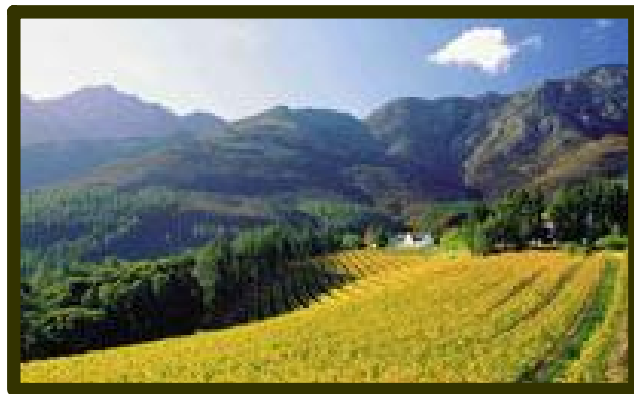


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Journeys of a Lifetime



**BEST OF SOUTH AFRICA –
RELAIS AND CHATEAUX TOUR**

**A Luxury Safari
13 nights/14 days**

Best of South Africa - Relais & Chateaux Tour Luxury Tour (13 Nights/14 Days)

This safari is a private safari with a private guide accompanying guests on the day trips and scenic tours, except at game lodges where you will be in the hands of their expert rangers and trackers.



Day 1: Cape Town



Transfer from Cape Town International Airport to **Ellerman House**, an exclusive private retreat, situated on the slopes of **Lion's Head Mountain** with magnificent ocean and mountain views. The tranquil mood of Ellerman House is further complemented by excellent cuisine and a fully stocked cellar of South African vintage wines. Individual balconies have panoramic views across the Atlantic to **Robben Island**, and the skyline of Cape Town. You will stay three nights at Ellerman House on a bed and breakfast basis in a sea facing room with balcony.

Day 2: Cape Town Tour

Depart the city for a full day private Peninsula Tour. Travel along the Atlantic Seaboard past the coastal suburbs of Sea Point, Bantry Bay and Clifton and stop for a photo opportunity of Table Mountain's towering Twelve Apostles. On past Bakoven and Llandudno, marked by shipwrecks, to the fishing village of Hout Bay. Here, board a boat to view the Cape Fur Seal colony on Duiker Island (weather permitting).

On return, head over the 600m heights of Chapman's Peak Drive, one of the world's most spectacular passes, past the Cape's longest beach near Noordhoek and the hamlets of Kommetjie and Scarborough - with a chance to sight Southern Right Whales just offshore from June to November!

Explore the rocky coastline and unique Fynbos vegetation, home to birds like African Black Oystercatchers and Cape Sugarbirds and view other endemic fauna like Cape Mountain Zebra, Bontebok and Baboon as we enter the Cape of Good Hope National Park. Climb (or ride a funicular) to the famous Cape Point Lighthouse, to capture the magical vistas of False Bay, and stop at the south westernmost point of Africa, the fabled Cape of Good Hope.

After lunch at a coastal restaurant (included), visit Boulders Beach, for a close-up with a colony of African Penguins, then head home through the naval village of Simonstown and over Boyes Drive, taking in views of the fishing harbour at Kalk Bay and the seaside havens of St James and Muizenberg.

Day 3: Cape Town Tour

You will be taken on a full day private tour of the **City, Table Mountain** and **Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens**, including entrance fees and lunch.

Depart the city for the Lower Cableway Station to board the revolving cable car, for a 5-minute ride to the top of Table Mountain, 1036 meters above sea level, it affords bird's-eye views of both city and peninsula as you walk its summit (weather permitting).



Return to the city via the old Cape Malay Quarter, for a walk through the Company Gardens, a fresh produce garden for ships and locals from the mid 17th Century and home to the SA Museum, Cultural History Museum, Houses of Parliament, National Gallery and St George's Cathedral. Stroll through the city to Greenmarket Square to browse African mementos at its bustling market stalls.

Drive to the Castle, the oldest building in South Africa with its collection of Old Cape paintings and take in the Grand Parade where Nelson Mandela addressed the nation on his release in 1990. Move on to the District Six Museum, highlighting the colorful life of this legendary city area and the bitter forced removal of its residents during the Apartheid era.

Continue to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, on the suburban slopes of Table Mountain, for lunch in what is arguably the most magnificent of all indigenous plant gardens in the world (Lunch included). Founded in 1895, it is home to many specimens of the unique Cape Floral Kingdom (one of the largest in the world, with some 8600 species including the classic Protea). Explore varied biomes and displays, from medicinal plants and desert dwellers, to a forest of prehistoric cycads, until the sun sets.

Day 4: Winelands

Depart the city for a full day tour in the Winelands region in the nearby Boland Mountains, for a leisurely exploration of historic Wine Route towns, their liquid delights and famed hospitality. Estates visited will vary according to client preferences, but the tour generally includes the region's major wine producing areas, and there are chances aplenty en route for tastings of high quality reds and whites as well as Cap Classiques (South African "Champagnes") in areas including Stellenbosch, Simonsberg, Paarl and Franschhoek. Lunch at one of the many classic restaurants in the area is included.

