

# SOUTHERN AFRICA

JOURNEYS  
by Van Dyke 

 Land Journey

15 Days

\$12,990 <sup>CAD</sup>  
All inclusive from,  
per guest, double occ.

November  
8 to 22, 2021

Rovos Rail Extension  
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# Discover South Africa

Come to know a striking nation brimming with vibrant energy.

Embark on thrilling game drives into the top national parks to spot the legendary Big Five. Visit the beautiful landmarks scattered across Cape Town and Johannesburg. On our memorable extension, board the famous Rovos Rail bound towards inviting Pretoria.

Awaken all your senses on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure!





## ① Victoria Falls

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A spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur, marvel at one of the world's natural wonders, Victoria Falls. Take off on the 'Flight of the Angels' helicopter ride to enjoy the most outstanding views of the thundering falls. Over a kilometre long, be amazed by the longest curtain of cascading water in the world.





## ② Rovos Rail

Step aboard a luxurious Victorian train, and prepare for one of the top-rated rail experiences in the world. During a Journey on the Rovos Rail, enjoy the perfect harmony of luxury, comfort and nature, as this classic chariot from a bygone era carries a few fortunate guests through the most breathtaking landscapes of Africa.



### ③ Private Safari

Embark on an exhilarating experience into the national parks and game reserves of South Africa and nearby destinations. With striking wildlife perched mere feet away and majestic scenery along the horizon, the powerful energy of the animal kingdom will blow you away as you visit a Private Game Reserve as well as Chobe National Park.



## ④ Cape Town

Cape Town is a rare cultural gem. Wander through the Castle of Good Hope, explore the beauty that lies inside Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. Reach the plateau summit of Table Mountain, visit the penguins at V&A Waterfront, and tour the historically significant Robben Island.



## ⑤ The Cape Wine Region

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Wide stretching wineries span across the rolling landscape in the heart of South Africa's renowned wine region. Home to some of the world's most beautiful vineyards, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch are nestled in the mountain slopes just outside Cape Town. With an aromatic selection of vibrant flavours, try the South African Chenin Blanc and Red Pinotage at Neethling Wine Estate.



# Journey Itinerary





## Day 1

# DEPART FOR CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flights to Cape Town, South Africa. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details throughout the Journey, allowing you to focus on your experience.

### Overnight flight





## Day 2

# WELCOME TO CAPE TOWN

Perched between the Atlantic Ocean and Table Mountain, Cape Town is a rare cultural gem. An amalgamation of different nationalities and indigenous tribes, this beautiful city is filled with diverse multicultural pride. Upon arrival, our local guide greets us and takes us to our hotel. Settle into your room and get a good night's rest before a big day of sightseeing tomorrow.

**Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town (4 nights)**

## Day 3

# CAPTIVATING CAPE TOWN

Today, discover the 'Mother City' of South Africa, known as Cape Town. Visit the inspiring pentagon-shaped Castle of Good Hope, the oldest surviving building in South Africa and the beautiful Company's Garden, a large public park in the heart of the city. Journey on a cable car to the incredible plateau summit of Table Mountain, then discover the attractions at Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, the oldest working harbour, before touring Robben Island, a former prison island that once housed Nelson Mandela. (B,L,D)





## Day 4

# CAPE POINT & KIRSTENBOSCH GARDENS

Relax on a morning boat cruise from Hout Bay Harbour to Duiker Island, a sanctuary for Cape fur seals. Visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve which is globally recognized for its unique flora and diverse fauna. Visit Boulders Beach to see the African Penguin colony that call this small piece of coastline home. Enjoy a stop at the stunning Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, known as one of the greatest in the world. (B,L,D)

## Day 5

# THE CAPE'S WINE REGION

The 2<sup>nd</sup>-oldest town in South Africa, Stellenbosch is known for its natural beauty, oak-lined avenues, Cape Dutch architecture, and of course its wine routes. *Stellies*, as it's affectionately known, is a university town, so despite its heritage it retains a youthful vibe. Surrounded by wine farms, the town is abuzz with hotels, wine shops, cafés, restaurants, boutiques, art galleries and museums.

