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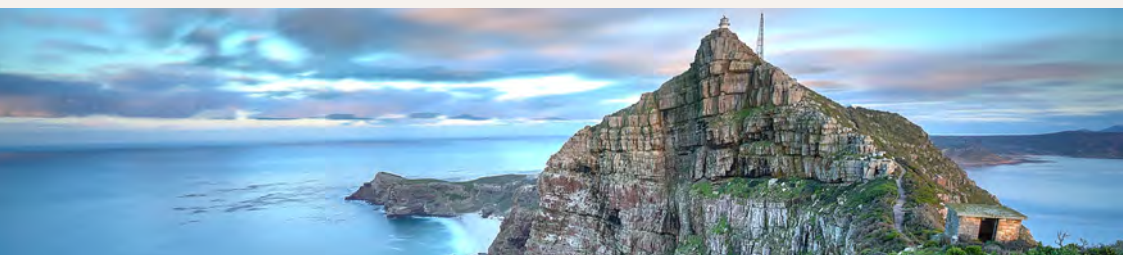


South Africa

*A Discovery Journey of Cape Town, The Winelands,
and a Safari in Kruger National Park*

MAY 4 TO 15, 2025

The allures of South Africa are many. Incredible natural beauty, superb vineyards, and a fascinating and complicated political and cultural history. This distinctive tour combines it all in a package designed for W&L's discerning travelers. Marvel at the diverse wildlife on the Cape Peninsula, from African Penguins to mountain zebras. Ride a cable car to take in the views from atop Table Mountain. Tour cellars and sample South African wines at the acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek. Spy Africa's Big Five while on safari in Kruger National Park. Consider the history of Apartheid during a visit to the Mandela Family Museum and the township of Soweto in Johannesburg. Immerse yourself in all that South Africa has to offer.



YOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1/2 ~ USA/CAPE TOWN

VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA. (Meals Aloft)

Board your overnight flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival, you will be met by your specialist guide and escorted to your hotel.

DAY 3 ~ CAPE TOWN ~ CAPE PENINSULA/

KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDENS

VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA. (B,L,D)

Discover a cornucopia of culture, natural beauty and history around every bend on your drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve highlighted by quaint seaside towns, rugged shorelines, and majestic rock formations. At Cape Point, you may see rare proteas, the endangered sago-belly frog, Cape grysbok, Cape mountain zebra, and Cape fox. After lunch, get up close to the braying “jackass” African Penguins at Boulders Beach. In the afternoon, take a guided tour of Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, arguably one of the most beautiful gardens in the world.

DAY 4 ~ CAPE MALAY

VINEYARD HOTEL AND SPA. (B,L)

Start your day in Bo-Kaap, where the call of the muezzin echoes over city streets and attractive, brightly colored, flat-roofed houses and decorative mosques accent the slopes of Signal Hill. Enjoy a hands-on, practical lesson on how to cook like a real Cape Malay ‘Auntie’. Learn how to fold samosas and mix masala for that perfect pot of Cape Malay curry! A local woman will host you at her home, where you will not only learn secret cooking techniques, but also get an insight into daily life in Bo-Kaap and indulge in a mouth-watering traditional meal. Your day ends with a tour of District Six at Cape Flats, and Langa, the oldest formal black township in Cape Town. Witness the living accommodations created at the height of the Apartheid era as a dormitory area for the working class. Your tour will include a visit to the District Six Museum.

DAYS 5/6 ~ TABLE MOUNTAIN/WINELANDS

LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS. (B,L; B, Wine Tastings)

Ascend Table Mountain in a cable car and experience magnificent views. Afterward, embark on a scenic expedition to the winelands region situated below the spectacular Boland Mountains and discover the acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek on the Western Cape. All the wine estates you’ll visit in the region offer tastings and cellar tours, and you will sit down for lunch at one of these estates. On your second day here, start with a stop at the award winning Babylonstoren farm where you will enjoy a relaxing tour of the farm gardens. Continue to the nearby Fairview Wine Estate for a unique Cheese and Wine tasting. In the afternoon, you can stroll at your leisure in Franschhoek to shop, or relax by the pool and take in the beautiful views and fantastic service.

