to and from Africa, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, cost of medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, and other expenses of a personal nature (laundry, alcoholic beverages, etc.). Optional side trips and excursions are also at your own expense.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600

130 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 131 days prior to departure: No charge!

61-130 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost

46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost

45 days or less: 100% of trip cost*Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

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VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION

Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya, “the smoke that thunders,” is one of Africa’s most famous sights. Here the mile-wide Zambezi River drops 300 feet into a sheer chasm to create a spectacular thundering cascade. Above the falls, the river is placid, with palm-fringed islands and rainforested banks. In 1860, Scottish missionary and explorer David Livingstone was the first Westerner to report the existence of this mile-wide cascade, and he named this magnificent wonder for his queen. Since then, it has attracted visitors from around the world. The Zambezi River marks the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, and visitors can walk across a bridge to view the falls from both countries.

3 days. From \$1325.



OKAVANGO DELTA SAFARI EXTENSION

The 800-mile-long Okavango—the river that never finds the sea—is rightfully considered one of the most incredible wilderness sanctuaries in Africa. Its inland delta system is the largest in the world, 8,000 square miles filled with water channels, lagoons, swamps, and islands. Apart from the outstanding beauty of the wetland habitat, this unique area supports and sustains a huge diversity of fauna and flora so that game viewing is excellent throughout the year, with elephants congregating along the lagoons and waterways and impala, wildebeest, red lechwe, zebra, giraffe, sable, and buffalo found on the game-rich floodplains, along with their predators—lion, leopard, cheetah, and hyena.

4 days. From \$4595



AMONG THE ELEPHANTS AND RHINOS EXTENSION

Magnificent Hwange National Park, one of the largest national parks in Africa, is home to some 40,000 elephants along with lion, hippo, cheetah, and more. You'll also have the unique opportunity to visit two white rhinos at the Ngamo Rhino Sanctuary in Hwange—these are the first white rhinos to be reintroduced in this part of Zimbabwe. Enjoy game drives with the flexibility to get out and walk, lantern-lit dinners in the bush, a ride on a vintage railway car, and a walk to school with the local kids (you'll even learn a few words of their click language).

4 days. From \$2595.

Accommodations



THE VICTORIA AND ALFRED HOTEL

Cape Town, South Africa

Days 1 to 3 (3 nights)

Built in 1904 as the North Quay Warehouse and converted in 1990 to a hotel, the V&A is just a few minutes' walk from the shops, bars, and restaurants of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. It offers well-appointed rooms, a spa, a small gym, and an outdoor pool and bar. Breakfast and lunch are served al fresco on the terrace.



LA RESIDENCE

Franschhoek, South Africa

Days 4 to 6 (3 nights)

La Residence is a boutique luxury accommodation set on a 30-acre estate surrounded by vineyards, olive groves, and plum orchards. There are spectacular views of the mountains and undulating countryside of the Winelands and the quaint town of Franschhoek is just five minutes away. The suites at La Residence are individually decorated, combining Old World charm and antiques with modern conveniences. Each of the suites is air-conditioned, and facilities include a spa and swimming pool.



KAMBAKU@SEA

Sedgefield, South Africa

Days 7 to 8 (2 nights)

Set in a spectacular location along the Garden Route, Kambaku@Sea is a boutique hotel positioned high up in the hills above the town of Sedgefield, the jewel of the Garden Route. There are just five luxury suites, all offering breathtaking views of flowing hills, mountain ranges, rivers, and estuaries, and all the creature comforts imaginable.



KAMBAKU TRAILS CAMP

Timbavati, South Africa

Days 9 to 10 (2 nights)

While rustic, Kambaku Trails Camp offers a fantastic opportunity to get a feel for life in the bush and get away from other travelers and have fantastic chances for a walking safari. The camp has spacious, comfortable tents on raised foundations, spaced well apart from each other, so there is lots of privacy. Each tent has an en-suite toilet facility with flush toilet, hand-washing basin, shower, and hot water. The main camp has an outdoor boma “gathering area” under the African skies, as well as an indoor dining area. The opportunity to sleep out on mattresses with mosquito nets under the stars is also available.



