

South Africa Private Safari

BEAUTIFUL CAPE TOWN AND A CLASSIC WILDLIFE SAFARI



WHEN TO GO

January to December

For our Private Journey trips, you choose your own group and your preferred dates—there are no set departure dates. Private Journeys are available to groups as few as two people or as large as you like. While many guests choose to book this tour exactly as is, our Area Specialists can work with you to customize it to your wishes. Contact us for availability, questions, or to book your adventure!



Wilderness Travel



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ABOUT PRIVATE JOURNEYS

Wilderness Travel Private Journeys are designed for people who want to travel with their own small private group, but who still want to experience the same superb itinerary design, great accommodations, and signature quality of Wilderness Travel's escorted group trips. These Private Journeys allow you to choose your own dates and your traveling companions—even if it's just the two of you—yet still enjoy a guided adventure.

Discover the beauty and diversity of South Africa, often called “a world in one country.” Begin in glorious Cape Town, a delightful base for exploring the Cape's striking landscapes all the way to the Cape of Good Hope, then experience the wildlife wonders of South Africa at two exclusive private game reserves for the ultimate in big-game viewing and a chance to encounter lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, buffalo, and cheetah at close range in a mosaic of spectacular habitats.

Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Upon arrival in Cape Town, you are met and transferred to your hotel. 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. Overnight at the PortsWood Hotel or Victoria and Albert Hotel near the waterfront, or upgrade to the Cape Grace Hotel, a member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World, set on its own private quay on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront...Meals on your own

Classic Accommodation: Commodore Hotel

Optional Upgrade: Victoria and Alfred Hotel, Cape Grace Hotel, or Cape Cadogan

See Lodging pages for descriptions and photos

DAYS 2-3

CAPE TOWN

Your program in Cape Town includes your choice of one of the following full-day guided options each day. The minimum participation is two persons. Dinners on your own and overnights at hotel...BL

Full-Day Cape Peninsula / Table Mountain*: Enjoy a morning of exploring the spectacular Cape Peninsula, the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, and Cape Point itself, where the Cape Point lighthouse stands on top of sea cliffs at the very tip of the African continent. Visit the Boulders Penguin Colony, home to a growing colony of rare African penguins. After lunch, take the cable car (weather permitting) up world-famous 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. Descent is also by cable car. *Note that the order of this program may be reversed. A visit to the National Botanical Gardens at Kirstenbosch, where 10,000 species are cultivated on 1,000 acres, can be substituted for Table Mountain.

Full-Day Shark Dive: Enjoy a day in famed Shark Alley for the thrill of a “cage dive” to view magnificent Great White sharks from underwater (no dive experience necessary). You begin with an early morning start and a two-hour drive to Gansbaai, where you have breakfast and an orientation on arrival. A 30-minute boat ride then takes you to Shark Alley, a shallow channel that is the world's best place to see Great White sharks. The skipper anchors the boat and baits the sharks, and you have the opportunity to view from the deck or to enter



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length:	10 days
Arrive:	Cape Town, South Africa
Depart:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Lodging:	3 nights hotel, 6 nights exclusive safari camps
Meals:	All meals except 3 dinners (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity:	Cultural Adventures, Wildlife and Natural History
Trip Level:	1 2 3 4 5 6 Natural History, Cultural Adventures

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape Town's charming waterfront, choice of full day private guided tours including wine tasting and shark diving
- Up-close sightings of lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, and leopard in the wild
- Enjoy candle-lit dinners under the African sky
- Expert ranger-trackers, off-road safari exploration, optional game walks



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a special diving cage just below the surface. A light lunch is included, served on board. The boat returns to the dock by mid-afternoon. (Note: Shark sightings have recently become more difficult due to the presence of orcas in the area, which hunt the sharks.)

Full-Day Table Mountain and Winelands Visit: En route to the wine country, take the cable car up spectacular Table Mountain (weather permitting). Descent is also by cable car. Afterwards, head out of the city to spend the rest of the day touring South Africa's centuries-old wine estates, with their beautiful Cape Dutch architecture. Visit the historic town of Stellenbosch, the oldest town in South Africa, and the Franschhoek Valley, birthplace of South Africa's wine culture, begun by the French Huguenots who founded Franschhoek in 1688. Also visit the Paarl Valley, where the Afrikaans language came from, and enjoy two wine tastings. Lunch is in the lovely town of Franschhoek. Kirstenbosch Gardens can be substituted for Table Mountain.

