



## SOUTH AFRICA & MORE

# COAST TO THE CITY: CAPE TOWN, BLUE TRAIN & JOHANNESBURG

(TOUR CODE: 15587)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Cape Town to  
Johannesburg

### TRAVEL PERIODS

15 Jan 26 - 17 Dec 26

### EXPERIENCE

Cultural  
Rail

### TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Discover Cape Town's iconic highlights before travelling in luxury aboard the Blue Train to Pretoria, then enjoy a two-night stay in Johannesburg, South Africa's vibrant cultural and economic hub.

## Highlights

- Discover Cape Town's iconic landmarks, vibrant neighbourhoods and stunning natural beauty
- Explore Table Mountain, enjoy panoramic views, and visit the vibrant V&A Waterfront in Cape Town
- Stay at the Commodore Hotel located on the famous Victoria & Alfred Waterfront
- Experience the Blue Train with luxurious overnight accommodation, gourmet dining paired with fine South African wines, five-star comfort with butler service and high tea, and a guided tour of Kimberley's Big Hole and historic mine museum

Begin your South African adventure with four nights in vibrant Cape Town, exploring Table Mountain, the Cape Peninsula, Winelands, and the V&A Waterfront on private guided tours. Then, enjoy a luxury journey aboard the Blue Train from Cape Town to Pretoria. Conclude with two nights in Johannesburg, including a full-day tour of Soweto and the Apartheid Museum, visiting Kliptown, the Hector Pietersen Memorial, Vilakazi Street, and the former homes of Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

# INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights at the Commodore Hotel in an Executive Room
- 2 nights at the Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City
- 2 nights' luxury accommodation onboard The Blue Train with all meals and beverages (excluding French champagne), 24-hour butler service, and off-train excursions
- Full day tour of Soweto and Apartheid Museum
- Private guided Cape Town tour including Table Mountain or Signal Hill, The Diamond Works, city highlights like Bo-Kaap, and wine tasting at Groot Constantia
- Breakfast included as per itinerary
- Transfers as per itinerary

# ITINERARY

Day 1

## Arrive in Cape Town

Cape Town is one of South Africa's most popular destinations. This vibrant, multicultural city offers a lively mix of urban and suburban life, bustling day and night spots, outdoor activities, and opportunities for relaxation. Fringed by two oceans with stunning white-sand beaches, Cape Town is a city immersed in nature.

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, you will be greeted by your driver holding a name board and transferred to the **Commodore Hotel**, ideally located at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Check into your room for a 4-night stay, then enjoy a free afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight in Cape Town at the **Commodore Hotel**.



Day 3

## Cape Town: Cape Peninsula & Boulders Beach Tour

After breakfast, meet your private driver/guide and set out along the **stunning coastline** to **Hout Bay**, continuing along the breathtaking **Chapman's Peak Drive**. Visit **Cape Point**, the southwestern tip of the African continent, and take a walk to the summit for **panoramic views of the ocean and surrounding landscapes**.

Stop for **lunch at a local restaurant overlooking False Bay** (*at your own expense*), before visiting the **African Penguin**

**Colony at Boulders Beach**, home to these charming birds in their natural habitat. On the return journey, pause in **Simon's Town**, South Africa's historic naval base, to see the statue of "**Just Nuisance**" and hear the fascinating story of this local legend.

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. The evening is free to relax, with **dinner at leisure**.

Overnight in Cape Town at the **Commodore Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **2**

## Cape Town

After breakfast, depart with your private driver and guide for a visit to Table Mountain via the Cable Car (weather permitting), one of the World's New Seven Wonders of Nature. If conditions prevent access to the summit, enjoy the views from Signal Hill instead. Next, visit The Diamond Works for a diamond cutting demonstration, and browse their exquisite hand-crafted jewellery, as well as authentic African crafts, décor, and gifts.

Continue with a city tour of South Africa's "Mother City," including a visit to the colourful Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, before proceeding to Groot Constantia Wine Estate (or similar) for a tasting of locally grown wines. Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant, at your own expense.

Return to your hotel at approximately 4-5pm for a free evening. Dinner is also on your own account and can be enjoyed either at the hotel or at one of the many restaurants within easy walking distance at the V&A Waterfront.

Overnight in Cape Town at the **Commodore Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **4**

## Cape Town: Winelands Tour

After breakfast, depart for a full-day tour of the **Cape Winelands**, exploring the scenic beauty and charm of this renowned region. Begin with a visit to the Taal Monument in Paarl, offering stunning panoramic views, followed by a stop at a local wine estate for cheese and wine tasting. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (on your own account), then continue to Stellenbosch to explore its quaint streets and boutique shops. Conclude the day with a visit to a brandy distillery for a tour and tasting, or alternatively, visit a second wine estate. Return to your hotel in Cape Town for a free evening.