DAYS 7/8/9 ~ CAPE TOWN/KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

IMBALI SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D; B,L,D; B,L,D)

Fly to Kruger National Park, home to an unparalleled diversity of wildlife. The park is maintained by one of the world’s most sophisticated management systems and includes a world-famous anti-poaching team of 650 specialist rangers. Crisscrossed by five rivers, Kruger serves as refuge for 300 different types of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 types of amphibian, 116 different reptile species, 505 species of birds, and 147 species of mammals. Your expert guides will share their knowledge about the unique ecosystems and animal behavior as you explore the thriving life of the park.

DAYS 10/11 ~ KRUGER NATIONAL PARK / JOHANNESBURG

FAIRLAWNS HOTEL. (B,D; B,L)

Transfer to the airport today for your flight (approximately 2:00 pm) to Johannesburg. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel this evening. Next day, immerse yourself in South Africa’s complex history at the Mandela Family Museum, the Apartheid Museum, and Hector Peterson Square. Reflect on the fight for equality as you view eye-opening photographs, artwork, and exhibits with memorabilia from world leaders and scholars. Enjoy lunch in a traditional shebeen in Soweto. Later, transfer to the airport for your departure flight home.

DAY 12 ~ USA (Meals Aloft)

Today you land in the USA bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa.



Encounter elephants during your game drive in Kruger

Did you know ...

South Africa is full of record-breaking animals. It's where you'll find the largest land mammal (elephant), the largest bird (ostrich), the tallest animal (giraffe), the largest fish (whale shark), the largest reptile (leatherback turtle), the fastest land mammal (cheetah) and the largest antelope (eland).



An elegant Nyala Bull in tall grass



Wine tasting in a South African vineyard

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR TO THE ROVOS RAIL



Step back into the past aboard the luxurious Rovos Rail, reminiscent of Victorian era design coupled with modern day comforts. Spend 4 days on this elegant journey across South Africa, starting from Pretoria and ending in Cape Town. Learn from experts about the historic and current events that have shaped this dynamic region. Relax in Edwardian splendor while enjoying unique landscapes and amazing hospitality.

Journey includes: Three nights aboard Rovos Rail on the pre-extension, with all meals; all beverages on board Rovos; room service; limited laundry service; guided excursions (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; government tax.

OPTIONAL POST-TOUR TO VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE



Another adventure awaits as you fly to Victoria Falls. Five separate cascades plunging more than 300 feet with a thunderous roar comprise this awesome spectacle, the world's largest waterfall. Feel the mist on your face during a guided tour and enjoy a sundowner cruise along the Zambezi River. Victoria Falls is renowned for its fabulous shopping, so be sure to visit Elephant Walk, an artist and shopping village.

Journey includes: Round-trip flight Johannesburg/Victoria Falls on the post-extension.

JOURNEY COSTS

**MAY 4 TO 15, 2025
PRICES PER PERSON,
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

- \$10,695 land package & air within South Africa.
- \$3,995 single supplement, additional.
- Contact Classic Escapes if you require assistance with your airfare.

EXTENSIONS COSTS

**ROVOS RAIL – DEPARTS APRIL 30, 2025
PRICES PER PERSON,
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

- \$5,295 double occupancy, in Pullman suites.
- \$1,795 single supplement, additional.

**VICTORIA FALLS – RETURNS MAY 18, 2025
PRICES PER PERSON,
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

- \$4,495 double occupancy.
- \$1,495 single supplement, additional.

To reserve your spot, please visit <https://go.wlu.edu/southafrica>.

JOURNEY INCLUDES

- Flight between Cape Town/Skukuza/Johannesburg on the main program.
- Superior accommodations throughout at hotels, lodges, and camps (indicated in itinerary or similar substitution).
- Breakfast daily, all meals while on safari and other meals (as indicated in itinerary).
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned motorcoach. In Kruger NP, game runs in open land cruisers.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles during touring.
- All applicable hotel/lodge gratuities and taxes.
- Gratuities to specialist guide, drivers, ranger at Imbali, hotel staff, and other conveyance attendants.
- All entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and water bottle.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation coverage.



African penguins at Boulders Beach

“I believe that South Africa is the most beautiful place on earth. Admittedly, I am biased, but when you combine the natural beauty of sunny South Africa with the friendliness and cultural diversity of our people, and the fact that the region is a haven for Africa’s most splendid wildlife, then I think even the most scrupulous critic would agree that we have been blessed with a truly wonderful land.”

