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## **Bucket List Safari**

*Johannesburg - Tswalu Kalahari Game Reserve - Pretoria - Cape Town - Hermanus - Franschoek - Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve - Kruger National Park  
23 Days / 22 Nights*











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## Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis
<a href="#">InterContinental Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport</a>	Johannesburg	1	B&B
<a href="#">TSWALU The Motse</a>	Tswalu Kalahari Game Reserve	5	FI
<a href="#">Rovos Rail</a>		2	
→ Kimberley	Kimberley		
<a href="#">Cape Grace</a>	Cape Town	4	B&B
<a href="#">Birkenhead House</a>	Hermanus	2	FB
<a href="#">La Residence</a>	Franschhoek	2	B&B
<a href="#">Singita Boulders Lodge</a>	Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve	3	FI
<a href="#">Singita Lebombo Lodge</a>	Kruger National Park	3	FI

### Key

B&B: Bed and breakfast

FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch

FI: Fully inclusive

## Day 1: InterContinental Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg

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### 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 ultra modern skyscrapers. There are excellent museums, art galleries and organised 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.

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### Overnight: InterContinental Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport [View iBrochure](#)

InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport is a safe, easy walk from the international arrivals hall at Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport. We are perfectly located for business travellers and just a 14-minute train ride from the Sandton CBD. Enjoy unlimited complimentary Wi-Fi, quiet soundproofed rooms, quick check-in and a host of services designed to meet the needs of the modern business traveller. Refurbished in 2008, we offer the most sophisticated airport accommodations on the African Continent.



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### Included

Breakfast, accommodation

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### Excluded

Dinner - own cost

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## Day 2-7: TSWALU The Motse, Tswalu Kalahari Game Reserve

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### Tswalu Kalahari Game Reserve

Tswalu Kalahari is South Africa's largest private game reserve, now protecting over 110,000 hectares of spectacular grasslands and mountains. The vision of this reserve is to "restore the Kalahari to itself." No more than 30 guests at a time can discover the beauty of this arid savannah, its diverse wildlife and the serenity of what may well be South Africa's last great wilderness.

Unique habitat

Guests are encouraged to experience a variety of game-viewing opportunities over and above the regular game drives in a 4X4 vehicle - from guided bush walks, leisurely horseback safaris, to spending time with habituated meerkats. Every booking receives a private vehicle, guide, and tracker. This allows for total flexibility and a personalised safari plan offering with no set game drive times.

A customised safari plan means that Tswalu has no set meal times and therefore caters to guests at their pace without impacting on their safari experience. Guests are also able to experience a variety of dining options including boma feasts and bush dinners, sundowners, wine tastings, champagne breakfasts and dune picnics.

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### Overnight: TSWALU The Motse [View iBrochure](#)

Tswalu's main property, the Motse, nestles at the foot of the Korannaberg mountains, facing westwards across the grasslands of the Kalahari. Motse means "village" in Tswana and our village consists of just nine spacious and secluded "legae" (another Tswana word, for "little house") or suites.

These legaes are built of local stone, rich red clay and traditional Kalahari thatch. Recently redesigned by world-renowned Boyd Ferguson, our suites define an elegant, barefoot luxury. Writing in Conde Nast Traveller, Justin Cartwright describes their charm;

Each suite comprises a spacious bedroom with an open fire, a sumptuous en-suite bathroom with both indoor and outdoor shower, and a large dressing and study area. Your private sun deck overlooks a waterhole and the changing Kalahari animals it attracts.

Two legae have been designed especially for families. Each offers two separate bedroom suites with their own en-suite bathrooms, separated by an expansive living room again leading on to a shady, private terrace. These legae are each over 170 square metres in size and create the perfect environment for any family group.

The Motse accommodates no more than 20 guests at any one time to make for a truly intimate Kalahari safari experience. The main house is a spectacular space in which to meet, with its elevated decks and elegant lounges. An infinity pool offers an endless view over the savannahs and a secluded spa is designed to complete your total relaxation. The mezzanine library is equipped with satellite tv (the Motse also has full broadband Wi-Fi access throughout) and its museum cases display rare artefacts from the area. All profits from our exclusive Foundation Gift Shop go directly to fund important new research on the reserve.



