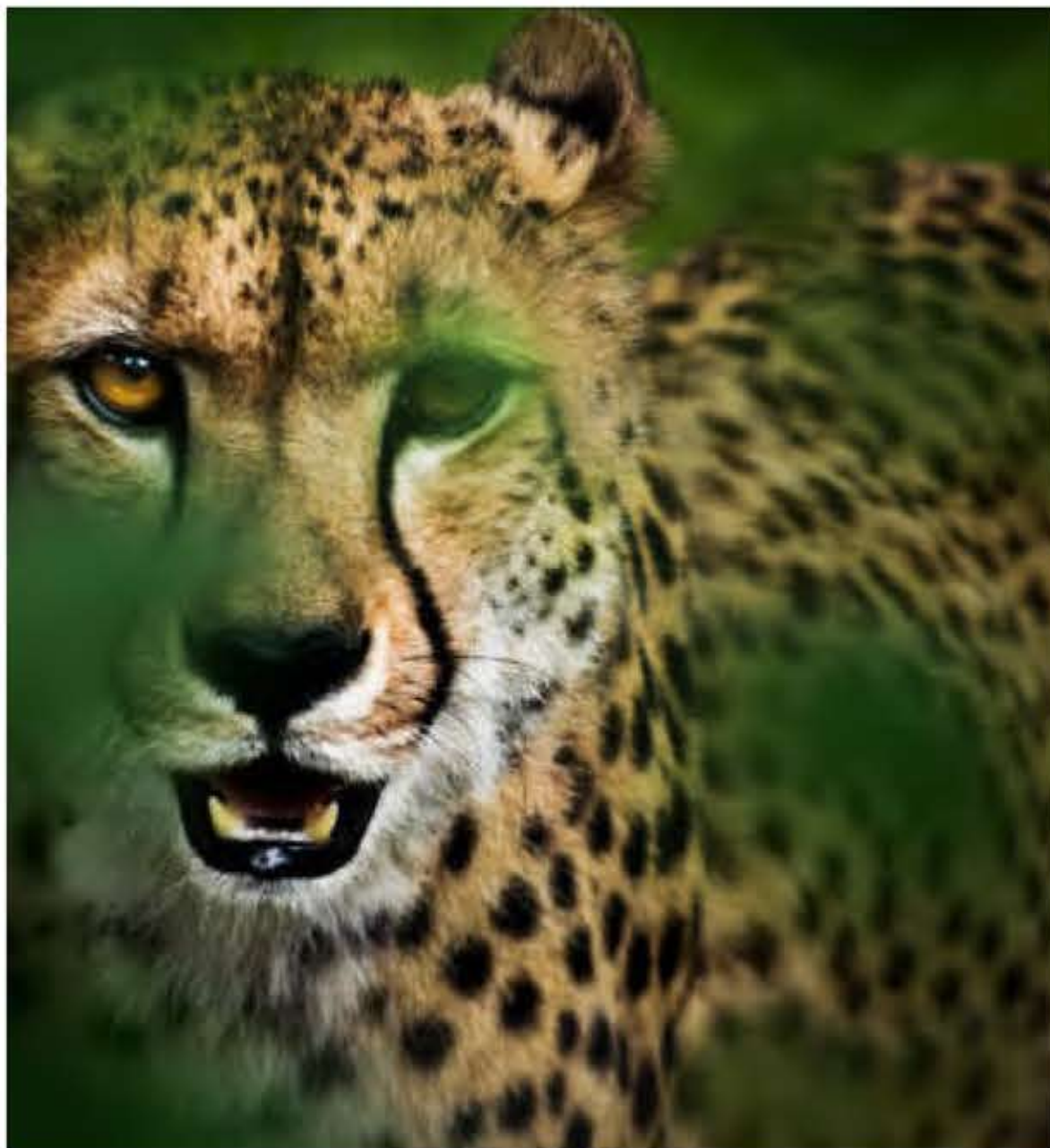


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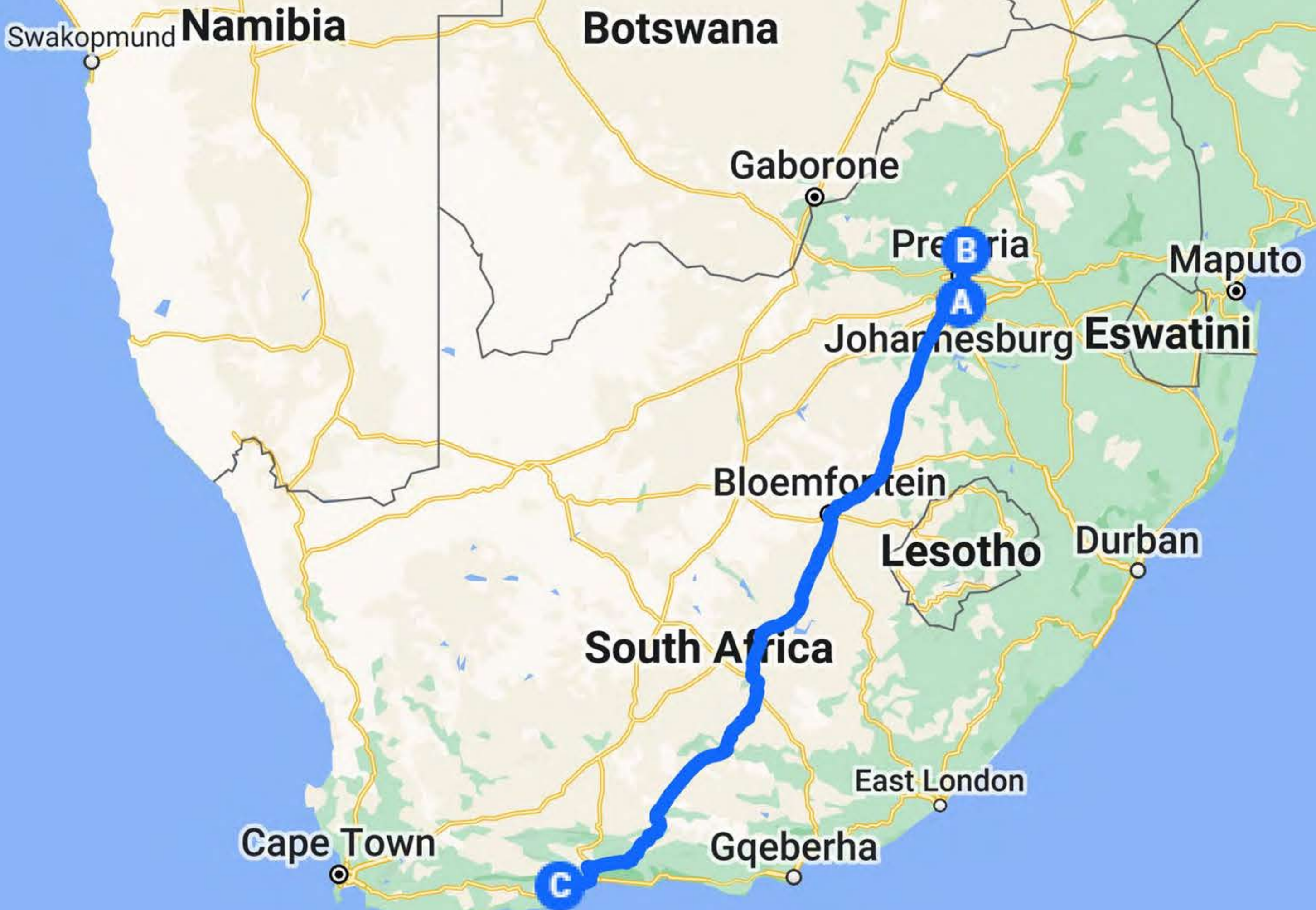
- Experience an eco-friendly luxury African safari in a pristine, protected Fynbos valley. Stay in comfortable twin or king-share tents with private bathrooms, raised platforms, and private decks. Indulge in wholesome safari cuisine, including boma dinners under the stars and hearty brunches in the game reserve. Enjoy game drives and hands-on conservation experiences while contributing to wildlife preservation.



