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Spectacular SOUTH AFRICA
and VICTORIA FALLS

A Guided Travel Experience featuring
Cape Town, a Private Game Reserve Safari,
Chobe National Park in Botswana, and Victoria Falls

14 DAYS **APRIL 13-26, 2024**

exclusive
DEPARTURE

embark on an unforgettable tour through the magnificent landscapes of South Africa, Botswana, and Victoria Falls. Begin your journey in vibrant Cape Town with its iconic Table Mountain, stunning coastal scenery, and renowned wine regions. Open-air private game reserve drives offer a fascinating glimpse of up to 42 mammal species and 350 bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for the “Big 5”—lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and Cape buffalo—before branching out in Johannesburg. Venture into Botswana, land of untamed wilderness & extraordinary wildlife, and discover the pristine Chobe River. Continue your adventure to Victoria Falls, one of the world’s most awe-inspiring natural wonders. Marvel at the sheer power and beauty of the falls as you stand in awe of the cascading water.



DAY 1/2: TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA

April 13-14, 2024

Board your overnight flight to South Africa.

DAY 3: ARRIVE CAPE TOWN

April 15, 2024

Arrive in Cape Town. Meet your Tour Manager, and enjoy a short orientation of Cape Town and your South Africa Experience. Transfer to your hotel for a 3-night stay. Enjoy a **WELCOME DINNER** this evening.

Overnight: Cape Town, South Africa (D)

DAY 4: CAPE TOWN & ROBBEN ISLAND

April 16, 2024

After breakfast, meet your guide and get ready to embark on an unforgettable **CAPE TOWN TOUR** of this beautiful city, starting with a **TABLE MOUNTAIN CABLE CAR RIDE** (*weather permitting*). The journey up the mountain takes about five minutes and the cable cars rotate 360-degrees during the trip, giving you spectacular views of the city, harbor, and peninsula. Flanked by Devil’s Peak and Lion’s Head, Table Mountain makes up the northern end of the Cape Fold Mountain range. Later journey through the city where you’ll see some of Cape Town’s landmarks, including the Houses of Parliament, City Hall, the Castle, the Slave Lodge, and St. George’s Cathedral. Your guide will share fascinating insights into the history and culture of the city as you go. You will also pass by the beautiful Company’s Garden and Greenmarket Square, before entering the vibrant Bo-Kaap neighborhood, also known as the **MALAY QUARTER**. Snap photos of the brightly painted houses and learn about the rich cultural heritage of this unique area. Continue to the **VICTORIA & ALBERT WATERFRONT** for your **ROBBEN ISLAND TOUR**. The tour route includes the graveyard of people who died from leprosy, the Lime Quarry, Robert Sobukwe’s house, the Bluestone quarry, the army and navy bunkers and the Maximum-Security Prison where thousands of South Africa’s freedom fighters were incarcerated for years. The tour culminates with a viewing of Nelson Mandela’s cell. Return to the mainland and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Cape Town, South Africa (B)

DAY 5: CAPE POINT & BOULDERS BEACH

April 17, 2024

Start the day with a scenic drive along the iconic Chapman’s Peak Drive, for beautiful marine views to **CAPE POINT** and to the **CAPE OF GOOD HOPE NATURE RESERVE**. Take a funicular ride up to the top of Cape Point and to the Lighthouse, built in 1859, and stands more than 700 feet above sea level. Enjoy the magnificent perspective with dramatic cliffs, rugged coastline, and panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. Continue the tour with a drive to **SIMON’S TOWN**, stopping for lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the **PENGUIN COLONY** at **BOULDERS BEACH**. This area is famous for its colony of African penguins. Visitors can observe these adorable creatures in their natural habitat from dedicated viewing platforms and walkways. Later, enjoy a **SOUTH AFRICA WINE EXPERIENCE** at a local wine estate. South Africa has a long history of wine production, dating back to the 17th century when the Dutch settlers first introduced vineyards to the region. The remainder of the day is yours to spend at leisure.

Overnight: Cape Town, South Africa (B,L)

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO HOEDSPRUIT - PRIVATE RESERVE

April 18, 2024

After breakfast travel to the airport for your flight to Hoedspruit, South Africa. Upon arrival, travel to your game lodge for a 2 night stay. Enjoy lunch and settle into your resort. Partake in coffee/tea and snacks before your afternoon **4X4 OPEN VEHICLE GAME DRIVE**. Climb aboard an open 4x4 safari vehicle, purposefully designed to navigate the rugged terrain of the game reserve. These vehicles offer excellent visibility, allowing you to observe wildlife from various angles and capture memorable photographs. As you venture into the wilderness, your guide will navigate through the bush, following established tracks and relying on their expertise and knowledge of the area to lead you to the best wildlife viewing spots. The game reserves in South Africa are home to a wide array of animals, including the “Big Five” (elephants, lions, leopards, buffalo, and rhinos), as well as cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, and numerous bird species. Return to your lodge for an included dinner.

