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Cape Winelands

Visit the beautiful Cape Winelands to experience some of South Africa's amazing countryside. This region of the Western Cape offers an opportunity to experience beauty and the most delicious Cape wines, some of which are World renown.

These very wines are some of the reasons Cape Winelands accommodation is so sought after. Visitors want an opportunity to experience where the wine is made. Special wine tastings are on offer to guests to learn about wines of the various regions.

Establishments offering Cape Winelands accommodation are also known for their fine chefs. Using only the best of local ingredients they conjure up delicious food with South Africa's finest wines.

The area incorporates regions of Franschhoek, Stellenbosch, Wellington, Robertson, Montagu and Paarl. These are all quaint towns and prominent for various reasons.

Stellenbosch is the second oldest town in South Africa and Franschhoek is known for offering some of the finest dining in the world. Paarl has the longest main road in South Africa and more than 100 heritage buildings.

WINELANDS GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Stellenbosch is the second oldest town in the country. It offers guests access to some of the best wine estates in South Africa. With breath-taking views and the feeling of being at home away from home. Whether it's the magnificent backdrop of the mountain ranges you seek, a scenic drive or an experience in nature, Stellenbosch will not disappoint. We have selected a few of the finest guesthouses and hotels in Stellenbosch to compliment your stay in the winelands; however these are subject to availability at the time of making the reservation.

Rates from ZAR 4 150 per person sharing (Based on Stellenbosch Hotel)
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, breakfast and airport and Cape Town to city hotel transfers

WINELANDS LUXURY ACCOMMODATION, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

The five-star Majeka House is an owner-managed, private boutique hotel located within the historical town of Stellenbosch. The hotel is in proximity to a variety of shops, galleries, museums, vineyards and restaurants.
The elegant hotel features a range of luxury accommodation options, a sophisticated bar and restaurant. The magnificent spa, a gym, a heated indoor swimming pool with retractable roof, an outdoor swimming pool, a steam room and sauna. The library, business centre, as well as a formal boardroom, are all available to travellers. From Majeka House, it is less than 10-minutes' drive to the shops and cafés of Stellenbosch and the Stellenbosch Golf Club.
Their award winning Makaron Restaurant serves local specialties cooked with fresh ingredients, some picked from the on-site, organic garden. The Majeka House is a place to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Rates from ZAR 5 400 per person sharing
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, breakfast and airport and Cape Town to city hotel luxury transfers

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GARDEN ROUTE

The Garden Route begins outside Cape Town, and includes one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline. Along the route are towns such as Witsand, Stilbaai and Albertinia. Joining the route that winds its way for some 200 km via George, Wilderness, Sedgefield and Knysna on to Plettenberg Bay culminating in the Tstisikamma Forest - a fairyland of giant trees, ferns and bird life.
Mountains crowd close to a shoreline, dotted with beaches and bays, and vividly coloured wild flowers delight the eye. Between Heidelberg and Storms River, the Garden Route runs parallel to a coastline featuring lakes, mountains, tall indigenous forests, amber -coloured rivers and golden beaches.
Meandering trails are followed by hikers, the forests invite long, leisurely drives, and the lakes and rivers lend themselves to swimming boating and fishing. A wide range of leisure options, spectacular scenery and a mild climate guarantee an unforgettable holiday experience when visiting the Garden Route.

Malaria free area

4 DAYS GARDEN ROUTE TOUR/ CAPE TOWN TO CAPE TOWN

Departure: Daily at 09:00 from city hotels.
Duration: 4 Days
Routing: Cape Town – Mossel Bay - George - Garden Route – Knysna – Tsitsikamma National Park - Oudtshoorn – Cape Town
Dress requirements: Comfortable casual and smart casual for the evenings

Day 1
Depart from Cape Town and drive eastwards via Sir Lowry's Pass and the famous apple growing country of Grabouw to Swellendam and Mossel Bay. Here you visit the oldest post office in Africa, the Post Office Tree, and the site of the first landfall, made by the Portuguese explorer Bartholomeu Dias in 1488. From here you truly enter the Garden Route and travel past George via the Wilderness Lakelands to Knysna.
Overnight Knysna. Dinner included

Day 2
You explore Knysna and travel further to Plettenberg Bay for a short visit. Then you traverse through magnificent scenic river valley passes. You visit the Tsitsikamma National Park (Khoisan for 'The place of much water') stretching over one hundred kilometres of wild and rocky coastline characterized by massive cliffs, narrow isolated beaches and shady indigenous forests along the river valleys. Your next stop is Storms River with the impressive Paul Sauer Bridge across the valley, towering 139 m above the river. You return to Knysna via the “Big Tree” and spend the last part of the day enjoying a sundowner cruise on the Knysna lagoon.
Overnight Knysna. Breakfast and dinner included

Day 3
Depart from Knysna and travel to George. From here you drive via the scenic Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn, also known as the 'Feather Capital' of the world, as by far the largest concentration of ostrich farms in the World is found here. We visit the Cango Caves, regarded as one of South Africa's foremost natural wonders. The fascinating calcite caves comprise an underground wonderland of stalactites and stalagmites.
Overnight Oudtshoorn. Breakfast and dinner included

Day 4
After an early start, you visit an ostrich show farm for some unique experiences, including ostrich racing. You travel via the famous Route 62 past Montague and Worcester through the Huguenot Tunnel. On the other side of the mountains, on a clear day, you can see Table Mountain in the distance. Arrive in Cape Town where the tour ends.

