

# A 12 Night Private Journey Through South Africa & Victoria Falls



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Day 1: The Houghton Hotel, Johannesburg South Africa



Today you will arrive into Johannesburg, South Africa where your 12-night Africa adventure begins. Upon arrival into O.R Tambo International Airport you will be met by your friendly driver and transferred the short distance to the nearby Houghton Hotel.

Johannesburg is the economic capital of Africa and the gateway to Southern Africa. Although not as famous as other South African destinations, there is plenty to do in Johannesburg and nearby Pretoria. There are excellent museums, art galleries and fascinating tours of historical and political interest including the famous Apartheid Museum.

Today however you will more than likely simply want to relax and enjoy the urban sanctuary that the Houghton Hotel Provides as you prepare for the exciting adventure that lies ahead.

#### **Meals Included: None**



Day 2: Impodimo Game Lodge, Madikwe Private Game Reserve



Rested and relaxed this morning you will check out of the Houghton Hotel and meet your driver in your hotel lobby. Together you will then set off on a pleasant transfer through the countryside as you make your way to Madikwe Private Game Reserve, one of South Africa's premier private game viewing destinations. Please note this transfer takes around 4 hours and can be replaced with a short flight at additional cost.

Arriving at Impodimo Lodge around lunchtime you will be shown to your luxury suite and given an orientation tour of this incredible property. The Manager of the lodge will explain a few precautions to take during your stay to ensure your safety and wellbeing as it is worth keeping in keep in mind despite your opulent surroundings you are in the middle of wild Africa! You will then enjoy a welcome lunch before having a few hours at leisure to relax and unpack. In the late afternoon you will enjoy a casual high tea in the main communal area of the lodge overlooking the wilderness before setting off on your first safari drive!

During your stay at Impodimo Lodge you will have the opportunity to join two safari drives every day. One in the early morning and then another that leaves in the late afternoon and returns shortly after dark.

Please note you are in no way obligated to join both drives each day and if you would prefer to sleep in one morning and simply join the afternoon drive (or vice versa) you are of course welcome to do so. As the lodge is located in the middle of the game reserve you will enjoy fantastic game sightings from anywhere around the property including the communal areas or even right from your bedroom.

Returning from the evening game drive you will enjoy a splendid African inspired meal prepared by the lodges talented team of Chefs. After dinner you are welcome to either relax around the communal firepit sipping your choice of beverage and chatting with fellow travelers or retire to your room in preparation for the next day's early start.

Meals Included: Full Board (including local beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks)



Day 3: Impodimo Game Lodge, Madikwe Private Game Reserve



This morning you will wake shortly after sunrise and make your way to communal area of the lodge. Here you will enjoy a quick cup of tea or coffee and some light snacks before setting off in your open 4x4 safari vehicle in the company of your guide in search of the incredible wildlife of this region.

Madikwe's professionally trained guides will ask you about your favorite wildlife and will do their best to ensure that your preferences are met. This could mean ticking off as many species as possible or spending more time enjoying each sighting and getting to know the habits of the animals. They will also tell you about the vegetation of the region and will explain the behavior of the animals that you come across. In some cases, the guides will be able to identify individual animals and let you know about their history and habits.

Returning to the lodge around mid-morning you will enjoy a sumptuous brunch. Over brunch you can chat about your adventures that morning and discuss your plans for the rest of the day. Following a few hours at leisure either spent napping or simply relaxing around the pool you will then congregate in the communal area of the lodge for afternoon tea.



Having enjoyed some drinks and snacks you will then set off on your next adventure be it another safari drive, a bush walk or some combination of the two. Arriving back at the lodge you will once again enjoy a wonderful dinner before enjoying an evening at leisure. Meals Included: Full Board (including local beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks)

Day 4: Impodimo Game Lodge, Madikwe Private Game Reserve



This morning you will wake up in the pre-dawn light and make your way to the communal area of the lodge. Here you will meet your guide, hop into your safari vehicle and set of on another an enjoyable safari drive.

In the afternoon you will again can enjoy one of the lodges many safari options or choose to simply relax and take in your peaceful surroundings.

Meals Included: Full Board (including local beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks)



# Day 5: The Cape Grace, Cape Town



This morning you will check out of your lodge and enjoy a transfer back to Johannesburg's main Airport. Please note this transfer will take around 4 hours and can be replaced with a short flight at additional cost. Arriving at Johannesburg Airport you hop on board a short flight to Cape Town.

