



A Steppin' Out Trip

SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA

CULTURE AND NATURE IN HARMONY

August 23 – September 4, 2012

Some Tour Highlights

- ✿ Johannesburg
- ✿ Soweto
- ✿ Kruger National Park
- ✿ Safari Game Drive
- ✿ Garden Route
- ✿ Knysna
- ✿ Featherbed Nature Reserve
- ✿ Ostrich Farm Visit
- ✿ Winery Tour
- ✿ Cape Town
- ✿ Table Mountain

Tour Includes

- ✿ Roundtrip Airfare
- ✿ 20 Meals: (11 B, 4 L, 5 D)
- ✿ Professional Tour Director
- ✿ Deluxe Air-Conditioned Motorcoach Transportation
- ✿ Admissions & Sightseeing per Itinerary
- ✿ Hotel Transfers
- ✿ Baggage Handling (1 checked bag per person)
- ✿ Taxes & Gratuities
- ✿ Collette Travel Gift
- ✿ Cancellation Waiver with Insurance

Hotel Accommodations

- ✿ 1st Class and Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
 - » 2-nights, Southern Sun Katherine Street Hotel, Sandton
 - » 2-nights, Sabi River Sun Resort, Kruger National Park
 - » 1-night, Southern Sun Garden Court King's Beach, Port Elizabeth
 - » 2-nights, Graywood Hotel, Knysna
 - » 1-night, pier Hotel, Stellenbosch
 - » 3-nights, Southern Sun Waterfront, Cape Town



DAY 1: THURSDAY, 8/23

Overnight flight. One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival. Breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat comprise this incredible experience.

Meal: (In Flight Availability) Overnight: In Flight

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 8/24

Your journey begins in Sandton, a city established in 1969. Famous for its rich veins of gold and other valuable minerals, it is now the bustling cosmopolitan center of greater Johannesburg. Gather this evening with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

Meal: (D) Overnight: Sandton

DAY 3: SATURDAY, 8/25

Today your Tour Manager helps you discover the history of the languages you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases. A guided tour of Soweto—South West Township—showcases luxurious mansions and informal settlements as you learn about the historic significance of the area. **Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen or house tavern.** This afternoon, visit the Apartheid Museum for a look into the dynamic history of racial segregation in South Africa.

Meals: (B, L) Overnight: Sandton

DAY 4: SUNDAY, 8/26

Travel through the spectacular Drakensburg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Scenic wonders surround you as you pass through the Blyde River Canyon, made mostly of red sandstone and known as one of Africa's greatest natural wonders. Set against the triplet mountain formation of the Three Rondovals, resembling traditional round houses of the indigenous people, the canyon is the third largest in the world. Along this magnificent route you will also see Bourke's Luck Potholes, the dramatic natural cylinders shaped by millions of years of natural erosion caused by fast flowing sand-filled waters.

Meals: (B, D) Overnight: Kruger National Park

DAY 5: MONDAY, 8/27

Have your cameras ready for an unforgettable day of adventure and excitement! **Enjoy a full day open air vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in search of the Big 5—elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino—and provides insight into these fascinating animals along the way.** Watch carefully—you may also see a graceful impala, dazzling zebra or gorgeous giraffe.

Meals: (B, D) Overnight: Kruger National Park

**Itinerary continued
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DAY 6: TUESDAY, 8/28

Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to Port Elizabeth, today one of South Africa's major ports. Founded in 1820 as a place to house British settlers, this coastal town is the gateway to the Garden Route, a scenic stretch of coastline set between mountain ranges and the Indian Ocean.

Meal: (B) Overnight: Port Elizabeth

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY, 8/29

Journey through the Tsitsikamma Forest, a natural gem along the Garden Route. Known for its gorges and steep cliffs, the indigenous forest is home to hundreds of species of birdlife. Continue along the southern coast where a jagged shoreline meets quaint villages. Arrive in the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route. This afternoon, your township tour will highlight the diversity of this community followed by a touching experience as you visit a school. Learn about the efforts of the Collette Foundation and the local community to conquer the challenges of educating the children of the region. Enjoy a relaxing dinner at one of Knysna's waterfront restaurants.

Meals: (B, D) Overnight: Knysna

DAY 8: THURSDAY, 8/30

Today you visit nearby Featherbed Nature Reserve. Begin with a lagoon cruise out to the famous Knysna Heads which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely-paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees—so called because of their white latex sap—before your return cruise. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to independently explore Knysna's charming waterfront.