Cost per person sharing: ZAR 13 300 based on min. 2 guests

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4 DAYS GARDEN ROUTE TOUR/ CAPE TOWN TO PORT ELIZABETH

This tour is ideal for an add on to a Game Reserve Safari in the Eastern Cape

Departure: Daily at 09:00 from city hotels.
Duration: 4 Days
Routing: Cape Town – Hermanus, Mossel Bay, Oudtshoorn, George - Knysna – Port Elizabeth
Dress requirements: Comfortable casual and smart casual for the evenings

Day 1
Depart from Cape Town and drive eastwards via the beautiful coastal route between Gordon's Bay and Hermanus, a seaside holiday town (Hermanus is the best place in the World to spot Whales from land – July to Dec). After lunch we drive on to Mossel Bay. Here we visit the oldest post office in Africa, the Post Office Tree and the site of the first landfall, made by the Portuguese explorer Bartholomew Dias in 1488.
Overnight Mossel Bay. Dinner included

Day 2
We travel over the Outeniqua Mountains to the Little Karoo to visit an Ostrich Show Farm for some unique experiences including ostrich racing. We visit the Cango caves, regarded as one of South Africa's foremost natural wonders. The fascinating calcite caves comprise an underground wonderland of stalactites and stalagmites. Visit Oudtshoorn, also called the "Feather capital" of the world, as over ninety percent of the world's ostrich farms are found here.
Overnight Oudtshoorn. Breakfast and dinner included

Day 3
After breakfast we visit the Cango Wildlife Ranch and Valley of Ancients, an endangered species breeding facility extraordinaire. Then depart for George and Wilderness National Park. We skirt around the lakes with stops at scenic viewpoints to Knysna. The town is situated on the edge of the Knysna Lagoon with its entrance to the sea guarded by two promontories known as the "Heads". The area also falls within a National Park proclaimed to conserve the extraordinary natural beauty of the lakelands and adjacent indigenous forests. Knysna also offers shopping opportunities of unusual locally made art and crafts. We join a sundowner cruise on the lagoon.
Overnight in Knysna. Breakfast and dinner included

Day 4
We explore Knysna and travel further via Plettenberg Bay for a short visit. Then we traverse through magnificently scenic river valley passes. We visit the Tsitsikamma National Park (Khoisan for 'The place of much water") stretching over 100 km of wild and rocky coastline characterised by massive cliffs, narrow isolated beaches and shady indigenous forests along the river valleys. Our next stop is Storms River with the impressive Paul Sauer Bridge across the valley towering some 139 m above the river. The final part of our journey takes us past a few coastal holiday villages to Port Elizabeth, also called the 'Friendly City' for a short city tour before we say farewell.
Breakfast included

Cost per person sharing: ZAR 13 000 based on min. 2 guests

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SAFARI NEAR CAPE TOWN

GONDWANA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Gondwana Private Game Reserve provides an African safari experience close to Cape Town. The 11000 hectare Private Game Park offers distinctive and luxurious malaria – free safari destination with free-roaming Big Five Game: lion, buffalo, elephant, rhino and leopard. Herds of wildlife including eland, giraffe, hippo, cheetah and zebra can be seen on the majestic landscape with awe-inspiring views of the Langeberg and Outeniqua Mountains in every direction. Indigenous fynbos vegetation cloaks the undulating valleys, adding vivid colour and interest to Big Five Game viewing and this wilderness experience.

Rates from ZAR 7 700 per person sharing
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, all meals and return airport/lodge transfers from George Airport and conservation fee
Excludes flights

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GAME VIEWING NEAR CAPE TOWN 1 NIGHT / 2 DAYS

Aquila Private Reserve a 2 ½ hours road transfer outside Cape Town. Clients will be collected from their hotel between 09:00/10:00 and travel along the N1 via Du Toitskloof Mountain Pass and Touws River, arriving at the Reserve at 12h00. Welcome drinks & lunch followed by check in at 14h00. Late afternoon game viewing for 3 hours returning to the lodge to freshen up before dinner Early morning wakeup call and followed by a 2/3 hours game viewing returning to the lodge for breakfast followed by check-out at 10:00. Return transfer to your Cape Town based hotel departs the lodge at 12:00.

Rates: **ZAR 3 285 per person sharing**
Includes: **1 Overnight accommodation based on standard lodge rooms, 2 game viewings, full board and return transfer to/from Cape Town CBD**

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EASTERN CAPE SAFARIS

Visiting the nature and game reserves of the Eastern Cape is an incredibly special adventure for nature-lovers and those with a yearning for the African outdoors. The Eastern Cape is extraordinarily beautiful; its landscapes characterised by rolling green-topped hills, massive rivers, and little Xhosa villages.

This is the idyllic setting for an impressive array of plant and animal species to thrive in their natural habitats. The reserves and national parks of the Eastern Cape are teeming with many of these exciting species. In addition, this is a malaria-free zone, making it a particularly great safari destination for the whole family, while staying at one of the many game lodges.

Many of the reserves of the Eastern Cape are home to the Big Five; which is made up of the lion, elephant, rhinoceros, buffalo, and leopard. Game drives or safaris in the early morning and evening allow visitors to see a large variety of the animals as they eat, drink, interact, or emerge from their sleeping spots to begin their hunt.

The Addo Elephant Park is world-famous for its 500 African elephants, as well as the rest of the Big Five. The roads are easy to navigate, and there are a number of lookout spots, particularly near the watering holes. The wildlife here includes giraffe, zebra, warthog, mongoose, African wild cat, caracal, jackal, and hyena.

The province stretches along the coast of South Africa and its waters are rich in marine life. Dolphins are often seen from the shore, and whales can sometimes be spotted from the beaches. Easy access is through Port Elizabeth Airport which links internal flights to Cape Town and Johannesburg.

KARIEGA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Kariega Game Reserve is a family-owned and operated Big 5 private safari reserve located in the Eastern Cape. This malaria-free game lodge incorporates 10,000 hectares of African wilderness, as well as two abundant rivers - the Kariega and the Bushmans rivers. The reserve offers different safari lodges to suit various budget needs, each with their own charm, comfort, excellent service and meals. Experience close up game viewing of the Big 5 - lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard - as well as multitudes of other African wildlife from the comfort of an open game drive vehicle with excellent qualified rangers. This reserve also offers a water experience to those guests staying at the stunning Settlers Drift Lodge.

4 Star Lodge
River Lodge – from R 12 700 p/p sharing

5 Star Lodge
Settlers Drift Lodge – from R 17 900 p/p sharing

Includes 2 nights' accommodation, all meals, morning and evening game drives and other game activities and the Kariega Foundation conservation & community levy and road transfer from Port Elizabeth Airport

INZOLO EXCLUSIVE GAME LODGE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Inzolo is an intimate game lodge, which caters for only 8 guests, nestled in a secluded valley surrounded by African bush and expansive plains in the malaria-free, Eastern Cape. This spectacular setting where five of nature's biomes converge, offers a unique personal encounter with every aspect of unspoilt nature. The knowledgeable rangers will get you up close to elephants, lions, rhinos, buffalos and hippos as well as a wide variety of buck and bird-life.
Each of the four spacious chalets sleeps 2 adults and are designed with a premium on comfort. Enjoy panoramic views over the spectacular valley from the privacy of your bedroom. Enjoy a bush boma dining experience – relax around the camp fire while the resident chef cooks and serves traditional South African dishes.

