



## South Africa

Lions & Gardens & Wine, Oh My!

October 3<sup>rd</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

*With optional pre-tour to Victoria Falls & Chobe National Park*

September 30<sup>th</sup>- October 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Optional pre-tour to Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park

September 30<sup>th</sup> arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa and check in to our airport hotel.

*Overnight Johannesburg*

**City Lodge Hotel-1 night**

#### **Day 1: Tuesday- October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**BD**

After an early breakfast, we check-in for our regional flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. On arrival, we make our way through customs and here we purchase our required multiple entry visa. There will be time to freshen up at our hotel before we travel to the great Zambezi River for a **spectacular African sunset river cruise**. Be sure to bring your camera as there will be delightful photo opportunities of unique bird species, hippos, elephants & crocodiles.



Dinner and some local African entertainment will be served at the Boma Restaurant.

*Overnight Victoria Falls*

**Victoria Falls Safari Lodge- 2 nights**

#### **Day 2: Wednesday- October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**BLD**



We have an early start to the day as we journey to Botswana and Chobe National Park. This incredible park is not only beautiful with diverse flora, but also has one of the largest wildlife populations in the world. On reaching Kasane at Chobe, we stop at the Mowana Hotel for a short break before departing on our morning **open vehicle game drive**. We'll return to the hotel for lunch followed by an **afternoon river cruise on the Chobe River**. The day is filled with opportunities to see many of these magnificent Big Five animals up close & personal (but not too personal)!

*Overnight Victoria Falls*

The "**Big Five**" refers to African Lions, leopards, rhinoceros, and Cape buffalo.

**Day 3: Thursday- October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**BD**

This morning we experience an early morning **guided tour of Victoria Falls**- the largest in the world at twice the size of Niagara. The falling water can be heard from 25 miles away! After experiencing this awe-inspiring natural wonder, we return to the hotel for a farewell breakfast, check out and transfer to the Victoria Falls Airport for our direct flight to Capetown, South Africa. We welcome the rest of the group at dinner.



*Overnight Cape Town*

**Legacy Hotels the Commodore- 4 nights**

**MAIN TOUR**

**Thursday- October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**D**

If you are not participating in the pre-tour, you must arrive in **Capetown** no later than Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additional pre-nights (\$135/room) and optional tours to Robben Island and other local interests can be arranged on request. We meet up with the rest of the group at our welcome dinner.

*Overnight Capetown*

**Day 1: Friday- October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**BL**

We begin our day out in the country with a visit to **Stellensberg Gardens**. This Cape Dutch homestead built in the 1700's as a country retreat has beautiful surrounding gardens with sixteen distinct areas created to evoke different moods. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the gardens and learn more about the history. Later, we



make our way to the **Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens** for a light lunch at Fynkos Restaurant followed by a guided tour of the gardens. Located on the slopes of Table Mountain, these globally renowned gardens offer beautiful views and a glimpse into this area's unique biodiversity.



*Overnight Cape Town*

**Day 2: Saturday- October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**BL**

The majestic sandstone bastion of **Table Mountain** is one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, a World Heritage Site, and a National Park. We'll explore the mountain by cable car and enjoy its breath taking 360-degree views. Later we travel to some of the oldest parts of the city including a walk in the **Bo-Kaap** area (Malay Quarter) with its cobblestone streets and colorful buildings. This area has the largest concentration of pre-1850 architecture in South Africa. We'll continue to the **Company Gardens** (oldest in S.A), **St Georges Cathedral and Green Market Square** (flea market). There will be some free time this afternoon and evening to relax or further explore this beautiful city.



*Overnight Capetown*

### Day 3: Sunday- October 6<sup>th</sup>

BL

Today we spend exploring the exquisite **Cape Peninsula**. We start with a stop at the fishing village of Hout Bay where a short sea cruise takes us to Duiker Island to view the colony of **Cape fur seals** and other aquatic life on the island. On our return to Hout Bay, there will be some free time to browse the small market of traders along the harbor. Next, we travel via the **scenic Chapman's Peak Drive** and make our way to the **Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point** (south-westernmost tip of Africa). There will be ample photo stops along the way as we travel this beautiful route. Our final stop is at **Simon's Town**, the last British Naval town in South Africa where we will enjoy a seafood lunch.