Overnight: Kapama Game Reserve (B,L,D)



DAY 7: KAPAMA GAME RESERVE

April 19, 2024

Rise early today and enjoy tea, coffee, homemade pastries, and fresh fruit. Depart on your **MORNING GAME DRIVE**. A game drive is a perfect opportunity to witness animals in their natural habitat. Your guide will share fascinating information about the animals you encounter, including their behavior, feeding habits, and conservation efforts. They’ll also point out various plant species and explain their importance to the ecosystem. Return to your lodge for breakfast and spend the remainder of the morning at leisure. Perhaps relax by the pool or take part in resort activities before lunch is served. Later today, embark on an **AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE**. As you explore the reserve, you might witness herds of elephants gracefully moving through the savannah, lions lazing under a tree, or a group of giraffes browsing the treetops. You might come across a watering hole, attracting an array of animals, providing a chance to observe them as they drink and interact. Game drives allow ample time for wildlife sightings and absorbing the sights, sounds, and scents of the African bush. The unpredictability of wildlife adds an element of adventure and excitement to the game drive. Each drive is unique, and you never know what extraordinary sightings may unfold. After the drive, return to your lodge and reflect on the awe-inspiring encounters you had during the game drive. Enjoy Dinner tonight.

Overnight: Kapama Game Reserve (B,L,D)



DAY 8: JOHANNESBURG

April 20, 2024

Wake early and enjoy a **MORNING GAME DRIVE**. A game drive is a remarkable adventure that offers a chance to connect with nature, and create lifelong memories of the captivating African wilderness. Return to the lodge for breakfast before departing for your short flight to Johannesburg. Meet your guide and embark on a **JOHANNESBURG HIGHLIGHTS TOUR**. Set off for Constitution Hill, see the Constitutional Court and site of Johannesburg’s Old Fort Prison, and the inner city of Johannesburg. Explore the Maboneng Precinct, a wonderful example of urban regeneration. Continue to your hotel and enjoy an included dinner.

Overnight: Johannesburg (B,D)

SOUTH AFRICA *and* VICTORIA FALLS

DAY 9: JOHANNESBURG - BOTSWANA

April 21, 2024

This morning travel to the airport for your flight to Kasane, Botswana. Upon arrival, travel to your lodge for a 2 night stay. Enjoy lunch and settle into your resort. This afternoon, embark on an **AFTERNOON GAME RIVER CRUISE/ SUNSET CRUISE**. Get up close with herds of buffalo and elephants while surrounded by pods of hippos as you glide by. Return to the lodge and enjoy dinner tonight.

Overnight: Chobe National Park (B,L,D)

DAY 10: CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

April 22, 2024

Rise early today and enjoy tea, coffee, homemade pastries, and fresh fruit. Depart on your **MORNING GAME DRIVE**. As you enter **CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**, you'll be greeted by a vast wilderness teeming with wildlife, encompassing diverse ecosystems ranging from floodplains and grasslands to woodlands and marshes. Renowned for its large concentrations of elephants, Chobe is a prime destination for elephant sightings. Upon your return, enjoy breakfast and spend the morning at leisure at your resort. After lunch, prepare for your afternoon game experience. The Chobe River is a prominent feature of the park, attracting an abundance of wildlife. Chobe National Park is also home to a vibrant bird population, with over 450 recorded species. Keep an eye out for iconic birds such as African fish eagles, African skimmers, and colorful bee-eaters. Return to the lodge and enjoy dinner tonight.

Overnight: Chobe National Park (B,L,D)



DAY 11: TRAVEL TO VICTORIA FALLS

April 23, 2024

Wake early and enjoy a **MORNING GAME DRIVE**. A safari in Chobe National Park offers an unforgettable encounter with Africa's wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, and the raw beauty of nature. It provides an immersive experience that allows you to appreciate the intricate web of life in one of Botswana's most renowned national parks. Later travel to Victoria Falls for a 3 night stay. Arrive at your lodge and enjoy lunch. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure to enjoy the resort before dinner tonight.

Overnight: Victoria Falls (B,L,D)

DAY 12: VICTORIA FALLS

April 24, 2024

After breakfast, make your way to the mighty **VICTORIA FALLS** for a full day experience. A truly awe-inspiring experience – the sight, the sound, the smell; the humbling feeling that here indeed is Nature's Supreme Masterpiece.