Full-Day Langa Cultural Visit / Robben Island: One of the most popular explorations for visitors is a tour of Langa, one of Cape Town's township outside of Cape Town. This visit offers the chance to meet and speak to some of the local people, visit their houses and shops, and learn about this community's projects, craft centers, and entrepreneurial energy. After lunch, take a boat ride out to historic Robben Island, six miles offshore in Table Bay, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for many years. The island's former role as a maximum security political prison made it notorious, but it has now been developed as a nature reserve, museum, and poignant memorial to South Africa's long liberation struggle. Some of the guides are former political prisoners.

Full-Day Langa Township / Table Mountain Visit: Tour of Langa, one of Cape Town's nearby townships (as described above). After lunch, take the cable car (weather permitting) up world-famous Table Mountain for incredible views of the city and Table Bay. Descent is also by cable car. Kirstenbosch Gardens can be substituted for Table Mountain.



Please note that the Langa Township tour is not available during school holidays (call for dates); the city tour can be substituted. The Table Mountain tour is weather dependent and may not be available in the event of inclement weather. Also note it is closed every summer for two weeks at the end of July for maintenance; Kirstenbosch Garden can be substituted when Table Mountain is not available.

Note: Our optional 3-day Cape Winelands Extension begins on Day 4. See our website for details.

DAY 4

THORNYBUSH PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Transfer to the airport for a scheduled flight to Hoedspruit and then drive to Thornybush Private Game Reserve. Thornybush shares a fenceless border with Kruger National Park, which means wildlife can roam freely throughout

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the region. Consisting of over 40 square miles of open savanna woodland and tangled thicket, Thornybush is prime big game habitat where some of the best wildlife viewing is possible. This afternoon, enjoy your first game drive in the wooded savannas, and relax with sundowners in a scenic spot. Overnight at Thornybush Game Lodge, with its waterhole favored by elephants, buffalo, and other wildlife, or Shumbalala Game Lodge, where spacious, shaded suites with private decks line the Monwana River...BLD

DAYS 5-6

THORNYBUSH PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

While on your two game drives a day at Thornybush Private Game Reserve, you can expect to see lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and other wildlife, and the birdwatching is amazing. And because you are on private land, not in a national park, you can drive off-road for better views of the “Big Five”: lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, and leopard. After dark, a new world opens up as you look for nocturnal wildlife including elusive genets and perhaps leopards on the hunt. You will also enjoy the excitement of optional bush walking accompanied by an armed ranger and tracker, a chance to explore the fascinating minutiae of safari life—dung beetles, butterflies, and game tracks—that normally cannot be seen from a vehicle. Overnights at camp...BLD each day

DAY 7

GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Transfer to your choice of lodge in Timbavati Private Game Reserve, Londolozi Private Game Reserve, or Mala Mala Game Reserve. These are among South Africa’s great tracts of untamed gamelands that adjoin famed Kruger National Park. Witness wildlife that moves from the foothills of the Libombo Mountains in the east to the Drakensberg Mountains in the west. At camp you will enjoy close-range sightings of leopard, rhino, lion, elephant, buffalo, cheetah, blue wildebeest, the elusive wild dog, and more. Enjoy a game drive with a ranger-tracker this afternoon. Before returning to your lodge, stop for sundowners, a chance to enjoy a cool beverage and watch the twilight softening the colors of the landscape before heading back to camp. Overnight at Kambaku Safari Lodge, deep in the heart of the reserve, or upgrade to Mala Mala (Main Camp), overlooking the Sand River, or Kambaku River Sands. With outstanding leopard viewing, Kambaku and Mala Mala provide a haven for observing these majestic creatures in their natural habitat...BLD

Classic Accommodation: Kambaku Safari Lodge

Optional Upgrade: Kambaku River Sands or Mala Mala (Main Camp or Londolozi Varty Camp)

DAYS 8-9

GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Your days are filled with superb gameviewing. The Big Five roam freely here, and on your early morning and late afternoon game drives, you’ll see leopard tracks, colorful birds, graceful antelope, giraffe, comical warthogs, and zebras.



