

## **SOUTH AFRICA VICTORIA FALLS AND BOTSWANA**

**March 21-April 2 2021**

This special trip includes fantastic highlights, 1st class hotels, game parks, history, local culture, many meals (with wine), 24/7 personal service from our guide. Our pace has downtime when needed and filled days when warranted!

**There are NO options.**

**\$4499** If booked by May 2020 then \$4999

Deposit **\$750** Single **\$800** and limited. Shares guaranteed until May 1, 2020.

Suggested Flight Times: March 22 Arrive before 5PM. April 2 Leave after 8PM or ask for a hotel room and leave on April 3. We will book your S Africa flights.

**March 21** Depart to Cape Town, South Africa. Ask us to help you with flights.

**March 22 (Dinner with wine)** Arrival Cape Town. Be met by our hand picked guide who escorts us to our hotel. Time of transfer 1-2PM-private transfers also arranged. Welcome dinner at hotel with wine at President Hotel (Standard Mt. Facing Room). The President Hotel is in the illustrious suburb of Bantry Bay. The hotel is an ideal base to explore Cape Town from the white sand, azure waters of Clifton and Camp's Bay to shopping at the V&A Waterfront. The hotel is well known for outstanding cuisine in a range of restaurants and cafés.



**March 23 Breakfast Lunch/soft drink/water** We explore The Cape with a Peninsula Tour & Lunch at [Seaforth Restaurant](#) (Seafood Platter). Chapman's Peak (weather permitting), is between Hout Bay and Cape Town. On one side are towering cliffs and the other a drop to the ocean. We continue to famous Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, World Heritage site, home to small wildlife with rich plant diversity and inspiring landscapes. Cape Point funicular takes us to the lighthouse with spectacular views. Boulders Beach is next home to an endangered land-based colony of African penguins (over 2 000), as well as a favorite beach. One walks between 3 beaches on boardwalks to the penguin-viewing area, with sightings of these unique and endearing animals in natural habitat.



**March 24 Breakfast Lunch Dinner with wine /entertainment** Head to Table Mountain, followed by city Tour of the Cape, then Kirstenbosch Gardens and lunch at Moyo. Leisure time in the gardens. Return to Capetown for Dinner and Entertainment at Gold Restaurant. Hout Bay is at the end of Cape Town's Atlantic seaboard: a fishing village with colorful fishing boats, markets, restaurants etc. The beach stretches to Chapman's Peak in the east. Explore South Africa's exciting 'Mother City' on this guided tour of historical and cultural Cape Town. We step

into history passing key historical monuments and places of interest, like Castle of Good Hope and Cape Town City Hall. The tour stops at beautiful St. George's Cathedral, passes through lush

Company Gardens, and explores Bo-Kaap, Cape Malay quarter. Explore diversity of Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, set against Table Mountain. There are displays of southern Africa's plants (7000 species) in this is the 1st garden awarded a World Heritage Site.

**March 25 Breakfast Home Hosted Dinner + Wine Tasting** This morning head to Robben Island. We begin with a visit to the Graceland Pre-School followed by wine tasting before going back to Cape Town for Dinner at a local home with friendly hospitality authentic food!



Boats depart from Nelson Mandela Gateway and head to one of the most famous prisons. This is where South Africa's father of the nation spent 18 years. Guests disembark at Murray's Harbour, take a short walk to buses then visit significant sites. The guides are former political prisoners; their knowledge is unparalleled. The tour ends with a viewing of Nelson Mandela's cell.

This afternoon we spend time indulging in an experience at Constantia a historic mansion house, with a tasting of S African wines. This is the oldest wine region in South Africa, rich in heritage. Tonight a home hosted dinner; prepare your questions for our hosts.

### **March 27 Breakfast Lunch Dinner & Sunset drinks**

Transfer for flights to Hoedspruit and Shiduli Private Game Lodge. Guests have light snacks before a 4PM Game Drive (English speaking Driver/Guide in 12-seater vehicles). Accommodation Shiduli Private Game Lodge in Luxury Suites, + 2 activities. Includes: meals, teas, coffees, snacks. Dawn & dusk safaris in open Land Rovers. Enjoy a drink on dusk safaris. Shiduli Private Game Lodge is in the Karongwe Game Reserve, home to Big 5, lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo & cheetah and hippo. The lodge features outdoor swimming pool and a beautiful African bar. Days are about adventure, game drives + bush walks led by experienced rangers. A short hike can be to a lookout of Drakensberg Mts. Suggested Flight to Hoedspruit SA8657 at 10:50AM-13:10PM.

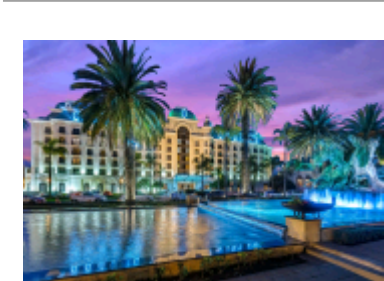
**March 28 Breakfast Dinner/wine** Transfer Shiduli to Hoedspruit Airport for flight to Johannesburg. Suggested Flight SA1226 noon arriving 1:05PM. Time to relax until dinner in the Hotel. D'Oreale Grand, a masterpiece at Emperors Palace. Aurelia's Restaurant is fine dining and Octavia's Sensorium, a health and beauty spa. Neptune's Pool Bar is the place to sip cocktails at sunset. The pool is in gardens: the perfect place to relax. For museum goers, there are many in Johannesburg: Jewish Heritage, modern art etc. Ask for an optional private transfer if you wish to visit.

