The Best of Southern Africa


20 Day Small Group Tour - Departs 20 September 2010
The Route of the African Sun. A once in a lifetime experience that discovers Southern Africa’s great landscapes, whilst following in the footsteps of early explorers who unlocked the mysteries of the Darkest Continent. Beginning in Capetown, journeying through the wilds of Southern Africa, including Zulu Land and Botswana, and enjoying the world famous spectacle of Victoria Falls, this 20 day journey will leave you breathless, awe-struck and filled with a lifetime of memories.

We invite you to come and experience why Southern Africa is one of the world’s new travel hotspots. With its diversity of people and cultures, game viewing opportunities and natural beauty, this is a destination on the move.

Beautiful and eco-friendly Southern Africa is now considered one of the world’s top ten places to visit for its arts and culture, world class cuisine, recreation and leisure. The legendary Victoria Falls of Livingstone and Stanley fame, is always awe inspiring.

Through this incredible diversity comes a wealth of unique experiences. The African bushveld is renowned for its dramatic wildlife, iconic thorn trees, and quirky boababs. You experience sun drenched days waiting for those lions, elephants or giraffes to take centre stage in the wildlife sanctuaries of Kruger, Chobe and the famous Okavango Delta. This is Big Sky and Big Five country. The east of South Africa is home to the mighty Zulu Kingdom, with its exotic culture and tropical coastline offering some of the best scenery.

Come and join us.... Awesome diversity, Incredible experiences, Endless scenery.
Exploration of picturesque Cape Town cradled by the imposing bulk of Table Mountain

Visits to South Africa’s famous Wine lands and the Cape of Good Hope peninsula. Sample the superb wines of the Franschoek and Stellenbosch regions

Visit the Soweto neighbourhood including Nelson Mandela’s former home, the famous Apartheid Centre and Freedom Square

The raw beauty of Victoria Falls, a natural wonder of the world, and a truly unforgettable sight. Sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River

Visit world famous battlefields to relive the dramatic conflicts of the Anglo-Zulu war and other significant battles

The Kingdom of Swaziland, visiting craft markets, local villages and local artisans

Visit to a traditional Zulu village, a rich cultural experience and an opportunity to meet the locals

Kruger National Park – The rare privilege of viewing Africa’s remarkable wildlife (including the Big Five) within their natural environment

Ancient and awe-inspiring Blyde River Canyon, the spectacular scenery of the third largest canyon in the world

Manyeleti Game Reserve offering breathtaking wildlife, experienced from our luxury tented safari camp

Chobe National Park, Botswana, most famous for its high concentration of elephants with spectacular game viewing along the Chobe River by boat

Remote Xugana Island in the heart of the Okavango Delta, a wilderness experience with a difference offering unique game viewing opportunities by comfortable mokoro
Monday 20 September  BRISBANE to CAPE TOWN
We depart this morning flying from Brisbane to Sydney, to connect with our South African Airways flight into Johannesburg and onto Cape Town. With majestic Table Mountain as a backdrop, Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. A harmonious blend of architectural styles reflects the tastes and dictates of the past, and today's more functional requirements. Magnificent views stretch across the peninsula and beyond. In the early days, the settlement was known around the world as the "Tavern of the Seas".
Accommodation: Adderley Hotel
Meals included: Breakfast

Tuesday 21 September  WINELANDS
Today we have a full day of touring in the beautiful Winelands to capture the world renowned spectacular scenery. Boschendal Wine Estate is one of the oldest wine producers in the New World with a French viticultural heritage dating back to 1685. The Manor House (1812) is an outstanding example of the well known Cape Dutch architecture. Our Manor and Cellar tour will be followed by a wine tasting session and a picnic lunch. Afterwards we return to Cape Town for a city tour. For those who wish, you can take the optional opportunity to ride the Table Mountain Cable.
Accommodation: Adderley Hotel
Meals included: Breakfast and Picnic Lunch

Wednesday 22 September  CAPE PENINSULA
We have time this morning for personal exploration of Cape Town. Highlights of this afternoon will be a Scenic drive along Chapman's Peak, a visit to the Cape of Good Hope, Cape Point National Park, Houtbay Harbour and Boulder's Beach. Though exposed, often windswept and less verdant than the rest of the Peninsula, the Cape Point National Reserve has as many plant varieties as there are in the whole of Britain. In addition to the predominating protea and heath varieties there are numerous endangered species and a few that are found nowhere else.
Accommodation: Adderley Hotel
Meals Included: Breakfast