Relive history at the Stellenbosch Village Museum before wandering through the oak-lined streets of this picturesque town during free time. Following lunch in a local restaurant, meander through flavours and cellars with a wine tasting and cellar tour at Neethlingshof Wine Estate. Located just outside of Stellenbosch, this historic estate boasts a beautiful example of a Cape Dutch-style manor and produces a range of wines. (B,L,D)





## Day 6

# CAPE TOWN TO KRUGER

Say farewell to Cape Town and board the flight to Kruger. The rest of the day is at your leisure; relax by the pool, rejuvenate in the garden, or read a book on the patio, it's completely up to you! (B,L,D)

**Perry's Bridge Hollow Hotel, Hazyview (1 night)**

## Day 7

# BLYDE RIVER CANYON

Meander down an awe-inspiring river canyon during a visit to the Blyde River Canyon and Bourke's Luck Potholes, offering some of the most outstanding scenic vistas in South Africa. Afterwards, continue on to the Karongwe Game Reserve, located west of the incredible Kruger National Park. Venture off on a 4x4 game drive through the reserve to see some of the incredible wildlife. (B,L,D)

**Private Game Reserve, Beck's Safari Lodge (2 nights)**





## Day 8

# PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Enjoy your time at Becks, a Big Five private game reserve. Its bushland borders the banks of the Makhutswi River that are not only rich with wildlife, but also support an astounding variety of indigenous flora. Rise early for a sunrise game drive on a 4x4 when the animals are most active. Take the rest of the morning to relax at the lodge before another game drive later in the afternoon. (B,L,D)



## Day 9

# KRUGER TO JOHANNESBURG WITH NDEBELE VILLAGE

Take off on a final sunrise 4x4 game drive before departing for Johannesburg. Delight in a visit to a traditional Ndebele Village upon our arrival. The Ndebele are among the most colourful and distinctive tribes in South Africa and are best known for their lavish beaded designs, brass rings worn around their necks, arms and legs and their trademark geometrical mural art. Explore the village and watch a cultural show on the Ndebele traditions. (B,L,D)

**The Palazzo Montecasino, Johannesburg (2 nights)**





## Day 10

# HISTORIC JOHANNESBURG

Spend some time in the vibrant city of Johannesburg. Begin with a visit to the thought-provoking Apartheid Museum and get a glimpse into the history of racial segregation. This fascinating museum is dedicated to recounting the history of the rise and fall of apartheid in 20<sup>th</sup>-century South Africa. Then, tour the iconic township of Soweto, made famous for its role in the struggle against apartheid, end the day with a visit Nelson Mandela's former home, now a National Heritage Site and museum. (B,L,D)

## Day 11

# FLIGHT TO VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. On arrival your Journey Manager takes care of your visa formalities and we are met by our local guide and driver and transfer to our hotel. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax or take in the view of Victoria Falls from the hotel property before we enjoy dinner. (B,D)

**Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls (3 nights)**





## Day 12

# VICTORIA FALLS, THE “FLIGHT OF THE ANGELS” & ZAMBEZI RIVER CRUISE

Marvel at one of the world’s natural wonders, as we reach Victoria Falls. Shared by two countries, Zimbabwe to the south and Zambia to the north, Victoria Falls is the only waterfall in the world with a length of more than a kilometre and a height of over one hundred metres. Originally called Mosi-oa-Tunya “the smoke that thunders” by the local tribes, the falls were renamed after Queen Victoria by famous explorer David Livingstone in 1855. Following lunch at a nearby restaurant, take to the air with a stunning ‘Flight of the Angels’ over these magnificent, thundering falls followed by a visit to a local craft market to admire the handiwork of local artisans.

This evening, embark on a serene river cruise on the Zambezi River. The immense, calm waters of the Zambezi River lend themselves to leisurely boat cruises amongst the peace and tranquillity of the surrounding wilderness. As you peacefully drift along the river, watch the wildlife that congregates along the riverbanks in the coolness of the late day.