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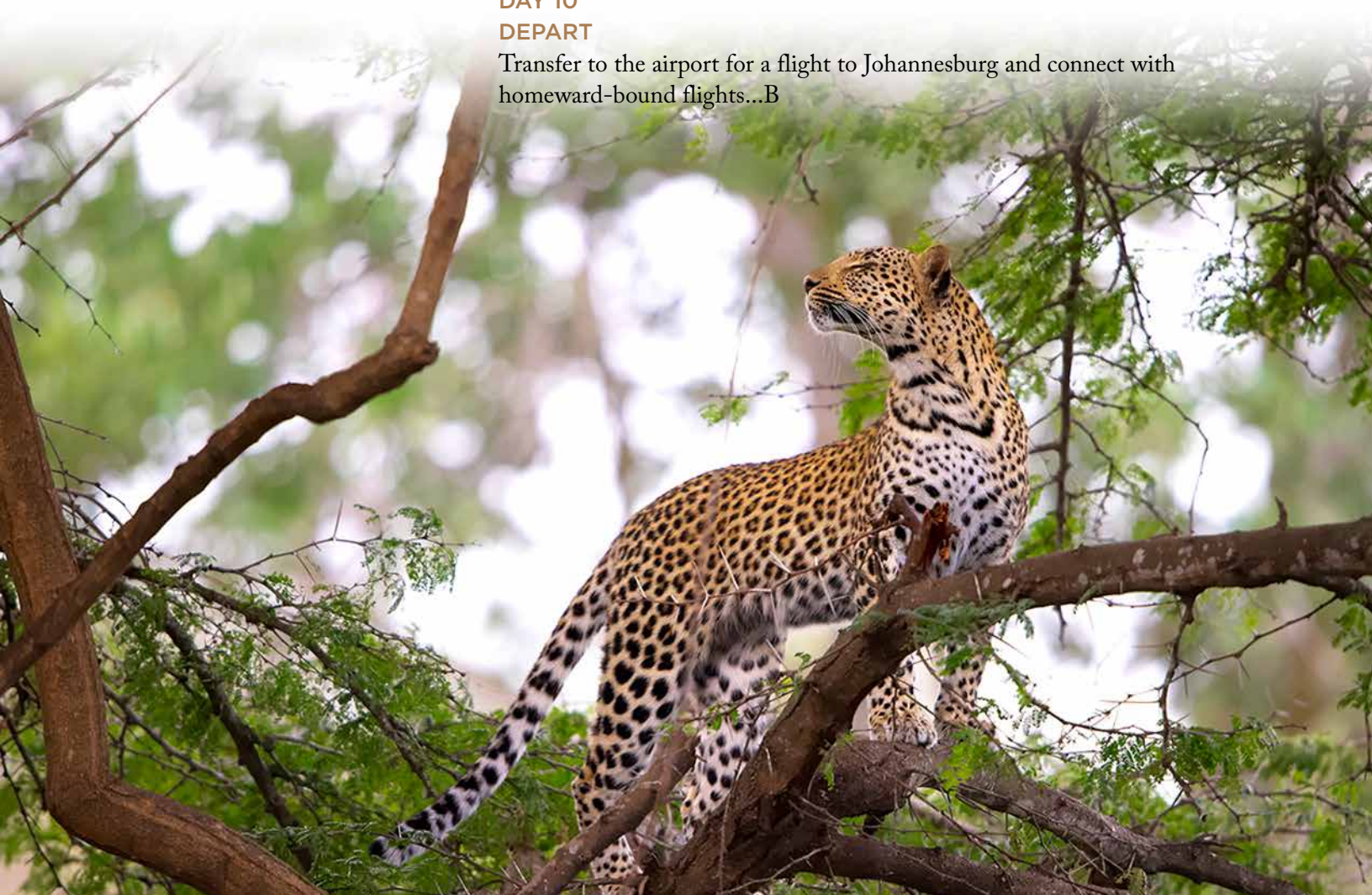


At dusk, your ranger-guide will make a stop where you can enjoy a sundowner drink and discuss the day's sightings. As you head back to camp for dinner, the ranger's spotlight might reveal a genet cat, an owl, a nightjar blinking in the road, or a pride of lions on the hunt. Game walks with an armed ranger and tracker are also offered, allowing you to see some of the smaller creatures of the bush and learn more about the flora and fauna. Overnights at camp...BLD each day