Natural and historic heritage abounds in this area and your tour may take in sights like the Afrikaans Language Monument with its panoramic Boland views, the historic estate of Boschendal with its beautifully preserved Cape Dutch buildings and priceless period furniture, while idyllic Franschhoek, nestled in the valley where the French Huguenots settled in 1688, is a delight for antique lovers and gastronomes (the town boasts some world-famous eateries). Stellenbosch, South Africa's second-oldest town provides another glimpse of classic 17/18th Century Cape style with a chance to browse quaint Dorp Street, visit the museum or explore the many galleries and shops of this university town.

Spend two nights in the winelands at Le Quartier Francais Auberge in a luxury room. A country inn of captivating charm, Le Quartier Francais Auberge is situated in the heart of the Cape winelands in the French Huguenot Village of Franschhoek. The Le Quartier Francais Auberge combines the atmosphere of a European retreat with the warmth of a family home. There are 15 individual deluxe rooms, 2 luxurious suites and the Four Quarters which consists of 4 exclusive suites. The rooms are cooled by ceiling fans / air-



conditioning in summer and warmed by wood-burning fires in winter. The spacious bedrooms feature Egyptian cotton linen, deep down duvets and a comfortable sitting area. The rooms and the private library look onto the central garden courtyard and the swimming pool. Le Quartier Francais is renowned for its innovative cuisine: an eclectic blend of Cape flavors with a provencale influence.

Day 5: Winelands

Day of Leisure or book a culinary experience at the Le Quartier (extra cost) or book another winelands tour through Le Quartier (extra cost).

Day 6: Garden Route

Private road transfer from Le Quartier Francais Auberge to Cape Town Airport for your flight to George Airport (flight not included in land costs). Private transfer from George Airport to Tsala Treetop Lodge. Spend 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

You will be collected from Tsala Treetop Lodge and taken on a scheduled half day Ferries and train tour including lunch. Board the Featherbed Ferry for a cruise on the lagoon to the private Nature Reserve. Travel in a landcruiser to the top of the Western head, walk back through the Milkwood forest to the tavern to enjoy lunch. Return to the mainland to explore the quaint town with its many art & craft shops. Visit the Belvidere Estate to view the Holy Trinity church before returning to the Lodge.

Tsala Treetops Lodge lies in the heart of the Garden Route of the Western Cape, about 10km from Plettenberg Bay. Wooden walkways meander through the trees to 10 individual, elevated suites in the forest canopy. Each suite offers a sitting room with wood fire, spacious bathroom, outside shower, and private pool with observation deck and lounge chairs. The main lodge is connected to the suites by a series of elevated walkways. There is a cozy lounge with views of the forest and valley. The lodge boasts large open suspended decks for dining and sunset viewing. There is a library featuring reference books on the area and a cellar stocked with the best South African wines.



Day 7: Garden Route

You will be collected from Tsala and taken on a scheduled full day Tsitsikamma tour. Depart Knysna for a scenic drive, stopping at the view sites in Plettenberg Bay before descending the Groot River Pass to Nature's Valley for a refreshment stop. Then on to the Tsitsikamma National Park with its contrasting beauty of sea, forest, fynbos and river for lunch. After lunch enjoy a walk to the suspension bridge before returning to Knysna.

Day 8: Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge

Private transfer from Tsala Treetop Lodge to Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge, where you will spend two nights, with all meals and daily game activities included.

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve lies in the heart of South Africa's malaria-free Eastern Cape near Grahamstown. A victory for far-sighted conservation, 25 000 hectares (62 000 acres) of farmland in the Great Fish River region were restored and restocked with African wildlife. Today, thousands of animals including lion, black and white rhino, buffalo and elephant roam this diverse and fascinating reserve. The Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge is stylishly furnished in Frontier Settler style, integrating local African culture with colonial settler history. The 9

elegant thatched stone and glass suites feature floor-to-ceiling doors. Each suite is air-conditioned and has an en suite bathroom (with indoor and outdoor shower), private plunge pool and game viewing deck. Guest areas have a large fireplace with massive stone chimney, and a soaring thatched roof with imposing chandeliers. Sophisticated, glass-fronted sitting and dining areas boast expansive viewing decks with breathtaking river views. Delicious Pan-African cuisine is served on the private decks, in the candlelit dining room, or enjoyed in the boma (outdoor dining area). Kwandwe is renowned for its spectacular bush banqueting in surprise settings. Heatherton Towers is the main reception building, which is situated 40 minutes from the Lodge. It is, in fact, a Frontier War-era fortified homestead, complete with dramatic gun turrets and private chapel. Kwandwe's exciting safari activities include interpretive twice-daily game drives in a Big Five game wilderness, guided river-walking/hiking and canoeing and a Specialist Historic Safari.



Day 9: Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge

Full day of game viewing activities at **Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge**.