Cape Town is one of the world's most beautiful cities and a top international tourist destination. Large numbers of visitors flock to Cape Town every year to enjoy this unique city with its fascinating history, interesting culture, natural beauty, award winning wineries and relaxed lifestyle.

Arriving into Cape Town you will be met at the airport by your local driver and transferred to your nearby hotel. You have the remainder of today to relax and unwind at your hotel or perhaps venture out and explore your surroundings at your leisure.



# Day 6: The Cape Grace, Cape Town



This morning you will meet your driver and guide in your hotel lobby and set off on a half day tour of this incredible city. Today you will visit several of the Cape's top attractions, from the imposing Castle of Good Hope to the colorful cottages of the Bo Kaap, bustling Green Market Square, the South African Museum, the beautiful Company Gardens and plenty of other unique and important sites.

With your experienced and knowledgeable guide, and from the comfort of an air-conditioned vehicle, you will learn all about the City of Cape Town and the central role it played in the creation of this wonderful country. Following your exciting morning of touring your guide will be happy to drop you back at your hotel and say farewell or if you would prefer simply to continue to explore this amazing city independently.



# Day 7: The Cape Grace, Cape Town



This morning you will meet your guide and driver in your hotel lobby and embark on a full day tour of the stunning Cape Peninsula. This tour will take you around the entire Cape peninsula and show you the wonders of Cape Town - from the pristine beaches, to the spectacular sight of Cape Point, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet. You will pass through the scenic towns of Clifton & Camps Bay. Situated along the Atlantic Seaboard, the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay have been awarded Blue Flag status and offer pristine white sand beaches and beautiful, clear waters that make these beaches highly popular with locals and visitors alike. Continue on to Hout Bay, a small fishing village that is often jokingly referred to as the 'Republic of Hout Bay' by Cape Town locals who see the small town as being an entirely separate entity. Here you will find a beautiful beach, delicious fresh seafood, bustling markets and plenty of restaurants make this suburb a must-visit on any Cape tour.

You will then continue on to Cape Point, a spectacular nature reserve that lies along the coast and is now one of the most famous landmarks in Cape Town, and for good reason. Situated on the very tip of the peninsula, with the Indian Ocean on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other, the area spans landscapes as diverse as rugged cliffs, lush fynbos and vast open spaces – no Cape Town tour is complete without a visit to Cape Point.

You will then make your way back to Cape Town via Simon's Town and its famous penguin colony. Simon's Town is the seat of the South African Navy and boasts a charming coastal town atmosphere and vibrant history. Here you will find a thriving harbor, a toy museum, navy museum and plenty of other sights – nearby is also Boulders Beach, which is one of the only places in the world that you can walk among, and swim alongside penguins.

If time allows be sure to visit Kalk Bay, this quaint suburb runs along the Main Road, with the False Bay coastline running on one side, and the mountain on the other. Along the Main Road lies a host of veritable treasure troves, from antique shops to curio shops, bakeries, restaurants and plenty more.

At the end of today you will be dropped back at your hotel where you have the remainder of your evening at leisure.



Day 8: The Cape Grace, Cape Town



Today you have at leisure to continue exploring this vibrant city independently or perhaps simply relax by the hotel pool or enjoy a spa treatment as you prepare for the next leg of your Africa adventure, the wine region!



# **Day 9:**Grande Provence, Franschhoek



This morning you will check out of your hotel and meet your driver in your hotel lobby. Together you will set off on an incredibly scenic drive as you make your way into the rolling winelands. You will then arrive at your new home for the next 2 nights, the lovely Grande Provence.

Franschhoek is known as the 'Food and Wine Capital of South Africa' and for good reason. Although the list varies year-to-year, up to 8 of South Africa's 'Top 100' restaurants are based in Franschhoek! Despite its tiny size, the town boasts an incredible range of snug cafés and stylish restaurants with every style of food on offer. From traditional English pub food to classic bistro fare, superb wood-fired pizzas to sumptuous sushi, this gourmet dining town has it all.

As befits the town's Huguenot heritage, Franschhoek restaurants frequently feature French cuisine, alongside plenty of traditional and contemporary South African restaurants. Some of the country's leading chefs create innumerable dishes using only the freshest produce from the valley, complimented by a host of delightful local wines.