Thursday 23 September  DURBAN
This morning we join our flight from Cape Town to Durban. Vasco da Gama anchored in the bay of today's Durban in 1497. Since then many sailors and merchants steered for the bay, but the settlement of Port Natal only started to evolve in 1823. In 1835, the place was renamed Durban after the Cape Governor Sir Benjamin Durban. The Kwa Zulu Natal province boasts the largest Indian population outside of India and a visit to central Durban's Indian Quarter, is a great way to take in the culture. The impressive Juma Masjid Mosque (the largest in the southern hemisphere) presides over an area that is packed with colourful culture, great shopping and even better curry. You can visit the Victoria Street Market where the aroma of spices will tantalise your senses. Durban's elegant Gateway Shopping Mall is where you will find the Kizo Gallery, the biggest privately owned art gallery in KwaZulu-Natal. Kizo provides exposure for several hundred artists, crafters, musicians and performers. Explore as you wish this exciting and beautiful city.
Accommodation: Protea Hotel Edward
Meals included: Breakfast

Friday 24 September  ISANDLWANA MOUNTAINS
The enigmatic mountain of Isandlwana nestles peacefully amongst the majestic beauty of the Zululand hills. In January 1897, however, it was the site of one of the most dramatic and enthralling events in the history of the Zulu Kingdom. Leaving Durban today, we travel through this dramatic countryside which carries so much history and interest. In 1847 after buying land from the Zulu king Mpande, a number of Boers settled in the area and called it the Republic of Klip River. The republic was annexed by the British in the same year and in 1850 the name was changed to Ladysmith, after the Spanish wife of Sir Harry Smith, the Governor of the Cape Colony. Sir Harry Smith was the British general governor of the Cape Colony and high commissioner in South Africa from 1847 to 1852. During the Second Boer War the British commander made Ladysmith his centre of operations for the protection of Natal against the Boer forces. Starting in 1899, battles were fought for control of the town, but after suffering heavy casualties the British forces retreated to Ladysmith but the Boer forces did not make use of the
opportunity to take control of the town. Following the Battle of Ladysmith, the Boer forces decided to surround the town. The siege lasted 118 days. A total of around 3,000 British soldiers died during the siege. Three attempts by General Sir Redvers Buller to break the siege resulted in defeat for the British forces. The Boer forces attempted to take the town before the British could launch another attempt to break the siege. Buller finally broke the siege in 1900 defeating the Boers. Sir Winston Churchill, then a young war correspondent for the The Morning Post (London), was present at the Relief of Ladysmith after having been taken prisoner and escaping earlier during the war. Mohandas Gandhi and the stretcher-bearing corps that he established earlier during the war was involved in a number of actions that took place in and around Ladysmith during the relief. Ladysmith is located on the banks of the Klip River, on the foothills of the Drakensberg mountains, about 26 km from the Van Reenen pass.

Accommodation: Isandlwana Lodge
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday 25 September  ZULU VILLAGE & BATTLEFIELDS
After breakfast we visit the largest concentration of battlefields in South Africa, drawing visitors from all over the world. It is here that the military engagements were to shape the course of South African and world history, and rock the pedestal of the British Empire. Winston Churchill, Mahatma Gandhi, General Louis Botha and the legendary Shaka were all great men, and all were present as the battles raged; Ghandi carrying stretchers and the rest strategizing and leading their men onto the battle fields amid the booming of canons, rifle fire and the screams of wounded men. Today the legacy of the Zulu Kingdom's critical, blood-soaked conflicts lives peacefully - reconciled in this fascinating region's Battlefield sites, historic towns, national monuments and museums. Lone forts and small graveyards are the only reminders in this rocky landscape. Knowledgeable guides will accompany us on a tour of the Battlefields, talking you through each battle, debating the strategies used, the numbers who perished and the medals and rewards won by the brave. The area is very beautiful and it is difficult to imagine that the scenic and tranquil landscape was once the focal point of major military clashes, where over a span of 70 years, one historical drama after another unfolded against the backdrop of the Kwa Zulu reserves and the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. It was here that the Voortrekkers were confronted by Zulu armies, and where the mighty British army was defeated by the power of the Zulu nation. Near Dundee, the following are among the most important battlefields:- Blood River Battlefield: 1838, the Voortrekkers defeated a Zulu army here. Isandlwana Battlefield: 1879, a British regiment was annihilated on this site by an army of 25 000 Zulus. Rorkes Drift Battlefield: 1879, 100 British soldiers won a 12-hour battle against overwhelming Zulu odds. Talana Battlefield: 1899 is the scene of the first battle of the Anglo-Boer War. Afterwards, we visit a traditional Zulu village with a specialist guide where we will get to experience the essence of Africa. Pulsating tribal rhythms, assegai-wielding warriors and the mysterious rituals of the Sangoma interpreting messages from the spirits. One of South Africa's unique tourist attractions, it is an exciting and enjoyable insight into the history of the Zulu people, which date back thousands of years. The tribal dances date back to the time of the reformation of the Zulus when Shaka Zulu reorganised his people into one of the most feared and fearsome tribes in Africa. Accommodation: Isandlwana Lodge
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday 26 September  KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND
After breakfast we travel to the Kingdom of Swaziland with lunch en-route. The Kingdom of Swaziland, sometimes called Ngwane, is a landlocked country in Southern Africa, bordered to the north, south, and west by South Africa, and to the east by Mozambique. Swaziland is a small country, no more than 200 km north to south and 130 km east to west. The western half is mountainous, descending to a lowveld region to the east. The eastern border with Mozambique and South Africa is dominated by the escarpment of the Lebombo Mountains. The area that Swaziland now covers has been continuously inhabited since prehistory. Today, the population is primarily ethnic Swazis whose language is siSwati, though English is spoken as a second language. The Swazi people descend from the southern Bantu who migrated from Central Africa in the 15th and 16th centuries. The Anglo Boer war saw Britain make Swaziland a protectorate under its direct control. Swaziland gained independence in 1968, and became a
member of the Southern African Development Community, the African Union, and the Commonwealth of Nations. Swaziland's economy is dominated by the service industry, manufacturing and agriculture. Some 75% of the population is employed in subsistence farming, and 60% of the population live on less than US$1.25 per day. Swaziland's main trading partner is South Africa, and its currency is pegged to the South African Rand. It is traditional for a man to have more than one wife and the King of Swaziland takes a new wife each year.

