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LUXURY SOUTH AFRICAN EXTRAVAGANZA

A THREE-WEEK PRIVATE JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEART OF SOUTH AFRICA



DAY ONE

On arrival at Johannesburg OT Tambo Airport, you will be met by Tracks Safaris representative who will hand over your travel documents.

After clearing immigration and collecting your luggage on arrival at OR Tambo International Airport Johannesburg, make your way from the International Terminal to the main exits. Once you have exited the terminals, follow the Car Rental signage to another building situated to the right and across the road from the main airport building. Look for the Public Transport signs which will lead you to the shuttle area where our Welcome Kiosk is situated (right behind the Intercontinental Hotel). The walk to the kiosk is approximately 5 minutes from the main terminal building.

On arrival at Tanda Tula you will be transferred to the Camp for 3 nights in a standard tent.

Included : All meals, local drinks, house wines and daily game activities.

Tanda Tula Bush Camp is situated on 20 000 acres of bushveld in the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve adjacent to the Kruger National Park. Guests are accommodated in 12 luxury thatched East Africa style tents each with en suite bathroom plus an outdoor shower and private decks overlooking the dry riverbed. The guest areas include a thatched lounge, open air dining areas, curio shop and swimming pool. Enjoy dawn and dusk safaris in open Land Rovers and on foot, with professional game rangers and trackers. Tanda Tula also offers guests the opportunity to learn about the resident Elephant Research Project which focuses on the movement of Elephants throughout the Greater Kruger Ecosystem.

Website: www.tandatula.co.za



DAY FOUR

Light aircraft transfer from Tanda Tula to Chitwa Chitwa

Accommodation based on 3 nights at Chitwa Chitwa in a suite.

Included : All meals, local soft beverages and daily game activities.



Chitwa Chitwa Private Game Lodge is situated in the most northern areas of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Situated on one of the reserve's largest lakes, is Game Lodge, Chitwa Chitwa's most exclusive camp. Set in lush gardens, both the standard rooms and luxury suites offer en suite facilities with views of the lake. Boulders, the honeymoon suite, provides a private patio and dip pool, separate dressing room and lounge area. Lunch is served next to the pool in the thatched lapa, while dinner is relished in the open-air boma, or in our elegant dining room. The lodge also offers an extensive wine cellar as well as a pool and sundeck. Daily activities include the early morning and afternoon game drives in open topped Land Rovers. The afternoon drive includes a sundowner at a carefully selected venue somewhere in the bush. A bush walk is offered every day after breakfast, and is an opportunity to learn more about this wilderness.

www.chitwa.co.za

DAY SEVEN

Light aircraft transfer from Chitwa Chitwa to OR Tambo Intl Airport.

Private transfer from OR Tambo International Airport to **Fugitives Drift Lodge for 3 nights in a standard room.**

Included : **All meals**

Fugitives' Drift Lodge, where the Rattray family are based, is set on a hillside above the Buffalo River Gorge. Set in the Fugitives' Drift Game Reserve – a Natural Heritage Site – the owner-run lodge offers comfortable accommodation in spacious en suite cottages, each with a view over the plains flanking the Buffalo River Gorge. The large lounge houses numerous works of art pertaining to the Zulu War and guests can enjoy superb meals in the splendid atmosphere of this veritable museum of artefacts, relics and contemporary memorabilia of this historic era.



The lodge is well known for its battlefield tours and specialises in taking guests over the famous Anglo Zulu War battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. This is a wonderful, emotional experience, giving the visitor great insight

into South Africa's story and providing an understanding of South Africa today. The property is a beautiful game reserve, home to many species of plains game including zebra, wildebeest, giraffe and is also rich in bird species with over 275 species recorded. These can all be viewed on foot or on horseback. Also within the reserve lies the famous memorial to Lieutenants Melvill and Coghill who died attempting to save the Queen's Colour of their regiment, winning some of the first posthumous Victoria Crosses in history. Fishing on the Buffalo River is excellent and can be arranged at the lodge.

www.fugitives-drift-lodge.com

DAY TEN

Private road transfer from Fugitives Drift Lodge to King Shaka International Airport and then private transfer from OR Tambo Intl Airport to **The Fairlawns for 1 night in a Deluxe Suite.**