Rates from ZAR 16 000 per person sharing
Includes 2 night's accommodation, all meals, local beverages, morning and evening game drives, homemade delicacies with a cup of hot coffee or tea during the morning game drives, freshly prepared snacks with a chilled beverage on the afternoon game drive and return airport/lodge road transfers.

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KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve is a renowned conservation and community success story. Comprising just 26 rooms split across five intimate and award-winning safari lodges and villas, Kwandwe provides understated luxury and one of the highest land to guest, ratios, in the Eastern Cape.
Dedicated to providing a superior and authentic safari experience, led by an award-winning team of highly qualified rangers, activities on the reserve are diverse and offer both young and old the opportunity to create lifelong memories.
The Eastern Cape is renowned for its diversity of flora and wildlife. Thousands of animals roam the reserve's expansive plains. The meaning of Kwandwe in isiXhosa is "Place of the Blue Crane". Kwandwe is the proud home to a population of these highly endangered birds (South Africa's National Bird). Game-rich country with Big Five (black & white rhino, elephant, lion, buffalo and leopard) as well as a remarkable variety of predators and general game, including cheetah, kudu, springbok, eland, red hartebeest, giraffe, black wildebeest and gemsbok A paradise for birdwatchers, the Fish Eagle is amongst a wide variety of birds found on the Reserve. Excellent nocturnal viewing of aardwolf, aardvark and porcupine are regularly experienced.

Rates from ZAR 22 500 per person sharing
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, twice daily game drives, nature walks accompanied by an armed ranger, big game walking safari, 3 meals daily, a selection of South African premium and sparkling wines, local & premium brand spirits, beers, soft drinks, teas & coffees, refreshments on game drives, laundry, emergency medical evacuation insurance. Transfer to/from Port Elizabeth Airport.

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LUXURY TRAIN – ROVOS RAIL: "THE MOST LUXURIOUS TRAIN IN THE WORLD" – 2 NIGHT JOURNEY

Rovos Rail provides the perfect opportunity to journey through South Africa's magnificent landscapes, whilst relaxing in the style and elegance of a bygone era. Rovos Rail is all about luxurious travel and we believe it is ultimate in romance and relaxation. The train is made up of enchanting antique coaches and locomotives dating from the 1890's to the 1920's. All meals aboard the Rovos Trains are served in the charming Victorian atmosphere of the Dining Cars. The passengers enjoy the formality of fine china, crisp linen and silver, and dress accordingly. Dining on the Rovos Rail is an exceptional experience in elegance. Included in the journey are interesting tours along the way at Matjiesfontein and the historic mining town of Kimberley. Traversing the wide-open spaces of South Africa is a really special experience afforded to few.
All compartments have en-suite facilities and butlers provide for your every comfort.

Cost per person sharing Pretoria to Cape Town/Cape Town to Pretoria from: ZAR 22 350 (Pullman)
Cost per person sharing Pretoria to Cape Town/Cape Town to Pretoria from: ZAR 33 750(Deluxe)
Pretoria to Cape Town departs on Friday
Cape Town to Pretoria departs on Mondays
Single supplement applies

Subject to suite type availability

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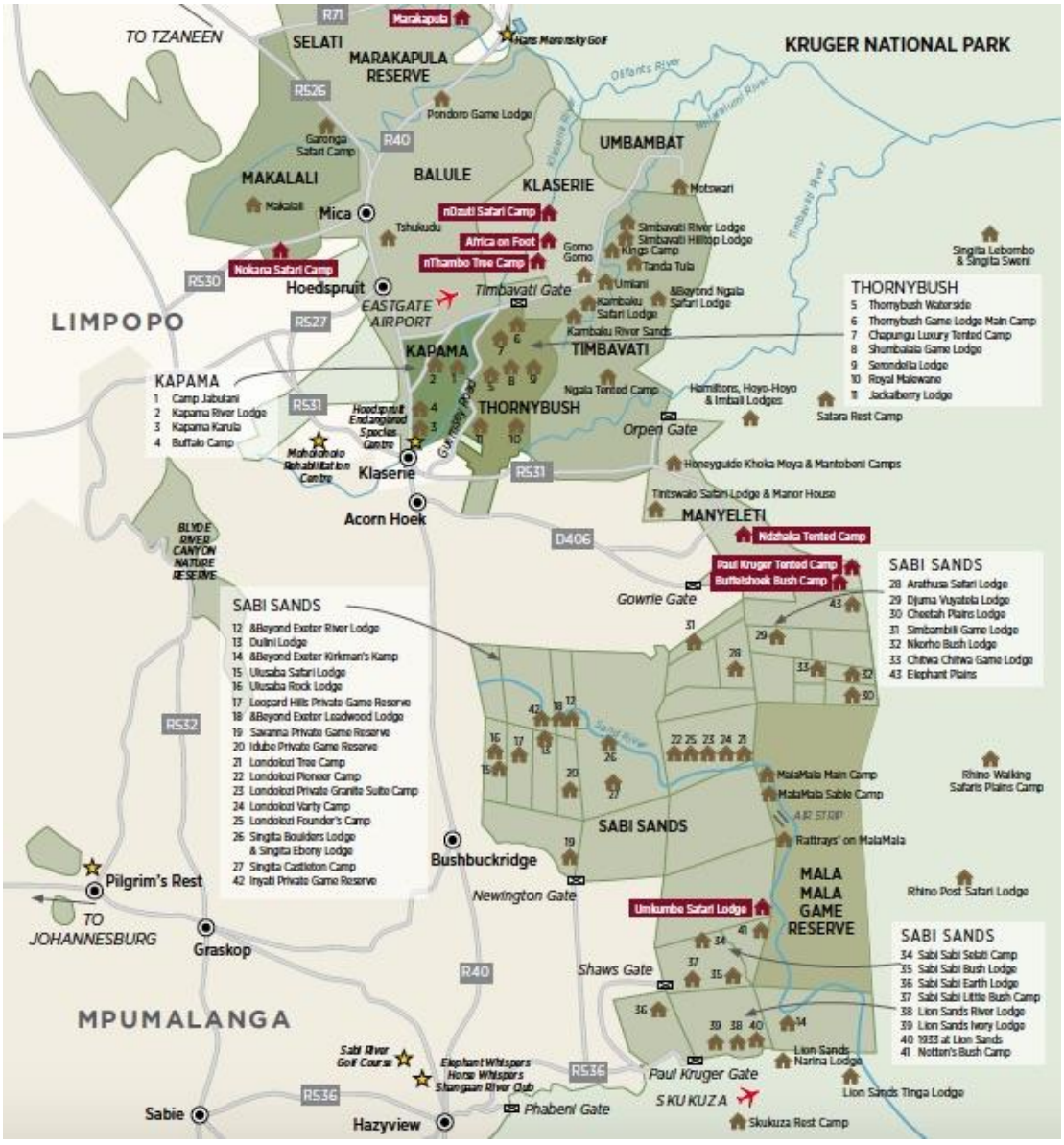
KRUGER /MPUMALANGA/LIMPOPO