Leopard Viewing: Although renowned for being the “elusive” wild cat, hardly a day goes by at Londolozi and Mala Mala without these predatory stalkers being seen. While these cats are not tame by any means, they have become accustomed to vehicles and take no notice of them. This provides an ideal viewing opportunity, as the leopards permit safari vehicles to follow them through the bush even while hunting. Superb photographic opportunities frequently present themselves as leopards feed or lounge in trees, move alongside open safari vehicles, or stretch their limbs on termite mounds. Leopard frequently patrol the vicinity of the camp after dark, and their distinctive, hoarse calls add great excitement to the experience of the African night.

DAY 10 DEPART

Transfer to the airport for a flight to Johannesburg and connect with homeward-bound flights...B



Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2025

\$8995 (2-10 members)

Single supplement: \$925

Internal airfare: \$890 (subject to change)

Prices are based on double occupancy and not guaranteed until services are confirmed.

Make it Your Trip!

The prices above are for the ready-to-book adventure outlined in this Detailed Itinerary, a popular option that has been handcrafted by our Area Specialists to include the best of every destination. While many travelers choose to book this tour as is, our Area Specialists are also happy to work with you to customize this Private Journey to suit your specific interests and style of travel. We can arrange for longer or shorter stays, offer hotel upgrades (see below for sample costs), or add an extension to additional places of interest. We can even add special activities or customize excursions depending on your interests. We invite you to contact us to discuss your options!

Optional Hotel Upgrades

All upgrade pricing is per person, per night, based on double occupancy. Please call for single occupancy pricing.

Cape Town: The Victoria and Alfred Hotel, from \$140

Cape Town: Cape Grace Hotel, from \$190

Thornybush Private Game Reserve: Shumbalala Game Lodge, from \$250

Timbavati Game Reserve: Kambaku River Sands, from \$250

Sabi Sand Game Reserve: Londolozi, from \$890

Mala Mala Private Game Reserve: Mala Mala Game Reserve, from \$890

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of safari guides and camp staff
- Accommodations in a hotel and exclusive safari camps
- All meals included except 3 dinners as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to safari guides or camp staff
- Optional travel insurance
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)
- Any activities and services described as an upgrade or optional

SIGNING UP FOR A TRIP

Early reservations are recommended since accommodations often sell out far in advance. Please call 1-800-368-2794 and ask for our Africa Manager or email africa@wildernesstravel.com with any questions that you may have about this trip. To reserve your Private Journey, we will need to know your preferred dates of travel. We will then check availability and send you a proposed itinerary with exact pricing for your adventure. We can typically hold a provisional booking for one week. At that time, we must collect your initial deposit or accommodations will be released. We accept Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a letter of confirmation, Detailed Itinerary, Trip Application, Medical Form, and Pre-Departure Information Booklet with information to help you prepare for your adventure. Please see our Cancellations and Transfer Fee Schedule for specific payment information.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: 25% of trip cost

90 days prior to departure: Balance

Please note that this differs from our standard policy.

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum fee: 25% of trip cost

90 days or less: 100% of trip cost

Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: wildernesstravel.com/insurance

Extend Your Adventure!

To help you make the most of your adventure, we've created several exciting trip extensions. For detailed information, including full itineraries and complete pricing, please visit our *South Africa Private Safari* webpage and click on the "Extensions" tab: www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/south-africa/south-africa-private-journey/extensions



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.

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.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Cape Town, South Africa (airport code CPT), is the starting point for the trip. Upon arrival in Cape Town, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

At the end of the trip on Day 10, you are transferred to the airport nearest your game lodge for a flight to Johannesburg (airport code JNB). This flight will be booked by Wilderness Travel. Since this flight usually arrives in Johannesburg in the afternoon, we recommend a mid-afternoon or evening departure from Johannesburg (please contact our office for approx. arrival time).