Day 10: Singita Lebombo Lodge

Private transfer from Kwandwe Great Fish River Lodge to Port Elizabeth Airport for your scheduled flight to Johannesburg, where you will be assisted in connecting to your light aircraft transfer from OR Tambo Airport to Singita Lebombo where you will spend two nights with all meals, including premium wines, spirits and liqueurs (excluding champagne), and scheduled daily activities included.

Singita Lebombo Lodge lies in a 15,000 hectare concession within the southeastern boundaries of the Kruger National Park. This wilderness area is east of Satara and along the Mozambique border. The land comprises elevated outcrops of the Lebombo Mountain Range overlooking the Nwanetsi River at its confluence with the Sweni River and the savannah plains beyond.



Constructed almost entirely of bleached wood and glass, it has 15 elevated loft-style suites with views over the Nwanetsi River and the Lebombo. The main lodge comprises of range of dining, lounge and relaxation areas. Also on offer is The Village Spa which offers a range of massages, skin care and spa body treatments as well as a fully equipped gym and steam room. There is a gallery showcasing leading

South African works, a wine boutique where guests can taste South African wines, an interactive ranger centre and a cliffside swimming pool. Open Land Rover safaris and informative guided walking safaris are operated by experienced rangers and trackers.

Day 11: Singita Lebombo Lodge

Full day of game viewing activities at **Singita Lebombo Lodge**.

Day 12: Londolozi

Air transfer from Singita Lebombo Lodge to **Londolozi Game Reserve**. Spend 2 nights on a fully inclusive basis, including all meals, activities and local drinks (excluding premium import brands). The top of the range **Tree Camp** (rated by many as the most beautiful in Africa) captures the ambiance of Africa in an intimate and memorable way and accommodates only 12 guests.

Londolozi Private Game Reserve is set in 14,000 hectares of the **Sabi Sand Game Reserve** and is famous for its leopard sightings. **Londolozi Tree Camp** boasts 6 luxurious suites surrounded by large shady trees with views of the **Sand River**. Each air-conditioned suite offers an en suite bathroom, private deck with plunge pool, outdoor shower and sala. The central living area has a lounge area, library and a game viewing dining deck. Candlelit dinners are enjoyed in the boma, while the camp also organises moonlit bush dinners and private bush breakfasts. During the day guests can relax by the lodge pool in the camp's garden. Dynamic presentations are offered in the interpretive centre. A fully equipped gym is available at Varty Camp, and daily sunrise and sunset yoga classes are offered. Activities centre around twice daily game drives in open vehicles under the guidance of skilled rangers and trackers. Bird watching and guided bush walks are also offered and there are excellent photographic opportunities.



Day 13: Londolozi

Full day of game viewing activities at **Londolozi Tree Camp**.

Day 14: Johannesburg

After morning game viewing and brunch, you transfer by light aircraft to Johannesburg and onward journey home or to take part in one of the many extensions.

2012 Tour Costs

1. Land Arrangements

February 1 - 28

From US\$14,851.00 per person sharing accommodation

From US\$5,748.00 single supplement

March 1 - 31

From US\$14,114.00 per person sharing accommodation

From US\$5,312.00 single supplement

April 1 - 14

From US\$14,329.00 per person sharing accommodation

From US\$5,226.00 single supplement

April 15 - May 10

From US\$13,296.00 per person sharing accommodation

From US\$4,681.00 single supplement

May 11 - July 31

From US\$12,926.00 per person sharing accommodation

From US\$4,441.00 single supplement

August 1 - September 15

From US\$13,039.00 per person sharing accommodation

From US\$4,552.00 single supplement

September 16 - 30

From US\$13,316.00 per person sharing accommodation

From US\$4,673.00 single supplement

Note: Contact us for pricing after September 30, 2012.

Includes light aircraft transfers from Johannesburg to Singita Lebombo Lodge, Singita Lebombo Lodge to Londolozi Game Reserve, and Londolozi Game Reserve to Johannesburg.

2. Scheduled Airfares (Internal Flights in Africa only)

Johannesburg to Cape Town
Cape Town to George Airport
Port Elizabeth Airport to Johannesburg

Note: Costs vary depending on time of year, etc., and costs for these commercial flights are not included as part of the cost for this safari.

Tour Includes

- Accommodation on a shared basis
- Meals as specified
- Excursions and transfers as shown above (usually twice daily game activities at safari lodges and camps unless otherwise indicated in itinerary)
- Services of the lodge guides and staff
- Relevant park fees
- Meet & Assist service on arrival
- Drinks as applicable on your itinerary above (most hotels and some camps/lodges do not include drinks at all; others include house wine at dinner and drinks on activities only and yet others include all drinks except premium wines, champagnes, spirits and liqueurs)
- Light air transfers within South Africa as specified in the itinerary

Tour Excludes

- Any scheduled flights and related ticket or airport taxes
- Items of a personal nature
- Drinks, entrance fees, portage, tours/excursions and transfers not specified above
- Cancellation, baggage or medical insurance
- Staff gratuities
- Any new government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control
- Visa fees where relevant
- Meals not specified above such as lunch and dinner while in the larger towns and cities such as Cape Town and Johannesburg
- International flights
- Scheduled internal flights as specified in the itinerary