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### Included

Luxury full board accommodation including private chef, Private guide, private vehicles, and tracker

Walking safaris, led by our experienced field guides and trackers. Horse-back safaris

All beverages and full selection from our award winning wine-list. Laundry and valet services

Wireless access. Children's Junior Ranger programme, and baby-sitting National telephone calls

Return Air charters from Johannesburg/Cape Town

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### Excluded

Gift shop purchases, Spa treatments, Tswalu Foundation donations, Gratuities

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## Day 7: Rovos Rail

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### Overnight: Rovos Rail [View iBrochure](#)

Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world class travel experiences. Exceptional train safaris combine some of Africa's most magnificent scenery with travel aboard an authentically refurbished Edwardian-style train, accommodating up to 72 guests in the most spacious train suites in the world, each with their own en-suite bathroom and subtle modern conveniences. The nine scheduled journeys begin or end at Rovos Rail Station, the headquarters and private station of this independent railway company, which is situated in Pretoria.




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### Included

Three meals daily and all alcoholic and other beverages, Excursions accompanied by a qualified tour guide, Entrance fees to places of interest, 24-hour full room service and bar facilities, Limited laundry service Government tax

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### Excluded

Staff gratuities, Off-train beverages (dependent)

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## Day 8:      **Rovos Rail, Kimberley**

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### Kimberley

Synonymous with the birth of the international diamond trade, Kimberley is a picturesque small town with a big history. Once the second largest settlement in South Africa and home to the first stock exchange in the country, Kimberley was also the first town in the southern hemisphere to install electric street lights. The Big Hole is what remains of the massive diamond mining operation and it is amazing to think that it was dug by hand. Kimberley also featured prominently during the Anglo-Boer war when it was besieged by the Boers. It is consequently surrounded by some of the most famous battle sites of the war.

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### Activities

The Big Hole  
Kimberley Big Hole Museum

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#### *The Big Hole*

150 years ago, the site of the Big Hole was a featureless, flat-topped hill. When word spread that diamonds had been discovered, thousands of prospectors, armed with nothing more than picks, shovels and hope, descended on Kimberley and created the largest hand-dug excavation in the world.

#### *Kimberley Big Hole Museum*

The Kimberley Mine Museum offers a trip back in time to when diamonds were first found in South Africa in 1866, near Hopetown in the Northern Cape. Three years later the 83-carat 'Star of South Africa' was discovered in the same area, unleashing a frenzied diamond rush seldom seen before or since.

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## Day 9-13: Cape Grace, Cape Town

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### Cape Town

Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Ocean, 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 harbour, 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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### Overnight: Cape Grace [View iBrochure](#)

Nestled on a private quay in Cape Town's bustling Victoria & Alfred Waterfront between a working harbor and the serenity of an international yacht marina, Cape Grace showcases the essence of the Cape, whilst staying true to the warm atmosphere and personalized levels of service that have for years defined the hotel. Cape Grace is centrally located, with quick and easy access to the airport, city center and popular tourist destinations. From the globally inspired offerings of the hotel's restaurant Signal, to the whisky, wine and cocktail treats that await below deck at the popular Bascule Whisky, Wine and Cocktail Bar, to the African delights that surprise at The Spa at Cape Grace, the hotel is dedicated to surpassing expectations.



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### *Table Mountain Cableway*

A trip up Table Mountain is quite rightly one of the first things a tourist wants to do when arriving in Cape Town. Once on the top, a 1000m above the city below, you are rewarded with spectacular 360 views. Take your time and enjoy this unique environment, go for a walk or have a bit to eat at the restaurant with arguably one of the best views possible.

### *Table Mountain*

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.

### *Cape Town City Tour Half Day*

On a clear day from the summit of Table Mountain you get spectacular views of the City, its Waterfront, Camps Bay,

the majestic Hottentots Holland Mountains to the East and the mountains of the Cape Peninsula all the way down to Cape Point to the south.

The Table Mountain cableway, a must for all visitors to the Cape, boasts revolving floors, giving passengers a 360 degree view. After descending the mountain, you will depart on a tour of the “Mother City” taking in Signal Hill – where the Noon Day Gun is fired at midday, every day except Sunday – through the colourful Bo-Kaap or Cape Malay Quarter, past the Grand Parade, City Hall and the Castle of Good Hope and South African Cultural History Museum.

### *Cape Point Tour Full Day*

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.

### *V&A Waterfront*

Situated between Robben Island and Table Mountain in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour, the V&A Waterfront has become South Africa's most visited destination. Set against a backdrop of magnificent sea and mountain views, exciting shopping and entertainment venues are intermingled with imaginative office locations, world-class hotels and luxury apartments. The Waterfront is the heart of the tourist industry in Cape Town.

These are just an idea of what can be done in Cape Town – there is PLENTY more to do depending on what interests are.