AIR TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from South Africa. Airlines with the most convenient schedules for this trip include:

South African Airways

Phone: 800-722-9675

www.flysaa.com

Virgin Atlantic

Phone: 800-862-8621

www.virgin-atlantic.com

British Airways

Phone: 800-247-9297

www.ba.com

Delta/KLM Airlines

Phone: 800-225-2525

www.delta.com

www.klm.com

Air Ethiopia

Phone: 800 445 2733

www.flyethiopian.com

British Air and Virgin Atlantic have a more spacious economy class that is an inexpensive alternative to business class. British Air calls it "World Traveler Plus" and Virgin Atlantic calls it "Premier Economy."

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 on Exito's website at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the U.S. 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 U.S. Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule so we can reserve your airport transfers

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

Trip members are responsible for making their own arrangements for air transportation. Please do not purchase your airline tickets until you are confirmed on the trip and have reviewed your proposed air schedule with our office. Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule so that we can send it on to the local guide (make sure to include your Trip Name and Trip Dates on it). Note: The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly; otherwise you may be denied boarding. Please remember this when reserving your flights. In addition, your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US (in most cases).

Accommodations

DAYS 1 TO 3 (3 NIGHTS): CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

In Cape Town, we stay at one of the following properties, based on availability and choice of accommodation:



COMMODORE HOTEL

The Commodore Hotel has an unbeatable location just a short walk from the shops and restaurants along the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. The hotel has very helpful staff and concierge, an extensive breakfast buffet in the courtyard, and a small but friendly bar. There is a pool area with adjacent gym facilities. Spa treatments are available.



THE VICTORIA AND ALFRED HOTEL (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

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.



CAPE GRACE HOTEL (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

The Cape Grace has understated elegance and a unique location on its own private quay on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Not surprisingly, it is a member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World. The rooms and common areas are very stylish, the staff is superbly trained, and there are wonderful views of the harbor, marina, and Table Mountain. This hotel is extraordinary for its tasteful decor and exceptional location. Readers of Condé Nast Traveler voted the Cape Grace “the best hotel in the world” in the magazine’s Readers’ Choice Awards.

Accommodations

DAYS 4 TO 6 (3 NIGHTS): THORNYBUSH GAME RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA

In Thornybush Game Reserve, we stay at one of the following properties based on availability and choice of accommodation:



SHUMBALALA GAME LODGE

Shumbalala is a feast for the senses, with spacious suites and private viewing decks overlooking an ever-active waterhole. The lodge caters to a maximum of eight guests in four suites, each with its own fireplace and spacious bathroom with indoor and outdoor showers. One of Shumbalala's attractions is its underground wine cellar in full view of the river. Delightful meals are prepared by Shumbalala's expert chef and can be taken either in the comfort of your private deck or in the candle-lit dining room accompanied by a crackling fire in winter.



THORNYBUSH GAME LODGE

Nestled in the heart of Big Five country adjacent to Kruger National Park lies the Thornybush Nature Reserve, over 14,000 hectares of pristine African bushveld with a huge diversity of mammal and bird species. Here, the elegant and exclusive 5-star Thornybush Game Lodge awaits your discovery. The lodge overlooks a waterhole and riverbed where elephants, buffalo, and other wildlife come to drink, and most of the guest suites enjoy river-facing views. Each suite has an en suite bathroom and indoor and outdoor shower.

Accommodations

DAYS 7 TO 9 (3 NIGHTS): GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA

In the Greater Kruger National Park, we stay at one of the following camps, based on availability and choice of accommodation:



KAMBAKU SAFARI LODGE

Kambaku Safari Lodge is set on the wild savannas of Timbavati Private Game Reserve, a vast and magnificent stretch of private game lands bordering Kruger National Park. There are no fences between Timbavati and Kruger, so the animals move freely between the reserves. The lodge has eight lovely thatched rooms with four-poster beds, en suite bathrooms, and private verandas. When you're not out searching for game with the Trip Leader and your expert Shangaan spotter, you can watch wildlife right from the lodge's dining room or from your private veranda. Leisurely brunches are served on the veranda or around the pool, and guests are often entertained by the resident warthog family on the lawn. The lodge is entirely solar powered, adding to its green footprint. Dinners are lighted by the Milky Way, a bonfire, and lanterns. The name Kambaku is the Shangaan word for "solitary bull elephant," a tribute to the seven famous big tuskers who roamed Kruger during the last century.