The private game reserves for which Mpumalanga has become renowned are rated amongst many as being the best wildlife safari destinations. These private game reserves and fine game lodges are perched along the western border of the Kruger National Park, which means that they share many of the exciting species found in the world-renowned park. There was a time that there were fences between the game reserves and Kruger, but most of these have been removed so that the wildlife can roam freely in their natural habitat.

While many of the wildlife species can be found in all or most of the parks, each game reserve has its own unique appeal and offers its own take on the game viewing experience.

Private game lodges are mostly located within the Sabi Sands & Timbavati Game Reserves. Game lodges in the private reserves; the driver and tracker who accompany you on excursions are expert rangers and are in contact with the other vehicles on game drives. This means that you have a much better chance of finding wildlife including the Big Five. The vehicles in the private game reserves may even head into the bush (off the road) to follow animals at a safe distance, so that visitors can see them in their natural habitat.

The game and nature reserves of Mpumalanga celebrate the diverse fauna and flora of the region, and combine this with a range of accommodation options.



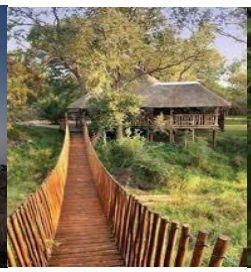
SABI SAND RESERVE SAFARIS

SABI SABI BUSH LODGE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Deep in the bushveld overlooking a waterhole and an open plain, lies a luxury lodge that pulses to the rhythm of Africa's heartbeat. This is Bush Lodge, steeped in tradition, vibrant and warm, the Sabi Sabi of "Today". With a history spanning over 35 years, the lodge has earned a reputation of a "luxury home in the bush", service excellence and effortless personal attention. The conventional safari style showcases a vibrant and eclectic mix of furnishings and décor garnered from all corners of the African continent. Safaris take place each morning and evening in open safari vehicles which drive through a wide variety of habitats, allowing visitors to view the vast interactions of the wild. After breakfast, guests on guided walking trails can experience the natural environment on foot. The dedicated, highly trained rangers lead you to discover miracles of nature you may never have dreamed existed. This is one of the best-known safari experiences in South Africa and for good reason…it is exceptional!

Rates from ZAR 31 000 per person sharing
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, all meals, game activity and return airport/lodge transfers from KIA Airport.

IDUBE GAME LODGE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS



Idube is situated in the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, adjoining the Kruger National Park. This world-renowned reserve is known for conservation efforts, particularly in protecting rhino. Frequent leopard sightings and also it is home to all the Big 5. Excitement is added by the presence of wild dogs and cheetahs - many different types of antelope and a large variety of smaller animals. It is a bird lover's paradise. The chalets are all decorated individually and also have baths, inside and outside showers, as well as private decks. Wi-fi is available, rooms have hairdryers and safes. These comfortable rooms offer a safe, cool haven between activities. This reserve is extremely well priced for what it delivers.

Rates from ZAR 19 500 per person sharing
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, all meals, teas, coffees & snacks, dawn and dusk safaris in open game drive vehicles and bushveld walks – transfer to/from KMI Airport

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TIMBAVATI RESERVE SAFARIS

TANDA TULA SAFARI CAMP (TENTED), 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Tanda Tula Safari Camp is positioned amongst enormous trees on the banks of the Nhlaralumi Riverbed, in the heart of Big Five country. The camp is completely unfenced merging luxury with the natural environment. The tented camp consists of just 12 secluded, luxury tents, each with a breath taking view over the riverbed. The East African styled tents are the epitome of simple luxury, comfort and style mirroring the early-tented camps of Africa. Each luxurious tent features its own en-suite bathroom, Victorian bathtub, outdoor shower and a spacious deck overlooking the riverbed and African bush. Daily morning and evening bush drives with a qualified ranger will take you to see the best of African came including Lions, Elephants, Rhinos, Zebras, Kudu and many other wonderful animals of the region. The birdlife here is exceptional. This is a place for relaxation and excitement, in comfort.

Rates from ZAR 23 200 per person sharing
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, all meals and return airport/lodge transfers from Hoedspruit Airport

KAMBAKU SAFARI LODGE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Kambaku Safari Lodge is situated in the heart of the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, which makes up the western border of the Kruger National Park. The camp is well situated in the unspoilt natural wilderness area home to an astonishing array of animals including the Big Five. Two game drives per day with qualified rangers are undertaken. Kambaku Safari Lodge provides the ultimate escape, with only seven well-appointed thatched chalets overlooking their private water hole. This lodge provides a great experience at a great price. For guests who book early the single supplement is waived, making it really affordable for single travellers (only 2 single bookings for each day)

Rates from ZAR 14 000 per person sharing
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, 2 game drives per day, all meals and return airport/lodge transfers from Hoedspruit Airport

THORNYBUSH MAIN LODGE, TIMBAVATI, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Thornybush Private Game Reserve is set in the heart of the rolling Lowveld savannah adjacent to Kruger Park. It is home to the Big Five and a variety of other African wildlife species. The attention to detail and highly personalised service make for a memorable stay. Main Lodge comprises of a sparkling pool, a Guerlain Spa, a library and a Boma. Apart from exciting safaris, browse the intimate library or simply relax at the pool with your book. This lodge offers 2 game drives per day with qualified rangers. The game viewing is extremely good and you are certain to see many of the major animals of the region while learning about their habits from your ranger. If the weather is good you are most likely to enjoy dinner in the boma under the stars on at least one of evenings at this lodge.

