

SOUTH AFRICA EXPERIENCE

November 2-12, 2010 (updated 11 March)

Tue Nov 2 Depart Washington DC (IAD)

South African Airways departs Washington Dulles at 5:40pm. Options available for JFK flights.

Wed Nov 3 Arrive Cape Town, South Africa

Dulles flight arrives Johannesburg at 5:05pm (1hr refuel in Dakar, Senegal)– connect with Cape Town flight, arrive 8:50pm.

On arrival at Cape Town International Airport you will be met in the arrivals hall by your representative who will hand over your documents. You will then be transferred to your hotel, the Garden Court De Waal where you will check in for the next 4 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure to relax after your long journey.

Garden Court De Waal is situated in the suburb of Gardens at the foot of Table Mountain, a short distance from the city centre, and offers easy access to many of the scenic and historic attractions of the Cape. All the rooms are spacious with an en-suite sporting a shower-bath combination, direct-dial telephone, computer modem point, wireless internet connectivity, television with enhanced DSTV channels, individually controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, bathroom amenities and tea and coffee making facilities.



Thu Nov 4 Cape Town: Morning City Tour

After breakfast you will be collected from the hotel by your guide and coach for a morning exploration of Cape Town, known affectionately as the Mother City. Your tour will take in the Houses of Parliament, the Castle (built between 1666 and 1679, this is South Africa's oldest building), lively Greenmarket Square with its daily market, the Company Gardens and of course Table Mountain which will give you spectacular views over the city and Peninsula (*cable car fee is not included as it is weather dependent*). On your descent drive, you stop at the Bo Kaap, home to the Cape Malay community, with its cobbled streets and brightly colored houses. You have the choice of being dropped off at the Waterfront to experience this vibrant location at your own pace, with its many shops, restaurants and pubs or at your hotel at the end of the tour. The afternoon and evening are under your own arrangements. *Garden Court De Waal (B)*



Fri Nov 5 Cape Town: Full day Winelands tour

An interesting day awaits you today, as you set off for the Winelands, a delightful drive which winds its way through superb mountain ranges, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads. You stop first in Paarl with its mountain setting for a cellar tour and wine tasting, before continuing to the town of Franschhoek. Founded by French Huguenots over 350 years ago, it is widely regarded as the culinary capital of South Africa, and its beautiful setting and café lined streets will charm you. A further wine tasting is included at one of the renowned estates here. Onward to Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa, with canal lined avenues, and magnificent examples of Cape Dutch architecture where you enjoy your final wine tasting of the day, before you return to your hotel late this afternoon. This evening is at your leisure. *Garden Court De Waal (BL)*



Sat Nov 6 Cape Town: Full day Cape Peninsula tour

Today you embark on a full day tour of the Cape Peninsula. You take in the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay, before crossing over to Hout Bay, where you may choose to join an *optional boat cruise* to Seal Island. From here you drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve via Chapman’s Peak, one of the world’s most breathtaking coastal drives, where you will board a funicular to the top of the Peninsula to witness the symbolic meeting of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans as well as have spectacular views over False Bay. You enjoy lunch near here (*not included – own account*) before continuing to Simonstown, the naval base, and visiting the African Penguin breeding colony at Boulders Beach. En route back you stop at the world renowned Kirstenbosch Gardens before arriving at your hotel for overnight. This evening you are under own arrangements. *Garden Court De Waal (B)*

Sun Nov 7 Cape Town • Kruger National Park Area

It is an early start today as you depart for Cape Town International Airport in time to check in for your domestic flight to Johannesburg International Airport. On arrival you will connect on to your flight to Hoedspruit where you will be met by your ranger who will transfer you to Kapama’s River Lodge for your 4 night stay on a full board basis with game activities included.

Kapama Private Game Reserve is situated in the Limpopo Province, and is one of South Africa’s largest privately owned game reserves, occupying 13,000 hectares of prime ‘Big Five’ country in the Valley of the Elephants. The reserve borders between the northern Drakensberg Mountains and the Greater Kruger National Park. Kapama’s sweetveld ecosystem is home to an abundance of wildlife, offering guests the opportunity to experience close encounters with the African animals that traditionally roam this area. The Reserve is known for its lion sightings - it is particularly exciting to catch a glimpse of the regal male with his dark mane. The terrain of the reserve offers ever changing scenery with Marula woodlands, open plains, dense wooded riverine and river beds which are dry or flooded according to the seasons.



Mon-Wed Nov 8-10 On Safari: Kruger National Park

The next few days will be spent at leisure at the safari lodge. Two shared game drives are included and are in 4WD Land Rovers, allowing clear communication with your ranger and tracker. A typical day on safari would include waking up just before sunrise for a morning game drive, the best time to see the animals. You will then return to camp for brunch and a few hours at leisure to have a siesta and enjoy the surroundings. At about mid-afternoon there will be another game drive through to sunset and then returning to the lodge for dinner. *Kapama Lodge (BLD)*

During your stay you will be able to participate on optional excursions to explore the surrounding areas by visiting the Endangered wildlife Rehabilitation centre, participate on a hot air balloon excursion or participate on an Elephant Back Safari to mention a few. –See attached optional excursion sheet-



Thu Nov 11 Kruger • Johannesburg • Depart

Road transfer back to Johannesburg (6hrs). On arrival you proceed to the International Departure Hall where you check in for your international flight home. There are some great shops at the airport to purchase souvenirs and duty free. Your flight departs this evening, taking with you many happy memories of your adventure in South Africa. *(B)*

South African Airways flight to Washington Dulles departs Johannesburg at 6:10pm (1hr refuel Dakar)