## Day 13

# CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA

Venture out on a wonderful full-day excursion to Botswana's Chobe National Park, one of the best locations for game viewing. Famed for having the highest concentration of elephants found anywhere in Africa, it is also known for hosting the densest population of game on the continent. Cruise along the Chobe River this morning, and savour a tasty buffet lunch at the Chobe Safari Lodge, which sits idyllically on the riverbank. Then, we venture further into Chobe National Park on a game drive to enjoy the abundance of wildlife. (B,L,D)





**Day 14 & 15**

## **HOME OR ROVOS EXTENSION**

This morning guests flying home bid “chionekedzo” and make their way to the Victoria Falls airport, to board our flights to Johannesburg and back home. Enjoy our private car to your home. (B)

Please note that your Journey Manager will accompany the guests on board the Rovos Rail.

# The Rovos Rail Experience

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Even before you embark, the locomotive's refinement is evident on the exterior of its vintage wood-panelled coaches. That same attention to detail is carried throughout the lounge car, in the form of upholstery leather couches, and delicately-piped icing on cakes served during afternoon tea.

This luxury doesn't come at the cost of comfort, of which there is plenty on board. In your private 10-square-metre Deluxe suite, kick your shoes off and watch the vistas pass by, interspersed with wildlife sightings, through your picture window. Take in the same views with a drink in hand, from the open-air observation car at the rear of the train.

On this train ride unlike any other, the Journey truly is as exciting as the destination. Recapture the romance of what it is like to explore the world by rail.



## Day 14

Rovos Rail Extension

# BOARD THE ROVOS RAIL

This morning is at your leisure to enjoy the amenities of the hotel. Following lunch, we walk the short distance to the train station and begin check in. Board the Rovos Rail for the beginning of our rail Journey towards Pretoria. There will be time for freshening up before joining fellow travellers in the lounge car before dinner. (B,L,D)

**Rovos Rail, Deluxe Cabin (3 Nights) - Overnight in Malindi**







## Day 15

Rovos Rail Extension

# HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

You will receive an early morning wake-up call today for your game drive at the Hide. We go on a game drive in the morning because it is when the animal kingdom is most active! Hwange is home to one of the largest populations of African wild dogs left in Africa and it is also a great place to see other interesting creatures like bat-eared foxes, genets and caracals. We return to the train for brunch and continue our Journey towards South Africa.

Following travelling from along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line – 114 kilometres – we pass by Bulawayo as we turn southwest towards Botswana. Mr. Rhodes ordered that the streets of Bulawayo be wide enough to allow an ox-wagon with its full complement of 16 oxen to turn a complete circle! Thus it has the distinction of having the widest streets and longest railway platforms in the world.

Tea is served in the lounge and observation cars. Dinner is served in the dining cars en route Mbalabala for overnight. (B,L,D)

## Day 16

### Rovos Rail Extension

# LIFE ON BOARD ROVOS RAIL

Revel in a full day on board this world-famous and elegant train as we continue our spectacular rail Journey. Let yourself be transported to a bygone era as you sip tea in the lounge car, admire the views from the observation car or simply relax with your favourite book in hand. The train crosses the Limpopo River to Musina. In Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories*, the 'Elephant's Child' departs his family for the "great grey-green, greasy Limpopo River, all set about with fever-trees, to find out what the Crocodile has for dinner." The train crosses the Tropic of Capricorn and we travel through Warmbaths (Bela-Bela), so named for its mineral waters and Nylstroom, christened by the Voortrekkers as the source of the Nile River as the town's river happened to be north-flowing. Pass the edge of the escarpment where the Highveld drops precipitously. (B,L,D)





