

The African Queen



An itinerary for lovers of food and wine, excitement and the stunning beauty of South Africa. Our exclusive itinerary includes all ground and air transportation within South Africa, with round trip air charter to Londolozi game reserve, a fabulous hot air balloon ride over the Cape Winelands, wildlife safari at one of Africa best game lodges and a unique journey on the Rovos Rail train "The Pride of Africa" train providing superb cuisine and wines on board the romantic two night journey from Pretoria to Cape Town. All accommodation is five star.

South Africa has some of the best food and wine in the world and you are free to select your own restaurants in the city of Cape Town and winelands. This does not restrict your choices or mood. All meals are included whilst on safari and aboard the Rovos Rail train.

Day 1:

Arrive at Cape Town International Airport and proceed through customs and baggage collection to the arrival's hall. On arrival you will be met by a representative from Alkar Travel and a personal transfer agent who will escort you to the beautiful city of Cape Town. Spend the next 4 days based at the boutique hotel, Camps Bay Retreat:



Located in the heart of Camps Bay, The Retreat is set in a private paradise garden of 4 acres and is made of up two exclusive residences: The Premier Rooms are located in **Earls Dyke Manor** which is a turn-of-the-century homestead with graceful and refined luxury. Rooms boast beautiful wooden floors, king size beds and spectacular garden and ocean views. There are two pools (one heated and one cool mountain pool) as well as luxury spa.

The guest house is within walking distance of Camps Bay Beach and the trendy restaurants and pavement café's along the boulevard.

In the evening they welcome you to a sundowner on the large sun terrace deck where you can relax with a cocktail watching the magnificent sunsets Cape Town is so famous for.

Day 2:

This morning after breakfast, your personal guide will meet you at the guesthouse. Today you will be shown the best of Cape Town's peninsular!

Enjoy a trip along the coast, stopping in at the many tourist attractions including Hout Bay harbour (with optional boat cruise to Seal Island), **Cape Point**, a visit to the Penguins at **Boulder's Beach** and finally a few hours to spend walking through the beautiful **Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens**.

Along the way, enjoy a delicious lunch at one of the many fabulous seaside restaurants in False Bay. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon and spend the evening at leisure. There are many superb restaurants in Camps Bay to enjoy for dinner!



Days 3 & 4:

Spend the days at your own pace and leisure, viewing more of the wonderful sights of this beautiful city. The V&A Waterfront including some time explore the Waterfront shopping mall which has a wide variety of boutique shops, art galleries, jewellers and more. We also highly recommend you take the cable-car trip up **Table Mountain** which is particularly spectacular at sunset (weather depending).



Day 5:

Enjoy a delicious breakfast before packing up and checking out of Camp's Bay Retreat. Today you will be transferred to the beautiful winelands region of Franschhoek – a mere 50 minutes drive away. This popular destination is not to be missed for any avid wine fundi or food lover! Spend 3 nights at the Beautiful Klein Genot Country Estate:



KLEIN GENOT COUNTRY ESTATE

Cradled by the Franschhoek and Stoney Brook rivers and situated under the watchful gaze of the majestic Franschhoek mountains, time stands still at Klein Genot Country Estate.

Angie and Joey Diamond's luxury hotel only accommodates fourteen visitors at a time, assuring that each and every person gets the special care and attention that they deserve. Home-made food, thoughtful service and pampering beauty treatments are part and parcel of this sensory experience and guests can expect to leave this luxurious choice of Franschhoek accommodation with a regenerated sense of spirit.



Days 5 & 6:

Spend the days at leisure, taking a stroll through the village, which is home to wonderful art galleries and bistros. Take time too to visit the many superb wine estates of Franschhoek and neighboring Stellenbosch regions. Alternatively you can opt for a private guided wine tour for a more detailed experience of the Cape wines! For dining, there are many exceptional restaurants in Franschhoek, including the award-winning **Rubens** and **French Connection**.

Day 7:



This morning, wake up very early and meet the representative from the hot-air balloon company in reception. You will be driven to the launch site where the balloon awaits to take you on a fabulous experience!

Up, up and away... Float cloudward in a musical silence across the peace of the Cape Winelands. Calm landscapes carry you with care over the Berg River and its vast valley. Drift with wishes over fields of vine, catch dreams in a basket of light. The Drakenstein Mountains stand tall to salute you, the Hottentots Holland Mountain Range pays respect at your feet and Table Mountain's distant silhouette winks in the sunlight to remind you that you share Cape skies. Float over

vineyards and countryside as you take new perspective on life from this elevated state of mind. Your colourful craft launches at sunrise to raise you slowly before thermal activity begins. You will assist in rigging the hot air balloon before you take from a root level to tree tops and finally to the spectacular world of silver linings. You will be laid back to earth after an hour of hot air ballooning, where a retrieve vehicle will collect you and return you to a breakfast spread in Paarl, at the **Grande Roche Hotel**.