South African Airways flight to JFK departs Johannesburg at 7:45pm (1hr refuel Dakar)

Fri Nov 12 Arrive USA

South African Airways arrives Washington Dulles at 6:00am

GROUP PRICING TO TRAVEL FRIENDS NETWORK

TOUR PRICE:

TOUR PRICE BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 20 FULL PAYING PASSENGERS

Per person sharing a twin/double \$3,700 / **Deposit \$740**

Single room supplement \$931

FLIGHTS:

NOTE: – quoted current lowest airfare for above flights AND current taxes/fees – this fare is subject to availability

Washington or JFK to Cape Town

Cape Town to Johannesburg

Johannesburg to Hoedspruit – one way

Johannesburg to Washington or JFK

Tour Price includes:

All flights as detailed above

Meet and Greet in Cape Town

Document Pack

Porterage

All transfers as detailed

All Accommodation with ensuite

Meals as detailed (B-bkfst, L-lunch, D-dinner)

Excursions as detailed

Fully guided day tours in luxury coach with English speaking guide and driver

Water in coach during touring in Cape Town

Private coach transfer Kapama to Johannesburg

Pre-departure services of Borton Overseas

Services of Borton Overseas' in-country representatives

Included Accommodation

4 nights accommodation at the HI De Waal, standard room, bed and breakfast basis

4 nights accommodation at Kapama River Lodge, standard room on a full board basis plus two shared activities daily (including game drives in open safari vehicles, night drive by spotlight, bush walks) all accompanied by experienced rangers and expert Shangaan trackers.

Included Excursions

Morning city tour including entrances, excluding cableway fees (Table Mountain is weather dependent)

Full day Winelands tour including cellar tour and wine tasting

Full day Peninsula tour including entrances at Cape Point, Boulders Beach and Kirstenbosch

Tour Price Excludes:

Fees for passport, visas, health certificate etc.

Travel insurance (quoted as option)

Gratuities

Optional tours and sightseeing

Items of a personal nature e.g. beverages, laundry, phone calls, excess luggage fees etc.

Notes about tour prices:

Prices are based on current *purchase* exchange rate. In the case of a major change in exchange, we reserve the right to adjust prices. South African Rand is a volatile currency and prices are subject to change.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE: (all quoted for Oct 2010 travel)

Travellex Custom Select Travel Insurance

Per person \$221*

Full cancellation and medical insurance policy. *For coverage of trip cost up to US\$5000. Additional options available. For full details visit www.bortonoverseas.com and click on Travel Insurance at top right, or inquire with Borton.

Elephant Back Safari (and transfer) – maximum of 18-20pax/day

Per adult R1726 (approx. \$240)

This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity here in Kapama Game Reserve to ride on the back of an African elephant. Meet the herd in the early morning or late afternoon and learn just how to get onto the back of an elephant and move to its rhythm as they walk through the bush. Elephants need to feed for many hours a day, so just because you are on top, this doesn't stop them from pulling down branches and grabbing a trunk full of grass as they walk. They are the largest creatures in the African jungle so other animals that you may come across will give way to you. After walking for about an hour, the elephants will return you to the elephant boma. A video can be made of your experience for an additional fee.

Hoedspruit Centre for Endangered Species

Per adult R1726 (approx. \$240)

This is an ideal activity for the restless to fill up a morning after breakfast. A guide will take you to the Hoedspruit Centre for Endangered Species facility where cheetah and a number of other rehabilitated animals can be viewed at close range. An educational video is shown to explain the projects undertaken by this unique establishment. A guided tour will follow to view the cheetah and other animals.

Hot air balloon

Per adult R1726 (approx. \$240)

The giant candy-striped balloons lift off at first light and drift at the mercy of the wind for about an hour. This usually means that you pass right over Kapama Game Reserve and the skill of the balloon pilot is such that you can skim the top of the trees and spot the wild animals below. The hot air balloon landing can be bumpy, so hold on tight then celebrate with a glass of bubbly. This memorable experience is highly recommended.

Kapama Wellness Centre

Spa Menu and price list on request

Exquisitely nestled in the African bush is a piece of paradise designed to uplift your mind, body and soul. Complete with a state of the art gym, equipped with cardio and weight training facilities, the centre energizes and uplifts in the healing presence of nature. While connecting with the call of the wild indulge in an array of uniquely designed spa treatments. These include facial, body and beauty treatments. Two signature treatments romantically merge the needs of couples. The Marula Rasul Steam Treatment is a sensual experience for two. Merging the wisdom of the Orient with the raw energy of Africa, this magical treatment balances the elements of water, fire, earth and air within the body. Another unique treatment for couples is the Kapama Pinotage Bliss; combining a deep body massage with an aromatic bathing experience in a detoxifying vine extract. Stepping from one invigorating treatment to the next, a lap pool welcomes you to lie back and relax under a breathtaking bushveld sky. Reconnect with your inner beauty and strength as you lose yourself in an African panoramic vista.

Thulamahashe Children's Home

Transfer cost based on # passengers

Kapama Private Game Reserve has adopted the Thulamahashe Children's Home as part of its contribution to the social upliftment of the very poor in the local community. To drive the program, Kapama has set up a Trust Fund, which it administers on behalf of the Home. Once sufficient funds have been raised, Kapama, in association with the Governors of the Home, will use its own building team to ensure that the dream home is accountably and properly turned into reality. A visit to the Thulamahashe Children's Home provides a moving but heart-warming opportunity for visitors to experience the dedicated determination with which one of the most urgent social demands of South Africa's new Rainbow Democracy is being addressed by committed social workers and caring members of the community.