If you would like to explore the nearby high street where many of these restaurants are located, you are welcome to do so. As well as wonderful restaurants you will also find a number of art galleries, pottery studios and wine bars.
Meals Included: Breakfast
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## Day 10: Grande Provence, Franschhoek



This morning you will meet your guide and driver in your hotel lobby and embark on a full day winelands tour! It is difficult to say what is the best feature of the Cape Winelands. While it is true that the region is renowned for its crisp white and classic French style red wines and fantastic cheeses and olives, it also has a stunning wealth of natural rustic beauty with vast estates shaded from the African sunshine by giant oak trees and towering mountains overlooking lush valleys.

On this full day tour, you will visit and explore the Cape Winelands' most popular route. You will visit the famous and renowned towns of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek as you stop in for tastings at some of the region's best wineries. Look forward to a day filled with fine wines, great food and spectacular scenery!



# Day 11: Royal Chundu Zambezi River Lodge, Zambia



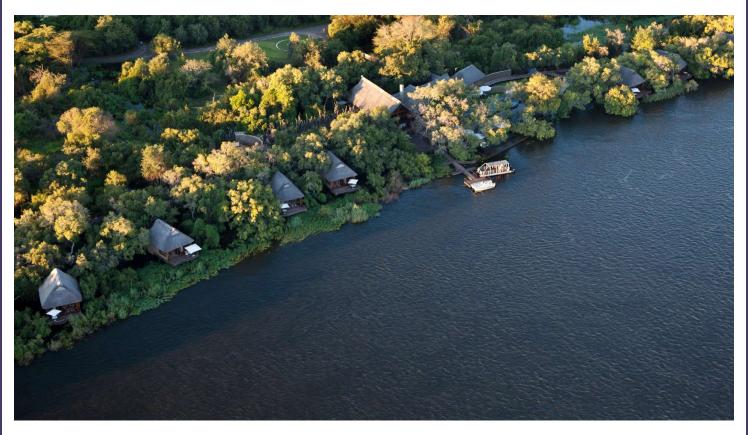
This morning you will check out of Grande Provence and enjoy short transfer back to Cape Town Airport. From here you will board a flight to Livingstone's Harry Mwanga Nkumbulu International Airport. Livingstone is home to what is arguably the most impressive natural wonder of the world, Victoria Falls!

Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal region to combine game viewing and water sports. There is excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial white water rafting anywhere in the world. At Livingstone Airport you will be met by your driver and transferred to Royal Chundu Zambezi River Lodge.

Voted as the 4th Best Resort in Africa and 9th Best Resort in the World in the Condé Nast Traveler's 2018 Readers' Choice Awards, Royal Chundu sits on the banks of the Zambezi River which hugs the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe. This hideaway of tranquility intertwines romance and adventure with a genuine focus on community in every touch. Further downstream lies the iconic Victoria Falls, only 30km away.

Zambia's first and only Relais & Châteaux property, Royal Chundu River Lodge boasts incredible views of the Zambezi River.
Having checked in and unpacked take the rest of the day to relax and unwind as you melt into your tranquil surroundings.
Meals Included: Full Board (including local beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks)
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Day 12: Royal Chundu Zambezi River Lodge, Zambia



Today you have at leisure to spend as you please. Included at your stay at Royal Chundu is a guided tour of the mighty Victoria Falls including return transfers. This is an absolute must as you walk the many miles of pathways and vantage points that surround this incredible feature.

For the more adventurous there are a number of other activities available, most of which would incur an extra cost payable locally. Why not get a bird's eye view of the Victoria Falls and Zambezi River on a 15 minute or 30-minute microlight flight! This memorable experience will provide some of the most stunning views of the falls imaginable and will wow you long after your safely back on the ground.

Another option that will allow you to see the Victoria Falls from the best possible angle – above, is via a short helicopter flight. United Air Charter offers 3 different flight options from their base at Baobab Ridge. The short flight circles the Falls and offers superb views over the gorges below. The longer flight skims over the Zambezi rapids, ascends over the Falls and finishes with game viewing over the Mosioa-Tunya National Park. The adventure flight in a Huey helicopter, flown with doors open at a lower lever, skims over the African bush, deep down into the Batoka gorge and over the falls.



Another exciting option would be either a half or full day Zambezi Rafting experience! Acclaimed as the best one-day white water run in the world, the river is also recognized as one of the top ten paddling rivers in the world. Your knowledgeable and experienced guides will ensure you have both an enjoyable and safe day on the river. The days adventure is captured on video and film and the trip even includes a riverside picnic lunch.

