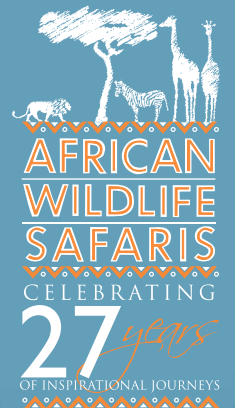


SOUTH AFRICAN SYMPHONY



Renowned for its prolific wildlife, excitingly diverse cultures and breathtaking landscapes, South Africa is also known for its high end tourism infrastructure, boutique hotels and luxury safari lodges. The multi-award winning Blue Train will transport you in elegance and comfort from the capital Pretoria to sophisticated and beautiful Cape Town at the foot of Table Mountain. This “fairest cape in all the world” has it all - historic architecture, world renowned winelands, a stunning coast line and plentiful wildlife. Follow the famous Garden Route, visit a malaria free game park, go whale watching or even shark diving - if you're game! Keen golfers will be interested in our feature on South Africa's many world class championship courses - from Cape Town to the Kruger National Park. A photographic safari in Kruger's private reserves is an absolute must, and you can encounter all the “Big Five” at famous Sabi Sabi, which offers four luxurious lodges, open vehicle game drives and expert trackers.

For details of any of the experiences featured in this supplement, please call one of our Africa consultants on 1300 363 302.



It's Possible

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A window to the soul of South Africa

Synonymous with stylish and luxurious train travel, The Blue Train is regarded as one of the world's premium rail experiences. Winning Africa's Leading Luxury Train award in 2010, the Blue Train has recently been voted Favourite Specialist Train by readers of the prestigious Conde Naste Traveller magazine.

Your Blue Train experience starts from the moment you arrive at the station, with complimentary drinks and light snacks prior to boarding. You are then escorted to your luxurious suite by one of the train's personal butlers who will provide attentive 24 hour service throughout your journey. Offering all the comfort and luxury of a 5-star hotel, the air-conditioned suites feature a double or twin bed made up with fine linen, and a private bathroom with gold fittings and marble tiles.

Once onboard, you set your own pace. Retreat to one of the elegant lounges for a coffee or an aperitif or relax in your suite and watch the picturesque landscapes roll by. Each meal is a culinary delight created by onboard chefs and accompanied by the soothing sounds of jazz or a string quartet. Travelling between Cape Town or Pretoria and v.v., prices for this 27 hour (overnight) journey start from \$1528 per person twin share (05 Mar-31 Aug). For more details call us on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.

"Travelling on the luxurious Blue Train from Cape Town to Pretoria was enjoyable and relaxing. The suites were well appointed; the service was great and we were made to feel special throughout the journey. The entire process from arrival at The Blue Train Lounge at Cape Town Station to our arrival at Pretoria Station was exceptional!"

Channa & Jeannie Wickremasingha

"Stepping onto The Blue Train is like stepping into another era. The train is luxurious in an old fashioned style, but with modern comforts. The staff wear magnificent uniforms and courteously looked after our every need. Our cabin had a sofa and chair with table and our butler brought us bubbles to sip as we watched the countryside go by!"

Clare & Peter Witnish



THE BLUE TRAIN
A WINDOW TO THE SOUL OF SOUTH AFRICA

Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve

30 Years Of Excellence

Long afforded a reputation for having the best game viewing in South Africa, the Kruger National Park and the surrounding private reserves offer unparalleled opportunities for visitors to view Africa's Big 5 – elephant, lion, rhino, buffalo and leopard. Within this game rich area, the private reserves offer the advantages of open vehicles, night drives and bush walks.

Their expert team has been creating luxury safari experiences for over 30 years. Sabi Sabi combines intimate game viewing activities with fine cuisine and a choice of 5-star accommodation in four unique lodges: secluded Little Bush Camp, contemporary Bush Lodge, intimate Selati Camp and eco-friendly Earth Lodge. Therapeutic spa treatments are also available. Daily activities include day and night game drives in open vehicles along with leisurely bush walks led by qualified rangers and Shangaan trackers.

A three night stay at Little Bush Camp including return flights from Johannesburg, accommodation, meals and activities, starts from \$2813 per person twin share (01 May-31 Jul).

For more details please call us on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.