Rates from ZAR 23 600 per person sharing
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, all meals, teas, coffees & snacks, dawn and dusk safaris in open game drive vehicles and bushveld walks as well as return airport/lodge transfers from Hoedspruit Airport

TENTED CAMP
MARATABA SAFARI LODGE, MARAKELE NATIONAL PARK, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS
THREE AND A HALF HOURS DRIVE FROM JOHANNESBURG

Marataba Lodge, approximately 3 and a half hour's drive from Johannesburg, offers accommodation in a luxury tented camp. This unique lodge offers an optional night in a treehouse, water safaris along the Matlaba River, a Trails Lodge as well as an Eco Suite.
The Marakele National Park has an immense variety of animals that can be readily seen. The mountains are a safe haven to a number of interesting and unique plant, mammal and bird species. The Aardwolf is a highly sought after species on safari due to its naturally low densities and nocturnal habits. The ground Pangolin is another rarely seen species which can be viewed more often at Marataba than at most other reserves. It has keratin scales covering its skin – the only known mammal with this peculiar trait. Birdlife in the park is prolific with a list of just over 400 species. The mountainous terrain is home to a healthy population of Verraux's Eagle too. These are the largest eagles in Africa and are experts at hunting Rock Hyraxs. This lodge is a good choice for those wanting a safari experience not too far from Johannesburg and for those who dream of a tented African Safari stay. This is also a good choice for guests who have been to other areas of South Africa before and are looking for something different.

Rates from ZAR 19 500 per person sharing based on accommodation at Marataba Safari Lodge (tented).
Includes 2 nights sharing luxury tented accommodation, all meals, teas, coffees, mini bar in room, selection of beers, house wines and spirits, 2 game drives daily, game drive refreshments and snacks, conservation levy, park entrance fee

ZAMBIA/VICTORIA FALLS

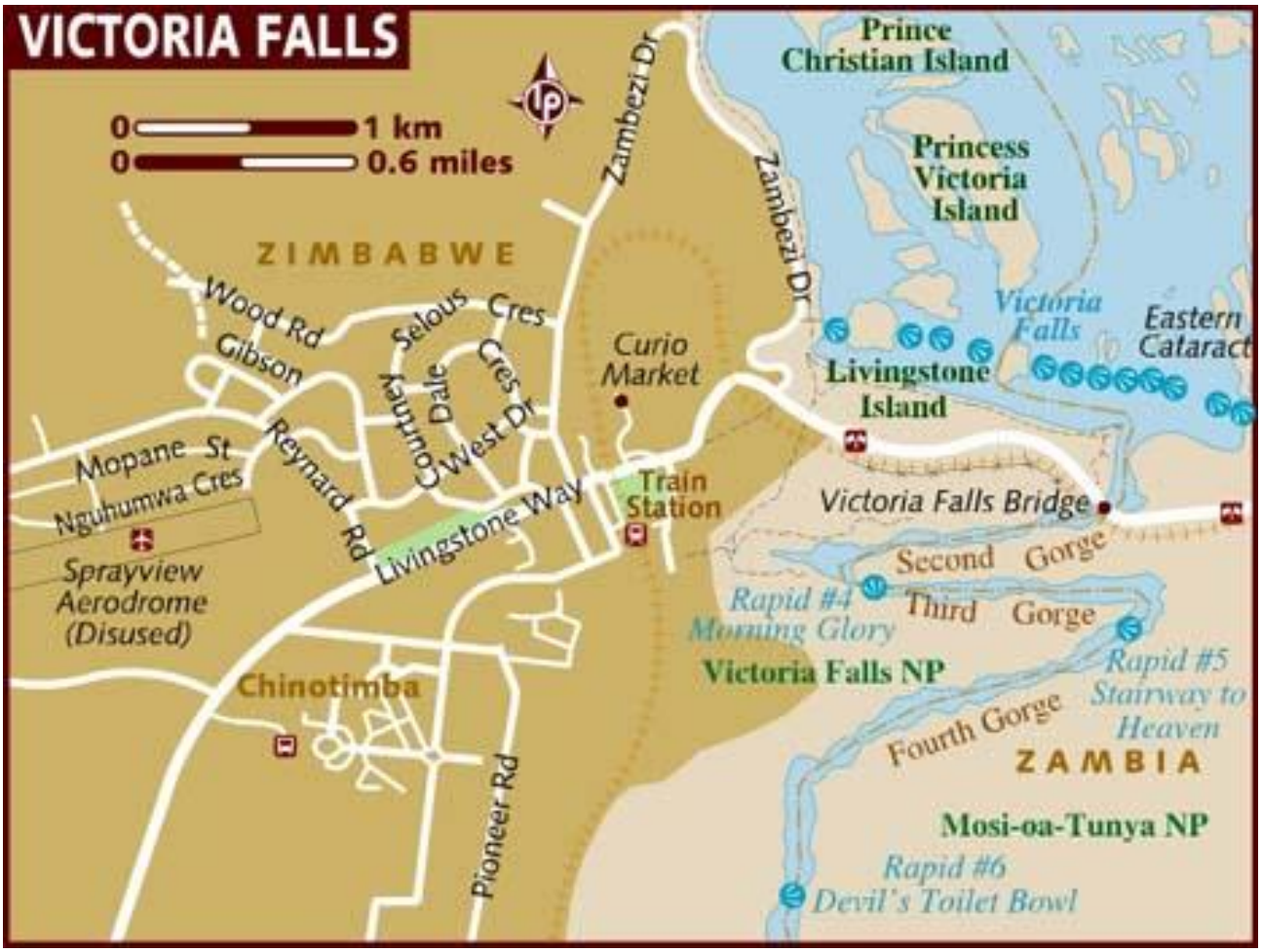
No photograph can do justice to Victoria Falls. Travel when the Zambezi River is in full flood and you'll hear the Falls before you see them, a rumbling roar that brings to life their local name of Mosi-oa-Tunya or "The Smoke that Thunders".