No photograph can begin to depict the reality...and nothing prepares you for your first sight. Guests will be accompanied through the Rainforest by a qualified guide who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, birds & wildlife, and other points of interest. Enjoy the falls at leisure and ample time to soak in the experience.

Overnight: Victoria Falls (B,L,D)

DAY 13: VICTORIA FALLS TOWNSHIP

April 25, 2024

Today enjoy a **TOWNSHIP TOUR**, where guests will have an opportunity to observe local life – from the oldest houses to the taverns, the local market, and churches. During a visit to a Primary School meet the school headmaster – and learn about the significance the school to the region. The remainder of the day is at leisure or taking part in optional activities such as bungee jumping or a helicopter tour. This evening, enjoy a special **ZAMBEZI RIVER SUNSET FAREWELL DINNER CRUISE** with a multi course dinner as you watch the sun dip below the horizon.

Overnight: Victoria Falls (B,L,D)

DAY 14: RETURN HOME*

April 26, 2024

Today transfer to the airport to begin your journey home full of memories of your amazing journey to **SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA AND VICTORIA FALLS**.

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**Return flights may arrive at your home gateway on April 27, 2024 (Day 16)*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 Nights - Cape Town
- Cape Town City Tour
- Table Mountain Cable Car
- Malay Quarter
- Victoria & Albert Waterfront
- Robben Island
- Cape Point Lighthouse
- Cape of Good Hope Preserve
- Boulders Beach
- South Africa Wine Experience

- 2 Nights - Private Game Reserve
- 4 Game Drive Experiences
- Johannesburg Highlights Tour
- 2 Nights - Chobe National Park
- 4 Game Drive/Cruise Experiences
- Sunset Cruise on Chobe River
- 3 Nights - Victoria Falls
- Victoria Falls Touring
- Victoria Falls Township & School Visit
- Zambezi River Sunset Dinner Cruise

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip Air (PDX)
- Roundtrip Transfers (PDX)
- 3 Inter-tour Flights
- 28 Meals (11-B, 8-L, 9-D)
- Experienced Tour Manager
- Knowledgeable Local/Safari Guides
- Deluxe Touring & Transfer Vehicles
- Open Vehicle Game Drives
- Baggage Handling (where available)

ACCOMMODATIONS

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

3 Nights- Southern Sun Cape Town or similar

KAPAMA RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA

2 Nights- Kapama River Lodge or similar

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

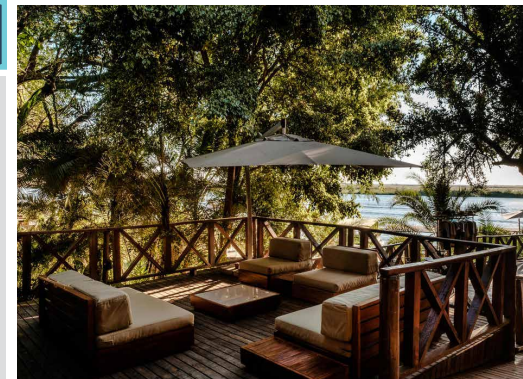
1 Night - Maslow Sandton Hotel or similar

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA

2 Nights - Chobe Marina Lodge or similar

VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

3 Nights - Pioneers Lodge, Victoria Falls or similar



14 DAYS APRIL 13-26, 2024**TOUR PRICING:****\$9,999**

PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: +\$2,000

Please Note: When traveling outside the United States, a passport is required for U.S. citizens & some countries require a visa. A valid passport & travel visa (when necessary) is the responsibility of each passenger.

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Deposit due with Reservation Form to secure space.
- Final Payment is due 120 days before departure
- **Single Supplement: +\$2,000**
- Credit Cards and Checks Accepted for Deposit and Final Payment
- Visit: <https://www.eugenechamber.com/chamber-travel.html> for registration link.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

- The package includes group airfare. Upgrades may be limited within the group flight schedule. If you prefer to arrange your own long-haul flights, please advise MGT prior to final payment.
- Tour Manager, Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.
- Airline checked luggage fees are not included and will apply at time of check-in

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

We recommend all travelers protect their travel investments and themselves while they are away with a Travel Protection Plan. Upon confirmation of registration on a MGT tour, you will have the opportunity to get a custom quote for a travel protection plan.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATION FEES:

All tour deposits and payments are fully refundable prior to 150 days before departure. Cancellations must be received in writing (certified mail or email) to Meridian Guided Travel. If a Travel Protection Plan is not purchased, the following fees apply for cancellations:

DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE/REFUND AMOUNT

Up to 150 days/Full Refund
 149-120 days/Deposit Amount is retained
 119-90 days/70% of total trip price is refunded
 89-45 days/50% of total trip price is refunded
 Less than 45 days/No Refund

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