



# SOUTHERN AFRICA ESCORTED TOURS



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# 24 Day Tour – Cape Town to Victoria Falls

## Day 1: Cape Town

You will be met by your guide at Sydney International Airport and assisted through the check-in process prior to boarding your flight to Johannesburg. You will clear Customs and Immigration in Johannesburg prior to boarding an internal flight to Cape Town. On arrival at Cape Town you will be driven to your accommodation. For the next five nights your home will be in one of the colourful serviced cottages in the De Waterkant area. This is a vibrant section of Cape Town preserved from the 1760's and cradled between the city and the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. De Waterkant is home to restaurants, art galleries, clubs, tapas bars and cafes. Your [accommodation](#) will be in 1 or 2 bedroom cottages, with ensuite facilities, living and dining area, kitchen and outdoor space. (B)

## Day 2 Cape Town

This morning you are free to relax and enjoy your surroundings with breakfast available until 11 am at a local café a short walk from your accommodation. This afternoon there is a relaxing tour to [Groot Constantia](#), the first vineyard in the Cape area founded in 1685. Here you will be able to explore the beautiful grounds and stunning Cape Dutch buildings prior to a cheese and wine tasting. On the return and weather permitting, a stop will be made at [Table Mountain](#). You will have time to catch the cable car to the top of Table Mountain where you will have wonderful views of Cape Town and the surrounding areas. (L,B&B)

## Day 3: Cape Town

Today you will head out to a farmers/artisan market in the Old Mill Biscuit factory for breakfast where you will get the opportunity to meet the locals and sample some of the fine produce on offer. There are galleries and shops in the precinct showcasing wonderful African artists and waiting to be explored. This afternoon allows you a choice of exploring Cape Town using the [hop on/hop off](#) bus or a tour to [Robben Island](#). The bus is a wonderful way to take in all the sites of Cape Town and surrounds and the tour includes on-board commentary. For Robben Island you will catch the ferry over to the island where you will then be taken on a guided tour of the place that Nelson Mandela and others were imprisoned for many years. (B&B)

## Day 4: Cape Town

After breakfast you will head out to the wine area of Stellenbosch, a beautiful area about an hour's drive from Cape Town and known not only as a wine area but as a University town. Today you will sample wines at three different wineries starting with [Neethlingshof](#) Wine Estate which dates back to 1705 and is in the heart of the Stellenbosch wine lands. After this wine tasting you will get the opportunity to explore the town of Stellenbosch and you will discover why it is so popular with locals and tourists alike. Your second winery, [Delheim](#) is a small family run business and you will sample not only wines but a fine selection of local cheeses. The final winery is [Delaire](#) where you will do a wine and food pairing while enjoying stunning views of the area. You will then travel back to Cape Town via Franschoek. (L,B&B)



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## Day 5: Cape Town

Following an early breakfast you will set out for the [Cape of Good Hope](#) and [Cape Point](#) via Fish Hoek and Simon's Town. At Simon's Town you will have the opportunity to visit the colony of [African penguins](#) at Boulders Beach. This beach has sheltered bays and safe sandy shores and is home to a breeding colony of over 2000 endangered African penguins. You will be able to walk along the beach or on the boardwalks and be within metres of these birds. Your next stop will be Cape Point, a nature reserve within the Table Mountain National Park; a declared Natural World Heritage Site. The scenic beauty of Cape Point and its rich maritime history has made this area an international icon. There is the old light house at the top of the point which can be reached by the Flying Dutchman Funicular or for the more energetic there is a safe walking path to the top. The views of False Bay and the Atlantic from the top are spectacular. There is a restaurant at the point and there will be time for you to sit and enjoy the views while having either a snack or a meal. The trip back to Cape Town in the late afternoon will be via [Chapman's Peak Drive](#). (B&B)

## Day 6: Premier Train to Johannesburg

Shortly after breakfast you will depart for the train station and the 9:05 [Premier Train](#) to Johannesburg. As you say good bye to Table Mountain and Cape Town the train heads towards the Hex River Valley through a wide fertile valley surrounded by majestic, purple-hued mountains. This region of South Africa is known for growing high quality eating grapes which are exported around the world. The scenery then changes quite dramatically as the train travels through the desolately beautiful Karoo. While on the train all meals will be provided including morning and afternoon tea. There is both a lounge car and a dining car available to all train guests. At dinner time you are requested to dress in smart casual. The train travels through the night and will arrive in Johannesburg around 11:00am the following day. Your accommodation will be in a two-berth coupes with communal showers and lavatories at each end of your corridor. (L,D,B&B)