HAYWARD'S SAFARI SANCTUARY | PRETORIA

- is a luxury mobile camp located in Bobbejaansberg Nature Reserve, Dinokeng. The sanctuary is ideal for taking pictures, hiking, mountain biking, and guided game drives. Accommodation is offered as a 100 tented ensuite bedrooms and can accommodate up to 150 guests. The camp also hosts private parties, weddings, and banquets. Hayward Safari Sanctuary is surrounded by beautiful scenery and wildlife, giving guests a once in a lifetime luxury camping experience.

Tour Route



Day to Day

Day 1

Upon arriving in Johannesburg at OR Tambo International Airport, you will be transferred to your vehicle for a scenic 1.5-hour journey northward to Dinokeng Game Reserve. After a day of travel, you will reach Hayward's Safari Sanctuary where you will enjoy a boma dinner alongside captivating local performances by singers, drummers, and traditional dancers. Spend the rest of the evening by the campfire beneath the African night sky.



Day 2

Following breakfast, embark on an exhilarating half-day tour of Soweto. This journey will take you past several renowned landmarks. After the Soweto half-day tour, you will be transferred to the UNESCO-listed Cradle of Humankind. Here, you can choose from two exciting activities. The Cradle of Humankind boasts 15 significant fossil sites, with Sterkfontein Caves being the most famous. Upon returning to camp, enjoy a home-style dinner and spend the evening at leisure.



Day to Day

Day 3

After a restful night's sleep and a satisfying breakfast, you will embark on a meaningful visit to two local kindergarten schools in Dinokeng's rural community, where you will meet your guides at the Dinokenzi Art & Craft center before heading to the daycare center in Kekana Gardens. Then, with the help of an assistant guide or facilitator, you will be divided into teams for tasks like painting, construction, brick making, and kitchen duties. You will have lunch at a local restaurant. The community service project emphasizes meaningful, sustainable work and cultural exchange, promoting qualities like leadership, critical thinking, cultural competence, effective communication, community engagement, and a passion for service. After a day of hard work, you will gather for dinner and campfire reflection.



Day 4

Begin your day with an early morning wake-up call, followed by a shared coffee and tea session in the common area, setting the stage for a brief but exhilarating morning game drive. After the adventure, return to camp for a cooked breakfast, then pack up and gather at 09:00 for check-out. Your one-hour road transfer takes you to De Wildt Cheetah Sanctuary, where a visual presentation and engaging activities await in the Environmental Centre. A captivating walking tour offers insights into the sanctuary's animals, culminating in an exciting cheetah appearance and a simple lunch of hotdogs and juice. Upon your return to camp, be welcomed by the flickering warmth of a bonfire, the rhythmic beats of traditional dancers, and the enticing aroma of a barbecue, creating a perfect ending to your day of exploration and discovery.



Day 5

An early start awaits with coffee and tea in the common area before a short game drive. Afterward, return to camp for breakfast. Then it's time to pack and check out by 09:00. You will be transferred back to OR Tambo International Airport for your flight to George Airport. Upon landing, a regional driver will meet you and take you to Gondwana Game Reserve. Enjoy a light lunch and freshen up in your tents before your game drive or nature walk. As the sun sets, savor sundowners and return to camp for dinner. After dinner, gather around the campfire and fall asleep in your wilderness tent, lulled by the distant roars of lions.



Day 6

The day begins early with breakfast and a cup of coffee or tea in the common area, followed by a full day in the reserve alongside passionate conservationists. You will experience the reserve's challenges, like anti-poaching efforts, snare collections, community interactions, and environmental issues such as soil erosion and invasive plants. Dive right in as the conservation team guides you through tasks like snare collecting, fence repairs, and bush clearing. Lunch will be enjoyed in the bush. After a day in the field, return to camp for a hearty dinner.