## Day 17 & 18

Rovos Rail Extension

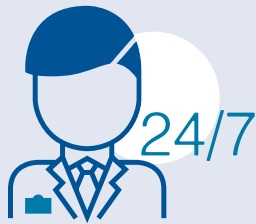
# PRETORIA & HOME

This morning we arrive at Pretoria Station in Pretoria, fondly nicknamed the Jacaranda City, and are met by our guide. We Familiarize ourselves with Afrikaans and African culture on a tour of Pretoria, the administrative and diplomatic centre of South Africa. See such landmarks as the iconic Voortrekker Monument, the Church Square, and the Nelson Mandela statue located at the Union buildings. Following lunch we spend time exploring and shopping in the affluent Sandton suburb before we bid “chionekedzo” and make our way to the airport, to board our flights back home. Enjoy our private car to your home. (B,L,D)

# Signature Inclusions on this Journey

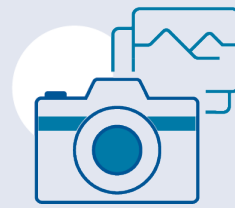
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In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



## 24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



## Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



## Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



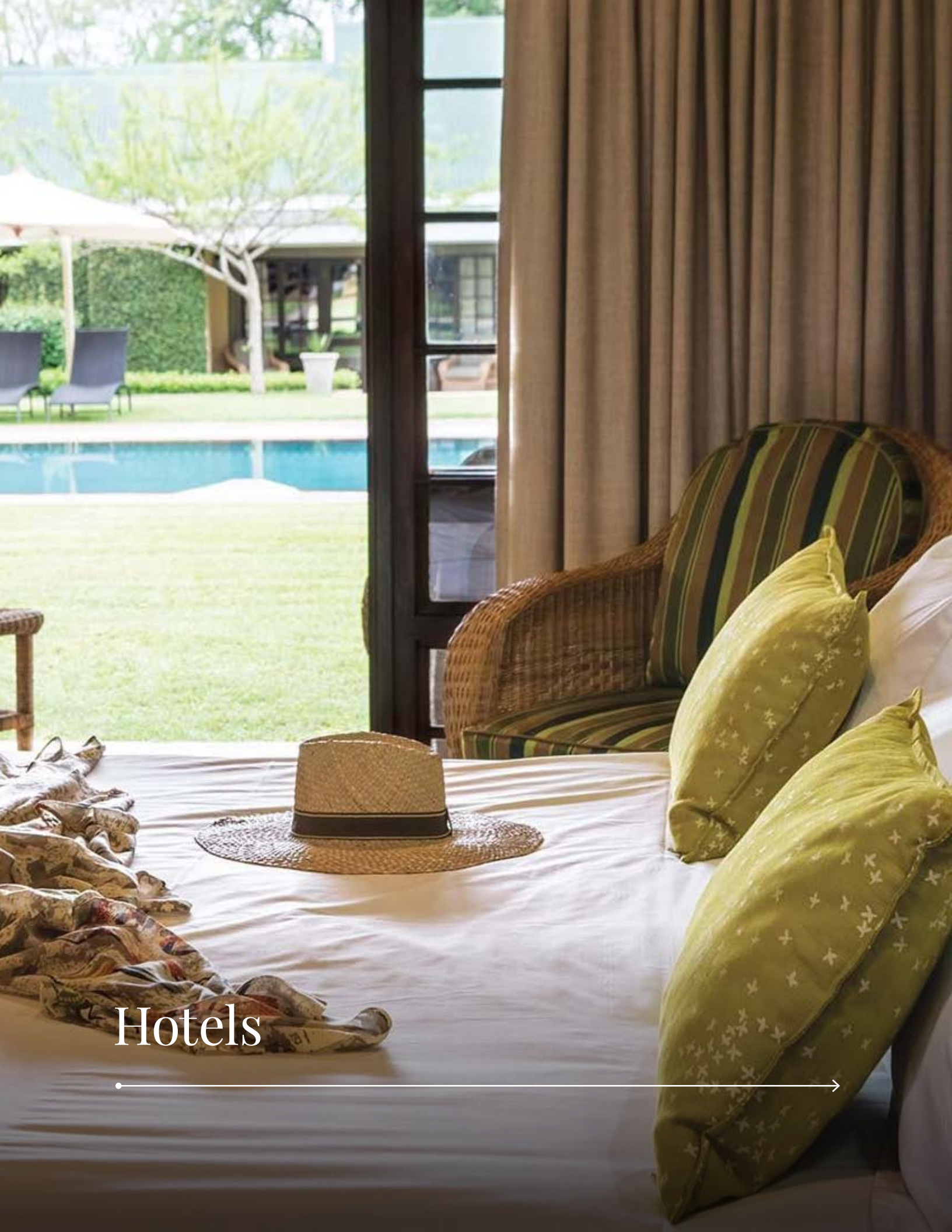
## Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