Monday 27 September KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND
Today we visit the Swazi crafts market, local villages and local artisans. The rest of the day will be spent at leisure. Swaziland has a rich ethnic tradition. Despite progress towards modernization, most of the people of the country still adhere to the traditional way of life. The predominant culture in Swaziland is the “Nguni”. So, people can be seen wearing the traditional dress – the “Mahiya” – and carrying Swazi warrior battle-axes. Music is a way of Swaziland life.

Accommodation: Foresters Arms Hotel
Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Tuesday 28 September MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
We travel today into the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa which captures the world’s vision of Africa. Endless bushveld, the shimmering haze above hot plains, darting antelope and the thrilling sight of buffalo, elephant, rhino or leopard. The night-time cry of the hyena and the crackle of a campfire at a rest camp. Safari gear, tough game rangers and their four-wheel-drivers, are all part of the enthralling business of the bush. The region is also full of crashing water spilling from high escarpments in a hundred falls with romantic names like Bridal Veil, Lone Creek and Horseshoe. Waterfalls have carved canyons, crevasses and caves that can be explored on foot, making the area a hiker’s paradise. It is the place of legends too, of warring African tribes in mountain top fortresses, inspiration for the romances of Rider Haggard, creator of King Solomon’s Mines. The gold rush during the 19th century spawned stories of high adventure, as pioneers raced for the short-lived veins of wealth which eluded so many of them. Most famous of the region’s heroes was not man, but dog - the charismatic Jock of the Bushveld, whose owner Perky Fitzpatrick wrote so eloquently of the rough and tumble times in which he lived. Only a little way from the giant golden city of Johannesburg, the road takes us into the flowing grasslands which stretches north and east of the Highveld plateau, rising towards the towering Drakensberg mountain range. From heights of more than 2,000 metres above sea level, the terrain drops to the Kruger National Park and the satellite sanctuaries that line its western boundary. Here 700 different species of fish, bird and mammal - including the sought-after Big Five are protected, accessible to nature lovers from all over the world.

Accommodation: Rissington Inn
Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday 29 September BLYDE RIVER CANYON
Today we travel to an area which isn’t known as paradise country without good reason. It includes the breathtaking scenic grandeur of the famous Blyde River Canyon. Covered in natural bushveld vegetation, it is the third largest canyon in the world. This incredible ravine carved into the earth’s crust over millennia is one of the many memorable and picturesque attractions and is situated close to the world-renowned Kruger National Park. We take a slow drive along what is dubbed the Panorama Route for views from ‘God’s Window’ over the Lowveld a thousand metres below, the water sculptured potholes at Bourke’s Luck, and the tumbling spray of Lisbon Falls. A short drive takes you through the Manyeleti Game Reserve, a private concession area which is home to the Big Five.

