



## 10 DAYS, EAST TO WEST

### DAY 1, ARRIVAL

You step into the City of Gold as the sun sails over the Western horizon. Your personal *Golden Moon Adventures* guide will meet you with a broad smile before escorting you to your comfortable Johannesburg-based hotel: a comfortable blend between business-like convenience and efficiency mixed with relaxed countryside atmosphere. The majestic Magaliesberg Mountains visible on the northern horizon ... what a way to start an action-packed 10-day tour!



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### DAY 2, PRETORIA AND OHRIGSTAD

Fuelled up with a scrumptious breakfast you set aim for Pretoria – the administrative capital of South Africa. Renowned for its colourful gardens, and widely known as the 'Jacaranda City' after the sensational spectacle of the spring-time blooming of the 55 000 Jacaranda trees it hosts. Enjoy the sights and architectural wonders of a city established during the late 19th Century.

Visit Kruger House Museum (for own account),





the last home of President Paul Kruger before he left South Africa for exile in Europe. Due to the poor quality of cement at the time the Victorian structure was built using milk instead of water as a catalyst to the cement. In addition the house was one of the very first in the city to use electricity and a telephone, installed in 1891. Included in the tour is a visit to the Voortrekker Monument, in commemoration of the pioneers travelling inland during the Great Trek. Nearby is the Union Buildings, designed by Sir Herbert Baker. Finally enjoy a broad panoramic view from Meintjieskop.

Later in the day you set out for Ohrigstad in the world-renown Mpumalanga. Home for the night is a private game reserve, playing host to 28 species of antelope, including – but by no means limited to – the elusive Sable Antelope, Tsessebe, Mountain Reedbuck, Springbok and Gemsbok. For the birdwatchers spot as many of the 250 species found in the area, including ostrich, guinea fowl and the snake-hunting Secretary Bird. Upon arrival at the lodge you embark on a game drive (included) in an open four-wheel-drive vehicle. Ease into the evening under the absolute comfort of a thatched-roof restaurant as you enjoy the South African-Malayan cuisine on offer. The dinners (included), as indeed are all meals, are lavish affairs with a broad choice of venison and delicacies.

### DAY 3, 4 AND 5, OHRIGSTAD TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Nothing quite like the African Bushveld sunrise, over a buffet breakfast before heading outward to explore the Panorama Route. The tour starts with the impressive, and photogenic, Blyde River Canyon, the largest green canyon in the world, formed by the river eroding into the escarpment. See the well-known Three Rondavels, rising from the further reaches of the canyon.



Next you will visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, another majestic natural feature formed by millions of years of erosion, forming cylindrical potholes into the bedrock. Next look into the distance from God's Window, with phenomenal views over the Lowveld, and featuring the Kruger National Park in the distance, more than 900 metres below your vantage point. Nearby the Lisbon Falls plunges down in a twin 90-metre-high stream.





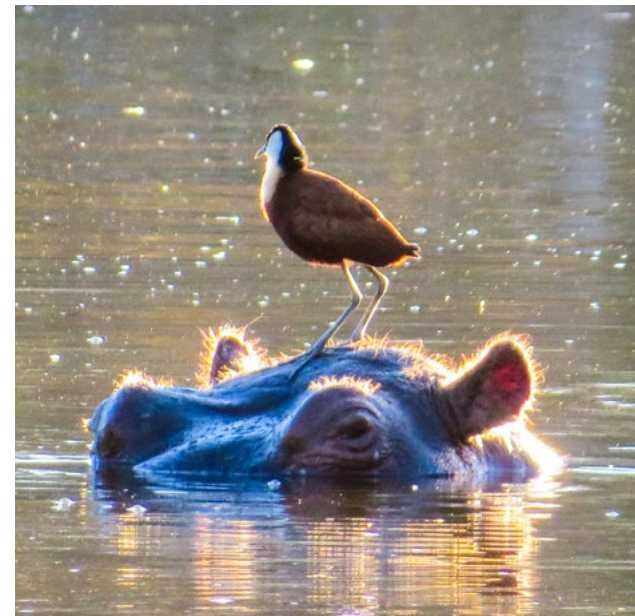
You've been waiting for it: the Kruger National Park. Bordering Mozambique to the east and Zimbabwe to the north, the reserve stretches across 350 kilometres of pristine natural territory. Over two-million hectares teeming with 147 mammal-, 507 bird-, 114 reptile-, 34 amphibian-, 336 tree- and 49 fish species. The park offers excellent viewing opportunities for the Big Five: the lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo.

