

# South Africa

Cape Town • Johannesburg • Lesedi Cultural Village • Pilanesberg National Park

## 10 days



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### YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: NEWYORK/CAPE TOWN

Depart on an international overnight flight to Cape Town. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

#### DAY 2: CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival in Cape Town, we are met and greeted by our Tour Escort, and next board a motorcoach for transfer to our hotel. Afternoon at leisure to relax after a long flight. Dinner and overnight in Cape Town. (D)

#### DAY 3: CAPE TOWN

Today's a full day Cape Peninsula tour introduces us to this amazing city and the wonders of the peninsula. We visit the Bo Kaap (Cape Malay Quarters) with its colorful houses and then take a cable car to the top of the Table Mountain (weather permitting). Next, we drive along the Atlantic coastline, stop at the small village of Hout Bay known for its beautiful beach and the fish market, and enjoy the spectacular views from the Chapman's Peak Drive, one of the most breathtaking scenic drives in the world. We stop for a lunch in Fish Hoek, a beautiful beach town and one of the best kept secrets of the Cape Peninsula. Our tour continues to Simon Town where we visit the Jackass penguin's colony at Boulders Beach before reaching the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. After the visit we travel to the Cape Point and enjoy the ride on the Flying Dutchman funicular

to the top. We return to Cape Town in the late afternoon. Dinner at Gold Restaurant including interactive drumming session and entertainment. Dinner and overnight in Cape Town (B/L/D)

#### DAY 4: CAPE TOWN

This morning we visit the infamous Robben Island off the coast of Cape Town. During the apartheid years Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality and incarceration of Nelson Mandela. For nearly 400 years the island was a place of exile, and imprisonment for those regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society. Those imprisoned on Robben Island succeeded on a psychological and political level in turning a prison "hellhole" into a symbol of freedom and personal liberation. Upon arrival on the island, we meet our guide, a former political prisoner, and take a bus tour around the island with a visit to the cell of Nelson Mandela. We return to Cape Town in the afternoon. Time at leisure to pursue your own interests. We enjoy dinner at a waterfront restaurant. Dinner and overnight in Cape Town. (B/D)

#### DAY 5: CAPE TOWN/ JOHANNESBURG

Morning transfer to the airport for our flight to Johannesburg. Upon arrival, we transfer to the Sanctuary Mandela set in Nelson Mandela's primary place of residence in the leafy-green suburb of Houghton, Johannesburg. Sanctuary Mandela includes elements of the home Madiba lived in after he returned from Robben Island and later became the Headquarters of the Nelson Mandela foundation. Lunch stop (not included) before checking into our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Johannesburg. (B/D)

#### DAY 6: JOHANNESBURG (SOWETO)

After attending morning Mass, we embark on a half-day tour of Soweto City, the largest black residential area in South Africa. Our tour includes all the major points of interest like the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, the Baragwanath Taxi Rank, Freedom Square, the Hector Pietersen Memorial and Nelson Mandela's

former home. We enjoy our lunch at a local restaurant like Sakhumzi's in Soweto before visiting the Apartheid Museum for excellent displays on the Soweto up-rising, ANC in exile, petty apartheid, solitary confinement, etc. We return to our hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight Johannesburg (B/L/D)

#### DAY 7: LESEDI CULTURAL VILLAGE/ PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK

Today we travel to the Pilanesberg National Park for a two-night stay and mini-safari. On the way, we stop at the Lesedi Cultural Village where we experience a traditional welcome song and dance before lunch. After a two-hour drive we reach Pilanesberg National Park, home to Africa's Big 5 - lion, leopard, elephants, rhino, and buffalo. Dinner and overnight at Bakubung Bush Lodge or similar. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 8: PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK

Time to experience two (2) Game Drives today (early morning and late afternoon) in 4x4 open safari vehicles to get up close & personal experience with majestic animals. Upon returning from our early morning Game Drive, we enjoy breakfast and have about six hours at leisure. You can choose to lounge poolside, shop or opt to visit nearby Sun City, a popular tourist destination that offers a huge range of sporting and leisure activities, as well as one of the largest casinos in the Southern Hemisphere (additional cost for day visitors fee and transport to visit Sun City). Lunch is at leisure (not included). This afternoon we enjoy the second Game Drive. Dinner and overnight at the Bakubung Bush Lodge or similar. (B/D)

#### DAY 9: PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK/JOHANNESBURG

Morning at leisure before we transfer to the airport in Johannesburg. We depart on our overnight flight back home arriving the next day. (B)

#### DAY 10: NEWYORK

Today we arrive in New York.

\* (B,L,D) = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner