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South Africa Safari Itinerary

Apr 24, 2023 - May 12, 2023

Prepared For: Kathy Welsh

Plus Victoria Falls Pre-Stay

April 24 - Pre-Stay: Victoria Falls (3-Day)

No Plans For This Day

April 25 - Pre-Stay: Victoria Falls (2 or 3-Day itinerary)

No Plans For This Day

April 26 - Pre-Stay: Victoria Falls (2-Day itinerary)

No Plans For This Day

April 27 - Victoria Falls. OR Arrival to J'burg



Fly into Johannesburg

You may arrive late on the 27th, and not be able to get to Kruger (Nelspruit) that night.

Suggested: stay the night at the **Protea Hotel O.R. Tambo Airport - Johannesburg**.

They offer a free airport shuttle.

Then you can fly out to Kruger (Nelspruit) in the morning.

The hotel has a complimentary airport shuttle that operates from 05:15 AM - 23:00 PM. The shuttle runs on the half hour and would be at the airport on the half hour and on the hour.

These shuttles can be found at the bus terminals - Kindly ask the airport staff to direct you. This shuttle does not have to be reserved at all.

If you require a shuttle outside of these times, please contact the hotel directly on +27 (0) 11 977 2600 or send an email to protea.ortambo@marriott.com



Protea Hotel by Marriott OR Tambo Airport - Johannesburg

Booked individually, per guest

Protea Hotel by Marriott O R Tambo Airport

Corner of York & Gladiator Streets, Rhodesfield,
Kempton Park, Johannesburg 1619 South Africa

+27 11 977 2600

Embark from O.R. Tambo International Airport via our free airport shuttle and arrive at our hotel lobby in minutes.

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April 28 - Flight to Nelspruit / Kruger NP



11:05 AM - South Africa Standard Time - 1 hr Flight from J'burg (for 11) to Nelspruit / Kruger NP

BOOKED THROUGH	FLIGHT NUMBER
Airlink	4Z841

JOHANNESBURG O.R. TAMBO INTL
Terminal: B
to NELSPRUIT KRUGER MPUMALANGA INTL
4Z841 departs 11:05 28Apr2023
arrives 12:00 28Apr2023



Flight (for 6) from Vic Falls to Nelspruit

Rick & Beth
Stan & Angela
Kathy & Joanie

Your flight coming from Victoria Falls is timed to arrive Nelspruit about the same time as the majority of the group.



Arrival at Nelspruit / Kruger National Park

After meeting with guides at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, the group transfers to Kruger Gate Hotel. The rest of your afternoon is at your own leisure. Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Dinner at the hotel.

Route Nelspruit to Great Kruger (approx. 110kms)



Check in at Marriott's Protea Hotel Kruger Gate

Accommodation Two per Room: Marriott's Protea Hotel Kruger Gate

Facilities: En-suites Per Room, Hot Showers, Swimming Pool, Bar, Internet, Laundry

Dinner Included

Ideally located at the Kruger National Park

Located in the Greater Kruger Conservancy, right at the Paul Kruger Gate and on the banks of the iconic Sabie River. Our lodge-style hotel, famed for its soaring wooden walkways and treetop ambiance, uniquely offers classic Big 5 safaris in the Kruger National Park with all the comforts of an upmarket 4-star hotel experience.

The hotel is set in a tranquil riverine woodland of immense African trees and rich birdlife, with uninterrupted views over the Sabie riverbed into the world-famous Kruger National Park. With refined Africa-inspired décor, all rooms have ensuite bathrooms, air-conditioning, free wi-fi and optional in-room dining.



Marriott's Protea Hotel Kruger Gate

Kruger Gate - Skukuza Road, Skukuza, Mpumalanga, ZA



Kruger National Park

Stretching over more than two million hectares, the famous Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Owing to its exceptional size, visitors are able to experience fantastic diversity - from changing scenery and ecosystems to an impressive array of animals, plant life and birdlife. The park is home to over 130 mammals and over 500 bird species. Visitors can look forward to learning about the area's prehistoric past, enjoying a host of accommodation options, and viewing abundant wildlife including the famed Big Five. The diversity and sheer density of wildlife make Kruger National Park an unforgettable and once-in-a-lifetime experience.

April 29 - Kruger National Park / Kruger Gate



Kruger National Park

Spend the morning exploring at Kruger Gate Hotel, enjoying the amenities that the hotel has to offer.

In the afternoon we head towards the world famous Kruger National Park and immediately begin our first game drive in our truck.

Truly the flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals.

We will spend time driving through the park in our safari vehicle.

Kruger Gate Hotel - ***Breakfast and Dinner Included***

April 30 - Kruger Gate / Game Drives



Kruger National Park

Today we have a full day of game viewing planned in an open 4x4 vehicle inside Kruger National Park.

This gives you some fantastic photo opportunities so keep your eyes open for Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Rhino and Buffalo, known as Africa's 'Big Five' as well as many other species of animals and birds.

Kruger Gate Hotel - ***Breakfast and Dinner Included***

May 1 - Kruger Gate to Numbi Gate / Sunset Game Drive



Check out of Marriott's Protea Hotel Kruger Gate



Kruger Gate to Numbi Gate / Sunset Game Drive

This morning we will pack up, check out of your hotel and journey 1-hour along the rim of Kruger to your next accommodation for the next 2 nights.

After a short break to get settled and explore the new Safari Camp, you will go on your sundowner drive.



Check in at Nkambeni Safari Camp

Nkambeni Safari Camp is located inside the Kruger National Park. The entrance to the lodge is through the Kruger National Park's Numbi Gate close to White River and Hazyview.

The permanent luxury tents feature a en-suite bedroom with air-conditioning and a private deck.

The on-site restaurant offers true South African hospitality and local food.

A range of safari adventures are available at the camp.

The Nkambeni Safari Camp is committed to the preservation of pristine wilderness areas. The suites are designed and constructed to guarantee minimum impact on the natural habitat. For that reason, the suites have been built on wooden stilts. The accommodation at Nkambeni Tented Lodge consists of 150 beautifully-appointed luxury timber and canvas-tented suites.

Breakfast and Dinner Included

May 2 - Numbi Gate / Bush Walk / Game Drive



Numbi Gate

Today we start with a morning bush walk led by our tracker experts. We will head out on foot, and see what tracking and wildlife we can find.

Your afternoon is spent at leisure. Perhaps having a cold drink on the overlook patio, watching the hippos and giraffes.

This evening we will enjoy an afternoon / evening game drive.

Breakfast and Dinner Included

May 3 - TRAVEL DAY: Fly to Port Elizabeth - to Addo



Check out of Nkambeni Tented Lodge

**2:00 PM**

Nelspruit - FLY to Port Elizabeth -> Travel to Addo

BOOKED THROUGH NUMBER

Airlink 4Z506

Morning airport drop off at Nelspruit, collect at PE airport and travel to Addo.

NELSPRUIT KRUGER
MPUMALANGA INTL DURBAN KING SHAKA INTL 4Z506
departs 14:00 03May2023
arrives 15:10 03May2023

DURBAN KING SHAKA INTL PORT ELIZABETH PORT ELIZABETH
4Z528 departs 16:10 03May2023
arrives 17:45 03May2023
Class: G Operated by: AIRLINK

Each passenger can check in a specific amount of baggage at no extra cost as indicated above in the column baggage. Each piece of baggage may not exceed 32 kilos.



Addo Rest Camp

After meeting with your guides at Port Elizabeth Airport, the group will head to Addo Elephant NP.

This unique Eastern Cape park is home to one of the densest concentrations of African elephants on earth as well as boasting the 'Big Seven' (elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo, leopard, southern right whale and great white shark) as Addo is a land and marine park.

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Addo Rest Camp, Addo Elephant National Park

Set in the enchanting Eastern Cape Province of South Africa, the Addo Elephant National Park is the country's third largest national park and offers a truly unforgettable safari experience.

This finely-tuned ecosystem provides a sanctuary to large numbers of elephant, lion, buffalo, black rhino, spotted hyena, leopard, antelope, zebra and over 400 bird species.

This unique park is the world's only park with the 'Big7' - the Big 5 plus the southern right whale and great white shark off the coast of the Algoa Bay. Famed for its large herds of elephant, Addo provides an ideal, tranquil retreat for those looking to escape the stresses of big city living.

May 4 - Tsitsikamma National Park



Check out of Addo Rest Camp



Early morning Game Drive in Truck, travel to Tsitsikamma

This morning we will partake on an early morning Drive in Addo NP Park in search for elephants, and the other Big 5.

And then make our way to Tsitsikamma that Afternoon. The name means 'place of abundant water' and it does not disappoint, with its indigenous forests and dramatic coastline.



Tsitsikamma National Park

Situated along South Africa's beautiful coast, the Tsitsikamma National Park is known for its thick ancient forest, dramatic coastline, and magnificent rivers. The Tsitsikamma National Park falls within the exquisite and famous Garden Route National Park and encompasses an incredibly beautiful marine conservation belt stretching five kilometres out into the ocean as well as the renowned Otter Trail. The park is home to diverse fauna and flora, including over 9000 species of indigenous fynbos, the stunning Knysna Lourie, dolphins and porpoises, Cape Clawless Otter, Blue Duiker, and many other animal and bird species. Visitors can look forward to hiking to the Big Tree, ancient yellowwood; going on an exhilarating kayaking trip at Storms River Mouth; or enjoying a number of other activities including rycling, swimming, zip-lining, camping, snorkelling, diving, mountain biking, and sailing.



Check in at The Fernery Lodge and Chalets

At the base of the majestic Tsitsikamma Mountains, alongside ancient rivers that make their way towards the Indian Ocean, lies the beautiful Fernery Lodge & Chalets.

With enchanting views of the rugged coastline, river gorge, and surrounding plantations ... this is the perfect spot to reacquaint yourself with nature and renew the harmony of your soul.

The Fernery Lodge is exclusive and unique, situated on the Sanddrift River gorge above a 30m waterfall, and overlooking the Indian Ocean, offering guests breath-taking views.

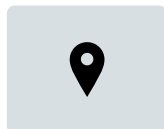
Every effort has been made to ensure our guests comfort, from crisp percale linen and large luxurious bathrooms to underfloor heating and satellite television.

Other features include heated towel rails, tea and coffee making facilities, and a communal outdoor jacuzzi.

Our elegant dining room offers a fine a la carte menu.

Treat yourself to a relaxing massage by one of our highly recommended therapists at the spa.

Breakfast and Dinner Included



The Fernery Lodge and Chalets

Eastern Cape, ZA

May 5 - Coastal Trek Otter Trail



Coastal trek of Storms River (first few hours of Otter Trail); travel to Knysna

This area is home to the famous multi-day Otter Trail hike and the first few hours of this trail will be enjoyed.

The Otter trail is officially the oldest and undoubtedly the most iconic hiking trail in South Africa. The trail, which runs along the spectacular coastline between the Storms River mouth and Nature's Valley, was opened in 1968 and is considered one of the finest multi-day trails in the world. It is named after the shy, mostly nocturnal, Cape Clawless Otter which inhabits the estuaries and streams of the South African coast.



Fernery Lodge & Chalets

Breakfast and Dinner

May 6 - Knysna



Check out at The Fernery Lodge and Chalets



Tenikwa Wildlife Centre / Wine tasting & lunch / Boat Cruise

**You will visit the Tenikwa Wildlife Centre after breakfast.
Followed by a wine tasting & lunch at the Packwood Wine and Country Estate.**

It is a short distance to Knysna.

In the afternoon you can relax on a **Boat cruise in the lagoon** on the popular John Benn.

Then enjoy an Optional evening out at one of the many waterfront Restaurants or relax at your Hotel

Optional dinner out

Check in at Protea Hotel Knysna Quays Waterfront

Renowned as the perfect holiday destination, the hotel is set on the Knysna Quays Waterfront with the lagoon at your doorstep. This stylish property is suited to both leisure and business travelers alike with sheer comfort assured.

Facing the warm Indian Ocean through the Knysna Heads, the hotel offers a tranquil stay in spacious rooms overlooking the magical Knysna lagoon, historical train station and the Knysna town.

The Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays boasts with wonderful facilities, which includes a heated outdoor swimming pool, wellness therapist for rejuvenating massages, free internet service and a unique dining experience with four restaurants to choose from for memorable lunch and dinners on the Waterfront.

Breakfast and Lunch Included



Protea Hotel Knysna Quays

Waterfront Drive, Knysna, Western Cape, iNingizimu Afrika, 6570
+27 44 382 5005

Knysna

Sandwiched between the towering Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean, Knysna is a large town often referred to as the 'Garden of Eden,' surrounded by stunning bays perfect for sailing, boating, and swimming; picturesque beaches and lagoons; and world-renowned forests. This well-catered town is also a perfect base for safari expeditions at nearby parks such as Knysna Elephant Park, and close-up animal experiences at centers such as Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary, Tenikwa Wildlife Awareness Centre, Birds of Eden, and Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary.

From here, enjoy ample opportunities for surfing, swimming, yachting, jet-skiing, boating, fishing, and golfing.

Visitors can also look forward to an array of wonderful markets, a picturesque waterfront filled with superb restaurants and shops, and several fantastic art galleries. Make sure to take a ferry trip to the famed Knysna Heads and sample the local oysters.

May 7 - Oudtshoorn

Check out at Protea Hotel Knysna Quays

Visit to the Cango Caves and Highgate Ostrich Farm

Today we travel through the magnificent Outeniqua Mountains towards Oudtshoorn where we visit the world-famous Cango Caves.

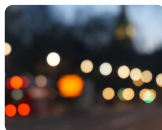
The caves contain spectacular halls and grand limestone formations, and a local guide will tell you all about the cave system, which extends for over 4km.

We also take a visit to a popular industry called Ostrich farming, in this area.

Check in at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge Oudtshoorn

Resting in the foothills of the majestic Swartberg mountains, the unique Buffelsdrift Game Lodge is the closest you'll get to the wild of the Klein Karoo. Enjoy the privacy of one of the lodge's 29 free-standing luxury tents and a wonderful waterhole at your doorstep. Simply and stylishly decorated, the tents not only provide a true bushveld experience, but all the creature comforts of luxury accommodation. This exceptional, secluded lodge makes an ideal base for exploring the numerous popular attractions of the surrounding area including the charming nearby town of Oudtshoorn en route to the famed Cango Caves.

Breakfast and Dinner Included



Buffelsdrift Game Lodge Oudtshoorn

Road 62 to Oudshoorn Cango Caves, Oudtshoorn, Western Cape, iNingizimu Afrika



Oudtshoorn

Located along the well-known Route 62 in South Africa's beautiful Klein Karoo, the charming town of Oudtshoorn is known as the ostrich capital of the world. It is surrounded by numerous ostrich farms and the golden arid landscape of the Karoo. Visitors can enjoy the locally-produced wine and port; sample ostrich meat and biltong; learn about the ostrich feather boom at the C.P. Nel Museum; and visit the world-renowned Cango Caves, the largest cave system in Africa featuring ancient rock formations and sparkling stalactites and stalagmites. Other popular activities include mountain biking, paragliding, horse riding, and taking a day trip to the quaint town of Prince Albert over the scenic Swartberg Pass.

May 8 - Buffelsdrift



Day free for optional activities, Night Game Drive



Buffelsdrift Game Lodge
Breakfast and Dinner Included

May 9 - Oudtshoorn - Hermanus



Check out at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge Oudtshoorn



Travel along Route 62, stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, which is not a sex shop at all, but a rather interesting country pub with a great story...

Hopefully Ronnie will be there to chat with us, and tell us the whole tals.



Check in at Whale Rock Lodge

Whale Rock Luxury Lodge & Villa, with its large white characteristic buildings and on the original Lodge buildings, thick heavy thatch roofs, has an air of welcome, warmth and well-being. Located at the Westcliff end of town, the Lodge is central to every activity in and around Hermanus.

In December 2018, a new Villa was added to the property, with another 6 rooms/suites, of which 3 beautifully contemporary decorated, spacious Walker Bay Suites, 2 Patio Deluxe Rooms and a Pool Suite. The Villa can also be rented exclusively for a group of 12 pax. Whale Rock Lodge & Villa now boasts a total of 17 spacious en-suite rooms and suites with king size beds, elegantly decorated in a contemporary style.

Whale Rock is the perfect base from which to explore the Overberg, offering every luxury, personal care and attention to detail, ensuring a tranquil and memorable holiday.

Breakfast Included



Whale Rock Lodge

26 Springfield Ave, Hermanus, WESTERN CAPE, ZA, 7200



Situated just 140 kilometres from Cape Town and built between the beautiful shores of Walker Bay, Hermanus has grown from a small seaside resort town to become arguably the best-known place for whale watching in the world.

This town is also famed for its natural scenic beauty, featuring long stretches of pristine beaches. An excellent variety of restaurants, cafes and bars are also on offer. 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 Harbour Museum, which is comprised of the charming fisherman's village, the old harbour, and the Whale House Museum; hike through the nearby Fernkloof Nature Reserve and sample an array of top-quality wine along the famous Hermanus Wine Route.

May 10 - Stellenbosch - Wine Tastings along the "Garden Route"



Check out at Whale Rock Lodge



Wine Tasting in Stellenbosch at Hidden Valley on route to CPT, afternoon free for optional activities

After a leisurely breakfast, we will make our way to the heart of the Western Cape, Cape Town via the historical town of Stellenbosch.

We will enjoy some wine tasting and an optional dinner out at one of many restaurants available in the area.



Check in at Southern Sun Waterfront Cape Town

A total of 537 beautifully furnished rooms are offered at the hotel, catering to your needs with all the amenities expected of an establishment granted a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence. Tea and coffee stations, DSTv, electronic safes, air-conditioning and free WiFi are par for the course, while our porter service and 24-hour room service are also on offer. In addition to double, queen and king rooms, smoking and wheelchair-accessible rooms can also be arranged at your request.

As for the rest of the hotels guest facilities, these are sure to make you feel even more at ease. Enjoy a truly unique dining experience at Yizani Restaurant, which lives up to its isiXhosa name that translates to 'come in ... Welcome.'

Stay fit with the help of our fully-equipped fitness center, cool down at the outdoor pool, indulge in decadent cocktails and fine wines at the hotel bar or take advantage of our world-class conferencing facilities that include two fully serviced meeting rooms.

Being a short walk away from the famous V&A Waterfront and other Cape Town sights is just the start of this iconic accommodation landmark's appeal. Postcard views of the harbor and of Signal Hill are rivalled only by the stylish, inviting presence of the hotel itself. Step inside the impressive lobby, and you will soon discover why this hotel continues to snap up awards.

Breakfast Included



Southern Sun Waterfront Cape Town

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Set at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans and backed by the iconic Table Mountain, the bustling city of Cape Town presents an alluring combination of drawcards, Incredible powdery white beaches, highly acclaimed wine routes, and astonishingly beautiful mountain trails surround a cosmopolitan hub. This diverse metropolis is filled with superb shops and restaurants, extraordinary heritage monuments, a multitude of entertainment venues, and a spectacular, chic waterfront harbour. Highlights include the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art; Table Mountain's jaw-dropping views; Boulders Beach, where penguins might swim right up to you in the warm Indian ocean waters; the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, where you can walk along a treetop canopy among incredible native flora or watch an open-air concert at the base of the mountain; Robben Island, where visitors can see the cell where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years; and many more.

May 11 - Cape Town / Boulders Beach



Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel
Breakfast Included



Full Day Cape Peninsular Tour and visit to Boulders Beach

Today discover the rest of what the amazing city of Cape Town has to offer, you will embark on the beautiful scenery of the Cape Peninsular region & pay a Visit to the Penguins nestled on the cosy little beach called Boulders beach.

You will have the opportunity to have a tasty Optional lunch at their popular restaurant or stop at a local fish & Chips shop along the way, before making our way to the Waterfront in Cape Town, the final destination of our tour.

Your tour ends upon arrival in Cape Town.

May 12 - Cape Town



Check out at Southern Sun Waterfront Cape Town
Breakfast included



Morning free, afternoon Group airport drop off

Information & Documents



Visa's and Immunization - NONE needed
No VISA is necessary to visit South Africa

No IMMUNIATIONS are required to visit South Africa

As a safe practice, when visiting any country, it is a good idea to ensure you are up to date with all the common childhood vaccinations before visiting an African country (**you may even need a booster**). This includes immunizations for Tetanus and Diphtheria and Diphtheria, Whooping cough (Pertussis), polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). This is COMPLETELY OPTIONAL, and many visitors traveling do not booster these shots.



TIPPING ON TOUR
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Southern Africa: In general tipping in restaurants is expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides. It is expected to tip porters and car-guards etc. Ask your guides how much is appropriate in local currency. Our guides do work hard but they are also paid at (and often above) industry levels for this work. Our Crew can be tipped if you feel that they have done a good job and/or gone above and beyond the call of duty. The best way to arrange tips is to elect one person in the group to collect the money. We recommend USD1-2 (or about R10-R20) per day per person, per guide as a fair tip. So if you have 3-crew on a tour, we would recommend that 3 envelopes are used and each crew member's name written on one. Place what you feel is fair into each envelope and the elected person can give these to the crew at the end of the tour. If you do not feel that the crew deserve a tip, please, do not tip them. You must remember that tipping is only for exceptional service and is not at all compulsory or expected.



Terms and Conditions
CANCELLATION POLICY

- 100% Refundable if passenger cancels by or on 2022 October 1
- Cancellations on or after 2022 October 1 – subject to penalty

- NO refunds after 2023 January 15 – full penalty applies
- All *A Wild Adventure* Terms & Conditions apply – see website
- Policy Subject to change per tour operator's conditions.