One of just 7 Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls is a "must-visit" destination on any Southern Africa itinerary. Once you've made the decision to go, you'll need to pick which side to stay: Zambia or Zimbabwe?

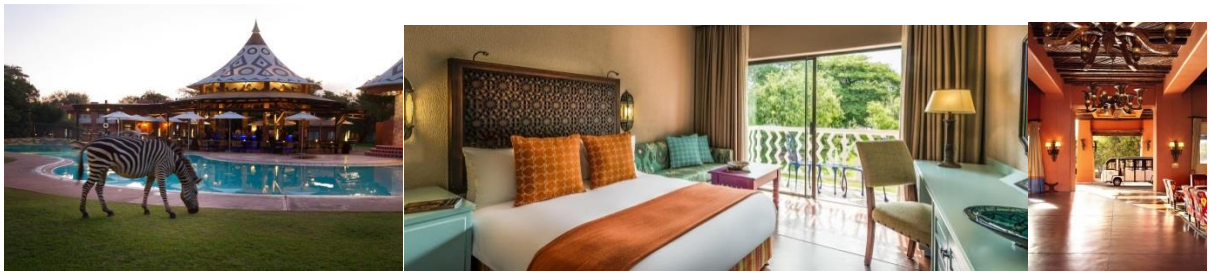
Victoria Falls on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia -Victoria Falls lies on the mighty Zambezi River, which forms the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Victoria Falls is made up of a series of waterfalls. The Zimbabwe side certainly has more expansive views and a lot more viewpoints including the iconic Main Falls (a massive sheet of falling water!), Devil's Cataract, Rainbow Falls and Horseshoe Falls. On the Zambian side there's just one waterfall, the Eastern Cataract.

Although about two thirds of Victoria Falls lies in Zimbabwe, you get up closer to the Falls in Zambia. In high-water season, you won't want to miss crossing the Knife Edge Bridge; the spray coming at you from all directions. Such an invigorating experience! And if water levels are a bit lower, take the beautiful Boiling Pot Trail down at the base of the Falls. The path is steep, but well worth the effort.



AVANI VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS



Marvel at the majesty of Victoria Falls, explore traditional Zambian villages for a true slice of local life or head out on a tour to experience the vast array of wildlife. Unleash your wild side or just relax and enjoy the on-site facilities at the Avani Victoria Falls Hotel. The hotel is located a mere 10 minute walk from Victoria Falls and a 15 minute drive from Livingstone Airport. Explore, discover and enjoy the water taxi along the Zambezi River or simply relax. Experience the power and the majesty of one of nature's most impressive creations. Feel the full force of one million litres of water cascading down the sheer face of Victoria Falls every second. Savour the fantastic view as all Avani guests are afforded unlimited access to the Victoria Falls for the length of their stay.
The hotel offers contemporary comforts as well as an outdoor swimming pool, two restaurants and a lovely garden. The two restaurants offer a selection of international flavours and local specialties.

Rates from USD 560 per person sharing – subject to the rate of exchange on the day of booking
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, breakfast and return airport/lodge transfers from Livingstone Airport

TONGABEZI LODGE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

There is no set pattern to days at Tongabezi. Guests do as much or as little as they wish, with game drives, bush walks and boating trips all included in the price. Take a short guided tour of the majestic Victoria Falls. You can also enjoy the Falls from inside the gorge, from Livingstone Island and from the air. Each house and cottage have their own valet who take care of guests every need throughout their stay and act as a private concierge. Delicious meals are enjoyed overlooking the Zambezi River. You will find this the most African of the accommodation offerings in the area, with great comfort and friendly service.

Rates from USD 1 850 per person sharing – subject to the rate of exchange on the day of booking
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, all meals, drinks, house wines & sparkling wine, laundry services and includes activities. Return airport/lodge transfers from Livingstone Airport.
INCLUDED ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE Sunrise and sunset boat trip on the Zambezi, Lunch on local Island with guided walk, Fishing (equipment provided),Visit to the Victoria Falls on the Zambian Side (Falls entrance fees are extra), Game drive in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National park (Park fees are extra)Walk in the gorge below the Falls, Cultural visit to the museum (Museum entrance is US$ 5 per person – subject to change), Local village visit, Mountain bike trail to local village, Shopping trip on the Zambian side of the Falls

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BOTSWANA

Botswana, a landlocked country in Southern Africa, has a landscape defined by the Kalahari Desert and the Okavango Delta, which becomes a lush animal habitat during the seasonal floods. The massive Central Kalahari Game Reserve, with its fossilized river valleys and undulating grasslands, is home to numerous animals including giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas and wild dogs.

The Okavango Delta in Botswana is a swampy inland delta formed where the Okavango River reaches a tectonic trough in the central part of the endorheic basin of the Kalahari. All the water reaching the delta is ultimately evaporated and transpired and does not flow into any sea or ocean. Each year, about 11 cubic kilometres (2.6 cu mi) of water spread over the 6,000–15,000 km2 (2,300–5,800 sq mi) area. Some flood waters drain into Lake Ngami.

The Moremi Game Reserve, a National Park, is on the eastern side of the Delta. The Delta was named as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa.

MOMBO CAMP, OKAVANGA DELTA, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Botswana has been called “The last Eden” as it is so unspoiled by the modern world. Located in the heart of Botswana's Okavango Delta is Mombo Camp. It is widely recognised as one of the finest safari camps in Africa with its incredible game concentrations and interactions as well having a unique approach to luxury hospitality. With nine tents at Mombo and three at the neighbouring Little Mombo, both camps are located at the top of one of the Okavango's most beautiful islands. Shaded by huge indigenous trees each guest room has views over flood plains that teem with game. Mombo provides for some of the most luxurious accommodation on the continent yet manages not to spoil the sense of wilderness which makes safari in areas like this so special. This is one of the most exclusive Safari experiences available in the World.