Little Bush Camp Bedroom

Cape Town

The Fairest City

Regarded as one of the world's most beautiful cities, Cape Town is also South Africa's oldest, and affectionately referred to as the 'Mother City'. At the foot of the majestic Table Mountain, this coastal town is renowned for its graceful architecture, cosmopolitan atmosphere, award-winning restaurants, shopping and local markets. Making it even more special, it is also a great base from which to enjoy many of South Africa's wealth of attractions. Travel to Cape Point, a World Heritage Site where the Indian and Atlantic Ocean's meet, or take a day trip to historic Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years. Drive along the picturesque coast to Hermanus, South Africa's southern most point, to see whales as they migrate into the coastal waters to calve, nurse young and mate or go Great White Shark diving at Dyer Island.

Discovering the local flavours is also part of the Cape Town experience. As well as an abundance of fresh local seafood, tasty Cape Malay cuisine originated here and the city is very proud of this unique fare. It can be washed down with a glass of award-winning local wine. The Cape Winelands are just a short drive from the city and have a reputation for producing some of the best wines in the world – well worth a taste. We can tailor-make an itinerary that takes in Cape Town and its many attractions. For more details please call us on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.



A Taste of Gold *Opulent African Cuisine*

Gold restaurant, in Cape Town's inner city, offers not just a meal but an experience. Start the evening with a tour of their museum which houses a collection of West African gold artefacts, before enjoying a 30 minute interactive Djembe drumming session. You will then be taken on a taste safari, with a 15 course meal of Cape Malay and African cuisine. Each dish is carefully explained as it is served to your table. Please contact us for more details.



Golfing In the Wild

With outstanding championship courses from Cape Town to the Kruger Park, South Africa offers some of the world's most spectacular golfing holidays. Play courses designed by such greats as Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus, alongside soaring mountains, dramatic coastlines or game rich bushland. Encounter giraffe browsing the manicured fairways, hippo and crocodile in the water hazards and wart hog on the velvety greens. Follow up with a big game safari in one of the Private Reserves adjacent to Kruger National Park.

There is also no shortage of luxury golf hotels, such as the magnificent and historic Fancourt on the famous Garden Route, which offers three world class 18 hole championship courses, beautiful Cape Dutch style resort accommodation, fine dining, spa and breathtaking scenery. Or combine a stay at selected game lodges with golf at the innovative and prestigious Gary Player designed "Leopard Creek". On Kwazulu Natal's stunning Dolphin Coast the Fairmont Zimbali Lodge offers access to the magnificent Tom Wieskopf designed Zimbali course. And you will share the course with the animals at the renowned Hans Merensky Hotel & Spa, which borders the Kruger National Park and features a challenging 18 hole, par 72 championship course designed by Bob Grimsdell.

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Pearls of the Eastern Cape

Discover a different side of South Africa on a self drive holiday through the Eastern Cape. The amazingly diverse landscapes of the Eastern Cape vary from the semi-arid Karoo desert and dramatic mountain ranges, to the evergreen Tsitsikamma Forest, world renowned winelands, pristine beaches and charming country towns. There are also a number of excellent, malaria free wildlife reserves, making it a great destination for families. With left hand driving and road conditions that rival Australia's, hiring a car here is also a hassle-free experience. Featured here is a self drive holiday including three of the Eastern Cape's most outstanding properties - all members of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux. A 5 night package including 2 nights at Kwandwe (Fish River Lodge), 2 nights at Kurland and 1 night at Le Quartier Français with a 6 day one-way car hire from Port Elizabeth to Cape Town starts from \$1715 per person twin share (01 May-31 Jul). For more details please call us on 1300 363 302 or ask your travel agent.



KWANDWE
PRIVATE GAME RESERVE




KURLAND
HOTEL



le quartier français
auberge and restaurants in a village

Located along the Great Fish River, Kwandwe is one of the largest private game reserves in the Eastern Cape. Home to Africa's Big Five, a range of game-viewing activities are offered from four award winning lodges. The reserve operates a rhino anti-poaching initiative and guests are welcome to participate.

Surrounded by a 1700 acre private polo estate, this boutique country hotel has views of the Tsitsikamma Mountains. With just 12 suites, Kurland is a welcoming retreat offering highly personalised service, fine cuisine and a luxurious spa. Kurland is also renowned for its manicured rose gardens.

In the picturesque village of Franschhoek, Le Quartier Français offers a romantic retreat. The hotel offers a gastronomic journey from start to finish with appetising daily meals and culinary classes available. The Tasting Room at Le Quartier Français is South Africa's most celebrated fine-dining restaurant.



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