Accommodation: Rissington Inn
Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Thursday 30 September MANYELETI GAME RESERVE
Today we depart for the Manyeleti game reserve, and our beautiful luxury tented safari camp. The name Manyeleti means ‘Place of the Stars’ in the local Shangaan language and guests have the opportunity to watch the magnificent Southern Constellation. Manyeleti is situated away from the mainstream tourist areas and guests experience the tranquility of the African Bush in absolute seclusion. Our base for the next 2 days and nights is situated on the border of the Kruger National Park in prime Big Five country. We enjoy ecosafaris in this vast private concession area which we
explore in open game viewing vehicles or on foot under the guidance of armed and experienced rangers. We will not be competing with many others. Manyeleti Game Reserve feels utterly remote.

**Accommodation:** Honeyguide Mantobeni
**Meals included:** All meals and locally branded drinks

**Friday 1 October**  MANYELETI GAME RESERVE
A very special day as we enjoy Game viewing activities in the Manyeleti Game Reserve. There is something addictive about game watching, a sense-awakening uncertainty. The thrill and excitement of finding and observing the wide variety of African wildlife under the guidance of trained experts is a real life highlight. The small dramas are often just as exciting as Big Five sightseeing.

**Accommodation:** Honeyguide Mantobeni
**Meals Included:** All meals and locally branded drinks

**Saturday 2 October**  JOHANNESBURG
We will have an early game drive today followed by breakfast at the Lodge before departing to Johannesburg. Johannesburg is the heartbeat of South Africa, the cultural hub and crossroads of Africa. Here you can experience the real excitement of contemporary South African life and a profound sense of its history. Known colloquially as Egoli – a Zulu word meaning ‘place of gold’ – Johannesburg was originally a mining town, established on the Witwatersrand (the area around Johannesburg known for its gold deposits). The gold rush of the 1880s gave rise to ‘Jozi’, as its now affectionately known, a young city with a very old soul. It has fast become an Afro-chic nucleus that retains its tough pioneering spirit.

**Accommodation:** The Garden Court Sandton City
**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Sunday 3 October**  SOWETO
Today we experience a special visit to Soweto, a sprawling township southwest of Johannesburg, which brings history to life. Soweto was developed for black people under the apartheid system. Most of the struggle against apartheid was fought in and from Soweto. Highlights of today include: a fascinating glimpse of bustling neighbourhood life; two Nobel Prize winners previous residences; the Hector Peterson memorial; Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital and various community development projects. As well as a guided visit to the Apartheid Museum where you embark on a journey of discovery of the racial segregation experienced by millions of South Africans just over a decade ago. The Soweto uprising, the history of the ANC, solitary confinement of political prisoners and the birth of a new democratic country are detailed. A series of exhibits take you through a dramatic and emotional journey that tells a story of how far this country has progressed. Also enjoy a visit to the previous residence of Nelson Mandela. Lunch will be enjoyed at a local shebeen.

**Accommodation:** The Garden Court Sandton City
**Meals Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Monday 4 October**  VICTORIA FALLS
Flight from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls today, on the tri-border between Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. Victoria Falls is considered by some to be among the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. David Livingstone, the Scottish missionary and explorer, is believed to have been the first European to view the Victoria Falls. While it is neither the highest nor the widest waterfall in the world, it is claimed to be the largest. This claim is based on a width of 1,708 metres and height of 108 metres, forming the largest sheet of falling water in the world in the wet season. For a considerable distance above the falls, the Zambezi is dotted with numerous tree-covered islands, which increase in number as the river approaches the falls. There are no mountains, escarpments, or deep valleys which might be expected to create a waterfall, only flat plateau extending hundreds of kilometres in all directions. The falls are formed as the full width of the river plummets in a single vertical drop into a transverse chasm 1700 metres wide, carved by its waters along a fracture zone in the basalt plateau. The depth of the chasm, called the First Gorge, varies from 80 metres at its western end to 108 metres in the centre. This afternoon we enjoy a peaceful sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River. We view wildlife, including numerous bird species, whilst drifting slowly, the silence broken only by bird calls. From the boat, it is possible to see herds of mighty elephant, giraffe, hippo and other wild animals returning to the River to quench their thirst.