Overnight in Cape Town at the **Commodore Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **5**

## Blue Train: Cape Town Station

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a leisurely morning until your departure. Your driver will meet you in the hotel foyer and transfer you to Cape Town Station. Check in at The Blue Train VIP Lounge at 10:00 am, where guests are welcomed with

pre-departure beverages and canapés. Boarding begins shortly after, with Butlers escorting guests to their suites. Once on board, enjoy a warm welcome and suite orientation. A light lunch is served in the Lounge and Observation Cars, followed by a formal dinner in the evening, with drinks, Cognacs in the Club Car.

Overnight onboard the **Blue Train**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5**

## Blue Train: Kimberley Station

Breakfast is served on a first-come-first-served basis, offering guests a relaxed start to the day. Lunch is served in two sittings, with guests able to enjoy a leisurely meal either in the first or second seating. Following lunch, an exciting off-the-train excursion (weather permitting) takes guests to the Open Mine Museum, where they explore historical sites and walk along an enclosed ramp overlooking the Big Hole. Afterward, guests return to Kimberley Station for a glass of sherry, a special keepsake engraved with The Blue Train logo. High Tea is then served in the Non-Smoking Lounge Car before the train departs for Pretoria. As the journey continues, guests can enjoy aperitifs in the lounges, followed by a formal dinner in two sittings, with post-dinner drinks and Cuban cigars available in the Club Car.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Day 6 Blue Train: Pretoria station Johannesburg

Breakfast is served onboard the Blue Train on a first-come, first-served basis from 07:00 to 10:00. A light lunch is also available in the Lounge and Observation Cars. In the afternoon, the Blue Train arrives at Pretoria Station between 15:00 and 18:00, where butlers will escort guests to the Arrival Lounge. Please note that departure and arrival times may vary.

Upon arrival at Pretoria Station, you will be met with a name board for a meet-and-greet and transferred to **Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City**. The hotel is located approximately 60 kilometres from Pretoria Station in **Gauteng Province**, a journey of around 50 minutes by car. Check in to your room at this charming hotel for a two-night stay.

Overnight in Johannesburg at **Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City**.

Breakfast, Lunch



## Day 7 Full-Day Soweto & Johannesburg Tour

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before meeting your private guide at **8:30 am**. Depart for a **full-day exploration of Johannesburg and Soweto**.

Begin with a visit to **Constitution Hill**, a living museum that chronicles South Africa's journey to democracy. Once a prison and military fort, this historic site now houses the **Constitutional Court**, a powerful symbol of justice and human rights.

Continue to the **Apartheid Museum**, an immersive experience featuring film footage, photographs, and personal accounts that trace South Africa's struggle and triumph over apartheid.

Next, proceed to **Soweto**—short for *South Western Townships*—a vibrant urban area that played a pivotal role in the nation's history. Drive through its bustling streets, including the famous **Vilakazi Street**, where both **Nelson Mandela** and **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** once lived. Visit the **Hector Pieterse Museum**, which offers insight into the events of the 1976 Soweto Uprising.

Enjoy lunch at **Chez Alina Restaurant** (*for your own account*), followed by a panoramic drive through Johannesburg to see some of the city's notable landmarks.

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner this evening is **at leisure and on your own account**

Breakfast



Day **8**

## Farewell

After breakfast, check-out from your hotel, and be transferred to OR Tambo International Airport for your homebound flight.

*Considering an extension? Why not continue your journey to Kruger National Park. Upon arrival at Hoedspruit Airport, you will be met and transferred to Leopard's Bend Bush Lodge, located in the Blue Canyon Private Game Reserve, for a three-night stay. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the lodge, along with morning & afternoon game drives, where you'll have the opportunity to spot the Big Five: elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, and leopard. Please see Optional Extras for more information.*

Breakfast

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

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Enhance your journey with an unforgettable **safari adventure** in the pristine wilderness of the **Blue Canyon Private Game Reserve**.

After breakfast and check-out from your hotel in Johannesburg, transfer to **OR Tambo International Airport** for your flight to **Hoedspruit**, gateway to the Greater Kruger area. On arrival, you'll be met and transferred to **Leopard's Bend Bush Lodge**, your luxurious retreat for the next three nights. Settle into your **Superior Room**, enjoy a delicious lunch, and then embark on your **first afternoon game drive**, where sightings of elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, and leopard await.

## A Typical Day in the Game Reserve:

Wake before dawn for a light refreshment before setting out on your **early morning game drive**, when the bush is most alive and predators are on the move. Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast and some time to relax—perhaps indulge in a spa treatment or simply unwind by the pool.

