

Splendors of South Africa

with Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park
& Dubai

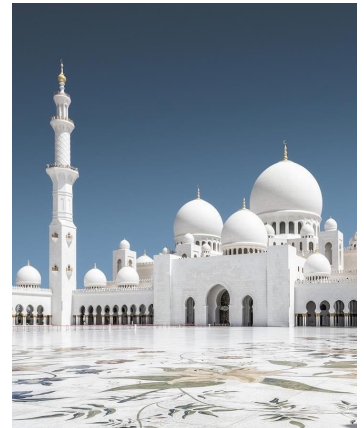
February 19—March 09, 2020

17 Day Tour including Dubai, Cape Town & Johannesburg

Exclusive Small Group Tour



Dubai



Wednesday, February 19th: Overnight Flight.

Thursday, February 20th: Arrive in Dubai. On the night of arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for check in.

Friday, February 21st: City Tour. This morning, your PRIVATE GUIDED SIGHTSEEING begins with a WALKING TOUR through the narrow lanes of the historic Bastakiya Quarter. Next, explore the souks (markets), including the SPICE SOUK with its aromas of exotic spices, and the GOLD SOUK with its 220 glittering shop windows. Lastly, visit BURJ KHALIFA, the world's tallest building. Here, ascend to the AT THE TOP observation deck on the 124th floor for spectacular views and a presentation on Dubai's history. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Late afternoon you will take a half day trip to [Abu Dhabi](#) to see the [Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque](#) it is a one hour drive; you should plan to stay at the Grand Mosque until sunset to get the best photos. Then you will return to Dubai in time for dinner. (Breakfast)

Saturday, February 22nd: Dubai City Tour & Bedouin Desert. Today is yours to enjoy. Our local host will be available to assist you with activities. We recommend the 4-wheel drive into the golden sand dunes of Arabia. Experience the thrill of a lifetime while riding through the dunes. Enjoy a scenic sunset overlooking the desert. Continue to a Bedouin campsite where you can enjoy camel riding, Henna design, Arabic gava and a delicious barbecue dinner. During dinner watch as an enchanting belly dancer performs to Arabic rhythms. You get back to hotel in the late evening. (Breakfast)

Sunday, February 23rd : Leave Dubai. This morning we depart our hotel for the airport and fly to Cape-town, South Africa. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel. Prepare for a fascinating journey. (Breakfast)

Monday, February 24th: CAPE TOWN

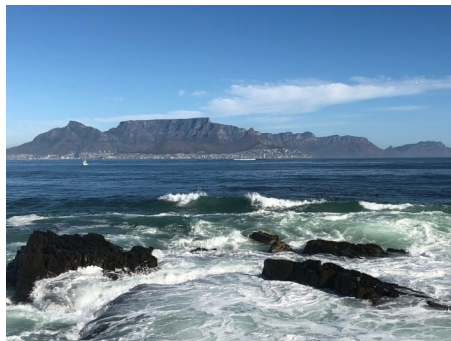
This morning, sightseeing starts at the Grand Parade, the city's main public square, to see the Castle of Good Hope and City Hall. Afterward, a WALKING TOUR introduces you to more of Cape Town's famous and historic landmarks. Stroll along Government Avenue to see St. George's Cathedral, Parliament, and much more. Next, you'll enter The Company's Garden, a beautiful oasis in the city, en route to Green Market Square, which at different times has been a fruit and vegetable market and even a slave market. Today, it is a great meeting place, where curios from all over Africa can be found. Visit the BO-KAAP MUSEUM before continuing your walk in BO-KAAP, also known as the Malay Quarter. Founded by former slaves in the 1750s, this lively area is a true melting pot of cultures. Colorful historic houses range from lime-green and pink to orange, reflecting Dutch and British architecture, and the area has been declared a national monument. After a traditional Malay lunch, visit Table Mountain for a CABLE-CAR RIDE to the top (weather permitting) for stunning views of the city and its surroundings. This evening, join your traveling companions for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Tuesday, February 25th: CAPE TOWN. CAPE PENINSULA EXCURSION

Today, enjoy a full day of sightseeing, starting with an orientation tour of Cape Town. Then, take a scenic drive south through the fishing village of Hout Bay before ascending Chapman's Peak Drive, which skirts the rocky coastline and is one of the most scenic drives in the world. Continue on to CAPE POINT NATURE RESERVE for stops at the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point, the southwesternmost point on the African continent. Here, take a FUNICULAR RIDE to the steps of the old lighthouse for spectacular panoramic views. Afterward, visit Boulders Beach to see a COLONY OF ENDANGERED AFRICAN PENGUINS, known for the unique sound they make. Return to Cape Town and enjoy the evening at your leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Wednesday, February 26th: CAPE TOWN

Enjoy a full day at leisure for your own discoveries. Perhaps explore the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, take an excursion to the stunning Cape winelands for wine tasting, or cruise to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison, for a guided tour. Your Tour Director has suggestions to help you make the most of your day. (Breakfast)