*Overnight Cape Town*



### Day 4: Monday- October 7<sup>th</sup>

BL

This morning we check out of our hotel and travel east to the **Cape Winelands region** and Stellenbosch. Today is filled with wonderful wines and gardens! Our first visit is to **Babylonstoren** one of the oldest working Cape farms in the country. We enjoy a guided tour of this wine and food estate along with their extensive clivea collection. There will be a wine tasting and free time to wander the grounds. A traditional braai (**BBQ**) lunch awaits us at the **Middelvlei Wine Farm** complete with wine tastings- an authentic winelands experience! We end the day's touring with a short orientation of **Stellenbosch** before checking in to our hotel. Remainder of the day is at our leisure. Many great restaurants are within easy walking distance of the hotel.

*Overnight Stellenbosch*

**Protea Hotel Dorpshuis- 3 nights**



### Day 5: Tuesday- October 8<sup>th</sup>

BL



Our day begins with a guided visit to the **Dylan Lewis sculpture garden**- an indigenous garden featuring over 60 sculptures on the slopes of Stellenbosch Mountain. From here we make our way on to Helshoogte Pass and the **Tokara Wine Estate**. We'll tour the stately gardens and explore the native moss garden before enjoying a delicious **lunch at the farm**. We then make our way into the town of **Franschhoek** and the **La Motte Wine Estate**. We'll explore the beautiful estate grounds with a guided tour followed by a private wine tasting. There will be a short tour of the town itself before heading back to Stellenbosch for an evening of leisure.

*Overnight Stellenbosch*



### Day 6: Wednesday- October 9<sup>th</sup>

BD

Our last day in the winelands begins with a visit to **Old Nectar Farm** for a guided tour of the **Una van der Spuy Gardens**. Noted for its magnificent collection of trees, these gardens were lovingly laid out by Una for over 70 years. Next, we visit the **Cavalli Wine & Equestrian Estate** for a guided tour of their special indigenous gardens. We'll enjoy a wine tasting before returning to the hotel for the remainder of the afternoon. Feel free to relax, visit the Botanical Garden of the University of Stellenbosch or wander through the streets of Stellenbosch. Sunset and dinner will be served at **Ernie Els Wines** with its delicious cuisine and lovely views over the valley, all the way to Table Mountain.

*Overnight Stellenbosch*

### Day 7: Thursday- October 10<sup>th</sup>

BD

We travel further east today along the garden route to Hermanus. The World Wildlife Federation has named Hermanus as the best land-based whale watching place in the world. En route we stop at the beautiful **Vergelegen Wine Estate** to enjoy a guided tour of this delightful garden followed by a wine tasting. We continue along the very scenic Clarence Drive to Betty's Bay to view a breeding **colony of African penguins** at Stony Point. Later, we visit the **Harold Porter Botanical Garden** with its indigenous vegetation nestled between the mountains and the sea. We reach our destination at Hermanus for a wine tasting at a selected wine cellar in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley. A **special seafront dinner venue** is waiting this evening with live entertainment from the resident Southern Right Whales (fingers crossed)!



*Overnight Hermanus*

**Harbor House Hotel- 1 night**

### Day 8: Friday- October 11<sup>th</sup>

BLD

After a leisurely breakfast we check out and make our way to the **Overberg region**. This region is distinct for its 8500 species of plants (**fynbos**) in a relatively small area. 70% of these plants are found nowhere else in the world! We'll have up-close viewing of them in our open vehicles and pick-ups and will walk among the *Proteaceae*, *Restionaceae* and *Ericaceae*, as well as some bulbous plants and geraniums. A delicious lunch will be served at the **Black Oyster Catcher Wine Farm** and will be combined with a tasting of some wines from this southern-most wine region of the country. After lunch, we drive to **Agulhas, the Southern-most tip of Africa** and the official meeting point of the Indian and the Atlantic Oceans. From here, we travel to the hamlet of Buffeljagsrivier, where we will stay over at the De Wagenhujis Farm Guesthouse on the Rotterdam farm. Our hosts, Andrew and Anneke Fraser-Jones are extremely welcoming and certainly very hospitable!



*Overnight Buffeljagsrivier*

**De Wagenhuis Farm Guesthouse-1 night**

*Fynbos refers to the very distinctive type of vegetation found only on the southern tip of Africa. It includes a very wide range of plant species, particularly small heather-like trees, and shrubs.*

**Day 9: Saturday- October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**BLD**



After a leisurely farm breakfast, we have just a short drive back to Swellendam to explore some of the region's **delightful private gardens**. We then make our way to the **Skeiding Guest Farm** for a farm lunch followed by a visit to the **Aloe Ferox Factory** for a presentation on the many uses of the "lily of the desert". Of course, there will be time to do a little shopping too! We then continue to George our destination for the next 3 nights.