**Accommodation:** Llala Lodge
**Meals Included:** Breakfast
Tuesday 5 October  VICTORIA FALLS
This morning we take a guided walking tour of the Falls. Afternoon is at leisure, to enjoy the many local markets and shops. There is also an opportunity to take the optional 15 minute ‘flight of angels’ – helicopter tour over the falls (additional $160 per person). There is a considerable amount of wildlife in the vicinity of the Falls. Baboons and warthogs are usually seen.
Accommodation: Llala Lodge
Meals Included: Breakfast

Wednesday 6 October  CHOBÉ NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA
This morning we transfer across the border to Chobe Safari Lodge in Botswana. Next to the Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park is probably Botswana’s next most well known conservation area. It is a diverse area, from the border at the Chobe River to the borders of the Moremi Game Reserve and the Okavango Delta. The Park is best known for its concentrations of elephant – some 120 000 individuals, along with good numbers of buffalo, antelope and predators. Birding is also excellent. Today, we will see huge herds of elephants and other animals on our game drives.
Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Thursday 7 October  OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA
This morning we transfer to Kasane for our scheduled flight to Camp Okavango. The Okavango Delta is an untouched expanse of lush waterways that attract a wealth of birdlife as well as a large concentration of wildlife. Our game viewing will be by open 4x4 vehicles, by foot, and in comfortable mokoros (dug out canoes). We have two days to explore the clear Delta waters and channels by mokoro, and the beautiful open grasslands. We will participate in walks with a guide, fishing, spectacular night drives, as well as morning and afternoon game drives by vehicle. The Okavango Delta in Botswana, is the world’s largest inland delta. It is formed where the Okavango River empties onto a swamp in a basin in the Kalahari Desert, where most of the water is lost to evaporation and transpiration instead of draining into the sea. The Moremi Game Reserve, a National Park, spreads across the eastern side of the delta. The area was once part of Lake Makgadikgadi, an ancient lake in the Kalahari desert that today is mostly dried up.
Accommodation: Xugana Island Lodge
Meals Included: All Meals and locally branded drinks

Friday 8 October  OKAVANGO DELTA
Today is a wonderful day game viewing. The Okavango Delta is subject to seasonal flooding. The river drains the summer rainfall from the Angola highlands and the surge flows 1,200 kilometres in approximately one month. The waters then spread over the 250 km by 150 km area of the delta over the next four months. The high temperature of the delta causes rapid transpiration and evaporation, resulting in a cycle of rising and falling water levels that was not fully understood until the early 20th century. The flood peaks between June and August, during Botswana’s dry winter months, when the delta swells to three times its permanent size, attracting animals from kilometres around and creating one of Africa’s greatest concentrations of wildlife. The delta is very flat, with less than 2 metres variation in height across its 15,000 km². We will be here at the perfect time for excellent viewing of the wildlife.
Accommodation: Xugana Island Lodge
Meals Included: All meals and locally branded drinks

Saturday 9 October  ON TO JOHANNESBURG AND AUSTRALIA
This morning we take our flight from Maun into Johannesburg for our connecting flight onto Sydney.

Sunday 10 October  ARRIVE HOME
We arrive into Sydney this morning, and transfer to our domestic flight onto Brisbane. Here we bid farewell to our travelling friends.
Adderley Hotel, Cape Town  The Adderley Hotel in the heart of Cape Town’s city centre blends gracious urban historic facades with chic 21st century luxury interiors. Situated in the historical end of Cape Town’s main thoroughfare, Adderley Street, the hotel is well placed for those who wish to experience Cape Town’s finest leisure attractions. The hotel occupies a unique combination of refurbished historical buildings (built in 1903) and a modern eleven storey tower.

Isandlwana Lodge  is a lodge overlooking the Isandlwana Mountains, site of one of the most dramatic battles of the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879. The lodge is built into the rock face. There are just 12 beautifully decorated ensuite bedrooms with breathtaking views offering amenities like tea/coffee stations, hair dryers and room safes. Facilities at the lodge include a natural rock pool, a lounge, a restaurant and a bar.

The Foresters Arms Hotel  is situated in the beautiful Swaziland highlands in the heart of the Kingdom. The country atmosphere is echoed in the lounges, bar and restaurant with roaring log fires, charming furnishings and old prints. The hotel consists of tastefully decorated ensuite rooms with lovely views, room safes, hair dryer and colour TV. The Usutu golf course adjoins the estate, and tennis and squash are also available, as well as a gym and sauna. Colourful gardens, country walks, horse riding and trout fishing.

Rissington Inn  The Rissington Inn has 16 individual rooms and suites are surrounded by ten acres of extensive colourful gardens and offers comfortable, spacious and airy accommodation. All rooms have own entrances and verandas. Each room has breathtaking views down the valley. Rissington’s congenial hosts ensure cheerful, attentive hospitality allowing guests total freedom to unwind and enjoy the peace of the bush setting.