## Day 7: Pretoria

Upon arrival in Johannesburg you will be driven to your accommodation in Pretoria. Pretoria is 50 kilometres from Johannesburg and is the Administrative Capital of South Africa. This afternoon you will visit the [Voortrekker Monument](#) which commemorates the Pioneer history of South African and the history of the Afrikaner. You will also stop at the [Union Building](#), the place where Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as the first black President of South Africa. Your [accommodation](#) is in a twin room with ensuite facilities in a wonderful 1930's property with large grounds where you can sit and relax and it is situated within easy access to cafes, bars and restaurants. (B&B)

## Day 8: Pretoria

After a leisurely breakfast you will be driven to the [Cradle of Humankind](#) which is a World Heritage Site and is widely recognized as the place from which all humankind originates. You will have a guided tour of the museum and will then have time to explore the grounds. There is a restaurant in the complex where you can get a snack or a light meal. Later in the afternoon you will visit the [Lesedi Cultural Village](#) where you will get the opportunity to view first hand the cultural heritage of five of the many tribes within South Africa including, Xhosa, Zulu, Basotho, Pedi and Ndebele. You will visit the different villages within the complex, interact with the custodians of these villages and then be treated to a wonderful dance performance prior to dinner of traditional South African food. (D,B&B)



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## Day 9: Blyde River Canyon

Today you will leave the hustle and bustle of city life and travel through some wonderful countryside to reach your destination for the next two days which is in the Limpopo region. It is also one of the gateways to the Kruger National Park. On the drive to your accommodation there will be a number of stops to enable you to enjoy the scenery. You will arrive late afternoon in time to enjoy the stunning backdrop of the Drakensberg Mountains as you relax on the deck and watch the sun set. Your [accommodation](#) is in a luxury chalet with ensuite facilities overlooking a quinine forest. Dinner on both nights at this establishment will be a hearty meal including some of the more traditional dishes of the region. (D,B&B)

## Day 10: Blyde River Canyon

The day will be spent exploring the local area starting with a tour of the [Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre](#) which contributes to the conservation of endangered species and the rehabilitation of injured and poisoned wildlife. Moholoholo also facilitates a number of successful breeding programs and you get the chance to see many of these animals. The rest of the day will be spent traversing the Panorama Route stopping at many local sites including [God's Window](#) where on a clear day you can see for miles, then onto the historical town of [Pilgrims Rest](#). It will be a leisurely day and driven at your pace so that you get the most out of the day. (D,B&B)

## Day 11: Private Game Lodge – Sabi Sands

After breakfast you will drive to the private game lodge in the [Sabi Sands Game Reserve](#) which forms part of the Kruger National Park. It is here that you might get the chance to see the BIG 5, which is elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo and rhino. These were the prized animals for the hunter, now of course they are the prized animals of the photographer. You will arrive at the Lodge in time to relax before lunch and your first afternoon/evening drive which will be fully escorted with a guide and tracker from the camp. The drives last around 3 hours and during the evening drive you will stop for sundowners. Your [accommodation](#) will be in a 5 star lodge and you will be in a twin room rondavel with ensuite bathrooms, sun decks, air conditioning, mini bars, and tea/coffee facilities. Dinner will be under the stars around a log fire where you will be able to sit back, relax and reflect on your day. (L,D,B&B)

## Day 12: Private Game Lodge – Sabi Sands

Your guide will wake you around 5:30 for the early morning game drive. Tea/Coffee will be available before departure and during the drive you will also stop for a break. Today is another opportunity to view these magnificent creatures in their natural environment and you may be in luck this morning and see a leopard in the dry river bed. Breakfast will be waiting for you on your return and the rest of the day is at your leisure. You can join a mid-morning walk with a guide where you will learn about the flora and fauna of the area or for those wishing to remain in the camp there is a pool, gym and a spa. Shortly after lunch you will leave on your afternoon/evening drive and dinner will be served on your return. (L,D,B&B)

