



#### **4 STAR SOUTH AFRICA**

15 Days | 14 Nights

Safari | Whale Watching | Winelands | Cape Town



## JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg is one of Africa's biggest and most vibrant cities. It is the economic capital of Africa and the gateway to Southern Africa. Although not as famous as other South African destinations, there is plenty to do in Johannesburg and nearby Pretoria. The old city is a multi-cultural mixture of traditional medicine shops, Chinese restaurants, taxi ranks and ultramodern skyscrapers.

There are excellent museums, art galleries and organized tours of historical and political interest. The shopping is Southern Africa's best and the many restaurants cater for all tastes. The nearby township of Soweto is Johannesburg's most popular tourist attraction.



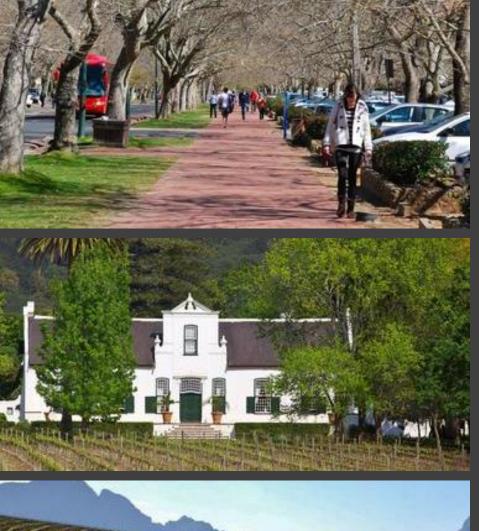




# SABI SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Adjacent to the Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve is a private premier game viewing destination. It was the first ever private nature reserve established in South Africa. The landscape features 65 000 hectares of savannah-covered land interspersed with watering holes, dry river beds, lowveld woodlands, and the perennial Sabi and Sand rivers.

This spectacular reserve offers exceptional game viewing opportunities with frequent sightings of the renowned Big Five as well as cheetah, zebra, giraffe, and a variety of antelope. Visitors can enjoy excellent wildlife viewing, dining under the stars, guided bush walks and enjoying a stay in some of South Africa's most luxurious safari lodges.





## STELLENBOSCH

A blend of historical architecture, student life, epicurean delights and oak-lined avenues, Stellenbosch is a picturesque university town surrounded by mountains and vineyards.

A walking tour of the town center allows visitors to take in its beautifully preserved Cape Dutch and Victorian architecture, as well as the many enticing art galleries, craft shops, clothing boutiques and gift stores, while foodies may prefer indulging in mouth-watering cuisine and fine wines at one of the chic restaurants or buzzing bistros.

Stellenbosch is also the ideal base from which to explore the renowned local wine route, boasting a high proportion of the country's leading wine estates.



#### HERMANUS

Situated just 140 kilometers from Cape Town and built between the beautiful shores and cliffs of Walker Bay, Hermanus has grown from a small seaside resort town to become possibly the bestknown place for whale watching in the world.

This town is also famed for its natural scenic beauty, long stretches of pristine beaches and excellent variety of restaurants, cafes and bars. Today, Hermanus is more than just a popular holiday destination and offers visitors all kinds of activities, both energetic and relaxing.

Visitors can explore the Old Harbor Museum, which is comprised of the charming fisherman's village, the old harbor, and the Whale House Museum; hike through the nearby Fernkloof Nature Reserve, and sample an array of top quality wine along the famed Hermanus Wine Route.







#### CAPE TOWN

Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own.

Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town is lucky enough to be blessed with all of these attractions and so much more.

With its bustling harbor, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.













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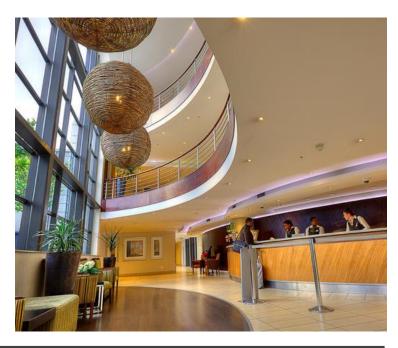
B Elephant Plains Game Lodge

- C Coopmanhuijs Boutique Hotel& Spa
- D Ocean Eleven Guest House

E Place On The Bay









# DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG

Arrive at the Johannesburg Airport and check into The City Lodge Hotel for the night.