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Our essentials included with your Journey:

- **12 nights** in outstanding hotels & lodges
- **3 nights** aboard the Rovos Rail (with the extension)
- **All meals included**  
(11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners)  
(with the extension: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners)
- **Round-trip airfare** from Toronto with KLM and **2 regional flights** with South African Airways
- **All taxes** as well as port & service charges
- **“Whisper” radios** included for use during excursions
- Flights from select Canadian gateways for only \$100
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Hassle-free visas handled & processed for Canadian citizens
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack



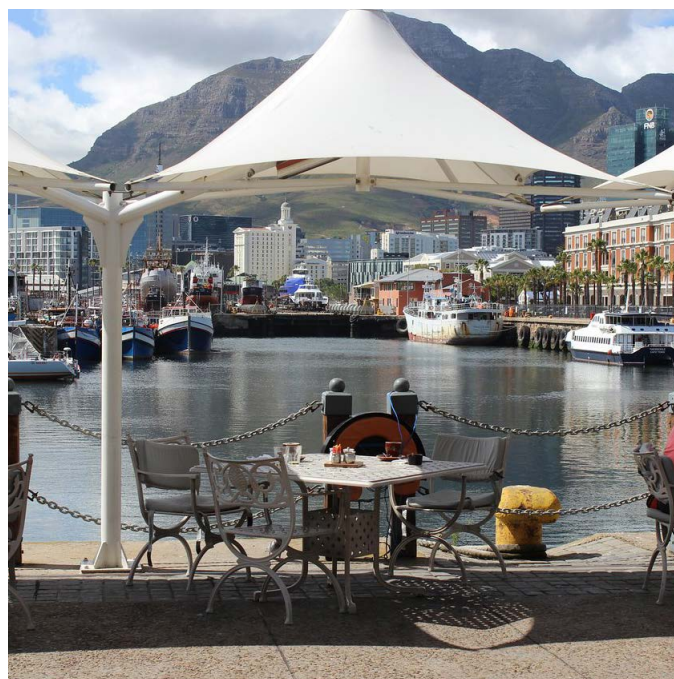
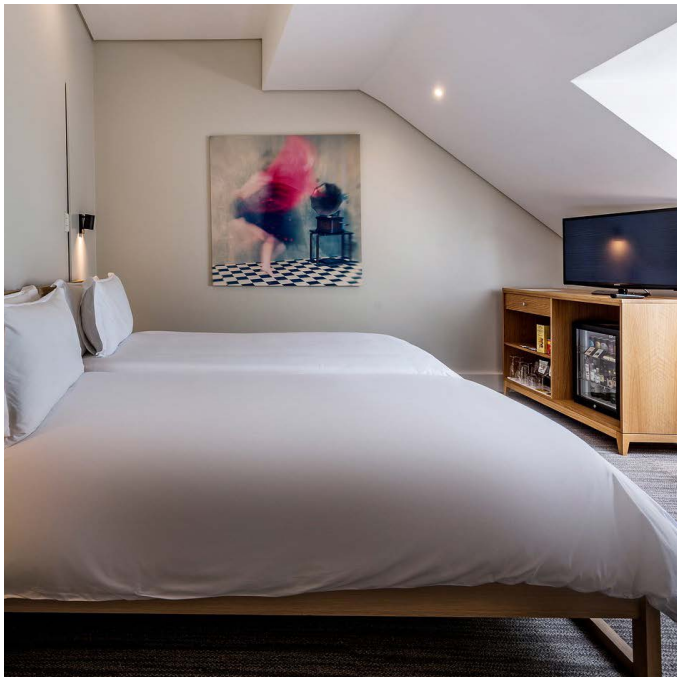
Hotels