Day to Day

Day 7

After breakfast, complemented by tea and coffee in camp, you will be picked up by the Gondwana Cheetah Management Plan volunteers for a full day dedicated to understanding the cheetah as a species and the reserve's conservation efforts. You will actively participate in tasks vital to support this meaningful program at the time. A packed lunch will be provided in the field, and dinner will be back at camp. Before dinner, take the opportunity to wash off the day's dust and grime. During the evening, our chefs will introduce you to traditional African dishes and customs, offering the chance to join in on meal preparation and learn about the vibrant Xhosa culture. The night wraps up around the campfire, and your evening concludes.



Day 8

Teams will receive assignments for preparing and packing for the wilderness sleep out. After ensuring you have all the necessary supplies, a light lunch will be served in camp. Following lunch, you will be driven to a chosen location on the opposite side of the reserve for an unforgettable night under the African night sky. Following a safety briefing, you will set up camp with stretcher beds, sleeping bags, and a campfire. Dinner will be prepped by the camp kitchen staff. You will have time for solitude and team-building activities before dinner by the campfire. Later, you will take turns in night shift teams, assisting your guide with watch duty, with each shift lasting about 1.5 hours.



Day 10 & 11

Start your day with an early morning wake-up call and gather for tea and coffee in the common area before setting out on a game drive by vehicle. While on the drive, relish a hot box breakfast by the waterhole and keep an eye out for the inquisitive local herd of White rhino. On your return to camp, expect to spot the resident male lions amidst the vibrant Cape Fynbos vegetation, adorned with plentiful King Proteas. Back at camp, savor a cooked breakfast, followed by a talk by your guide on the art of Animal Tracks and Tracking, which will be the theme for today's learning experience. Once you have grasped the history and techniques of tracking, embark on a journey to track large game. This may involve the use of telemetry equipment or guidance from skilled and intuitive trackers. Return to camp to enjoy a farewell braai dinner thoughtfully prepared by the camp staff. The following day marks the end of your journey as you head back home.

Day 9

After sunrise, enjoy a light breakfast prepared by the camp kitchen staff. Break down the camp and pack the vehicles for your journey back to camp. Your guide will lead a bush walk with a safety briefing before you set out, lasting around 2 hours depending on sightings. Upon returning to camp, freshen up and relax in your tents before a light lunch. Spend the afternoon by the pools and hammocks. Dinner will be served early, followed by a stargazing session and a brief presentation on the African and Southern Hemisphere stars. The drive back to camp also offers a chance for a night safari to encounter nocturnal wildlife.



FACTS ON SOME OF THE ANIMALS YOU MAY SEE :



THE LION :

They are the only big cats that live in social groups, known as prides. These prides typically consist of related females and their offspring, along with a few resident males.

THE CHEETAH :

They are the fastest land animals on Earth, capable of reaching speeds of up to 60 to 70 miles per hour. What makes this even more remarkable is that they achieve these speeds in just a few seconds which makes them efficient hunters.



THE GIRAFFE :

Despite their imposing height, they have the same number of neck vertebrae as humans and most other mammals. The remarkable length of their necks allows giraffes to reach high trees to access leaves and foliage that other herbivores cannot reach.

THE RHINOCEROS :

These magnificent creatures have been around for approximately 50 million years. Despite their long evolutionary history, rhinos are currently facing severe extinction threats, primarily due to habitat loss and illegal poaching for their horns.



THE ZEBRA :

Each individual zebra has a unique stripe pattern. No two zebras have exactly the same stripe pattern, and this distinctive coat pattern plays a vital role in zebra social interactions and identification within their herds.

THE ELEPHANT :

They have exceptional memory and intelligence. Elephants have one of the largest brains of any land animal, and they are known for their complex social behaviors and problem-solving abilities.



THE WILDEBEEST :

Every year, millions of wildebeest undertake a massive, synchronized migration between the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania and the Maasai Mara in Kenya. This journey covers hundreds of miles.