# DAY 2 : SABI SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

You will check out of the hotel and head back to the airport to connect with your scheduled charter flight to the Sabi Sand Game Reserve where you will stay for the next 3 days at Elephant Plains Game Lodge.







# DAY 3: SABI SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

At Elephant Plains Game Lodge you can be sure of game drives and bush walks that will live up to the Africa of your imagination! Not only will you have an excellent chance of close encounters with the Big 5, but you may even be spoiled with the more elusive wild dog and cheetah sightings.

As the lodge is situated on a dry riverbed, the surrounding habitat is favorable for leopards, as these creatures enjoy the riverine and denser bush areas.

Keen birdwatchers would also be mesmerized with over 300 bird species to choose from.







# DAY 4 : SABI SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Children of all ages are welcome at Elephant Plains Game Lodge.

We have a children's program which can be adjusted according to the amount of children we have in camp.

Activities include painting, drawing, beading, constructing an ant farm, mini bushwalks and many more. Special children's menus are available. Babysitting can be arranged.



# DAY 5: STELLENBOSCH

After your morning game drive you will head back to the Sabi Sand landing strip and take your scheduled charter flight back to the Johannesburg Airport where you will then connect on a South African Airways commercial flight to the Cape Town Airport.

You will then pick up your rental car and drive an hour to Stellenbosch in the heart of the wine country. You will then check in to the Coopmanhuijs Hotel & Spa.







#### DAY 6: STELLENBOSCH

A mere one hours drive from Cape Town lie the valleys and mountains which have become synonymous with some of the world's finest wines. Spectacular mountain scenery, fine hotels and guest houses, 300 years of wine making history and many of the country's top restaurants combine to make the Cape Winelands into a much desired destination.

This is the center of South Africa's award winning wine industry and places of interest include Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and numerous award winning wine estates.



#### DAY 7 : HERMANUS

More than 300 activities include whale watching, shark cage diving in Walker Bay, abseiling, treetop tours, quad biking and a 27 hole Hermanus golf course. Discover our wine route, art route, specialty shops and pamper boutiques. Escape to nature and breathe the champagne air along our spectacular cliff paths.

Meet the world's only Whale Crier as he alerts you to the whereabouts of the whales by blowing his kelp horn. Admire the diverse floral fynbos kingdom while hiking or biking in the Fernkloof Nature Reserve or laze on one of our pristine Blue Flag beaches.







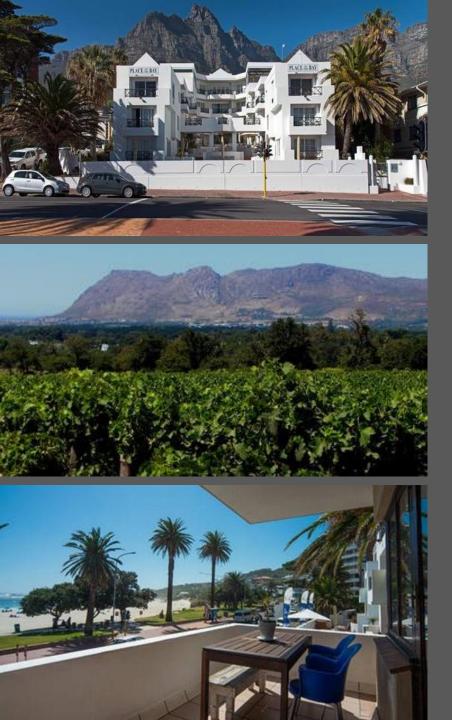
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Every year, thousands of local and international visitors come to Hermanus for the best land-based whale watching in the world. Between the months of July and November, up to 100 Southern Right Whales visit the town's protected waters and can be easily spotted from the cliff tops above, often coming as close as ten metres from the coast.



#### DAY 9: HERMANUS

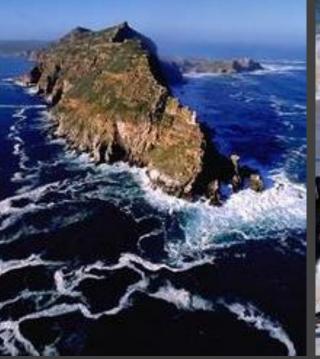
Creation Wine Estate and Tasting Room - The story of Creation Wines is as old as the hills - dating back to when Mother Nature created South Africa's beautiful Hemel-en-Aarde and bestowed upon it exceptional winegrowing conditions. At the same time, our story is as young as the vibrant team who since 2002 has been investing their talents to create a wine range of great distinction.