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## Day 2-6

# VICTORIA & ALFRED HOTEL, CAPE TOWN

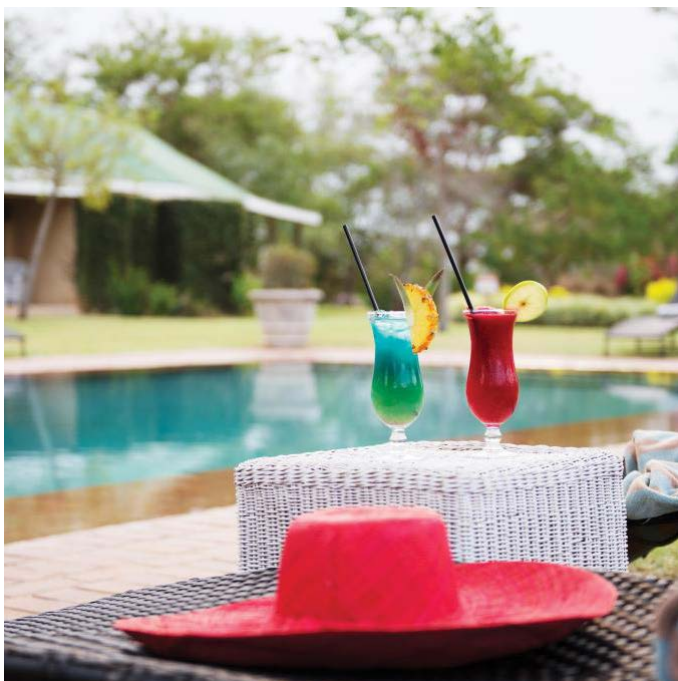
In a converted waterfront warehouse dating from 1904, this ultra-chic hotel has views over Alfred Basin and the city centre to Table Mountain. Upscale rooms with contemporary interiors feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen smart TVs and minibars, as well as tea and coffee making facilities. Some have sea and mountain views, while others overlook a plaza.