Included : Breakfast



The Fairlawns Hotel is set in beautiful surroundings and offers a warm, homely ambience, with an emphasis on personal service. At present The Fairlawns boasts 12 courtyard suites, 6 premier suites and a presidential suite. All suites are equipped with satellite television, direct international dialling, fireplaces, mini-bars, hostess trays, room safes, spacious bathrooms with separate showers and bidets, complimentary fruit, hairdryers, electric shaving sockets (220V), goose down duvets, cotton linens and king size extra length beds. The hotel facilities include elegant restaurants and a bar, informal terrace dining, a pool, golf and tennis by arrangement, laundry and valet service as well as 24-hour security and secure parking. There is an onsite Health Spa and Balinese Spa Garden as well as a gym and steam room.

Sandton Transfers: Complimentary transfers to the Sandton Shopping District between 09h00 - 18h00.

www.fairlawns.co.za

DAY ELEVEN

Private transfer from The Fairlawns to OR Tambo Intl Airport. Light aircraft transfer from OR Tambo Intl Airport to **Tswalu Motse for 3 nights in a Standard Chalet.**

Included : All meals, local drinks (excluding premier wines) and scheduled daily activities

Tswalu (Tswana for a new beginning) is an exclusive lodge located in the Kalahari Desert of the Northern Cape covering 90 000 hectares. Motse accommodates 22 guests in 9 desert suites, all handcrafted from stone and Kalahari sand with thatched roofs. Each air-conditioned suite overlooks the waterhole and offers en suite bathrooms with indoor and outdoor showers, a private lounge, an open fireplace and a private sun deck. The central living area features a lounge and dining area, library, traditional African Boma, gift shop, children's room, wine cellar, sun deck and outdoor heated swimming pool. Activities at the lodge range from daily game drives to horse riding, stargazing, or tracing the ancient footsteps of the Bushmen. Website: www.tswalu.com



DAY FOURTEEN

Light aircraft transfer from Twsalu to OR Tambo Intl Airport. Private transfer from OR Tambo Intl Airport to **Illyria House** for 1 night in a suite.

Included : **Breakfast**



Illyria House, a sought-after boutique hotel in the heart of the Jacaranda City of Pretoria, is an exclusive privately owned residence set in tranquil gardens overlooking the famous Union Buildings. Accommodation is in 6 ensuite double rooms decorated with 17th century tapestries and fine antiques. There is a pool area where guests may relax or guests can indulge at the Wellness Spa in the Secret Garden, which offers a range of treatments to suit everyone. Illyria House is only 25 minutes from OR Tambo International Airport and a mere 5 minutes from Pretoria Railway Station.

www.illyria.co.za

DAY FIFTEEN

Private transfer from Illyria House to Pretoria Station for your journey on the Blue Train for 1 night in a luxury compartment.

Included : All meals, drinks (except French champagne) and excursions. Times and stops may vary and should be used as guidance only.



08:30 Register and check-in at The Blue Train Lounge, Pretoria Station. Guests enjoy pre-departure snacks and drinks

08:30 Boarding starts, Butlers usher guests to their suites.

Suite orientation done by butlers.

14:00 First sitting for lunch

16:00 Second sitting for lunch

15:30 High tea is served in the Lounge Car.

17:10 The Blue Train arrives at Kimberley Station.

Guests disembark and assemble at the railway museum, from where they will be ushered to a bus, which transfers them to the centre of Kimberley to join an old tram for a ride down to the mine.

17:45 Guests arrive at the Open Mine Museum for a tour of the mine. Guests are first taken to the Diamond Die to try their luck to win a diamond, after which they will view, interesting and historical sites. Guests are also taken onto an enclosed ramp on the edge of the Kimberly hole.

18:35 Guests depart from the Open Mine Museum for Kimberley Station.

At Kimberley Station guests are greeted with a glass of sherry. The sherry glass engraved with The Blue Train logo is a memento for guests to keep.

19:05 The Blue Train departs Kimberley Station for the journey Southbound to Cape Town.

After this exciting tour, guests are free to refresh themselves and enjoy pre-dinner drinks served at any one of our lounges. Remember, dinner is an elegant affair and men are requested to wear a jacket and tie or dress in traditional attire and ladies in elegant evening or traditional wear.