Day 8:

Today you have an early start with a transfer after breakfast, to the Port Elizabeth airport where you check in for your flight to Johannesburg. Once in Johannesburg, you will be met by a representative from the air charter company who will escort you to the charter plane that is going to fly you to the Sabi Sands reserve. Spend the next 2 days on safari, staying at Londolozi's Tree Camp:

LONDOLOZI TREE CAMP

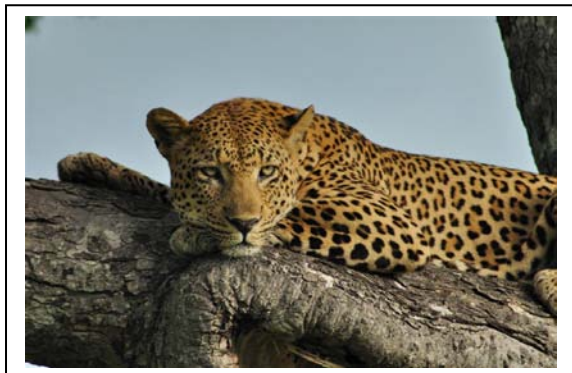
This small and exclusive safari destination offers the height of sophistication and romance in spectacular African wilderness surrounds.





Six intimate suites, all with Air-conditioning, en suite bathroom and outdoor shower private plunge pool and relaxing sala. Tree Camp's exclusive suites feature luxurious bathrooms with large baths set in a stone base, pebble-inlaid floors and standing candelabras. Each suite has its own private oasis – a plunge pool and sala (outdoor covered deck) overlooking the lush banks of the Sand River.

Spacious living areas are furnished in classic African safari style, and lead out to a generous wooden deck shaded by an ancient ebony tree. Elegant candlelit dinners of Pan-African cuisine are served in the boma (outdoor dining area), or enjoyed in a spectacular bush setting.



Renowned for its exceptional African wildlife and leopard sightings, Londolozi offers exhilarating twice-daily game-drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles and guided bush walks in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Experienced rangers and trackers will lead you on morning and afternoon/evening game-drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles. The Sabi Sand Game Reserve and Kruger National Park are of the finest Big Five game (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino) destinations in



Africa and you stand an excellent chance of spotting the elusive leopard. Londolozi is renowned for its world-class rangers and Shangaan trackers who are regarded as among the best in Africa.

Day 10:

Enjoy your last early morning game drive (time permitting) and delicious breakfast. Say sad farewells to your new friends at Londolozi as you depart for the charter flight to Johannesburg. On arrival in JHB, you will be met by a transfer agent who will drive you to Pretoria. For the final adventure in Africa, you will be spending the next two days on the fabulous Rovos Luxury Train to Cape Town:

ROVOS

The most luxurious and famous passenger train in southern Africa, Rovos Rail is an experience to be remembered for a life-time! Step aboard the "Pride of Africa" as it departs from Pretoria Station, under steam, and winds its way through our ever-changing scenic country. Recapture the romance and atmosphere of a by-gone era, when privileged travellers experienced the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion.



Superbly restored coaches (some dating back to the 1920's) can accommodate up to 72 passengers. The use of traditional furnishings and period decor, with top-class craftsmanship evident in fine wood panelling, has ensured an atmosphere of elegance and grandeur. The rebuilt sleeper coaches contain the most spacious train suites in the world, offering every modern convenience and comfort. The epitome of luxury, with handsome wood panelling and period Edwardian features, the air-conditioned Deluxe Suites accommodate two people, offering the option of twin or spacious double beds.

World-class cuisine, with fresh ingredients, expertly created dishes accompanied by fine wines from South Africa are served in the elegant dining car.

Days 10 & 11:

The train departs from Capital Park Station in Pretoria at 3pm in the afternoon. Travelling for part of the way the train is pulled by one of the great steam engines, changing later to the powerful electric locomotives.



This 1600-kilometre journey is a perfect illustration of South Africa as a world in one country. Travel the grasslands of the gold rich Highveld to the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo. Trundle through the spectacular



mountain ranges and scenic wine lands of the Cape. Highlights include a visit to the historic village of Matjiesfontein. This authentic perfectly preserved Victorian Village, which was founded by Mr Logan as a refreshment stop in 1890, also boasts an impressive museum on the platform. A stop is also made in Kimberley providing an opportunity to enjoy a city tour and a visit to the Mine Museum and the world's largest man-made excavation, the Big Hole.