The Honeyguide Tented Safari Camp  is in the Manyeleti Game Reserve adjoining Kruger National Park. It offers breathtaking wildlife experiences at the same time as pampering the senses with meticulous service and superb cuisine.
The Garden Court Sandton City in Johannesburg is within walking distance of the Sandton City and Sandton Square shopping centres. Rooms have ensuite bathroom, colour TV, computer modem, hairdryer and a tea/coffee station. The hotel offers a restaurant and bar, as well as an outdoor pool.

Ilala Lodge boasts an ideal location, one of the closest hotels to Victoria Falls and the town centre. The National Park borders the front of the property, and wild animals often graze on the hotel lawns with the spray of the falls in the background. All rooms have en suite bathroom, air conditioning, overhead fan and satellite TV, and are served early morning tea / coffee and fruit basket. The rooms are spacious with patio doors leading onto either open lawn or a balcony.

The Chobe Safari Lodge is your gateway to a unique African wildlife experience, from the comfort of a modern lodge. The lodge is located at the entrance to the Chobe National Park, the third largest reserve in Botswana, famous for the highest concentration of elephants in Africa. When the afternoon heat drives the animals to the waters edge, a leisurely cruise along the Chobe River provides a unique game viewing opportunity.

Xugana Island Lodge is widely accepted as being the most spectacular permanent water site in the entire Okavango Delta, which in the midst of the Kalahari sands, is Africa’s largest and most awe-inspiring oasis. Xugana Island Lodge is situated on a private concession and takes full advantage of this magnificent site. An open boma and al fresco dining area overlooks the expanse of pristine water. The lounge, bar and dining areas are set back under the Ebony and African Mangosteen tree canopy in open sided thatched structures. The swimming pool, located within the mature gardens in the centre of the island is a perfect place to relax. The lodge accommodates just 16 guests in large raised reed and thatch lagoon facing chalets, with ensuite facilities and private viewing decks situated on the shaded fringe of the island.

The Protea Hotel Edward is located on Durban’s “Golden Mile”, overlooking the entertainment promenade. Accommodation has ensuite bathroom, telephone, air-conditioning, colour TV, tea/coffee station, bar fridge and room service. Facilities in the hotel include 2 restaurants (“Brasserie” and “Terrace”) and a swimming pool.
TOUR ESCORT

This tour will be escorted by Beth Malcolm, Managing Director of Travel Masters. Beth will be bringing with her a wealth of knowledge and experience – and a passion for people, places and different cultures. You will find that Beth will take every opportunity to make this tour one of life’s most outstanding memories. Beth has travelled to Southern Africa many times. We hope you can join this exciting tour in 2010.

COSTS AND INCLUSIONS

20 Day Personally Escorted Tour
$13,995 per person, twin share

Single Supplement $2200
International Business Class Supplement $4500pp

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Economy Class international airfare ex Brisbane, Superior and deluxe class accommodation, Comprehensive sightseeing as outlined in itinerary, Meals as indicated in the itinerary, Gratuities on all included activities, Private transfers and tours with an exclusive coach as indicated in the itinerary, Local English-Speaking Guides throughout, Hotel Porterage of one average size suitcase per person, All admission fees on tours.

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR RAIL EXTENSIONS

THE BLUE TRAIN  A magnificent five-star hotel on wheels, The Blue Train is a journey that is defined by personal attention and devotion to detail. Relax as you depart on the 27 hour journey between the jacaranda-lined streets of Pretoria and Cape Town’s monolithic Table Mountain. The Blue Train offers far more than just a journey. It is an all-inclusive experience offering a combination of unsurpassed luxury travel, five star accommodation, fine cuisine, personalised butler service and a route that offers breathtaking views of the countryside. Take a journey into a timeless world of grace, elegance and romance, where spectacular scenery stirs your imagination.

ROVOS RAIL  A truly world class travel experience awaits when you step aboard The Pride of Africa and begin a from Pretoria to Cape Town through spectacular scenery. Step aboard the wood panelled coaches – classics remodelled and refurbished to mint condition, and enjoy superb cuisines served in the elegant dining cars, each meal complemented with a selection of South Africa’s finest wines. As the evening slips away guests retire to their Pullman or Deluxe suite which captures the essence of pre-war luxury travel with every modern convenience and comfort.