*Overnight George*

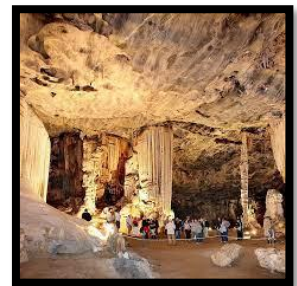
**Protea Hotel by Marriot the King George- 3 nights**

**Day 10: Sunday- October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**BL**



Today the full day is spent in the **Little Karoo region** and the town of **Oudtshoorn**. We visit an **Ostrich Farm** this morning for a close-up look at the world's largest species of bird. Native to Africa, these flightless birds stand up to 9 feet high and can run up to 43 mph! For one or more adventurous individuals, a ride on the wild side will be possible. This afternoon, we make our way to the Swart Berg (Black mountains) and the renowned limestone **Cango Caves** for a guided tour of this underground wonderland.



*Overnight George*

**Day 11: Monday- October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**BD**



After breakfast we travel east to beautiful **Plettenburg Bay** and visit the **Birds of Eden**- the largest free flight dome aviary in the world. We'll have a guided tour of the sanctuary and learn about many of Africa's native birds. There will be some free time in town for lunch and a little **shopping** at the waterfront before returning to our hotel. Dinner and sunset are included at a local seaside restaurant this evening.

*Overnight George*

**Day 12: Tuesday- October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**BD**

We have a leisurely morning with a late check out before we make our way to the airport for our midafternoon flight to Johannesburg (approximately 2 hours). On arrival, we'll transfer to our hotel and have a chance to relax and unpack before dinner.

*Overnight Johannesburg*

**Protea Hotel Balalaika Suites Sandton- 3 nights**

### Day 13: Wednesday- October 16<sup>th</sup>

**BD**

Today is spent in one of South Africa's three capitals, **Pretoria** (the administrative capital). We'll tour the city center and learn more about its unique history with stops at the **Voortrekker Monument** and the **Union Buildings**. We continue to the locally famous **Ludwig's Rose Nursery** for a tour and presentation by a local designer. If the weather cooperates, it should be peak flowering time! They'll be time for lunch at their delightful Rose Kitchen and a chance to explore the over 800 varieties grown here.

*Overnight Johannesburg*

### Day 14: Thursday- October 17<sup>th</sup>

**BL**



After a leisurely breakfast, we visit **Beechwood Gardens** for a guided tour of this 3.5-acre English style garden. We then make our way to **SOWETO** (South Western Township), the largest township in SA, for a guided tour where we will see Walter Sisulu Square, the Hector Petersen Museum and Vilikazi Street – the only street in the world where there are homes of 2 Nobel Prize Winners (Mr. Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu). We'll visit the **Mandela House Museum** and learn more about this inspirational man and his life's journey. Lunch is served at **Chez Alina**- a true local and cultural experience. The evening is spent at leisure, as we prepare for our morning departure to Kapama.

*Overnight Johannesburg*

### Day 15: Friday- October 18<sup>th</sup>

**BLD**

This morning we begin our safari adventure with a short flight to Hoedspruit located outside Kruger National Park. On arrival our open game drive vehicles from **Kapama** will be ready and waiting to take us to this very special game reserve. There are over 37,000 acres of pristine African bush for us to explore filled with diverse landscapes, over 30 different species of mammals and 350 species of birds. After check-in and a buffet lunch, we'll take our first open vehicle safari into the African bush in search of the BIG 5 of Africa (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino & elephant). We'll enjoy a sundowner drink somewhere under African skies, before we return to the lodge for a buffet dinner in the Boma (open air eating or meeting place).

*Overnight Kapama Game Reserve*

**River Lodge- 3 nights**





**Day 16: Saturday- October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**BLD**

We spend the day at **Kapama** beginning with a pre-dawn wake-up call. Early morning and early evening give us our best chance to see the animals. Morning coffee and a continental breakfast will be served before we begin our **morning drive in the open vehicles** which lasts about 3 hours. We



then return to the lodge for a wonderful buffet breakfast. After breakfast, there are optional included bush walks or we can enjoy the pool areas and spoil ourselves at the Spa and Treatment facility. There will be a buffet lunch followed by some free time to relax, before afternoon tea & coffee is enjoyed. Late afternoon, our open vehicles will take us out on the **second game drive** for the day followed by some sundowner drinks somewhere in the African bush. We return to the lodge under spotlight as we go in search of the nocturnal animals of Africa.