## Day 13: Kruger National Park

After your early morning drive and breakfast you will leave the private game reserve for the short drive to the [Kruger National Park](#). The Kruger National Park is one of the largest animal reserves in Africa and is host to a



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large variety of animals. It is here that you could see large herds of buffalo, zebra, giraffe and wildebeest along with a host of small animals including jackal, honey badgers, African wild dog and African wild cat. Your accommodation for the next two nights is in an ensuite safari tent in the [Lower Sabie Rest Camp](#) which is situated on the Sabie River in the southern part of the Kruger. Lower Sabie Rest camp has many facilities including a restaurant overlooking the river. (L,B&B)

## Day 14: Kruger National Park

An early morning drive is available leaving around 7am and returning at 9:30 in time for breakfast. There will also be the opportunity for a further drive later in the day but you are free to relax and enjoy yourself, take a swim in the pool or sit on the veranda and watch the passing parade. A bush braai (Barbeque) has been arranged for this evening and the vehicle will leave at 4pm and return around 8pm. (D,B&B)

## Day 15: Swaziland

You will leave Lower Sabie early this morning giving you ample time to spot one of the big five before making your way out of the park and into [Swaziland](#). Having cleared immigration at the border (visas not required) you will enter the Kingdom of Swaziland and will immediately notice the change in the topography. You will then appreciate why this tiny country is known as the Mountain Kingdom. On your way to your accommodation a stop will be made at [Ngwenya Glass](#) for a light lunch and a look around this glass factory that uses recycled glass to blow and mould the most wonderful glass objects. Your [accommodation](#) for the next two nights is in a twin bed chalet with ensuite bathrooms, kitchen and lounge area and deck overlooking a dam. (L,B&B)

## Day 16: Swaziland

Today is a leisurely day and after a late breakfast you will leave for a tour of a [Swazi Cultural Centre](#) followed by stops at Swazi Candle Factory and other local craft shops. The Cultural Centre is a living museum of old traditions and represents a classic Swazi lifestyle during the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. A typical visit includes a 30 minute guided tour and a 45 minute dancing display. Dinner tonight will be a Braai under the stars. (D,B&B)

## Day 17: Dundee – Battle Fields

This morning, after a short drive, you will cross the border back into South Africa and continue on to KwaZulu Natal stopping on route for lunch at Vryheid, a small farming town. Your drive then takes you through more farming country to Dundee where you will stay for the next 2 nights arriving with ample time to relax before dinner. Your [accommodation](#) for the next two nights is in a twin bed room with ensuite facilities on a working farm. (L,D,B&B)

## Day 18: Dundee

Today you will go on a tour of [Isandlwana](#) and Rorke's Drift with an experienced local guide who will be with you for the whole day. He will give you the history of these two famous battles where, within a 24 hour period the British Army had its worst defeat at the hands of a Native army and then one of its greatest victories where 11 Victoria Cross Medals were awarded. This is a long day of touring but one that I am sure you will find interesting. Sunset drinks and dinner will be at a game lodge overlooking Dundee. (L,D,B&B)



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## Day 19: Johannesburg

After breakfast you will get the opportunity to visit the [Talana Museum](#). This Museum is situated over a 20 acre site situated outside of Dundee and covers the history of the area. You will leave Dundee around midday for the drive to Johannesburg arriving late afternoon. Your [accommodation](#) will be a twin room with ensuite facilities at a Bed and Breakfast establishment situated in a garden setting in the Parkhurst area of Johannesburg. Parkhurst is a lively area with a wide selection of shops, cafes and restaurants. As this will be your last night in South Africa a group dinner has been arranged at a local restaurant. (D,B&B)

## Day 20: Botswana

Your flight leaves at 12:10 for [Kasane](#) in Botswana and after breakfast you will travel to the airport for the short flight. On arrival at Kasane you will clear customs and immigration (visas not currently required) and will be met by our driver and driven to your hotel on the banks of the Chobe River. The afternoon is free to explore the small town of Kasane or to relax in the grounds of the hotel watching the wildlife come down to the river. Your [accommodation](#) will be in a twin bed Rondavel with ensuite facilities at 4 star Hotel on the River Chobe. (B&B)