Meals (B, L) Overnight: Knysna

DAY 9: FRIDAY, 8/31

Travel to Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of South Africa. **Enjoy a guided tour of one of the oldest working ostrich farms in the area and, if you wish, go for a ride on one of these great birds!** An outdoor barbecue lunch caps off an amazing day. Next, journey to your hotel located in the heart of the beautiful winelands region. Upon arrival enjoy a late afternoon wine tasting.

Meals (B, L) Overnight: Stellenbosch

DAY 10: SATURDAY, 9/1

Discover the enchanting beauty of the famous Cape Winelands region with its colorful mountainous landscape and endless vineyards as you explore today. Visit a local wine farm and learn about the

history of wine making in this region and sample a variety of blends. Then, enjoy a delicious lunch at the winery's own restaurant located among the vines. Travel to Cape Town this afternoon.

Meals (B, L) Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 11: SUNDAY, 9/2

A panoramic tour of the beautiful harbor side city of Cape Town celebrates its noted architecture, which fuses the traditions of French, German and Dutch influences. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car as it whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named and flat-topped Table Mountain. The views below of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion's Head will leave you breathless. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets, and stopping at the Milnerton Lighthouse. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to discover charming Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, known for its shopping and entertainment venues.

Meal: (B) Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 12: MONDAY, 9/3

Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulder Beach. On your return, explore the fascinating and famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, home to over 5,000 species of plants native to South Africa. **This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy an after-hours guided tour of the fascinating African Gold Museum, followed by a traditional African dining experience!**

Meals: (B, D) Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 13: TUESDAY, 9/4

Your tour ends today in Cape Town and you begin your flight home.

Meal: (B)

**Price Per Person***

- \$5,599** Double Occupancy
- \$6,449** Single Occupancy
- \$510 deposit per person due with reservation form, with balance due 7/23/12.

* Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$150 are subject to increase until paid in full.

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$260pp included in deposit.

** Travelers who are non-residents of Sunnyvale pay an additional \$50pp to front desk at time of final payment.

For Information Contact

Sunnyvale Senior Center at (408) 730-7360.

Notes:**• IMPORTANT:**

Passports must be valid through 10/4/12 **AND** you must have at least 2 blank pages remaining in your passport to allow the entry visa to be issued for South Africa. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied entry.

- Each traveler is responsible for checking with their physician to see if any shots are recommended and/or needed for travel to these destinations.
- Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Kruger National Park. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure.
- Many activities in this itinerary include walking on uneven terrain, or require significant walking at times. Some of the unique experiences, such as visiting historical areas, means accessing locations by foot because motorcoaches are restricted. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas.
- Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.
- Table Mountain cableway is subject to change due to weather.
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.
- We will arrive on Day 2 at Johannesburg airport.
- Single accommodations are limited.

OPTIONAL POST TOUR EXTENSION

EXTEND Your Spectacular South Africa Trip (9/4/12 – 9/7/12)

DAY 13: TUESDAY, 9/4

Fly this morning to one of the world's natural wonders, Victoria Falls, and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel, known as the "grand old lady of the falls." This evening, enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset.

Meal: (B) Overnight: Victoria Falls

DAY 14: WEDNESDAY, 9/5

Early this morning you will enjoy an elephant back safari and a chance to meet African elephants up close. After breakfast, you have an opportunity to interact with the residents of a local village. Following lunch with a local family, take a walking tour of Victoria Falls, truly one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." Shop at a local curio market before returning to your hotel.

Meals: (B, L) Overnight: Victoria Falls

DAY 15: THURSDAY, 9/6

Enjoy the day at leisure or choose an optional full-day excursion to Chobe National Park in Botswana, home to an abundance of wildlife and game.

Meals (B, D) Overnight: Victoria Falls

DAY 16: FRIDAY, 9/7

Later this afternoon, board your international flight home.

Meal (B)

Price Per Person*

- \$1,949 Double Occupancy
- \$ _____ Single Occupancy

* Price includes land, air, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner.

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Notes:

- **IMPORTANT:** If you extend your vacation through 9/7/12, then your passport must be valid through 10/7/12.
- A valid Visa is required for Zimbabwe at an approximate cost of \$30 USD for US citizens. A multiple entry visa is required for Zimbabwe if you wish to purchase the optional Chobe day tour. Multiple entry visa cost is \$45 USD for US citizens. The Visa may be purchased upon arrival. The Chobe day tour must be purchased a minimum of 7 days prior to arrival in Zimbabwe to ensure availability.
- This extension is fully escorted by a local representative who provides all included services. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.



- Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.
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Victoria Falls at the end of the rainy season (late November to early April). During the dry season (late April to early November) the flow of the river is greatly diminished and sections of the falls, including the one show below, go entirely dry.