*Overnight Kapama Game Reserve*

**Day 17: Sunday- October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**BLD**

The full day is again spent at Kapama as shown above in day 15.

*Overnight Kapama Game Reserve*

**Day 18: Monday- October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**B**



On our final day of the tour, there will be one more pre-dawn wake-up call with coffee and snacks before we make our way out in the open vehicles for our final **game drive**. A buffet breakfast awaits our return followed by check-out and a return to the airport in our open-air vehicles. The brief one-hour flight arrives back in Johannesburg at 3:25pm allowing time for international connections to the US. For guests who depart later than today, additional accommodation and meals and/or shuttle transport, will be arranged. Tonight's accommodations are not included.

Additional nights in Johannesburg can be arranged at the City Lodge OR Tambo Airport Hotel for \$135/room.

**B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner**



### **Optional pre-tour to Victoria Falls & Chobe National Park September 30<sup>th</sup>- October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Inclusions:**

- 3 nights' accommodations in 3-4-star hotels
- Inter Africa airfare\*
- breakfast daily and other meals where specified
- air-conditioned coach with professional driver
- all sightseeing and visits' entry fees per itinerary
- local guides with us throughout the day
- all taxes
- tour manager Dee Montpetit travelling with group at all times

#### **Cost:**

Price is based on double occupancy with a minimum of **12 people**  
\$2515 per person

Minimum of **8 people**  
\$2795 per person

Single occupancy \$200

*\*Please note that the inter Africa flights are included in the price:  
Johannesburg to Victoria Falls/Victoria Falls to Capetown*



## **South Africa Main Tour October 3<sup>rd</sup>- October 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Inclusions:**

- 15 nights' accommodations in 3-4-star hotels
- 3 nights at Kapama Game Reserve all-inclusive of accommodations, meals, and game drives
- Inter Africa flights\*
- air-conditioned coach with professional driver
- local guide traveling with group
- breakfast daily and other meals where specified
- all sightseeing and garden visits' entry fees per itinerary
- all taxes
- tour manager Dee Montpetit travelling with group at all times

### **Cost:**

Price is based on double occupancy with a **minimum of 15** participants:

\$7230 per person based on double occupancy.

For **20 participants**: \$6895 per person based on double occupancy.

Single supplement:

\$2150

*\*Please note that the inter Africa flights are included in the price:  
George/Johannesburg/Hoedspruit/Johannesburg*

### **Airfare:**

Your international airfare from the US is not included. Please contact me if you need assistance with your flights.

**Payment schedule and cancellation policy:** A \$2000 per person deposit is due at time of reservation. The deposit is nonrefundable.

Final payment is due **July 1<sup>st</sup>** and is non-refundable. A check is the required method of payment for the deposit. For final payment, a 4% surcharge will be added for credit card use.

Please make checks payable to **Ma Petite Tours** and send along with your reservation form to the address below:

**Ma Petite Tours**  
**9614 180th ST SE**  
**Snohomish, WA. 98296**

**Insurance:** Insurance is highly recommended. Once the deposit is received you will be emailed information from Allianz regarding insurance coverage. Please note, there can be restrictions pertaining to pre-existing coverage so please read the fine details. Insurance can be paid by credit card via the link for no additional fee.

**Documentation:** You will need a valid US Passport with at least 6 months' validity from the return date to enter South Africa as well as 2 consecutive blank pages. If you are not a US citizen, please let me know and I will advise you on the required documentation.

If you are participating in the pre-tour, visas will be purchased at time of entry, but please ensure that you have at least a total of 7 consecutive empty pages in your passport for the various visas.

**Health statement:**

Please consult with your doctor for personal recommendations regarding vaccinations prior to visiting South Africa and if on the pre-tour Zimbabwe & Botswana.

For up-to-date **vaccination information** from the CDC, please go to their website via the following link:

[https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/south-africa?s\\_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/south-africa?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001)

While on the tour, if you are exhibiting signs of a respiratory illness other than seasonal allergies, we ask that you please mask when on the bus or in an indoor space with the group. If you have a fever, please stay back from the group until you recover. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please complete the attached reservation form and send your deposit to secure your reservation.

**For more information, contact:**

Dee Montpetit at 425-208-6515 or

email: [dee@mapetitegardens.com](mailto:dee@mapetitegardens.com)

## South Africa 2024



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person and phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Passport Information:**

Passenger One: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal name as it appears: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Two: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal name as it appears: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Special Requests:**

Single requesting share: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical: \_\_\_\_\_