## Day 6-7

# PERRY'S BRIDGE HOLLOW HOTEL, HAZYVIEW

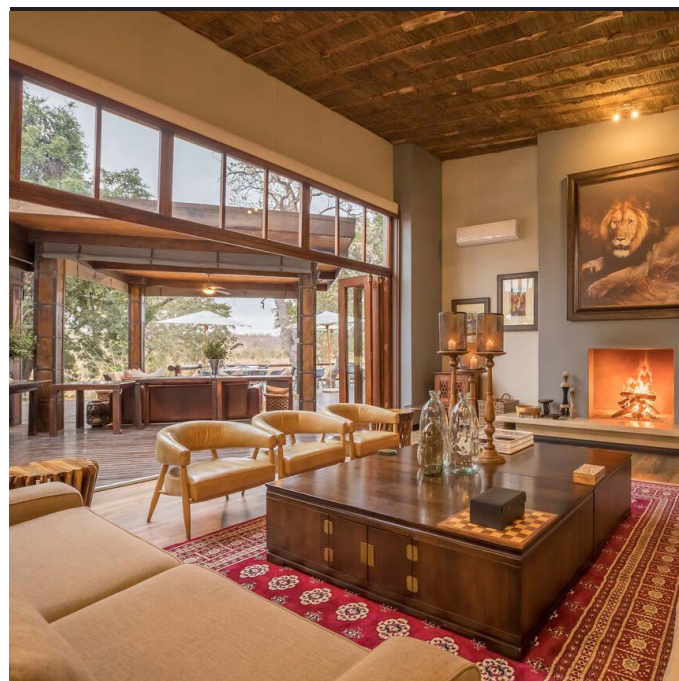
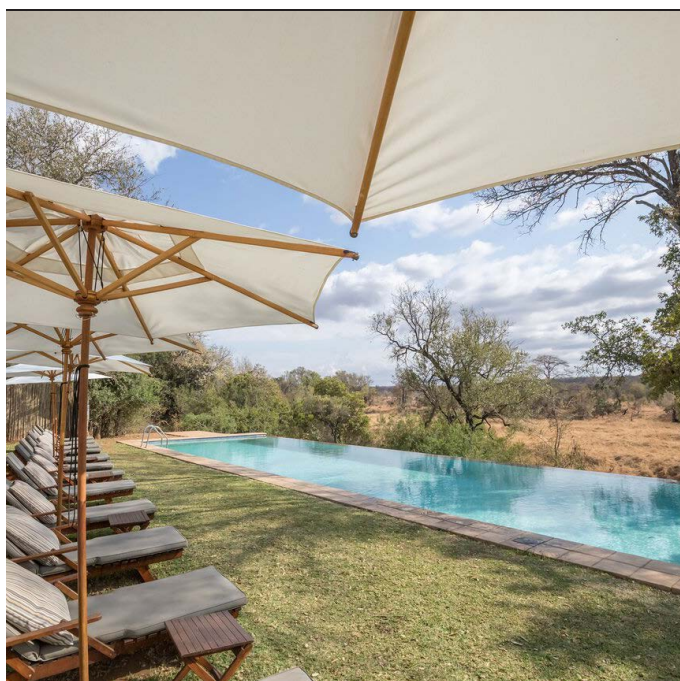
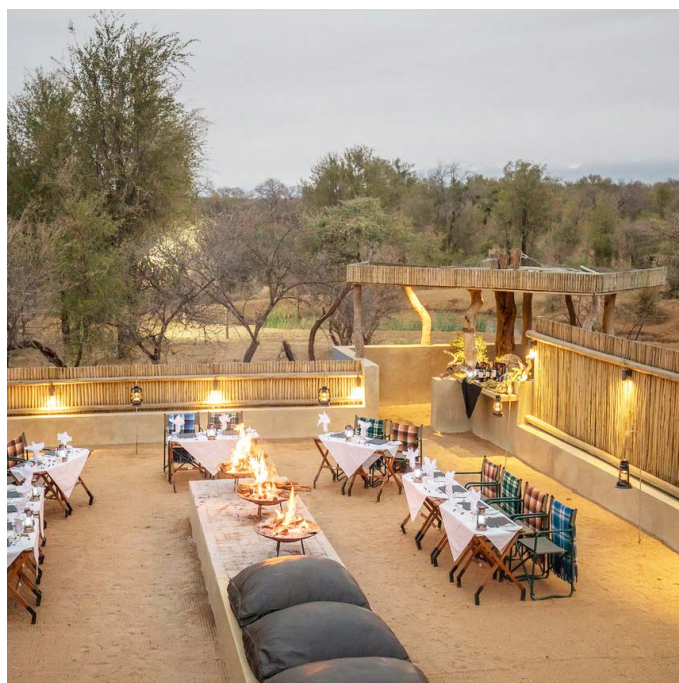
Set in a beautiful garden, Perry's Bridge Hollow Hotel offers relaxed, yet sophisticated accommodation. Rest in one of the 31 spacious rooms, admire the views from your own private patio or spend time floating in the swimming pool. Leave feeling refreshed and revived.



## Day 7-9

# PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, BECKS SAFARI LODGE

Becks Safari Lodge, combines luxe living and innovative design with a deep appreciation for the South African bushveld. Overlooking the Makhutsi River, Becks Safari Lodge is located in the Karongwe Game Reserve. In addition to stunning views and intimate accommodations, this lodge features a handsome lounge, impressive deck, and 20-metre infinity pool.