## **Included**

Bed & Breakfast

## **Day 13-15: Birkenhead House, Hermanus**

### **Hermanus**

Built along the beautiful shores and cliffs of Walker Bay, Hermanus has grown from a small seaside resort town to become possibly the best-known place for whale watching in the world. Today, this busy town is more than just a popular holiday destination and offers visitors all kinds of activities, both energetic and relaxing.

### **Overnight: Birkenhead House** [View iBrochure](#)

On a cliff overlooking Walker Bay, this chic, all-inclusive boutique hotel offers stunning ocean views and easy beach access. The eleven luxurious suites feature balconies, living areas, antiques, original artworks, bay or mountain views, and grand bathrooms complete with free-standing tubs. Guests can enjoy the chic onsite restaurant and bar, the elegant spa, as well as the bay-view lounge, deck and infinity pool. While Birkenhead House is a five star hotel with all the services and amenities that you would expect, the hotel is characterised by a laidback and easygoing atmosphere. Whether you are seeking a rejuvenating retreat or an adventure filled beach holiday, Birkenhead House is the ideal destination.




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### *Dyer Island Cruises*

Enjoy a half-day guided Whale watching cruise along the coast of Hermanus. The cruise duration is approximately 2-2.5hrs visiting the features of Gansbaai which make this area unique. You will pass Dyer Island, one of the most renowned birding areas and home to the endangered African Penguin. The cruise also offers the opportunity to view the 60,000 strong Cape Fur Seal colony at Geyser Rock and cruise through the famous Shark Alley.

For birders, sightings of Albatross, Cormorants, Petrels, Shearwaters and gannets are common.

Bryde's whales can be seen throughout the year, and Humpback Whales during their migration to and from the tropics in early June and late December. Three species of Dolphin can also be spotted throughout the year.

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### **Included**

Accommodation, Local beverages and house wines, All meals and snacks, All coffees & specialty teas Full mini-bar, Laundry, Wifi, Complimentary in-house shuttle service into the town of Hermanus

### **Excluded**

Personal shopping, gratuities, meals and activities not specified

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## **Day 15-17: La Residence, Franschhoek**

### **Franschhoek**

Idyllically situated in the Cape Winelands, this peaceful country retreat is one of the oldest towns in South Africa. The once sleepy little village was named Franschhoek, meaning "French Corner" as it was founded by French Huguenots who fled Europe and were seeking a secluded hide-out. They found it in the fertile valley of Franschhoek and this heritage is showcased at the fascinating Huguenot Memorial Museum. The Cape Dutch architecture in much of the village remains remarkably well preserved as restrictions have been placed on the extent of renovations and new construction in order to preserve the spirit of the original settlers. The town's proximity to Cape Town allows for pleasant day trips during which visitors can explore the area's many world-class wine estates and impressive range of excellent restaurants or simply browse the quaint, upmarket boutiques strewn along the town's lovely tree-lined avenues.

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## Overnight: La Residence [View iBrochure](#)

A romantic, indulgent paradise whose interior is filled with wonderful artwork and magnificent furniture. Eleven glamorous suites are decorated in vibrant colours. Guests can enjoy the pool, spa, gym, library and wireless internet. Warm, personalized service creates an atmosphere of relaxation, whilst garden produce is used to create memorable meals. Complimentary village transfers allow leisurely exploration. Activities available locally range from wine-tasting to golf.

Alternatively, five Vineyard Suites offer family-friendly accommodation with private gardens and luxurious interiors. Dine in the Terrace Room; enjoy the comfortable sitting room and pool. Superior service makes everything effortless and enjoyable.




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## *Cape Winelands*

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 centre of South Africa's award winning wine industry and places of interest include Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and numerous award winning wine estates.

### *The Franschhoek Wine Tram*

The Franschhoek Wine Tram hop-on hop-off tour is one of the best ways to discover the true essence of the Franschhoek Valley – picturesque vineyards, breath-taking scenery, warm hospitality, world-class cuisine, fine wines and a 300 year history.

Passengers aboard the hop-on hop-off tour will experience a unique and leisurely way to see the Franschhoek Valley as they journey through rolling vineyards in an open-side tram and open-air tram-bus stopping in at some of South Africa's oldest and most distinguished wine estates.

A combination of tram and tram-bus transports passengers around a loop of stops allowing them to hop-off at each stop and experience the activities on offer, be it wine tasting, a cellar tour, lunch or simply a stroll through the vineyards and when they are ready, hop-on to continue the tour.

The tour takes passengers right into the heart of the Franschhoek Valley, with a narration focusing on the history of Franschhoek and wine cultivation in the valley, complimentary wine tastings and unparalleled views of the valley and vineyards.