Thursday, February 27th: MAKALALI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Today, leave beautiful Cape Town behind and fly to Hoedspruit and transfer to MAKALALI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE to begin your safari adventure! This area, near Kruger National Park, is famous for its abundance of wildlife, and you will have a great chance of seeing the “Big 5” - lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and Cape buffalo. Enjoy your first GAME DRIVE this afternoon. Your skilled tracker and professional Ranger work together as a team, so you can learn more about the ecosystem as you view wildlife up close. Sip SUNDOWNER DRINKS prior to returning to your lodge for dinner. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Friday and Saturday, February 28th & 29h: MAKALALI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Rise between 5 am and 5:30 am for coffee and tea before your EARLY MORNING GAME DRIVE. If the timing is right, you might spot some of the big cats after a night of hunting. Other animals you may see include kudu, impala, giraffe, hippo, cheetah, spotted hyena, wildebeest, and more. Great bird watching is also possible—some 350 species having been recorded in the area. Return for breakfast mid-morning, followed by time to relax and enjoy the lodge and its surroundings. Perhaps take a swim in the pool, visit the wellness center for one of its many spa treatments, or simply sit back and watch the animals. Consider an optional excursion to the nearby cheetah breeding facility. In the mid-afternoon, tea will be served prior to your AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE. Step out of your safari vehicle for SUNDOWNER DRINKS and watch as the sun sets over the Drakensberg Mountains. As darkness descends, your tracker will bring out a spotlight to help you spot nocturnal animals—if you are lucky, maybe even a leopard! Return to your lodge in time to freshen up before dinner. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Sunday, March 1st: JOHANNESBURG

Enjoy one last GAME DRIVE this morning before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg. We will be met and transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (Breakfast)

Monday, March 2nd: JOHANNESBURG

Today's sightseeing starts with an enriching visit to SOWETO (South Western Township), the largest township in the country. Soweto is a part of South Africa's turbulent past, but this multicultural area is also a reflection of today and hope for tomorrow. Along the way, see the neighborhood that was home to two Nobel Peace Prize winners: Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela. Gain some perspective of life here at MANDELA HOUSE, where Nelson Mandela lived from 1946 to around 1960, when he was forced underground to elude arrest. You will also see the Hector Pieterse Memorial, dedicated to the 12-year-old boy killed by police during a demonstration in 1976. This led to the Soweto Uprising, an important event in the long struggle to end apartheid some 14 years later. Next, visit the unforgettable APARTHEID MUSEUM to learn about the founding of South Africa before delving into the apartheid era. Using photos, video, and print, the museum takes you on an extraordinary journey through the apartheid years to the 1994 democratic elections that named Nelson Mandela president. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Tuesday, March 3rd: JOHANNESBURG–VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Today, leave South Africa and fly north to Zimbabwe. You will be met and transferred to our hotel. This evening, enjoy a CRUISE on the Zambezi River, which affords you a great opportunity to photograph wildlife and a spectacular African sunset! (Breakfast, Dinner)

Wednesday, March 4th: VICTORIA FALLS

Today, visit mighty VICTORIA FALLS for an awe-inspiring experience. Enjoy a GUIDED WALK, where you will learn the history of the falls and hear fascinating details about the surrounding flora and fauna. (Breakfast, Dinner)



Thursday, March 5th: VICTORIA FALLS–CHOBE NATIONAL PARK AREA, BOTSWANA

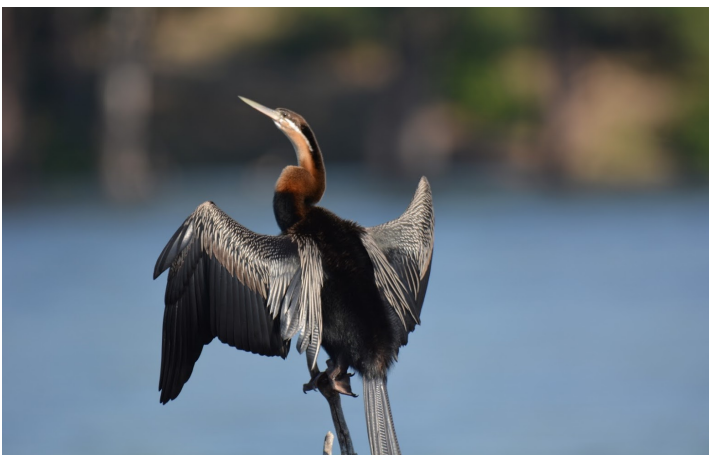
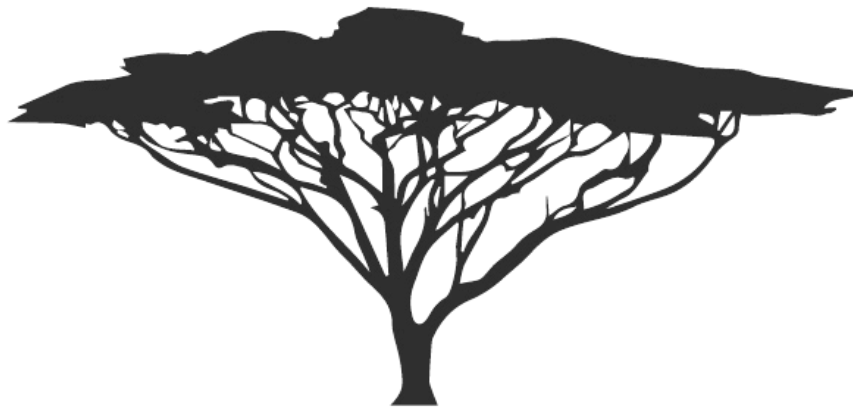
Today, a PRIVATE TRANSFER brings you to CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, featuring some of the greatest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. After lunch, set out on your first GAME ACTIVITY, either by boat or 4-wheel drive safari vehicle. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Friday, March 6th: CHOBE AREA