KAMBAKU RIVER SANDS (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

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.

Accommodations



LONDOLOZI (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

Londolozi, meaning “protector of all living things” in Zulu, was the first game reserve in the world to be accorded Relais & Chateaux status. The camp started as a hunting lodge in the 1920s and it is one of the most deluxe safari accommodations in Africa, setting the standards for decor, luxury, and personal service. Londolozi has been named Top Safari Resort in Condé Nast Traveler’s Readers’ Choice Awards. Lodging at Londolozi is divided into five distinct camps. For your Private Journey, we book either Varty Camp or Founder’s Camp (depending on availability) with eight chalets or seven chalets, respectively. Londolozi’s luxurious chalets featuring striking African designs, canopied beds, and inlaid mosaic floors. The chalets are air-conditioned and have elegant bathrooms that include a grand bathtub with a wonderful view. The service is excellent, from the restaurant staff to the wonderful rangers and trackers that accompany you on the game drives. Dinners are served under the stars in the large boma (enclosed outdoor area). With over 40,000 acres of private land to explore and an unfenced border with famous Kruger National Park, the “big five” gameviewing is out of this world. Leopard sightings are famous here and it’s thrill to photograph these beautiful creatures as they prowl the bush and lounge in the tree limbs.



MALA MALA GAME RESERVE (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

One of South Africa’s original safari venues and still one of the finest, Mala Mala retains an authentic safari camp atmosphere amid shady trees and lawns overlooking the Sand River. Mala Mala Main Camp has eight suites and ten rooms. Guest rooms are large, thatch-roofed, air-conditioned bungalows with his and her bathrooms and high ceilings. Dinner is served under the stars in the boma (enclosed outdoor area), a Mala Mala tradition for over 60 years. Of course, the wildlife viewing is world class here. With 33,000 acres of private land and an unfenced border with the world-renowned Kruger National Park, Mala Mala Private Game Reserve gets you close to some of the most amazing animals in the world. The swimming pool by the river is a pleasant place to relax between game drives.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is Level 2, easy to moderate, according to our trip rating system. It is a luxury camping and lodge safari with game viewing by 4WD vehicle and can be enjoyed by anyone in reasonably good health. On safari, there are long driving days over rough roads and rugged dirt tracks. Guided bush walks are available and they take place at a moderate pace.

Children

This is an excellent trip for children and families. The recommended minimum age is 8. Triple rooms (subject to availability) can be requested.

WEATHER

The safari camps and lodges in our program offer excellent gameviewing year round. Most rainfall occurs usually between December and February in the form of afternoon or evening thunderstorms. In general, there is a warm climate 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. For those who are interested in the shark diving option, the best season is May to August, and the intermediate season is March/April and September/October.

PRIVATE JOURNEY GUIDED SERVICES

In Cape Town, you will have a private guide and vehicle for your two excursions. In the game parks, there will be resident naturalists guides at each camp. They are all keen, experienced conservationists. Please note that other guests at the camp will join you for the guided safari activities. There are usually several guides at camp, so the size of your group will be small. Over the course of your stay at each camp, local guides will try their best to accommodate any special interests you have.

VEHICLES

You will have a private vehicle for the Cape Town excursions. At the game parks, game drives are typically in open-sided 4WD vehicles. The vehicles will be shared with other guests.

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.

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TOUCAN CLUB

Please note that Toucan Club discounts do not apply for our Private Journeys. However, your participation on these trips will count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel’s regular expeditions. For more information regarding our Toucan Club bonus program, please visit our website at www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan.