### *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 centre 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.

### *Paarl Wine Region*

One of the Western Cape's premier wine regions, Paarl is home to a number of well-respected wine producers, including KWV, Laborie, Nederburg, Fairview and Plaisir de Merle.

### **Included**

Accommodation Full mini-bar, Breakfast and snacks, Local beverages and house wines, Wifi, All coffees & speciality teas, Laundry service, Complimentary in-house shuttle service into the town of Franschhoek

### **Excluded**

Personal shopping, gratuities, meals and activities not specified

## **Day 17-20: Singita Boulders Lodge, Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve**

### **Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve**

The Sabi Sands is South Africa's premier private game viewing destination. It was here that the southern African safari began and today this famous reserve offers exceptional game viewing and equally exceptional accommodations. Two perennial rivers, the Sabi and the Sand flow through this Game Park, sustaining the diverse fauna and flora of the area.

The success of leopard viewing within the Sabi Sands is legendary. Elephants, lion, rhino, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra and a vast variety of antelope and other species can be closely observed in their natural environment.

### **Overnight: Singita Boulders Lodge** [View iBrochure](#)

Singita Boulders Lodge is found on the boulder-strewn banks of the Sand River within the Sabi Sand Reserve. With its glass walls and open-air spaces the lodge provides a continuous connection with the prolific wildlife and birdlife for which Sabi Sand is so well known. Each suite has an ensuite bedroom, private sitting room and game viewing deck with private plunge pool overlooking the untouched wilderness. Rustic, handmade furnishings made from fossilised tree stumps, slabs of solid stone, wrought iron and leather are balanced with the soft, sensual feeling of sheepskin rugs and natural flax bed linen. Lodge facilities include a spa, a gym, a swimming pool and The Singita Boutique & Gallery and Premier Wine Boutique.




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### Included

All meals and beverages (including premium wines, spirits and liqueurs, but excluding French Champagne) Twice daily open Land Rover safaris, walking safaris, mountain biking safaris (accompanied by experienced guides and trackers), archery Return road transfers between the Satara airstrip and the lodges Laundry service

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### Excluded

Tourism Levy and Conservation Contribution Telephone calls Purchases from the Singita Boutique & Gallery French Champagne Spa treatments

## Day 20-23: Singita Lebombo Lodge, Kruger National Park

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### Kruger National Park

At more than 2 million hectares the Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Because of its exceptional size you can experience amazing diversity – from the scenery and ecosystems to the correspondingly amazing array of animals, trees and birds. A trip to the Kruger National Park is an unforgettable and potentially life changing experience.

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### Overnight: Singita Lebombo Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

The Lebombo Lodge comprises 13 suites and one private-use villa that give guests a front row seat to the Kruger National Park with bold, contemporary open plan suites suspended above the N'Wanetsi River. The exclusive concession is a richly diverse habitat, teeming with game, beneath endless African skies. Set apart from the main lodge, the private villa features two 2-bedroom suites, each with a private pool. Built low down on the river bank beneath mature trees, the private villa is fully staffed, has an open-plan kitchen and its own boma. The lodge also features a roof terrace and wine studio, an interactive kitchen, an espresso bar and help-yourself deli, and a 25-metre lap pool.




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### Excluded

Tourism Levy Telephone calls Purchases from the Singita Boutique & Gallery French Champagne Spa treatments Transport to and from the reserve. Please see our flight & access documentation.

## Day 23: Departure

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### Included

Charter flight to Johannesburg

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## Overview

### What's Included

Accommodation  
Meals and Drinks specified as included  
Transfers and Activities specified as included  
Scheduled Charter Flights

### What's NOT Included

Meals and drinks not specified as included  
Transfers and Activities not specified as included  
Scheduled Commercial Flights  
Tips & Gratuities  
Shopping  
Visa Fees  
Any items of a personal nature



Specialist Guide Sid Hayes (Daily Fee TBA)

Suggested Gratuities

USD 2.00 per bag portorage at airport and hotels/camps

USD 10.00 per guest per day for guiding staff at the camps

USD 5.00 per guest per day for housekeeping and portorage at the hotels and camps.

USD 25 per guest per day for Specialist Guide

NOTES

- PLEASE NOTE ALL FLIGHTS AND ROUTING ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDANT ON DAYS AND DATES OF TRAVEL
- ALTERNATIVE LUXURY ACCOMMODATION CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THESE CAMPS AND LODGES WHERE REQUESTED.
- PRICES ARE ON REQUEST AND SUBJECT TO TIME OF TRAVEL (I.E. HIGH, LOW, SHOULDER SEASON)

*Follow your dreams, they know the way! - Unknown*



