

# SPLENDORS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



JOURNEYS  
by Van Dyke 

 Land Journey

15 Days

 \$16,490 CAD  
All inclusive from,  
per guest, double occ.

September 8  
to 22, 2025

# Discover South Africa

Uncover the Splendors of Southern Africa on this intimate small-group journey. Encounter the majestic Big Five on thrilling game drives and immerse yourself in the vibrant charm of Cape Town and Johannesburg, where every landmark tells a captivating story. This isn't just a trip; it's a personal odyssey and an unforgettable chapter in your story.

Fulfill your bucket list dreams and ignite your senses on this unforgettable journey!





## 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 waterfall in the world.





## ② Kirstenbosch Gardens

Explore the breathtaking Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, a world-renowned oasis nestled at the base of Table Mountain. With its diverse collection of indigenous plants, winding paths, and tranquil settings, it's the perfect place to experience the natural beauty of South Africa.



### ③ Private Safaris

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Embark on an exhilarating experience into the national parks and game reserves of South Africa and Botswana. 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 Stellenbosch

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The 2nd-oldest town in South Africa, Stellenbosch is known for its natural beauty, oak-lined avenues, Cape Dutch architecture, and of course its wine routes. Enjoy a wine tasting and cellar tour at Jordan Estate Winery. Gary and Kathy Jordan have been making world-class wines since 1993 on a farm with a history going back over 300 years



# 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.

**Overnight: Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town**

## 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.

**Overnight: Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





## Day 4

# CAPE POINT & KIRSTENBOSCH GARDENS

From its rugged, rocky outcrops and sheer cliffs to the fynbos covered plains, the Cape Peninsula holds much in store for us today. 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.

**Overnight: Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## Day 5

# STELLENBOSCH

The 2nd-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. Enjoy lunch followed by a wine tasting and cellar tour at Jordan Estate Winery. Gary and Kathy Jordan have been making world-class wines since 1993 on a farm with a history going back over 300 years.

**Overnight: Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





## 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!

**Overnight: Hippo Hollow Country Estate, Hazyview**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## Day 7

# BLYDE RIVER CANYON

Meander down a seemingly endless river canyon during a visit to the Blyde River Canyon and Bourke's Luck Potholes. This awe-inspiring stretch of landscape showcases some of South Africa's most stunning vistas. The Bourke's Luck Potholes mark the beginning of the canyon and boast fascinating geological formations at the confluence of the Blyde and Treur Rivers.

Continuing to Makalali Game Reserve, we arrive at the lodge in time for lunch. The reserve is located west of the Kruger National Park to offer guests an ethnic-style retreat within 26,000 hectares of bushveld. This afternoon, venture off on a 4x4 game drive through the reserve to view some of the incredible wildlife. As the day concludes, we head back to the lodge to relax and enjoy dinner

**Overnight: Private Game Reserve, Makalali River Lodge**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





## Day 8

# PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Makalali is a Big Five game area and home to various antelope species such as impala, nyala and kudu, as well as predators like hippo and crocodiles. Its bushland borders the banks of the Nbesi River that are not only wildlife rich, but also support an astounding variety of indigenous flora. Rise early this morning for sunrise 4x4 game drive when the game is most active. Take the rest of the morning for breakfast and lunch to relax at the lodge before another 4x4 game drive late this afternoon. We return to the lodge for dinner and a relaxing evening.

**Overnight: Private Game Reserve, Makalali River Lodge**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



## Day 9

# KRUGER TO JOHANNESBURG

Embark on a final sunrise 4x4 game drive this morning before we board our flight in Hoedsruit for Johannesburg. On arrival we are met by our local guide and transferred to our hotel for a light lunch. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the hotel amenities.

**Overnight: The Palazzo Montecasino, Johannesburg**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





**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.

**Overnight: The Palazzo Montecasino, Johannesburg**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## Day 11

# FLIGHT TO VICTORIA FALLS (ZIMBABWE) & ZAMBEZI RIVER CRUISE

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.

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 tranquility 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.

**Overnight: Palm River Hotel, Victoria Falls**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**





## Day 12

# VICTORIA FALLS, THE “FLIGHT OF THE ANGELS”

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.

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.

**Overnight: Palm River Hotel, Victoria Falls**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## 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.

**Overnight: Palm River Hotel, Victoria Falls**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





**Day 14**

## **FAREWELL AFRICA**

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.

**Overnight: Flight**

**Meals: Breakfast**



**Day 15**

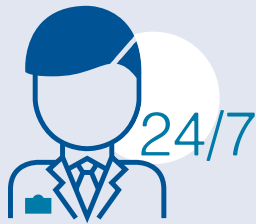
**HOME**

On arrival in Toronto, Enjoy our private car to your home.