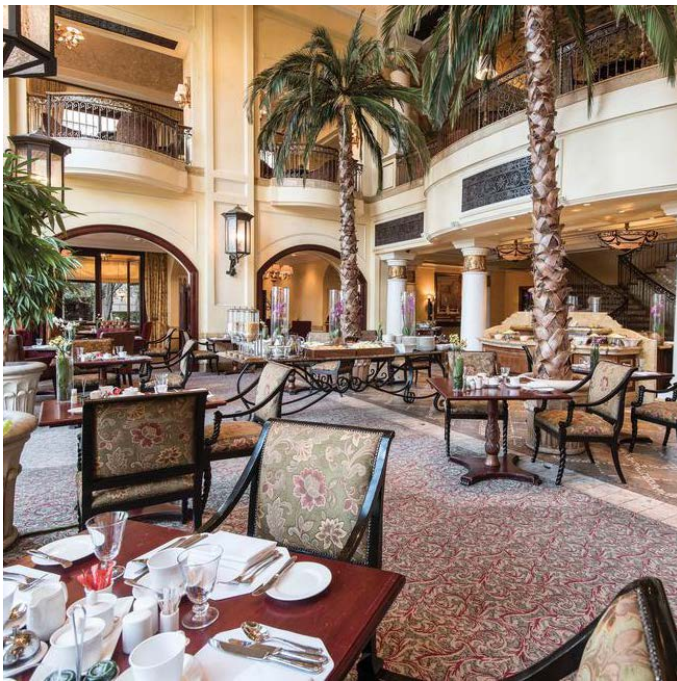




## Day 9-11

# THE PALAZZO MONTECASINO, JOHANNESBURG

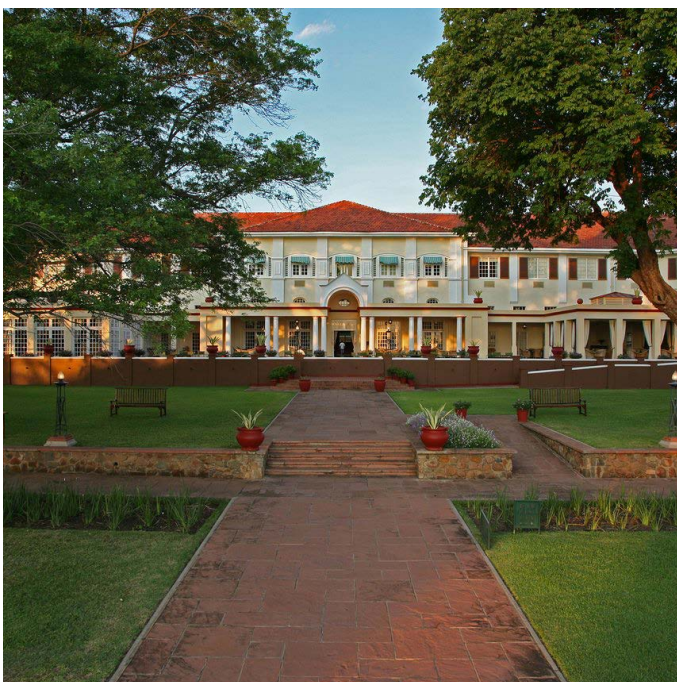
Considered to be the most beautiful and romantic hotels in South Africa, the award-winning Palazzo Hotel in Johannesburg is the epitome of elegance. It features enchanting Tuscan-inspired architecture, reflected in the luxurious accommodation, spectacular gardens and attentive service.



## Day 11-14

# VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL, VICTORIA FALLS

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as ‘The grand old lady of the Falls,’ is situated in Victoria Falls National Park. This grand hotel is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. The Edwardian-style five-star hotel, built in 1904, was recently redecorated and refurbished to eloquently combine the charm of the old with the convenience of the new.



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# All-Inclusive Base Fares

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Double Occupancy  
\$12,990

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Single Occupancy  
\$16,390

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Double Occupancy  
+\$5,890

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Single Occupancy  
On Request

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.