INCLUSIONS: Your journey aboard The Blue Train or Rovos Rail includes accommodation in your choice of luxury or deluxe suite, all meals and beverages. Call one of our consultants for further information on these optional extensions. The optional excursions are not escorted.
FIRST PASSENGER
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First Name(as shown on passport): ___________________ Preferred First Name: ______________________
Sex: MALE / FEMALE
If sharing what would be your room preference? TWIN / DOUBLE
Do you require single supplement? YES / NO
Would you like us to keep an eye out for a possible twin-share on your behalf? YES / NO
(please note that Single Supplement will be payable if we are unable to assist with a suitable twin-share for you)
Do you require business class airfare? YES / NO
Are you a Frequent Flyer Member? Member No: ____________________________ Airline: ____________________________
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Do you hold an Australian passport? YES / NO If No, please state the nationality: ____________________________
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SECOND PASSENGER
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Home Tel: ____________________________ Work Tel: ____________________________ Fax: ____________________________
Mobile No: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

TRAVEL INSURANCE
It is compulsory and in your interest to carry travel insurance for health, loss of luggage/belongings and in case of cancellation. Would you like us to send a travel insurance brochure to you? YES / NO
If you are a traveller who is aged 80 years or over, or a traveller who is under 80 years of age and has a pre-existing medical condition/s, you will need to complete a Travellers Medical Appraisal form to accompany your insurance application.
Do you require a Travellers Medical Appraisal Form? YES / NO

I have read and understand the responsibility section detailed below on this form and the General Information and Booking Conditions and accept them on behalf of myself and my party. I declare that I/they are not travelling against any medical advice.
Signature: ____________________________ Date: _____ / _____ / ______
**EMERGENCY CONTACT** (Person to contact should there be an emergency while you are overseas)

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2. **Credit Card** – Please debit my:

   **Visa / Mastercard / American Express / Diners Club**

   - Card No: ____________________________ Expiry: ______/____/____

   - Cardholder’s Name: ______________________________

   - Cardholder’s Signature: ______________________________

   (Payments by American Express or Diners Club cards will be subject to a 2.5% Merchant Administration fee, Visa and Mastercard 1%)

3. **Direct Deposit** into Travel Masters bank account.
   
   Please list your full name as the payment description, so we are able to locate your payment when we receive your completed booking form.

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**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT**

The deposit is accepted as a first instalment of the tour cost and will be fully refunded if the arrangements cannot be confirmed or the tour is cancelled by Travel Masters. A detailed invoice is sent out to all passengers booked on the tour, approximately two weeks prior to due date of the final payment. Final payment for the tour needs to be received by 31/05/10.

**CANCELLATION FEES**

If it is necessary for you to cancel your holiday, notification of cancellation must be received in writing. Cancellation charges will apply: up to 31 May 2010, loss of deposit. After 31 May 2010, no refund is applicable. No refund is available for cancellation of the tour or any service not used after commencement of the tour. Deposits are non-transferable.

**PASSPORT AND VISAS**

It is the traveller’s responsibility to ensure that they possess the necessary travel documentation for the tour, such as a valid passport and any required visas. In general, a passport should be valid at least 6 months beyond the end of your journey and have two clear pages to allow for entry and exit stamps en-route or for any visas applicable for countries in your journey. At the time of making your booking you will be given information about any visas that may be required for the tour. Travel Masters will assist you with the Visa process.

**PRICES**

Tour prices stated on the tour brochure has been calculated on the basis of exchange rates and tariffs valid at time of print and are subject to change up until final payment for the tour has been received. Should you decide to cancel your tour on the basis of a change of price, then normal cancellation charges will apply.

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**RESPONSIBILITY**

Mistvale Pty Ltd trading as Travel Masters and/or its associated Companies or Agents, act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters of transportation, tour operation and other services. All receipts, tickets, vouchers, coupons or exchange orders are issued subject to the terms and conditions under which transportation and other services are provided. Travel Masters and/or its associated companies or Agents assume no responsibility for loss, injury, accident, delay or damage or irregularity that may be caused to person or property, however caused arising before commencement and/or during any tour under its management, sponsorship, procurement or otherwise. It is the responsibility of the passenger to make sure he/she is in possession of the proper visas and other travel documents and that they are in compliance with current government and transportation companies’ regulations. The right is reserved to modify the itinerary in any way considered necessary or desirable, or to change any reservation, hotel feature and/or means of conveyance, without allowance or refund but the extra cost (if any) resulting therefrom must be paid by the passenger. The right is also reserved to cancel or withdraw any tour, to replace any tour leader with another, to cancel or withdraw any booking made for a passenger, or to decline to accept any person as a member of a tour. The transportation companies or firms shall be exempt from all liabilities in respect of any detention, delay, loss, damage, sickness or injury however and by whomsoever caused and of whatever kind occurring of or to the passenger at any time when the passenger is not on board a carrier or conveyance used or operated by the transportation companies or firms. The contract of passage in use by the transportation companies or firms concerned shall constitute the sole contract between transportation companies or firms, and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. All tickets, deposit tickets, coupons or orders are furnished and issued subject in all respects to those terms and conditions under which the means of transportation or other services provided there by are offered or supplied by owners, public carriers, or managing agents. The issuance and acceptance of receipts, tickets, vouchers, coupons, or exchange orders shall be deemed consent to the above conditions. The tour is based on flights as detailed in the itinerary, however any other IATA or non-IATA carrier may be used for tour co-ordination.
CLOTHING AND LUGGAGE
Comfortable casual clothes are the general rule. Clothes should be light and loose fitting. Good walking shoes are a must. Although weather will generally be warm, sometimes quite hot, you may need a jumper for the cooler nights. Women are requested not to wear revealing clothes. The international luggage allowance is 23 kilograms. Please restrict your luggage to one average size suitcase and one carry bag. Don’t forget your binoculars