Another awesome way to see the Falls is from the bottom of the gorge. Swimming in the rock pools below the Falls, surrounded by the massive black basaltic rock towering up above you and the water cascading down, seemingly out of the sky, is certainly one of the most breathtaking experiences you will ever have. This activity is a perfect combination with white water rafting.

To end your day make sure you to join the complimentary sunset cruise that departs daily from the lodge. Here you can experience the beauty of the Zambezi River as dusk forms the backdrop of your guided cruise. This is a firm guest favorite at Royal Chundu, a chance to relax while your guide whisks you down one of Africa's grandest rivers, a river of myth and romance, in a spacious, pontoon boat. Watch crocodiles slip off the banks under water as you approach and listen to a chorus of snorting hippos all while enjoying a sundowner G&T in hand.

Meals Included: Full Board (including local beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks)



# Day 13: Depart Zambia



This morning you will check out of your hotel and enjoy a short transfer back to Livingstone Airport. Here you will meet your flight to Johannesburg where you will connect with your onward flight home.



## **Accommodation**

## The Houghton Hotel (1 Night)

Conveniently located only a 20-minute drive from the gateway into Africa, OR Tambo International Airport this incredible hotel is the perfect base from which to relax, unwind and catch up on some rest before your Africa adventure begins.

The hotel overlooks 168 acres of private parkland and includes jogging paths as well as outdoor and indoor pools. For those looking to truly relax, following what is always a lengthy international flight, the hotel boasts one of Johannesburg's top Spa and Wellness Centers. The Amani Spa and Wellness Center is a state-of-the-art facility boasting 8 multi-functional Spa treatment suites, a Grand Rasul, a Nail and Hair Salon and relaxation area, a spectacular indoor heated swimming pool.





## Impodimo Game Lodge, Madike Private Game Reserve (3 Nights)

Impodimo Game Lodge is set on a rocky ridge overlooking the vistas within the magnificent malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve of the North West Province of South Africa. Madikwe Game Reserve covers an area of 75000 hectares of unique topography and breathtaking beauty bordering Botswana. It is home to the Big 5, the beautiful Painted Wolf (African Wild Dogs), Cheetah, Brown and Spotted Hyena a variety of large mammals and bird life. Madikwe is undoubtedly one of South Africa's top safari destinations.

Included in your stay at Impodimo are a wide range of activities including twice daily safari drives, guided bushwalks and access to their incredible Elephant hide! The underground hide is situated mere meters away from the lodge's waterhole and features non-stop action with elephants rolling in the mud and terrapins poking their heads out from the water. With a fully stocked bar and the finest Italian coffee you wouldn't want to leave this air-conditioned paradise.



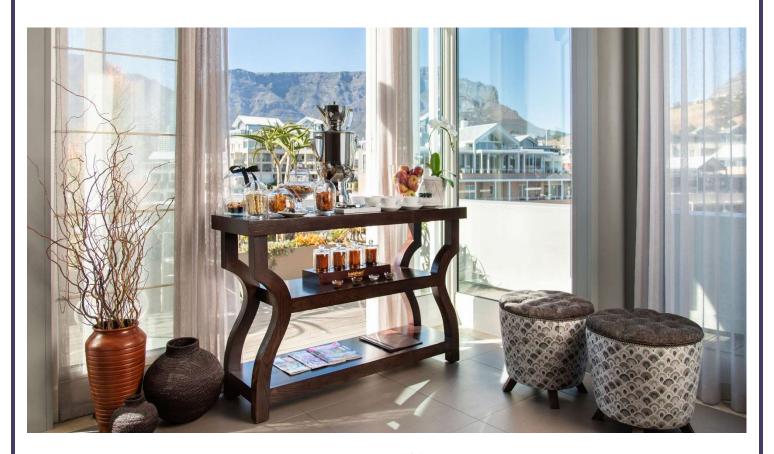


## The Cape Grace (4 Nights)

Perfectly located on a private quay between Cape Town's bustling V&A Waterfront and the tranquil yacht marina, there is no better place from where to soak in the natural beauty of the Mother City and explore the very essence of Cape Town. The elegant and warm atmosphere, evident in every fine detail, begins at the welcoming reception lounge and extends to the spacious harbor and mountainfacing rooms.

Stories of the Cape's colorful past present themselves in our exquisite furniture, rare fabrics, intriguing artefacts and original antiques scattered throughout the hotel. Local paintings and sculptures lend a contemporary flair to the décor and feel, while fresh displays of Proteas that hint at the wonder of our natural botanical kingdom enrich each room.