#### DAY 10 : CAPE TOWN

You will check out of your accommodation at Ocean Eleven Guesthouse and make the ninety minute drive along the coastal road to Camps Bay in Cape Town. The Place on the Bay will host you for the next 5 nights.

Dedicated to serving the finest cuts of beef and game in the country, the warm and sophisticated Hussar Grill Restaurant has extended its reach from Rondebosch, where it was established in 1964, to the trendy Camps Bay. Guests can enjoy a professional service, chic surroundings and an amiable atmosphere.







#### DAY 11: CAPE TOWN

Highlights of a trip down to Cape Point include; one of the world's most spectacular drives, Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak, Noordhoek Beach, the Cape Point Nature Reserve, two lighthouses on the tip of Africa, Boulders Penguin Colony, Simonstown, Kalk Bay and the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

The Boulders Visitor Centre is home to the famous colony of Jackass Penguins, so called for their hilarious braying call. This is a truly special experience and Table Mountain National Park staff are knowledgeable and offer guided tours. After you have fallen in love with the penguins head to the secluded Boulders Beach and take a swim in the comparatively warm waters of the False Bay.





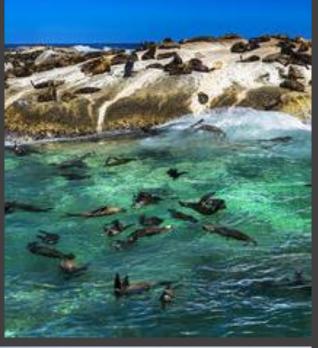


#### DAY 12: CAPE TOWN

Without a doubt it is Table Mountain that makes Cape Town the unique city it is. Rising up over 1000m above sea level, it is the icon that makes Cape Town instantly recognizable. It is a symbol, a playground, a spiritual retreat and a big draw card for tourists. So intertwined with the identity of Cape Town is Table Mountain that a visit to the city isn't complete without having walked or taken the cable car to the top.

Table Mountain has hundreds of walking and hiking options. As with hiking anywhere in the world hiking here has its dangers, so be prepared and tell someone where you are going.







#### DAY 13: CAPE TOWN

On the lower slopes of Table Mountain, the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens showcases some of the Cape's rich flora. Taking centre stage here is the unique 'fynbos' vegetation. Those who work up an appetite while exploring this garden paradise can visit the restaurant or tea room, which are fully stocked with delicious meals, yummy treats and refreshing beverages. In summer, Sunday music concerts provide sunset entertainment. Kirstenbosch is rated as the seventh best of its kind in the world.

Hout Bay's active harbor serves a variety of fishing boats, charter boats and yachts. It is also the departure point for boat trips to the nearby Seal Island, home to a colony of around 6 000 Cape Fur Seals. The bustling port area also has a well-known seafood restaurant and a shop selling fresh fish.

Trips departing from Hout Bay Harbour ferry passengers across to nearby Duiker Island – also known as Seal Island – where thousands of Cape Fur Seals can be seen in their natural habitat. The boat trip provides beautiful views of the bay, the harbour, The Sentinel and Chapman's Peak.



#### DAY 14: CAPE TOWN

The Robben Island leaves from the V & A Waterfront. The ticket office also has a little museum and a curio shop.

An icon of struggle, freedom and hope made famous by Nelson Mandela's imprisonment here.

This notorious prison is located on an island seven kilometres off the coast of Cape Town in Table Bay. It is where Africa's political prisoners were kept during the colonial and Apartheid years of South Africa.

In the heart of Cape Town's business district, you'll find Greenmarket Square. The square has quite a reputation, it has been a slave market, a fruit and vegetable market and, during the 1950s, a humble parking lot. These days it's just the place to look for clothing, glassware, hand-painted fabrics, footwear, music, sunglasses and curios from all over Cape Town and Africa.







# DAY 15 : END OF ITINERARY

Today you will check out of The Place on the Bay and visit a couple of nearby beaches before heading back to the airport to catch your flight back to Johannesburg.

Camps Bay is a wealthy coastal suburb located just ten minutes from the city bowl. Set on the slopes of Table Mountain, it overlooks a series of beautiful sandy bays and the Atlantic Ocean beyond. Camps Bay is home to Cape Town's most glamorous beach.

A series of four idyllic beaches separated by massive granite boulders. Clifton is protected from the wind by the mountains and is the best place to be when the Cape's notorious South Easter is blowing.