PASSPORT AND VISAS
You must be in possession of a passport with 6 months validity beyond September 2010. If you are not using an Australian Passport please let us know so that we can advise you of your visa requirements. Everyone must have 2 blank pages in their passport.

HEALTH AND VACCINATIONS
Anti–malarial tablets are necessary in Africa. Please consult your local doctor or Travellers Medical and Vaccination Centre for further information.

CURRENCY
We recommend that you take cash and traveller cheques in small denominations in South African Rand and US dollars. Travel Masters is happy to organise your traveller cheques & cash for you – ask for advice.

Major international credit cards are generally accepted in most areas on this tour but not everywhere.

ELECTRICITY
The voltage is 220-240 AC throughout. International Plugs are available from Travel Masters.

TIPPING
Gratuiities for guides, drivers, porters and waiters are a necessity in Africa. To avoid any embarrassment or problems, and help make your holiday “hassle free", we have included tipping for all included activities and meals in the itinerary. The amount is in line with international tipping standards. The Tipping Pool will be administered by the Tour Escort on behalf of the group.

ITINERARY CHANGES
From time to time, changes may be required to the advertised itinerary. If this is required, it will be communicated to you by the Tour Escort who will make the decision on the changes in conjunction with our tour operators. Accommodation changes in Africa may be necessary. Any changes will be of a similar standard to the accommodation listed in this brochure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE
Travel Insurance with a Travel Masters recommended Insurance Company is compulsory. This is a comprehensive insurance which covers cancellation charges in the event of illness preventing you from travelling, overseas medical and hospital expenses, personal baggage, accidental death, personal liability and much more.

DEPARTURE TAXES
As International and local airport taxes are constantly changing, these may need to be adjusted at time of payment. Any increase will be advised to you, at time of final payment.

MEDICAL INFORMATION
It is a good idea to travel with a small personal medical kit containing.... Headache pills, antiseptic cream, remedy for upset stomachs, laxatives, mosquito repellent and throat medication. You should carry whatever is necessary on a daily basis with you.

CANCELLATION FEES
If it is necessary to cancel your holiday, notification of cancellation must be received in writing. Cancellation Charges will apply: up to 31 May 2010, loss of deposit. After 31 May 2010, no refund is applicable. No refund is available for cancellation of the tour or any service not used, after commencement of tour.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT
A deposit of $1,250 per person is required to secure your place. We will send an account mid May setting out full account details. Final payment is then required by 31/5/10. We have striven to keep the tour costs as low as possible and the tour price quoted is a cash / cheque price. No allowance has been made for credit card charges. If payment by credit card is preferred, a card service fee will apply. Due to the extreme volatility of the currency exchange rates, we reserve the right to adjust final tour price to reflect either upward or downward movement in overseas currency rates against the Australian dollar.

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT - $2200
In the event that you are a sole traveller and would prefer to share, we will do our best to arrange a twin-share companion.

BUSINESS CLASS UPGRADE
Business Class upgrades are available for an additional $4500 per person.

ADVERTISED PRICE EXCLUDES
Meals other than specified, Visas, insurance, fuel surcharges, items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, phone calls etc and any additional optional excursions. All costs are subject to surcharges which may occur in connection with governmental action, currency exchange fluctuations or increase in supplier’s costs i.e. scheduled air fares, entrance fees etc. Cost based on minimum of 14 adults travelling together. Should this number of persons not be attained, we reserve the right to cancel, amend or re cost the tour program.

FINALLY.... We hope this information will assist you plan for your holiday. We would be delighted to have you join our Travel Masters escorted holiday tour. Do not hesitate to telephone or call in so that we can be of further assistance. We want to make this a very memorable holiday for you.

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