## Day 21: Botswana

Today you will do a morning cruise on the Chobe River and then transfer to an open vehicle for an afternoon game drive in the [Chobe National Park](#). This park has one of the largest concentrations of game in Africa and is one of the most diverse in Botswana. The Chobe River, which flows along the Northeast border of the park, is a major watering spot, especially in the dry season (May through October) for large breeding herds of elephants, as well as families of giraffe, sable and buffalo. Birding is also excellent in this area. (L,B&B)

## Day 22 Zambia – Victoria Falls

Today you will be collected from your hotel and taken to the river border crossing and escorted over to Zambia. You will have to clear immigration and purchase a visa which is currently US\$50. Once in Zambia you will be escorted to [Victoria Falls](#) for a guided tour. After the tour you may want to cross the bridge to watch the bungee jumping or even partake. Following lunch at an African restaurant in Livingstone, you will be given the opportunity to visit Nekacheya, the local primary school that Southern Africa Escorted Tours supports. The school currently has over 100 children from the local community attending the facility. You will have the chance to speak to the children, watch a class taking place and even assist the teacher. A sunset cruise will depart around 4pm and you will get the opportunity to see the sun set over the Zambesi River while enjoying drinks and snacks. Your [accommodation](#) will be in a twin bed room with ensuite facilities at an Eco-Lodge situated on the road between Livingstone and the falls. (L,B&B)

## Day 23: Zambia – Victoria Falls

Today is a free day and there is the opportunity to do any number of optional activities at your own cost. Your Zambian driver will be available during the day to transport you in and around Livingstone.

Optional Activities:

- white water rafting
- bungee jumping



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- Micro-like flights over the falls
- Helicopter flights over the falls
- Canoeing
- Walking with elephants
- Visit to a local village
- High tea at the Victoria Falls Hotel

As tonight is your last night on the tour there will be a group farewell dinner. (D,B&B)

## Day 24: Johannesburg – Sydney

Today is your last day in Africa and after breakfast you will have some time to do any last minute activities or shopping before leaving for your 13:10 flight to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg airport you will be escorted to your connecting flight to Sydney. (B)

Departures	Twin	Single
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	\$6,900.00 Land cost, meals and activities stated & internal flights.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2015	\$7,200.00 Land cost, meals and activities as stated & internal flights.	<a href="#">Enquire Now</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	\$7,200 Land cost, meals and activities as stated & internal flights	

Disclaimer: Prices are per person in Australian Dollars. Supplements may apply for sole travelers on certain departures. Extra night prices are available on request. Seasonal supplements will apply.

## Inclusions

As this is a fully escorted tour the same tour guide will be with you from the start of the tour on day 1 to the end of the tour on day 24

- 23 nights' accommodation with breakfast daily
- Lunch on 11 Days: 2,4,6,11,12,13,15,17,18,21 & 22
- Dinner on 12 Days: 6,8,9,10,11,12,14,16,17,18,19 & 23
- All internal flights
- Hop-on Hop-off bus tour in Cape Town or tour of Robben Island
- Overnight Train with twin-berth Coupes
  - Welcome drink
  - Full breakfast
  - 3 course lunch



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- 4 course dinner
- Afternoon tea
- Transport in an air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking guide
- 2 night stay at Private Game Lodge
  - 4 game drives
  - 1 game walk
  - All meals
- All Entrance fees:
  - Table Mountain
  - Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve
  - Voortrekker Monument
  - Cradle of Humankind
  - Lesedi Cultural Village
  - Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre
  - God's Window
  - Sabi Sands Game Reserve
  - Kruger National Park
  - Swazi Cultural Village
  - Rorke's Drift Museum
  - Isandlwana Museum
  - Talana Museum
  - Victoria Falls- Zambia
  - Chobe National Park
- Guided tours of :
  - Voortrekker Monument
  - Battlefields
  - Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre
  - Victoria Falls
  - Nekacheya School\*
  - Chobe River excursion
  - Chobe National Park
- All tips and portage

\* The Nekacheya School is being assisted by Southern Africa Escorted Tours and every person booking a tour of Southern Africa is kindly requested to donate a small carry bag of writing paper and pencils that will be given to the school during the tour. This small gift will be used to assist the children in learning to read and write. It is only after you have visited a local school do you realise what a struggle it is for poor children in third world countries to get even a basic education. The facilities are primitive, classes are held in very overcrowded conditions and are few educational tools. You cannot help but be touched by the eagerness of the children to learn and of the dedication of the teachers who are giving so much in order for the children to have an education.



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