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Cruise : Southern Africa : travel to the ends of the earth with extended stay at the Cape of Good Hope

SOUTH AFRICA - BOTSWANA - NAMIBIA - ZIMBABWE

Reasons to book with us

EXTENDED STAY

The Cape of Good Hope :

Ascent of Table Mountain to take in the views from Table Bay
Discovery of the legendary Cape of Good Hope
Guided tour of Robben Island
Tasting of South-African wines at a reputable estate
Meet-up with the penguin colony near Simon's Town

CroisiEurope's luxurious and comfortable lodge and ship provide an intimate look at the nature to be found

Unique cruise along the most beautiful bends of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers

Land and water safaris give you an up-close experience of the region and ecosystem

The grandness of Victoria Falls is waiting for you

Enjoy authentic traditional cuisine and learn about age-old customs

Meet locals face-to-face



Day 1 : CAPE TOWN

We'll meet up at the hotel at 9 :30 a.m. and have a panoramic tour of the city. Cape Town is a meticulously preserved city with modern towers in the center, cobblestone roads and a bounty of historical monuments. We'll then take the Table Mountain Cableway to soak up the 360-degree views of Table Bay and the nearby peaks of the surrounding mountains (subject to favorable weather conditions). We'll have dinner and spend the night at our 4-star hotel LS.

Day 2 : ROBBERN ISLAND/ GROOT CONSTANTIA WINE ESTATE

During the first part of our day, we'll visit a place that needs no introduction with regards to its significance in South Africa's and indeed the world's history : Robben Island. We'll have a guided tour of the island and its cells, given by one of its former prisoners. We'll return to Cape Town for lunch on the waterfront. Afterwards, we'll visit the Groot Constantia estate, considered the oldest vineyard in South Africa. For the past 300 years, agricultural activities at Groot Constantia have focused on wine making, and the Constantia wines have become renowned throughout Europe. We'll visit the cellar followed by a tasting. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

Day 3 : THE CAPE PENINSULA

Today, we'll set out for the legendary Cape of Good Hope. We'll ride along Chapman's Peak Drive, located on the Atlantic coast of the southwestern tip of South Africa. The narrow stretch of land, dotted with beautiful valleys, bays and beaches, contains a mix of extraordinarily diverse and unique fauna and flora. We'll take the famous Flying Dutchman funicular to the summit to see the old lighthouse and relish the panoramic views. We'll have lunch before discovering the penguin colony near Simon's Town. Once called Jackass Penguins, they are famous for their hilarious braying call. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

Day 4 : CAPE TOWN / JOHANNESBURG

You'll be transferred to the airport and fly to Johannesburg. Departure by coach towards Soweto, which came to the world's attention in 1976 with the Soweto Uprising, when mass protests erupted over the government's policy to enforce education in the Afrikaans language rather than English. It has been estimated that one-third of Johannesburg's population lives in Soweto. All eleven of South Africa's official languages are spoken here. It is a community of extremes : on the one hand there is abject poverty, and on the other hand there is extraordinary wealth in the suburbs such as Diepkloof Extension and Selection Park. We'll have lunch before setting out on a panoramic tour to discover Freedom Park and the unique atmosphere in this well-known neighborhood. We'll have dinner and spend the night at a four-star hotel LS.

Day 5 : JOHANNESBURG - KASANE - CRUISING ON THE AFRICAN DREAM

We'll fly from Johannesburg to Kasane, Botswana. You'll be transferred from the airport to board our luxury ship, the African Dream. Enjoy lunch after a welcome cocktail. Our first nature and wildlife cruise will be to observe the different species along the Kasai Channel. Afterwards, we'll return to our private mooring in the heart of the Chobe River. We'll have dinner and spend the night onboard.