# Signature Inclusions on this Journey

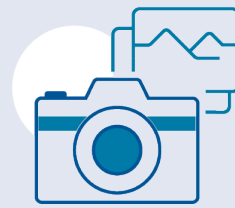
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In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



## 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
- **All meals included**  
(13 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 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
- 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





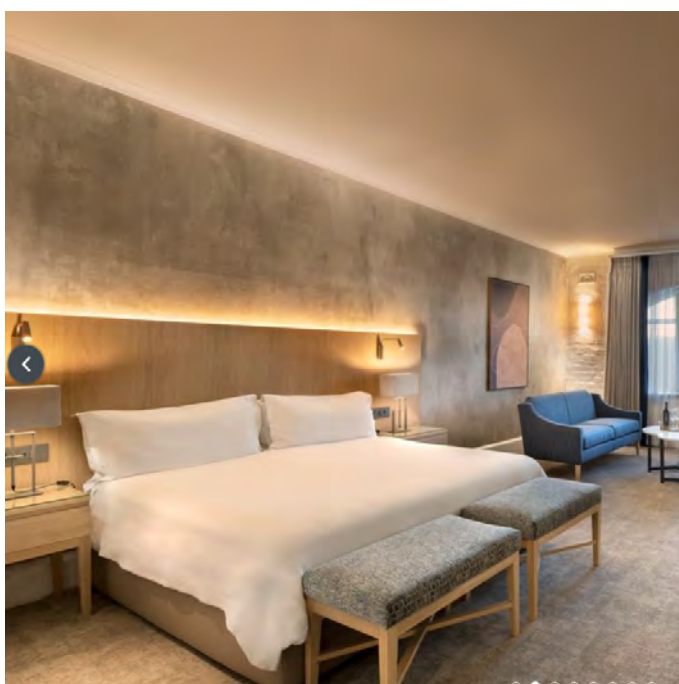
Hotels

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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. Enjoy rooms that offer views of the energetic piazza with glimpses of the V&A Waterfront culture, which includes traditional music and performers, can be enjoyed from these rooms.



## Day 6-7

# HIPPO HOLLOW COUNTRY ESTATE, HAZYVIEW

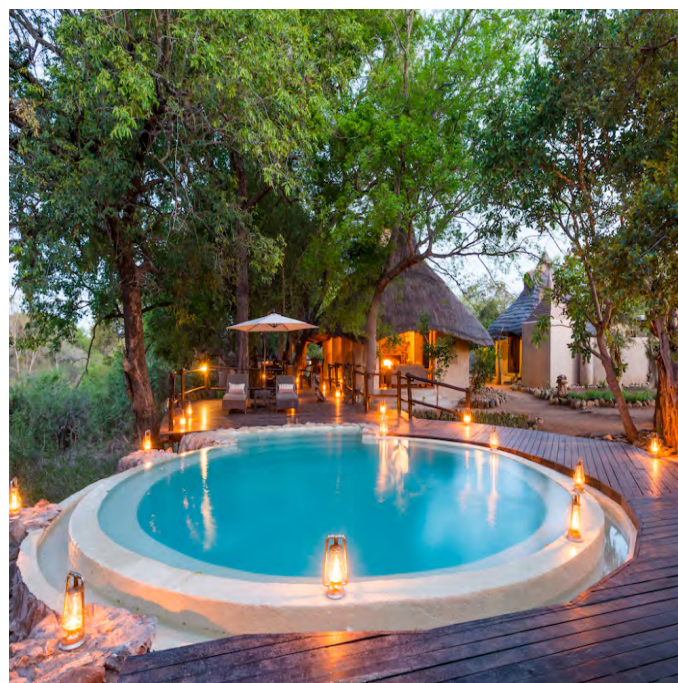
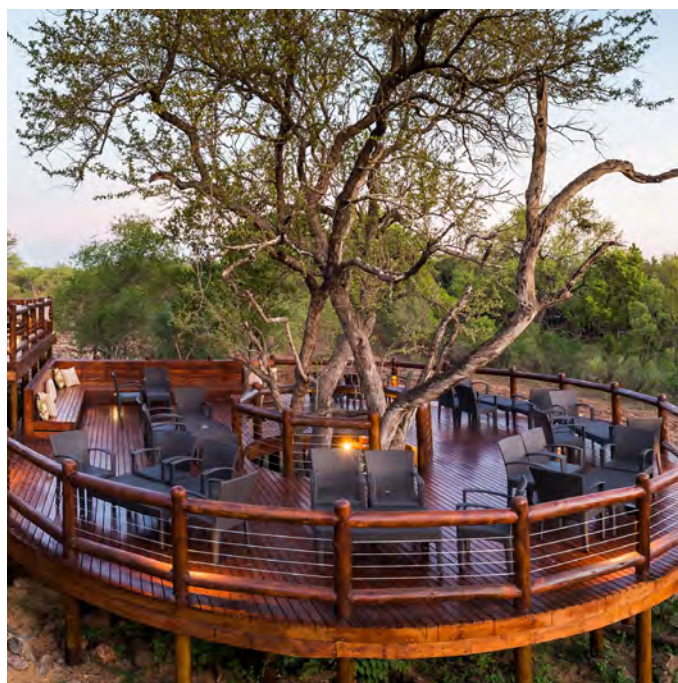
Just ten minutes from Kruger National Park, Hippo Hollow Country Estate offers a peaceful escape in Mpumalanga Hazyview. Nestled within tranquil, indigenous gardens, this charming hotel features comfortable accommodations ideal for a relaxing retreat. The garden chalets and verandas overlook lush greenery and sparkling pools, inviting you to unwind amidst nature's beauty. The estate is home to two pools and the scenic Sabie River, where you can spot hippos, crocodiles, monkeys, and a variety of birdlife, with the occasional visit from elephants.