— Nelson Mandela



Lion on tree in Kruger National Park

ACCOMMODATIONS

Main Program Accommodations

Vineyard Hotel & Spa: With over 200 years of history within its walls, this hotel is situated in the lush suburb of Newlands, on the banks of the Liesbeeck River.

Le Quartier Français: A splash of style in the heart of the historic village of Franschhoek, its spacious suites are elegantly furnished with modern fittings, refreshing colors and brilliant hand-painted fabrics.

Imbali Safari Lodge: On the sparkling banks of the Nwatswitswonto River, all suites are beautifully appointed with luxurious furniture and imported linen. Spacious decks offer stunning salas and private plunge pools with views over the river bed and onto the plains beyond.

Fairlawns Hotel: The elegant Fairlawns Hotel is an exclusive boutique hotel, decorated with impeccable style. Each room has a distinctive ambience and character, offering serenity and privacy.

Post-Extension Accommodation

Victoria Falls Hotel: The hotel's architecture reflects Edwardian style at its height with numerous corridors, archways, and columns, and extensive wood paneling. Set on verdant lawns and indigenous trees, the ensuite bedrooms are also constructed in the style of the Edwardian era, many with period antiques.

Pre-Extension Accommodation

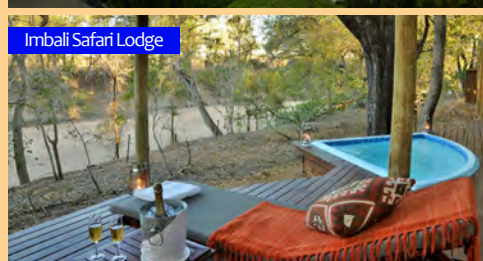
Sheraton Pretoria Hotel: The hotel offers luxurious, modern rooms and suites, all equipped with modern amenities. Guests can relax in the sauna and with a massage at the spa.

Rovos Rail in Pullman suites: Step aboard the wood paneled coaches – classics remodeled and refurbished to mint condition – and enjoy fine cuisine in five-star luxury. The rebuilt sleeper coaches contain beautiful suites, offering every modern convenience and comfort.

Vineyard Hotel & Spa



Le Quartier Français



Imbali Safari Lodge



Fairlawns Hotel

Victoria Falls Hotel



Sheraton Pretoria Hotel



Rovos Rail





CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

HOW TO BOOK: For the ease of reserving your space online, please visit <https://go.wlu.edu/southafrica>. If you'd like to pay your deposit by check, please email your reservation to lifelong@wlu.edu and mail your check made out to Classic Escapes to Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University, 204 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450.

RATES: Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

INSURANCE: Upon reserving space, W&L's Office of Lifelong Learning will email tour participants information on travel insurance. The purchase of travel insurance is highly recommended on all trips.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular

without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: We consider this program to be moderately active. Much of the touring is done by safari vehicle and motorcoach, but some excursions may require standing, walking short distances, often on uneven terrain where stairs may be unavailable or not have handrails.

By paying the deposit for the tour, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other travelers.

CANCELLATIONS: Upon payment of the \$2,200 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Classic Escapes and the Office of Lifelong Learning at W&L. Deposits are fully refundable if written notice of cancellation is received up to six months prior to departure. Six months prior to departure, deposits are refundable less a \$300 per person administration fee, and:

- November 7 – Jan 27: Administration fee of \$300 plus \$500 main trip, and \$750 pre-tour and/or \$300 post.
- Jan 28 – Feb 17: Deposit is forfeited
- Feb 18 – March 5, 2025: 25% of refund is returned
- March 6th and on: no refund.

For cancellations after final payment deadline: All payments are 100% non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

NOTE: Neither W&L Lifelong Learning nor Classic Escapes, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

Limited space is available on the May 4th departure. Once tour is full, we are offering a second departure on May 18, 2025.

Join us for a webinar by Zoom at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, presented by Jacques Proust, a South African guide, who will discuss the history of South Africa and its beauty and diversity. RSVP to lifelong@wlu.edu.

To reserve your spot, please visit <https://go.wlu.edu/southafrica>.



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