Finally the train arrives in the "Mother City" of Cape Town at approximately 6pm. Disembark onto the platform at Cape Town Station. Here your private transfer agent will be waiting to escort you to the V&A Waterfront where you spend your final night at the gorgeous Cape Grace Hotel:



CAPE GRACE

The Cape Grace hotel is one of the best hotels in Cape Town. Ideally located in the heart of the V&A Waterfront – one of Cape Town's most popular tourist sites – perched on the edge of a private quay with beautiful views of Table Mountain. Sheer luxury and exceptional first-class service make this hotel a wonderful choice destination.

Day 12

Enjoy your day at leisure, doing last minute sight-seeing or shopping for gifts for loved ones at home. Check out of the hotel and you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight home.

End of service.

From \$6600.00 per person based on double occupancy of rooms, including the following:

- Accommodation, meals and activities
 - Camps Bay Retreat, Cape Town x 4 nights
 - Luxury Premier room in Manor House
 - Breakfast daily
 - Klein Genot Country Estate, Franschhoek x 3 nights
 - Luxury Double Room with private Terrace
 - Breakfast daily
 - Afternoon Tea
 - Soft drinks and Beers
 - Satellite TV, DVD players, CD Player and CD Library
 - Tree Camp, Londolozi – Sabi Sands x 2 nights
 - Luxury Suite
 - All meals daily
 - All beverages (excl premium brands and champagne)
 - All game viewing activities
 - Rovos Rail, x 2 nights
 - Pullman Double Cabin
 - Three superb meals daily
 - All alcoholic and other beverages
 - Sightseeing excursions accompanied by a qualified tour guide
 - Entrance fees to places of interest
 - 24 hour full room service and bar facilities
 - Limited laundry service
 - Cape Grace, Cape Town x 1 night
 - Superior room
 - Breakfast
 - 24 hour internet access
 - morning tea and coffee with wake-up call
 - Luxury chauffeur transfers within a 20km radius, subject to availability
 - Cape history and wine presentation
- Transfers:
 - Private road transfer from CPT Airport to Camps Bay Retreat, one way
 - Private road transfer from Camps Bay Retreat to Klein Genot, one way
 - Private road transfer from Klein Genot to Cape Town airport
 - Road transfer from Sabi Sands airstrip to Londolozi, return
 - Private road transfer from Cape Town train station to Cape Grace hotel
 - Private road transfer from Cape Grace hotel to the Cape Town airport
- Tours & Excursions
 - Full Day Cape Town Peninsular Privately guided tour
 - Highlights include Hout Bay, Cape Point, Boulders Beach and Kirstenbosch Gardens
 - Hot Air Balloon Excursion – winelands
 - Including hotel transfers, an hour flight and breakfast at Grande Roche Hotel in Paarl
- Flights:
 - Scheduled flight from CPT to Johannesburg, one way economy class
 - Scheduled air charter flight from Johannesburg to Sabi Sands, return
- Personal Meet & Greet on arrival
- 24-hour personal standby service

Not included

- Travel insurances
- Medical requirements
- Any meals, beverages and activities not included above
- Car hire.
- Items of a personal nature

- Visa fees and requirements
- Gratuities
- International flights to or from South Africa.

Please Note:

- ***The price is based on this itinerary, accommodation in hotels includes only breakfast, all meals are included on safari and aboard the train. All flights, ground transfers and activities within South Africa as listed are included. This price is based on low season rates (March until November 2010) and subject to availability.***
- If accommodation is required during the World Cup period (June/ July 2010), even though normally "Low Season", the rates charged in most cases will be High Season
- The above quote is subject to availability at the hotels and lodges and flights detailed in the itinerary. Should rooms not be available at time of booking at these hotels, alternative accommodation at similar hotels/lodges will be made. These changes will be made at the discretion of African Pathfinder who is our ground operator in South Africa, and will be communicated in writing prior to final payment.
- The above quote is valid at today's date and will remain subject to currency fluctuation and airfare increases prior to full payment being received.
- Prices quoted are sometimes subject to change due to economical changes or circumstances beyond our control; however African Pathfinder will endeavour to make all efforts to maintain the given rates where possible.
- We strongly recommend travellers take out comprehensive travel and cancellation / curtailment insurances.
- Please ensure that all passports are valid and that all visa requirements have been fulfilled. You must have at least four empty pages available in your passport on entering South Africa.
- Bookings will be secured only when a complete Booking Form is received by Alkar Travel and African Pathfinder and all Terms and Conditions are agreed upon.
- **SABI SANDS AND KRUGER PARK ARE MALARIA AREAS.** We strongly advise guests seek professional medical advice prior to departure from home country.