Explore this stunning land on MORNING & AFTERNOON GAME ACTIVITIES. You may see giraffe, lion, lechwe, and huge herds of elephant. It is said that these are the largest elephants in the world. Birding is also very popular, with more than 450 species on record. Spend the middle of the day at your leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Saturday, March 7th: CHOBE AREA–JOHANNESBURG–DEPARTURE

Your stay in Chobe ends with a flight to Johannesburg to connect with your homebound flight. (Breakfast)



Safari Overview:

This South Africa and Botswana tour—from the fascinating cities to the enthralling game drives and breathtaking scenery—is sure to offer you an experience of a lifetime. Start in Cape Town, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Ride a cable car to the top of iconic Table Mountain (weather permitting) for stunning views over the city and venture outside the city to see a colony of African penguins and beautiful Cape Point Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its rich and unique flora. You'll also visit Bo-Kaap, a lively area founded by former slaves. Here visit a local family home to learn more about their culture and partake in a Cape Malay cooking class—a Globus exclusive!

Your journey continues in Makalali Private Game Reserve near Kruger National Park. Here, enjoy six game drives in an open-air, 4-wheel-drive Land Rover. Your professional ranger and skilled tracker will help you search for a remarkable number of species, including 42 mammal species and 350 bird species. You'll have a great chance to see the “Big 5”—lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and Cape buffalo. Have your camera ready because you may also see impala, giraffe, hippo, spotted hyena, cheetah, wildebeest, and more. Even stop for sundowner drinks in the bush! In Botswana, enjoy five game activities in Chobe National Park, home to one of the largest concentrations of game in all of Africa and to what many believe are the world's largest elephants. Keep your eyes out for lion, leopard, cheetah, giraffe, lechwe, kudu, and more.

Other highlights include Johannesburg's unforgettable Apartheid Museum and Soweto, the country's largest township, where you will visit the former home of Nelson Mandela and stunning Mosi-oa-Tunya (the smoke that thunders) also known as Victoria Falls, spanning the border of Zimbabwe & Zambia. Take a guided walk along the falls, which is roughly twice the height of Niagara Falls, and cruise on the Zambezi River at sunset.

And you'll be part of a small-group, with no more than 20 total guests, ensuring personalized service from start to end! All of this—and much more—are waiting for you on this tour of South Africa and Botswana. You'll return home with plenty of stories and photos to share with your friends and family.





Accommodations:

- Cape Town - Southern Sun The Cullinan
- Kruger National Park Area - Makalali Main Lodge
- Johannesburg - Sandton Sun
- Victoria Falls - Ilala Lodge
- Chobe National Park Area - Chobe Bush Lodge

Package Includes:

Tour package (as outlined), roundtrip air transportation from Chicago, hotel accommodations, meals as listed, taxes.

Additional departure cities are available upon request. Pricing is based on Chicago and will be adjusted for other departure cities. Please contact DT Group Desk at 309 834-3739.

Package Rates:

- Double: \$9,999.00 *prices are per person based on double occupancy.*
- Single: \$10,099.00

Payment Terms & Insurance:

A deposit of \$600.00 per person is required. Final payment is November 11, 2019. Cancellations will result in complete forfeiture of monies paid. Therefore, Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation for covered medical reasons, and other benefits including Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Medical Evacuation, and emergency, toll-free travel assistance. This trip cancellation insurance is available at a rate of \$754.93 per person and is non refundable for the tour. Insurance prices are subject to change based on the actual travel purchased. Insurance must be purchased at time of deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

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Please print names *exactly* as they appear on your passport.

Passports must be in effect through August 22, 2020.

PASSENGER 1: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

PASSENGER 2: _____

Passport #: _____ Passport Expiration: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Known Traveler # if Applicable: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Package Rates: You will be charged the deposit of \$600.00 per person at time of booking.

Double Occupancy \$9,999.00. Single Occupancy \$10,999.00.

(prices include air from Chicago, additional cities are available upon request)

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend travel insurance. (must be purchased with deposit)

Yes, please add Travel Insurance to my package for an additional \$754.93. This covers all payments (except insurance premium) should you have to cancel for medical reason only.

No, I do not want Travel Protection. (PLEASE SIGN IF YOU HAVE ELECTED NOT TO PURCHASE INSURANCE.) Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.

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