Explore the trails and water holes with your knowledgeable game ranger on a open-top game vehicle. You will learn about the variety of animals, birds and plants.

## DAY 6: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK TO CAPE TOWN

Fly from Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport straight to Cape Town, a city like no other. Cape Town, often referred to as the Mother City, is known for its vibrant cultures and activities alongside meditative relaxation. Table Mountain – itself a national park – stretches itself around the city centre. The Table Mountain chain draws itself towards Cape Point to the south, with a coastline imbued by stunning white beaches. You will quickly understand why it is referred to as the world's most beautiful city by those that have ventured there ...

Enjoy a visit to Signal Hill, the northern-most finger of the Table Mountain chain, and sample unrivalled views of the city, Table Bay and surrounding areas. Next check-in to your hotel and savour dinner at the Fountains Hotel (included).



## DAY 7, CAPE TOWN

So many options! Travel by cable car up the northern face of Table Mountain (optional and weather permitting; for own account) and gaze upon the 360° vista, taking in the city, ocean and nearby mountain peaks. Table Mountain is a World Heritage Site, and hosts part of the single most bio-diverse area in the world: the Cape Floral Region.

Or explore the city: old and new. View the Castle of Good Hope (entrance not included), built between 1666 and 1679 it is the oldest building in South Africa. View a range of historical buildings, including St George's Cathedral where Nobel Peace-prize winner, Desmond Tutu, was archbishop for ten years. Your orientation tour will conclude in the Bo-Kaap, a picturesque and historical part of diverse Cape Town where you can discover the unique culture of the Cape Muslim community and learn about their valuable contributions to the development of the country.



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Next you will disembark at the South African Museum, from where you can take a leisurely stroll through the historical Company Gardens – established in 1652 by the Dutch settlers to supply passing ships with fresh produce – to the pulsing heart of the city: cobbled Greenmarket Square. The Greenmarket Square-based market is a shopper's haven: vibrant clothing, jewellery and a broad range of crafts and curios, and it plays host to colourful and eccentric characters.

Spend the afternoon exploring the world-famous Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. This is an unmatched recreational destination filled to the brim with shops, eateries and bars. Something for everyone, day and night.



## DAY 8, CAPE PENINSULA TOUR

Traverse along the Atlantic seaboard and take in the views of Camps Bay, the incredible Twelve Apostles peaks and end in the 'Republic of Hout Bay' – no passport needed! Take a pleasure craft (optional and weather permitting; for own account) to nearby Duiker Island to observe the seal colony and bird life, or simply explore the charm of the bay on foot.

Next we take you south to the Cape of Good Hope







Nature Reserve (entrance included). The reserve forms a vital part of the Cape Floral Kingdom and hosts a variety of antelope as well as baboons. The sad remains of many shipwrecks pay testament to the storms which frequently rage along the peninsula, formerly known as the Cape of Storms. The reserve offers the chance to visit the south-western-most point of the African continent.

From Cape Point you travel towards Simon's Town and visit Boulder's Beach a breeding site and colony of the African Penguin (included). The town square features a statue of Just Nuisance, an officially enlisted Great Dane that served in the Royal Navy from 1939 to 1944. Just Nuisance was buried with full military honours.

### DAY 9, WINELANDS TOUR

Breakfast is followed by a drive to the Cape Winelands. Explore the town of Stellenbosch, the second-oldest town in the country. Your tour guide will reveal interesting sights and facts as you walk through the older part of the hamlet. Next is a wine tasting at a nearby wine estate (included). We continue along to the Afrikaans Taalmonument (Afrikaans Language Monument) which looks out onto the riches of the surrounding wine-producing area. The monument, built in 1975, celebrates the 50th anniversary of Afrikaans and the official language of South Africa.

On your return to Cape Town you can explore the V&A Waterfront once more, take a boat tour around the harbour, go sailing in Table Bay or simply visit the Two Oceans Aquarium to learn about the diverse sea life of the area (optional; for own account).

### DAY 10: DEPARTURE

Day Ten marks the beginning of your last day on tour. Enjoy a hearty breakfast and make the best of the Cape Town shopping and sightseeing opportunities before we head for the airport for your journey home. With this sunny South Africa bids you a farewell, and we hope to see you again soon ... so much more to explore and discover.