**March 29 Breakfast AM**, head out on a Soweto Tour with Mandela House in Orlando West, Soweto, a national monument dedicated to Mandela and the families that he lived with 1946-1990s. Managed by Soweto Heritage Trust, the house has a visitor centre and multi-media and audio-visual displays of the history. On the 16th of June 1976, Hector Pieterse, was shot by police during a protest by schoolchildren about Afrikaans imposed for instruction. The Soweto uprising saw 20 children shot during what started out as a peaceful protest. One of the pivotal moments in the anti-Apartheid struggle, 12-year old Hector has come to symbolize those that stood against the tyrannical regime. Today, the 16th of June is celebrated as National Youth Day in remembrance. The site where Hector was shot is close to the Hector Pieterse Museum.

**March 30 Breakfast and Dinner** Transfer Johannesburg for flight to Victoria Falls Suggested Flight BA6285 11:25-13:05PM Arrival, transfer to Victoria Falls Hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a Zambezi Sunset Cruise before a Boma Dinner (both with others at the lodge). We are now taken care of by our English speaking local Driver/Guide & South African Tour Leader. Visitors to Victoria Falls indulge in cultural and culinary experiences with a Boma dinner. The menu is a range of Zimbabwean dishes and delicious bbq buffet. We enjoy Shangaan dancers and singers

during the meal – face painting is an option. A traditional story teller adds intrigue and drama. The sound of drums reverberates through the African night. We stay in Victoria Falls Safari Lodge in Lodge Waterhole Facing Rooms. The award winning Lodge is on a plateau that forms a boundary to unfenced Zambezi National Park and is close to the thunder of Victoria Falls. The views from Victoria Safari Lodge are majestic and Africa is showcased in its best light. The lodge is designed as a vast open-plan tree house, built on levels, rising above the bushveld. The lodge has a private watering hole often visited by elephants and herds of buffalo.

### March 31-April 2 Breakfast Lunch-/soft drink Dinner/ wine



A guided tour of the majestic Victoria Falls and encompassing nature reserves is an awe-inspiring experience. Known locally as Smoke that thunders, tons of water plunge over a chasm 2km wide falling more than 100m to the Zambezi River. The spray and thunderous sound can be heard for miles. Immerse yourself in the rich cultural practices and lives of inhabitants surrounding the Falls with a visit to the rural village of Mpisi. Located just 20km away, this tour provides the opportunity to engage with locals as they go about daily lives. The experience includes home visits, as well as excursions to the fields. This tour will either be on a private basis for our group

or with a few from the lodge; we will confirm that later. We continue to Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa- Standard Rooms/ Full Board **Includes:** 3 Meals, 2 game drive activities. 4-Star accommodation in an enviable location on Botswana's Chobe River, Cresta Mowana Lodge offers personalized service, delicious cuisine and an authentic African experience. Choices are game drives in Chobe National Park, fishing, tennis, swimming, golf. Bird-watching is also popular on the Mokoro Canoe Trail, Chobe River. Feast on African buffets at venues overlooking Chobe River and floodplains, or Boma Terrace.

April 2 Transfer Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa to Victoria Falls Airport for flight to Johannesburg Flight suggested: SA041 13:30-3:10. Connecting flights home must be no earlier than 8PM. Or stay overnight near the airport (\$80 pp sharing +\$50 single 2020 rates only).

Domestic flights are approximately \$1100 for 2020; we do not yet have prices for 2021.

### **COST INCLUDES:**

- National Guide in South Africa + same Guide as acting Tour Leader in Zimbabwe / Botswana
- 4 Nights President Hotel in a Standard Mountain Facing Room on a Bed and Breakfast basis
- 2 Nights Shiduli Private Game Lodge in a Luxury Suite on a Full Board plus 2 Activities
- 2 Nights Peermont D'Oreale Grande Hotel in Classic Room on a Bed and Breakfast basis
- 1 Night Victoria Falls Safari Lodge in a Lodge Waterhole Facing Room on a Bed and Breakfast basis
- 2 Nights Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa in Standard Room on a Full Board plus 2 Activities basis
- 6 x lunches (1 x Seaforth Restaurant + 1 Soft Drink or water / 1 x Moyo Lunch + 1 Soft Drink or water / 2 x Shiduli Private Game Lodge Lunch + 1 Soft Drink or water / 2 x Cresta Mowana Lunch + 1 Soft Drink or water)
- 9 x dinners (1 x President Hotel Dinner +1 Glass of Wine / 1 x GOLD Restaurant Dinner 1 Glass of Wine / 1 x Home Hosted Dinner 1 Glass of Wine / 2 x Shiduli Private Game Lodge Dinner 1 Glass of Wine / 1 x Peermont D'Oreale Grande Dinner + 1 Glass of Wine / 1 x Boma Dinner 1 Glass of Wine / 2 x Cresta Mowana Dinner 1 Glass of Wine)
- Entrance fees to sightseeing venues stated in the itinerary above
- Porterage at airports and hotels (1 x standard piece of luggage per person)
- Transport in private touring vehicles
- 2 x Bottles of water per person per day included
- Local English speaking driver on all transfers and sightseeing excursions



- Local English speaking guide on all transfers and sightseeing excursions

**COST EXCLUDES:**

- All airfares, air reservations and airport taxes
- All other accommodation
- All other meals
- All other transport
- All other sightseeing
- Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers, game rangers and trackers
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls and laundry
- Any other services not mentioned above

**Notes on Visas. You may secure them on arrival at each border or ahead of time.** You will need the following: double entry visas. All other nationalities please read the information on this link. All should have 3 empty visa pages in passport + bring US cash to pay for visas at the border. <https://www.victoriafalls-guide.net/zimbabwe-visa.html>