19:30 First sitting dinner

21:15 Second sitting dinner

DAY SIXTEEN

07:10 – 10:00 Breakfast is served on a first come first serve basis. Breakfast can also be served in-suite at the guests' request.

12:20 The Blue Train arrives at Cape Town Station. Butler usher guests to The Blue Train Lounge.

The Blue Train has been hailed as one of the most luxurious trains in the world. Characterised by its carriages of rich gold, deep blue and warm wood panelling, the train has been described as the equivalent of a five-star hotel on wheels. De Luxe and Luxury compartments are elegantly decorated and have single or double beds, lounge chairs, a writing desk, individual air conditioning control, internal telephones and remote controlled television. En suite bathrooms with either a bath or shower are decorated in Italian marble. Other amenities include an on board laundry service, 24 hour room service and a discreet professional butler.

Lunch on board the train is elegantly casual while dinner is more formal and is served on fine bone china with silver cutlery and cut-crystal glasses. High tea is served in the Lounge Car while in the Club Car - complete with card tables, reading chairs and a fully equipped bar – passengers can contemplate the track ahead from the locomotive driver's point of view. This is uniquely captured by a front of train camera and depicted on a large screen. Short films about the areas through which the train passes are also shown. Website: www.bluetrain.co.za

Meet and assist and private road transfer from Cape Town Airport to Grootbos for 3 nights at **Grootbos Nature Reserve in a one-bedroom Luxury Suite.**

Included : All meals and scheduled daily activities



Grootbos Nature Reserve is nestled in the fynbos clad hills above Walker Bay with beautiful views of the dunes, sea and distant Cape of Good Hope. The reserve has more than 1 000 species of Cape Flora as well as a host of smaller animals such as Bush Buck, Porcupine, Grey Duiker and Lynx. There are two lodges, classic Garden Lodge (11 units) and Forest Lodge (16 units), plus a 6-bedroomed exclusive use Villa. The restaurant specialises in seafood, complemented by homegrown produce. Specialist guides accompany guests on walking trails, horseback riding and mountain biking through the reserve. Drives in 4X4 vehicles are also offered. From July to December, the Southern Right Whale migrates from Antarctica to Walker Bay. This spectacular vantage point for whale watching is a short drive from Grootbos. Guests can also swim or relax on the beach or take a 20-minute boat trip to Dyer's island, home of the Cape Fur Seal.

Forest Lodge

An architectural masterpiece of sophisticated contemporary design, with 16 luxury suites embedded in a 1500-year-old Milkwood Forest, with spectacular views of the Indian Ocean. Forest Lodge consists of a main lodge with restaurant, bar, spacious lounge area, gallery, infinity pool and conference centre as well as 16 luxurious, freestanding suites built on the edge of the forest. Each suite has a lounge with fireplace, bedroom(s), ensuite bathroom with double washbasins, double showers and/or baths, heated towel rails & hair dryers, wooden deck, tea & coffee station, safe for valuables & well-stocked minibar, as well as DSTV and telephone.

www.grootbos.com



DAY NINETEEN

Private road transfer from Grootbos to Le Quartier Francais for 3 nights at the **Le Quartier Francais Auberge in an Auberge Room.**

Included : Breakfast

A country inn of captivating charm, Le Quartier Francais Auberge is situated in the heart of the Cape winelands in the French Huguenot Village of Franschhoek. The Auberge du Quartier Frenais combines the atmosphere of a European retreat with the warmth of a family home. There are 15 individual deluxe rooms, 2 luxurious suites and the Four

Quarters which consists of 4 exclusive suites. The rooms are cooled by ceiling fans / air-conditioning in summer and warmed by wood-burning fires in winter. The spacious bedrooms feature Egyptian cotton linen, deep down duvets and a comfortable sitting area. The rooms and the private library look onto the central garden courtyard and the swimming pool. Le Quartier Frenais is renowned for its innovative cuisine: an eclectic blend of Cape flavours with a Provençale influence. Website: www.lequartier.co.za



DAY TWENTY

Vehicle and guide at your disposal on a full day basis - excludes all entrance fees and lunch.

DAY TWENTY TWO

Private road transfer from Le Quartier Francais to Cape Town Airport.



This is a luxurious journey staying at some of the finest properties in South Africa. We can adjust the level of accommodation to suit your budget or change the itinerary to suit you – please ask!



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