In the late afternoon, gather for high tea before departing on your **second game drive**, complete with scenic sundowners in the African wilderness. As night falls, return to the lodge to enjoy a sumptuous **dinner under the stars**.

On your final morning, enjoy one last game drive followed by breakfast before your transfer back to **Hoedspruit Airport** for your return flight to Johannesburg.

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### Inclusions:

- Transfer to OR Tambo International Airport from your accommodation in Johannesburg
- Return transfer from/to Hoedspruit Airport on your first & final day
- 3 nights' accommodation at Leopard's Bend Bush Lodge (Superior Room)
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Morning and afternoon game drives with professional rangers and trackers
- One sundowner drink per afternoon safari
- Select beverages: water, soft drinks, local beer, and house wine
- Conservation and gate entry fees
- Wi-Fi

### Exclusions:

- All Flights
- Mini bar, premium alcoholic beverages, and drinks not listed above
- Spa treatments, curios, laundry, and telephone expenses
- Lunch and dinner on final day
- Items of a personal nature



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Commodore Hotel

Experience the very best of Cape Town while staying in the stylish and elegant Commodore Hotel. Situated in the heart of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, the hotel offers stunning views of Table Mountain, Cape Town Harbour, and Robben Island. With its prime location, exceptional services, and sophisticated ambiance, The Commodore provides the perfect base to explore the city's renowned sights, vibrant dining, and unforgettable experiences.



Your De Luxe Suite will forever alter your definition of what style and class entail.

**De Luxe Suites** measure 8m<sup>2</sup> of space and offer twin beds or double beds with either a three-quarter sized bath or a shower in each suite.

From your elegant and relaxing lounge during the day, it transforms into a subtly-lit bedroom of indulgence during the night, bedecked with goose-down and 100 per cent percale-cotton bedding, from your individually-controlled air-conditioning system, under-floor heating, opulent marble and gold-fitted bathroom, its scented bath salts and plush monogrammed towels, to the electronic entertainment options on offer.

Please note: The De Luxe coaches each have four suites. One of these suites contains a double bed and a ¾ size bath tub with handheld shower, while the others have twin beds with showers.

*Suite configurations are subject to availability. Suite layouts may differ from images.*



## Room Upgrades

### Luxury Suite

**Luxury suites** are the premier suites and measure 10.26m<sup>2</sup> of and offer twin beds or double beds with either a full-sized bath or a shower in each suite. The same suite is also a lounge area by day and is converted into a comfortable bedroom during the night.

Your De Luxe or Luxury suites are your home-away-from-home lounges. Need to send an important email halfway across the world or make that urgent phone call? Relax in knowing that all suites are fitted with WI-FI service that is complimentary to all our guests. Use the telephone system in each suite to dial your butler, at no extra charge, for an apéritif or even call family and friends across the Atlantic and relay your Blue Train experience at a minimal fee.

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## Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City

**Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City** offers modern, comfortable accommodation in the heart of Midrand, Johannesburg. Ideally situated just minutes from the **iconic Mall of Africa**, the hotel is perfectly positioned for easy access to **Sandton** and **Midrand CBDs**, as well as major transport hubs like **Gautrain Midrand Station**. With close proximity to key roadways and **conference venues** such as **Gallagher Convention Centre**, **Kyalami International Convention Centre**, and **Netcare Waterfall City Hospital**, the hotel is an excellent choice for both business and leisure travellers.

Guest rooms are spacious, air-conditioned, and thoughtfully designed to ensure comfort and convenience. Each room features well-appointed **bathrooms**, mini-fridges, **tea and coffee making facilities**, **hairdryers**, and **electronic safes** large enough to accommodate laptops. Rooms also offer **desks with lighting and plugs** to facilitate easy work connectivity.

The hotel's **10 floors** house a variety of amenities, including **restaurants**, versatile **meeting rooms**, a **swimming pool**, and a well-equipped **fitness room**. Whether you're here for a business trip or a relaxing stay, Courtyard Hotel Waterfall City is the ideal base for exploring the vibrant area while offering everything you need to unwind.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## 2026 Departure dates:

- January 15, 22, 29
- February 12, 19, 26
- March 12, 19, 26
- April 09, 16, 23
- May 07, 14
- June (no departures)
- July 16, 23, 30
- August 06, 13, 20
- September 10, 17, 24
- October 08, 15, 22, 29
- November 12, 19, 26
- December 03, 10, 17

**Please note: Pricing is based on a "from price" which varies on each departure and is subject to change without notice. We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.**

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing, and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- All 'Optional Extras' and 'Optional Tours' are available for an additional charge and are subject to availability.