KAMBAKU RIVER SANDS

Timbavati Game Reserve, South Africa

Days 11 to 12 (2 nights)

Set in the heart of Timbavati Game Reserve, Kambaku River Sands lies along the banks of a dry riverbed, and since the camp is unfenced, you'll enjoy watching a variety of wildlife as they amble through. Ten thatched cottages offer private viewing decks, canopy beds, and a private bath with spa tub and double shower (and outside shower!). The main lodge features a lounge with two huge fireplaces, ideal places to relax on cool winter nights. There's also a spa with swimming pool, sauna, and gym.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *South Africa: From Sea to Savanna* webpage and click on the “Lodging” tab.

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

If you have booked extra services before or after the trip, an Extra Services Confirmation will be sent with your Final Documents.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Cape Town, South Africa

Suggested Airport: CapeTown International Airport (CPT)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, anytime

Meeting Place: A complimentary transfer is provided from the airport to the Victoria and Alfred Hotel for all members arriving on Day 1. Your Trip Leader or a WT representative will meet you outside the customs area and will be holding a Wilderness Travel sign.

DEPARTURE

Johannesburg South Africa

On Day 13, a transfer brings you to the airport in Hoedspruit. Fly to Johannesburg and connect with homeward-bound flights.

Suggested Airport: O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 13. Please schedule your international flight home to depart no earlier than 6:30 pm.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from South Africa. There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

Our Guides

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FRANK DWYER

Frank Dwyer, a born and bred Capetonian, is passionate about this beautiful city as well as the unique Cape flora region and famed Cape Winelands, where his father was a wine farmer. He has spent his life working in South Africa's hospitality and tourism field and has been a certified naturalist guide since 2008, adding the adventure certification in 2012. Frank is an expert on the flora, fauna, politics, and history of South Africa, knows a thing or two about the heritage of the Cape Winelands, having grown up there, and also has an ability to find the best hikes in the country. Nothing gives him more pleasure than ensuring that his guests experience their South Africa journey to the fullest and leave with lasting memories, new-found knowledge, and a desire to return again soon.

What the Trip is Like

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The trip is rated Level 2+, Easy to Moderate. This is a luxury hotel and lodge-based adventure tour with two nights at a rustic but comfortable safari camp. There are moderate walks and hikes, one afternoon of sea kayaking in sheltered waters, plus game drives and game walks. Although this is not a particularly rigorous trip, we still recommend that each participant undertake a program of physical conditioning. Daily walking or regular hiking, jogging, and stair-climbing are excellent preparation for the trip.

During game drives, we can at times get quite close to wild animals. Being very quiet improves everybody's chances of observation. In the interest of safety, your Trip Leader explains limitations on movement while on game drives, in the safari vehicles, and around camp. Incidents with wild animals are extremely rare on safaris, but no camping safari can guarantee immunity from such incidents. Wilderness Travel is not to be held responsible for incidents involving the behavior of wildlife.

WEATHER

Generally, South Africa has a mild climate due to its southerly latitude and the high altitude of its interior regions (above 3,000 feet in altitude on average). There are starkly different climatic zones: the Cape region has a Mediterranean climate with mild summer temperatures averaging in the 70s ("summer" in the Southern Hemisphere is our winter), while the lowveld has a subtropical climate with warm to hot temperatures in summer and cooler evenings

The safari camps and lodges in our program offer excellent game viewing year round. Most rainfall occurs usually between December and February in the form of afternoon or evening thunderstorms. In general, the climate is warm with cool nights in "winter" (March-August in the Southern Hemisphere).

Cape Town's peak season is September to March, with highs of 65°F in September up to 80°F in February. September to February, there is little rain. Southeasterly winds occur in November and early December. In the cooler months, the daily highs are in the mid-60s. The highest rainfall is in July and August.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Africa Manager or email us at africa@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Cape Town	77/59	77/59	75/57	72/54	66/50	63/48	63/46	63/46	64/48	68/50	72/54	75/57
Timbavati	90/70	90/68	88/66	84/61	82/52	79/43	79/45	81/48	84/55	86/61	86/64	90/68
RAINFALL - INCHES												
Cape Town	1.3	1.2	1.7	3.2	5.4	7.4	6.5	6.4	3.8	2.4	1.6	1.7
Timbavati	3.7	3.7	2.7	1.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.7	2.6	3.7

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Best Adventure Travel Companies: *USA Today*

Trip of the Year: *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner

50 Tours of a Lifetime: *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row

Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure*, 3-time winner

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