## Day 7-9

# MAKALALI RIVER LODGE, MAKALALI GAME RESERVE

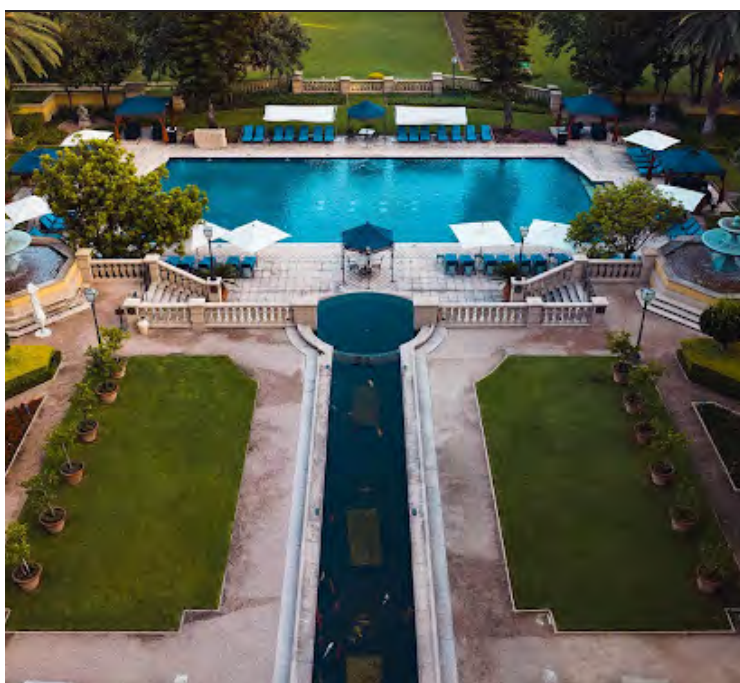
Discover the exquisite Makalali River Lodge, nestled along the serene Makhutswi River. This luxurious 5-star retreat features three intimate camps, each with personal touches, including a private dining area and an elevated timber viewing deck (sala) for breathtaking river views and wildlife sightings. Relax in the plunge pool, gather around the boma, or unwind in the enclosed dining and lounge area. Makalali River Lodge offers a seamless blend of seclusion and convenience, perfect for an unforgettable safari experience.



## Day 9-11

# THE PALAZZO MONTECASINO, JOHANNESBURG

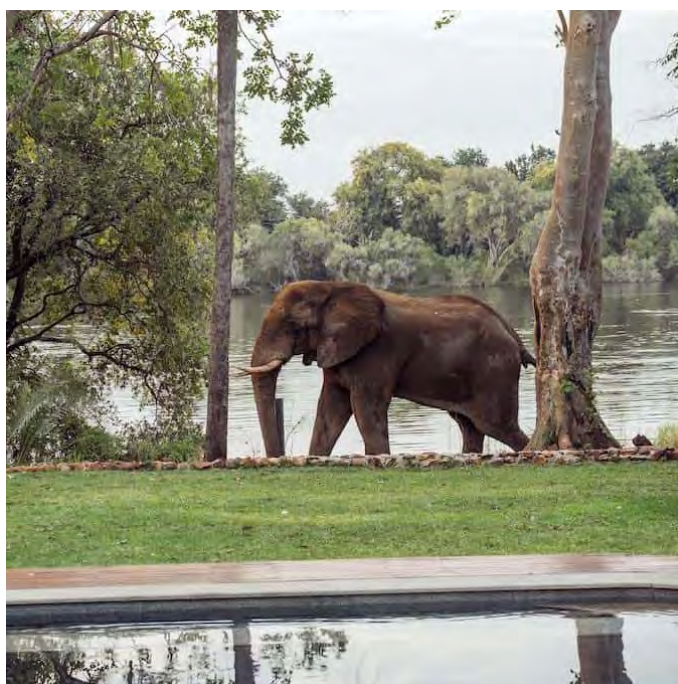
Considered to be the most beautiful and romantic hotels in South Africa, the award-winning Palazzo Hotel in Johannesburg is the epitome of elegance. It features enchanting Tuscan-inspired architecture, reflected in the luxurious accommodation, spectacular gardens and attentive service.



## Day 11-14

# PALM RIVER HOTEL, VICTORIA FALLS

The Palm River Hotel offers an idyllic retreat along the banks of the iconic Zambezi River, featuring luxurious deluxe rooms designed for ultimate comfort. Each room seamlessly blends modern conveniences with old-world charm, using natural tones and locally sourced materials that reflect the beauty of Victoria Falls. With expansive views of the riverside garden and the mighty Zambezi, you'll feel immersed in nature from the comfort of your room.



# All-Inclusive Base Fares

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Double Occupancy  
\$16,490

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Single Occupancy  
\$19,490

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.