THE HIPPO :

While they may appear docile in the water, hippos are considered one of Africa's most dangerous and unpredictable animals. They're relatively slow on land and incredibly fast and agile in the water.



WHY VISIT DINOKENG AND GONDWANA?



Visiting Gondwana Game Reserve and Dinokeng in South Africa promises an extraordinary and immersive African safari experience. Gondwana offers pristine wilderness, a rich diversity of wildlife, and luxurious accommodations, making it a prime destination for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers. Its commitment to conservation ensures that your visit contributes to the protection of critical ecosystems and endangered species. Meanwhile, Dinokeng, with its proximity to Johannesburg, offers a unique opportunity to combine a safari adventure with cultural exploration. You can witness the Big Five in their natural habitat, while also engaging with local communities and learning about South Africa's heritage and traditions. Dinokeng's commitment to responsible tourism and community development ensures that your visit has a positive impact on the region. Together, Gondwana and Dinokeng offer a harmonious blend of wildlife encounters, conservation efforts, cultural immersion, and luxurious hospitality, making it a must-visit destination for anyone seeking an authentic and unforgettable South African experience.

WHY SOUTH AFRICA?



South Africa, on the continent's southern tip, is the 25th-largest country in the world – slightly less than twice the size of Texas. It boasts a lengthy coastline, stretching more than 1,500 miles along two oceans, the South Atlantic on the west and the Indian on the south and east. South Africa is neighboured by Namibia in the northwest, Zimbabwe and Botswana in the north, with Mozambique, Swaziland and Lesotho in the northeast.

Its natural beauty and scenic wonders are legendary, from its soaring mountain peaks and passes, dense and ancient forests, to its miles of unspoiled coastline and rolling flower fields and grasslands of every hue. South Africa truly offers something to lift everyone's spirits.

South Africa is known as the adventure capital of the world. Whether it's seeing the big game animals, diving with Great White Sharks, death defying adventure sports or discovering the humanity and generosity of other cultures. Game viewing and safari in South Africa is as up-close and wild as it gets. Almost anywhere you travel in South Africa you will experience an overwhelming abundance of nature, wildlife, culture, adventure, heritage and good vibes.

One of the world's most captivating cities, Cape Town – and the Cape Peninsula up to Cape Point – are famous for its scenic beauty and celebrity beaches, 3,500 foot Table Mountain rising above the city, whale-watching, world-class shopping, nightlife, food & wine, and a laid-back atmosphere. Indeed, with wine regions stretching from the Western to the far Northern Cape and the edge of the Karoo, one can almost taste their way around South Africa.

When it's time to plan the most exotic golf getaway imaginable, think South Africa. The quintet of Sun City, Johannesburg, Cape Town, the Garden Route and Durban will provide the trip of a lifetime and memories for a lifetime too.

TERMS

Included

- Accommodation as per schedule
- Meals as indicated
- Game Park Fees
- Activities as indicated
- Services of guide with vehicle, fuel & taxes

Excluded

- Visas
- Meals not indicated
- Activities not Indicated
- Drinks, Gratuities, Personal Spending
- International flights

Terms & conditions subject to change

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ABOUT Us

Southern Sky Adventures

For almost two decades Southern Sky Adventures has introduced discerning travellers to the sheer magnificence of AFRICA. A land of warm welcomes, breath-taking sunsets, pristine wilderness areas and diversity as colourful as the local artwork.

Our tailormade- and expertly-guided safaris showcase Africa's finest hidden gems, the elusive BIG 5, wild remote locations and a natural space to unplug from the stress of modern-day living. We pride ourselves on the delivery of exceptional, once-in-a-lifetime and truly memorable travel experiences for not only families, honeymooners and friends but also business travellers, school- & university groups and adventure seekers. Although passionate about travel, we care deeply for the preservation of these untouched wild areas, the inhabiting wildlife and the surrounding communities.

Sit back, relax and allow our team of destination specialists to design and deliver your dream vacation!



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