Rates from USD 8 000 per person sharing – subject to the rate of exchange on the day of booking
Includes: 2 nights’ accommodation, all meals, twice a day scheduled camp activities, park fees, laundry and all local drinks - Return fly in/out transfers from Maun Airport

JAO CAMP, OKAVANGA DELTA, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

In the heart of the Okavango, luxurious Jao is set amongst islands fringed with riverine forests and vast, floodplains with prolific wildlife. Shaded by a canopy of trees, the nine spacious and beautifully designed tents offer en-suite facilities with both indoor and outdoor showers. Expansive views from the private sala at each tent make for a sumptuous setting for afternoon siestas.
In addition to the main lounge and dining area, there are two plunge pools and a boma for dining under the stars, complemented by selections from the excellent wine cellar. Jao also has a spa where a wide range of massage therapies are offered and a gym for the more active. The camp itself perfectly mirrors the beauty of the Delta and allows an effortless entry into the wonders of this pristine wetland paradise. Staying at Jao you will be making memories to last a lifetime.

Rates from USD 6 000 per person sharing – subject to the rate of exchange on the day of booking
Includes: 2 nights’ accommodation, all meals, twice a day scheduled camp activities, park fees, laundry and all local drinks - Return fly in/out transfers from Maun Airport

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CHOBE UNDER CANVAS, CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Chobe Under Canvas is a mobile, full-service Tent lodge. The whole setup moves to a different location on a bi-weekly basis. The lodge is set up on a private campsite in the Chobe National Park itself. The camp is completely unfenced from the surroundings and natural wildlife. Chobe Under Canvas is ideal for the visitor that enjoys the Hemingway style of safari and adventure. This Mobile Tented Camp offers a tranquil bush and wildlife experience for the visitor that seeks the more intimate personalised experienced. The accommodation is in spacious and comfortable mobile tents with double or twin beds and en-suite bathroom facilities with a shower and flush toilet. Chobe under Canvas will offer you the luxury you deserve while on ground level in Chobe National Park. The Tented mobile Camp blends with the environment and provides a real Safari experience with all the comforts needed.

Rates from USD 1 700 per person sharing – subject to the rate of exchange on the day of booking
Includes 2 nights' Accommodation, Three meals daily, Soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, Teas and coffees, Refreshments on game drives, Safari activities, Transfers to and from Kasane Airport.
Chobe Under Canvas rate includes one photographic safari on the Chobe River with Pangolin Photo Safaris: This incredible half-day adventure will allow guests to capture the magnificent fauna and flora of the Chobe River, aboard a custom-built Pangolin photographic boat. Guests will be accompanied by professional photographers who will offer expert tips and recommendations on how to capture the most breath-taking images. Every seat on the boat is fitted with a top-of-the-range camera, which is fixed to a customized mount, so guests needn't bring their own equipment

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NAMIBIA

A land of diversity and contrasts, Namibia lies on the West Coast of Southern Africa. Double the size of Germany and boasting the second lowest population density on the globe, the landscape is comprised of vast and often inaccessible desert, often alien-like terrain and an extraordinary abundance of wildlife. Visitors to Namibia will soon come to understand the true meaning of escapism whilst enjoying this otherworldly slice of Africa.

The most popular destinations are undoubtedly Sossusvlei and the Namib Desert, where visitors will find dunes melting into the horizon and a gemsbok dotted landscape. The Skeleton Coast is frequented by adrenaline junkies in search of the ultimate wilderness adventure littered with shipwrecks, ancient rock art and desert-adapted species. The iconic Etosha National Park, the surrounding reserves and the Waterberg region are no-brainers for your safari. With such a diverse range of destinations to see and wonderful places to stay - all that's left to do is pack your bags and hit the road.

Self-driving is encouraged in this magnificent country, and with so many natural wonders scattered within its borders – it isn't hard to imagine why. Be sure to give yourself enough time to stop and explore all that Namibia has to offer. If time is limited but budget permits, visitors can opt to connect far-flung destinations by swift and convenient charter flights.

SOSSUSVLEI DESERT LODGE, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Surrounded by the mountains and sand dunes of the Namib Desert, Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is an escape to the world as it should be. Sheer silence, total tranquillity and romantic luxury - From stargazing to intimate picnics in the desert, this is an extraordinary desert wilderness. Nestled deep in the heart of Namibia's ancient Namib Desert in Southern Africa, the lodge is a secluded and serene oasis that overlooks awe-inspiring dunes and stony outcrops. A world of vast spaces, endless horizons and rugged mountain heights, the utter tranquillity and extraordinary clarity of light make this area one of Africa's most compelling landscapes. In this spectacularly beautiful location, spacious and serene suites envelope guests in pure indulgence, complete with an outdoor shower and a dramatic skylight over the bed for late night star gazing.
If you're up for something more active, quad biking adventures, hikes and walks will let you explore the surrounding scenery and satisfy your sense of adventure. Highlights of the camp are the unforgettable dune dining, guided nature walks, hiking trails, scenic nature drives in open 4 x 4 safari vehicles, 4-wheel all terrain motorbike excursions, San rock paintings, excursions to Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon in closed air conditioned vehicles, stargazing at a sophisticated observatory, accompanied by a resident astronomer, early morning hot air ballooning and scenic flights.

Rates from NAD 34 900 per person sharing – subject to the rate of exchange on the day of booking
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, 3 meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees and refreshments on game drives, laundry, safari activities, guided nature walks, Return fly in transfer from Hpse Windhoek Airport

WOLWEDANS COLLECTION OF CAMPS, 2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS

Your African dream desert vacation becomes a reality at the Wolwedans Collection of Camps. By day one stands in awe of the vast stretched out desert plains. By night one is mesmerized not only by the clear, starry endless skies, but also by the sounds of the night that is simply music to the ear. The Wolwedans Camps lie nestled in the heart of the Namib Rand Nature Reserve. The breath taking desert backdrop is simply breath taking. The elegant camps provide the perfect base from which to experience the amazing life of the desert creatures, large and small, with your local experienced guide or simply relax and enjoy the grandeur of the Namib Rand landscape. All camps at Wolwedans are designed to minimize environmental impact.