At the Cape Grace you are invited to share in tailor-made experiences that include sumptuous tasting menus, rare whisky pairings, luxurious spa treatments, and indulgent Afternoon Teas – all thoughtfully created to enhance your stay in Cape Town.





## Grande Provence (2 Nights)

Sitting in the magnificent Franschhoek Valley in South Africa's Western Cape, Grande Provence boasts lush vines spreading across 47-acres, with gentle vistas gazing over the valley floor and rugged mountains beyond. Grande Provence is one of Franschhoek's most storied estates with a history dating back over 300 years. This is heartland South African wine country at its very finest.

While Grande Provence is the perfect base from which to explore the surrounding area, it is also a wonderful destination in its own right. The estate offers award-winning wines at The Winery, gourmet cuisine at The Restaurant, South African artists and artisans at The Gallery and a selection of lovely boutique accommodation options.





## Royal Chundu Zambezi River Lodge (2 Nights)

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Zambia's first and only Relais & Châteaux property, Royal Chundu encompasses two lodges, River Lodge and Island Lodge, both with kaleidoscopic views of the Zambezi River. 10 exclusive River Lodge suites, camouflaged among the riverine vegetation, radiate seclusion and peace. The charm and secrecy of the 4 spacious Island Lodge villas is accentuated by its location resting on the private Katombora island, sheltered by gushing rapids.





# An important note about vaccinations

This itinerary will require a Yellow Fever vaccination and you will be asked to produce the vaccination certificate at Customs.

Yellow Fever is a disease found in many parts of sub-tropical Africa transmitted into humans through Mosquito bites. As it can be quite a serious illness it is essential you receive a yellow fever vaccination before embarking on a trip to an affected country. The main safari destinations where Yellow Fever vaccinations are required are Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda and Rwanda. Other countries such as South Africa and Botswana require you to arrive with a yellow fever vaccination even if you have only transited through or visited a country where yellow fever exists within the past 6 months (keep in mind many of the countries on this list are in South America). It is important to note the Yellow Fever vaccine requires 10 days before it becomes effective and so don't leave it to the last minute!



# **Included In Your Journey**

#### Accommodations

As noted in the itinerary above.

#### Meals

As noted in the itinerary above.

#### Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described.

#### **Transfers**

All transfers between airports and hotel/lodges are included in the program.

#### Guides

Guides are included and at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

#### **Tickets**

All entrance tickets as described in the program, when you are accompanied by your Exeter Safari Company guide.

## Sightseeing

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time we plan to visit them. However certain points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed at the time of your visit, our guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

# Not Included in Your Journey

## International flights to and from Africa

Please let us know if you would like assistance in booking your international airfare.

## Regional Flights throughout the itinerary

- Please let us know if you would like assistance in booking these flights.

## **Optional Expenses**

- Charges for extra drinks, meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid for locally in US Dollars.



# Cost of the Program

Cost of the Program based on two clients traveling together sharing one double occupancy room throughout:

January 01, 2020 through April 31, 2020: \$ 7,650 per person
May 01, 2020 through September 30, 2020: \$ 6,985 per person
October 01, 2020 through November 30, 2020: \$ 7,370 per person
December 01, 2020 through December 15, 2020: \$ 8,175 per person

Please inquire for single supplement pricing.

# **Booking Conditions**

#### **Payments**

A non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total program cost is required to secure the arrangements. The balance of payment is then due 60 days prior to departure. The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars.

#### Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment.

#### Cancellations

Written cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will incur a 30% forfeit of the total trip cost. Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to a 100% forfeit of the tour cost.

### Safari Vehicle Etiquette

Please note that while on safari, unless specifically stated, your safari vehicle may host other travellers from your lodge.



## Rerouted, Cancelled or Delayed Flights that Affect your Itinerary

Should any commercial or regional flights, private charters or air shuttles be cancelled, delayed or rerouted for any reason and this affects your itinerary, the Exeter Safari Company cannot be held responsible for the loss of connecting services or for new services that need to be booked because of this rerouting, cancellation or delay. This is valid for both flights that have or have not been issued by the Exeter Safari Company.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Accommodation: Lost or any additional accommodation required.
- Transport: Unused or new transfers.
- Flights: Unused connecting flights or new flights.
- Guides: Not utilized or new services to hire guides.



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