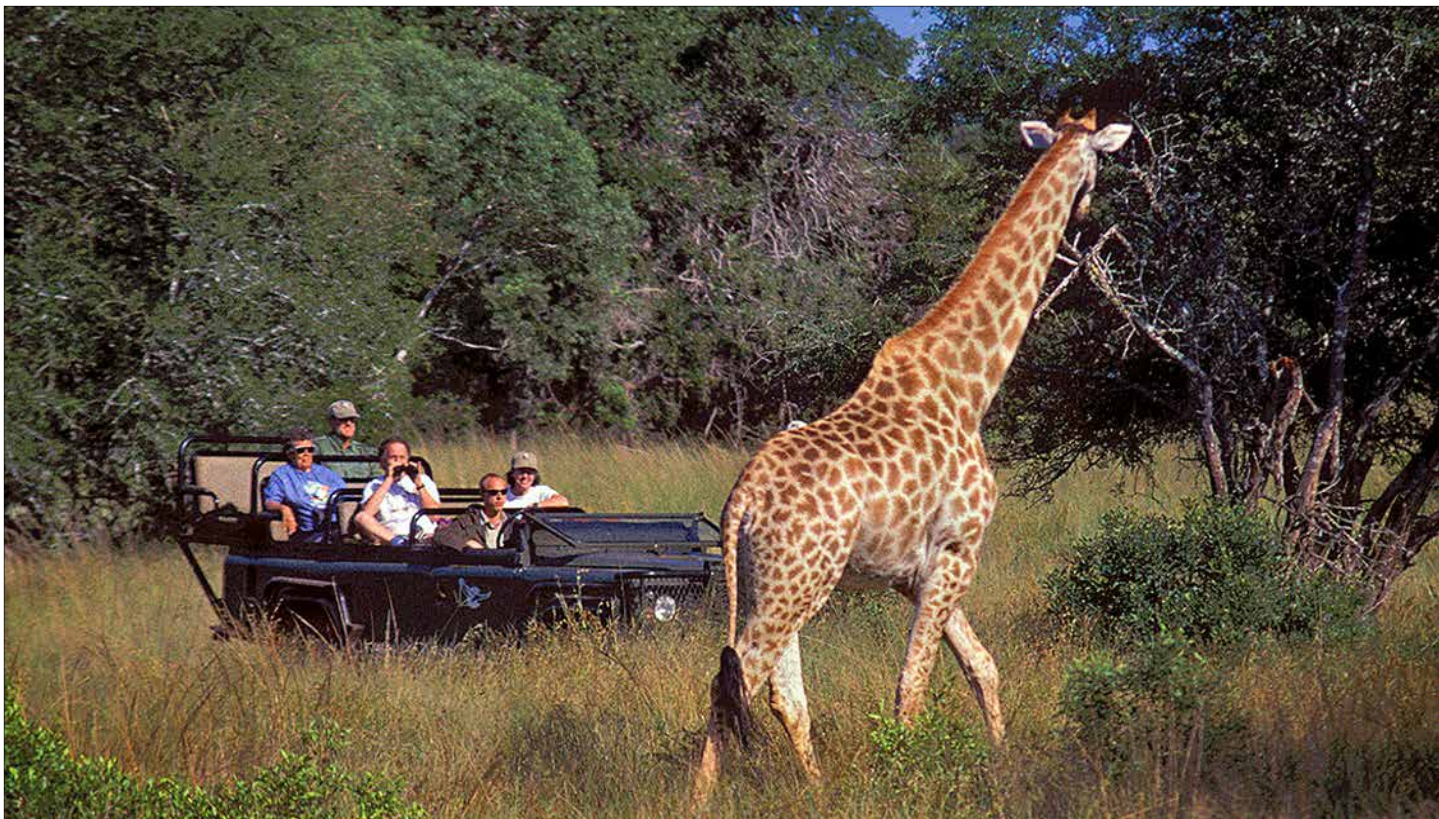
VISIT OUR WEBSITE

At www.wildernesstravel.com, you can find out about added departures, last-minute deals, and special WT Expeditions that aren’t listed in our catalog. You can also access a complete library of our detailed itineraries and browse the customized reading guides for each of our adventures.

HELPFUL LINKS

Wilderness Travel has compiled a list of useful websites for travelers. Find the Client Forms & Helpful Links page of our website: (<http://www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan/links>).

Travel Notes



WILDERNESS TRAVEL HAS BEEN AWARDED:

Best Travel Specialists in the World: *Condé Nast Traveler*, 2024, 4-time winner

World's Best Tour Operators: *Travel + Leisure*, 11-time winner

Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips: *AFAR Magazine*, 3 years in a row

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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While as accurate as possible at the time of printing, this itinerary should be considered an approximate indication of the schedule and scope of activities and trip routing, rather than an inflexible schedule of events; it is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. This trip is subject to the Limitation of Liability and all the terms and conditions as detailed in the General Information section of the Wilderness Travel Catalog.

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