Rates from NAD 25 100 per person sharing – subject to the rate of exchange on the day of booking
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, inclusive of full board, standard bar/beverages and standard shared activities. Excludes: Return fly in transfer from Windhoek Airport – N$ 34 848 (max. 4 pax)

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Specialized Tours t/a Specialized Tours & Events undertake to provide all services offered subject to the terms and conditions set out herein, which terms and conditions are accepted by the passenger / agent.

2. Reservations for all services as stipulated in the itineraries will only become guaranteed on receipt of the clients booking instruction, accompanied by the deposit requested.

3. The clients' acceptance and booking instruction serves as confirmation of the tour as quoted and full Terms & Conditions.

4. To secure bookings, a 50% deposit will be required within 30 days of receipt of confirmation invoice (unless otherwise requested).

5. The balance payment is required 60 days prior to tour commencement. All bookings not taken up by this date will be released and any new bookings will be on a request basis only.

6. The quotation is subject to the full payment being made to Specialized Tours & Events by bank transfer. The client is responsible for all bank charges relating to payment from the client to Specialized Tours & Events. A 4% Bank Fee will be added to the cost of the package to cover bank charges.

7. Should the client or agent wish to make payment by credit card, – a 5% card levy will be applicable.

8. Prices are subject to change without prior notice due to seasonal rates applying. Quoted prices include all services as specified in the itinerary.

9. Services as quoted are deemed available at the time of quotation. However, until such time as the booking instruction and deposit payment is received, services are subject to availability and price change.

10. Clients are to check all details on the quotation: dates, inclusions, total package calculations. It is the clients' responsibility to alert Specialized Tours & Events of any errors or omissions.

11. Specialized Tours & Events reserve the right to make corrections.

12. Prices are subject to adjustment in the event of changes in Value Added Tax, fuel prices, air fares or hotel charges. Prices are quoted in South African Rand unless otherwise agreed. Prices quoted are subject to exchange control fluctuations. Specialized Tours & Events reserves the right to re cost tours, should minimum numbers not be met. Should the client not accept the re costed tour price, Specialized Tours & Events reserve the right to cancel the tour, and the client will be liable for all costs incurred.

13. Cancellation terms: Cancellation is only effective on receipt of written notification.
If prior to 8 weeks before departure, a 10% administration fee may be levied, provided that no supplier (such as hotel or airline) apply additional cancellation fees.
If the cancellation is made 8 weeks or less to departure date, the following charges will apply (expressed as a percentage of the tour price):

8 to 6 weeks to travel date 25 % cancellation charges
6 to 4 weeks to travel date 70% cancellation charges
Less than 4 weeks and no shows 100 % cancellation charges

14. While every effort is made to keep to all published itineraries, Specialized Tours & Events reserves the right to make changes to the itinerary. In some cases, weather conditions can necessitate an alteration in your tour itinerary and this does not constitute any reason for refund. No refund for unused services will be considered. In the event that the stipulated hotel, farmer or person / organization to be visited, excursion, service or speaker is unavailable for any reason whatsoever, Specialized Tours & Events undertakes to endeavor to provide alternative accommodation etc. at the same price quoted to the passenger.

15. Refunds: Should any refund be due to the client, such payments would only be made after the services have ended. The client agrees that refunds will be made with an administration fee deducted from said refund.

16. Cancellation of flight tickets: The applicable Airline's Terms & Conditions will apply in the event of cancellation or failure, for any reason whatsoever, to use confirmed space as ticketed. A change of reservation constitutes a cancellation.

17. Airport Transportation: It is the responsibility of the client to provide Specialized Tours & Events, in advance, with detailed flight information. This includes for arrival transfers: date of arrival, airline name and flight number, arrival time, and country of origin. For departures this would include: date of travel, airline name and flight number, departure time, destination.

18. The onus lies with the traveler to ensure that they are able to meet any departure flights. The traveler is to ensure that they have sufficient time to check in and take care of luggage arrangements. (4 hours for International flights and 2 hours for domestic flights)

19. For group package tours: Accommodation is as specified in the itinerary and is based on two people sharing a twin bedded room (or as stipulated). The use of specific accommodation is subject to availability. Specialized Tours & Events reserve the right to make use of alternative accommodation. Should a single traveler not wish to make use of a single room and thereby pay the single supplement applicable, the onus is on the traveler to find a person to share his or her room.

20. It is the responsibility of the client to note luggage restrictions on all regional and small aircraft flights.

21. It is the responsibility of the client to inform Specialized Tours & Events, at the time of booking of any special dietary or medical requirements.

22. Visitors are strongly advised to take out adequate insurance against all possible risks including personal injury, death, baggage loss, theft and cancellation or curtailment of tour. All tours are booked and all tour arrangements are made on the express condition that Specialized Tours & Events shall not be responsible for, and shall be exempt from, all liability in respect of any loss, damage, accident, delay or inconvenience to any person, or his or her luggage, or other property, wherever, whenever and howsoever the same may occur.

23. It is the responsibility of the visitor to ensure that they have a valid passport and the correct visas and that they have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country, which they are intending to visit. Specialized Tours & Events cannot be held responsible for any visas, passports or vaccinations not held by the client.

24. It is highly recommended that travelers check health regulations with their General Practitioner well in advance of departure.

25. Specialized Tours & Events acts as an agent in the reservation of hotels, flights, car hire and tour packages. As such, Specialized Tours & Events accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage which any passenger may suffer as a result of the failure of such principals to fulfill their obligations to travel arrangements, accommodations or otherwise howsoever.

26. Unscheduled extensions: In the event of there being an unscheduled extension to the travel programme caused by flight delays, bad weather, strikes or any other cause which is beyond the control of Specialized Tours & Events, it is understood that the expenses relating to these unscheduled extensions, will be for the account of the passenger.

27. Should travel documents (itineraries, vouchers etc.) of any kind be couriered or mailed to clients, the cost thereof will be borne by the client.

28. These Terms & Conditions may be varied only by us and amendments to these Terms & Conditions may be made on the Specialized Tours & Events website from time to time. Please double check to ensure that you are referring to the most up to date edition of the Terms & Conditions.

29. The law of South Africa shall govern the relationship between Specialized Tours & Events and the passenger and the Courts of South Africa shall have sole jurisdiction in respect of any claims and/or disputes, which may arise between Specialized Tours & Events and the passenger, or Agent.