Day 6 : CRUISING ON THE AFRICAN DREAM

We'll journey out on our first safari today in Jeeps equipped exclusively with misters for the comfort of our guests. We'll explore the Chobe National Park that is home to more than 1/4 of the total elephant population in Africa. We'll have lunch before spending the afternoon cruising to the Zambezi River, marking the border between Zambia and Namibia. In the afternoon, we'll leave on small motor boats for a water safari in search of the larger animals. You'll enjoy a unique, up-close experience with the wildlife that lives on the banks from just a few yards away. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

Day 7 : CRUISING ON THE AFRICAN DREAM

We'll spend the day cruising to Kabulabula. The Chobe National Park has a myriad of swamps, flooded plains, lakes and rivers, making this cruise the ideal and most-adapted way to set out on unforgettable tours. Along the entire route, you'll discover some of the richest pockets of wildlife in Africa, including zebras, water buffalos, antelopes and an abundance of birds. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

Day 8 : CHOBE RIVER - SEDUDU ISLAND - ARRIVAL AT LODGE

This morning we'll disembark the ship and leave on an early water safari to try to catch more than a glimpse of the major game animals. We'll have lunch in our "floating restaurant" in the middle of the river and feast on some local delicacies. We'll then leave for the lodge. As we travel, we'll see Sedudu Island and its marshes, overflowing with abundant wildlife such as hippopotami, Cape buffalos and crocodiles. After we arrive at CroisiEurope's lodge, and you'll check into your rooms. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the lodge.

Day 9 : IMPALILA ISLAND

In the morning, we'll leave for a visit to the local school to meet the teachers and students. This will be a truly unique face-to-face experience that will enrichen your travels. We'll return to the lodge for lunch. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to take advantage of the activities proposed at the lodge or spend the time relaxing under the trees or by the pool. After dinner tonight, let a local storyteller entrance you with the mysterious legends of the region. We'll spend the night at the lodge.

Day 10 : IMPALILA ISLAND

This morning, join us for a trip to an authentic village to discover the culture and customs of the area. We'll meet the locals and learn about traditional Namibian houses. After lunch at the lodge, join us for some activities delving into local customs. Dinner will be served under the stars this evening, a truly wonderful way to experience the African skies. We'll spend the night at the lodge.

Day 11 : VICTORIA FALLS

We'll leave by coach for Victoria Falls and on an exceptional lunch cruise. This afternoon, we'll leave for a tour on foot of the falls in Zimbabwe, where the views are among the most exceptional in the world. We'll also see where the Zambezi River plunges over the cliff to become the widest waterfall in the world, creating the "smoke that thunders." Tonight we'll enjoy a "Boma" dinner with traditional dance and music. We'll spend the night at a four-star hotel LS.

Day 12 : VICTORIA FALLS

Breakfast.

Optional early morning excursion : Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter. End of our services at the hotel.

TRANSPORTATION

Port-to-port cruise, no transfers included

FORMULA

This offer includes :

the domestic flights - the cruise with double-occupancy cabin in the category of your choice - double-occupancy accommodations at the lodge and at 4-star hotels - all meals - drinks included at all meals and at the bar on the African Dream, as well as at the CroisiEurope lodge - during the pre-cruise program in The Cape as well as in Johannesburg and Victoria Falls, the drinks included are : 1 water + 1 glass of local wine or 1 soft drink or 1 local beer + 1 cup of tea or coffee per person and per meal - the visits and excursions mentioned in the program - baggage carrying services - the services of a local guide in The Cape - travel assistance and repatriation insurance.

This offer does not include :

international flights - airport taxes for international and domestic flights - transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - visa for Zimbabwe - tips - optional excursion - the Botswana Tourism levy (US\$30 payable at the airport of entry) - personal expenses.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This cruise is not recommended for people with reduced mobility.

Your cruise on board the African Dream is fully dedicated to the protected site of the Chobe National Park, one of the most outstanding on the African continent. Life on board revolves around the discovery and observation of the diurnal life and nightlife of this reserve, providing constant enchantment.

The domestic flight will be provided by South African Airways.

PRECAUTIONS :

No vaccines are mandatory. We do nevertheless recommend that you are up to date with all your vaccines. Your doctor will prescribe antimalarial and yellow fever treatments if necessary.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FORMALITIES

Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

The order and times of the visits can change depending on the weather.

The observation of wildlife in the Chobe National Park can't be guaranteed.

The helicopter ride depends on suitable weather conditions.