

LIVE LIFE AFRICAN SAFARI GETAWAYS

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WINE & WILDLIFE SAFARI - SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg - Franschhoek - Cape Town - and Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve

11 Days / 10 Nights

12 Persons

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
City Lodge OR Tambo Airport	Johannesburg	B&B	1 Night
Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa	Franschhoek	B&B	2 Nights
Commodore Hotel	Cape Town	B&B	3 Nights
andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge	andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve	FI	2 Nights
andBeyond Phinda Mountain Lodge	andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve	FI	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Price

\$5,328 per person (sharing)

*SAVE \$188 per person when paying by check / electronically

- Single supplement charge of \$1,460

*BASED ON 12 TRAVELLERS

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL DEPOSIT IS MADE

Included

ALL ACCOMODATION

ALL AIR AND GROUND TRANSPORT WITHIN AFRICA

ALL MENTIONED MEALS, DRINKS & ACTIVITIES

MEET & GREET IN JOHANNESBURG UPON ARRIVAL

PRIVATE TOUR LEADER & VEHICLE WHILE IN CAPE TOWN & WINELANDS

2 X PRIVATE SAFARI VEHICLES

Excluded

RETURN AIR TO JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

VISAS AND VACCINATIONS

GRATUITIES

WINE TASTINGS

EXTRA MEALS, DRINKS & ACTIVITIES

PERSONAL PURCHASES

TRAVEL INSURANCE (recommended for all of our itineraries and can be arranged for you)

Travel Information



This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Discover the gourmet restaurants, impressive art scene, vibrant nightlife and beautiful beaches of Cape Town; enjoy a local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browse the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sample some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotting the Cape Winelands. Some historical attractions to explore include the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

Day 1: City Lodge OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg (Fri, April 23)



Johannesburg is one of Africa's biggest and most vibrant cities. It is the economic capital of Africa and the gateway to Southern Africa. Although not as famous as other South African destinations, there is plenty to do in Johannesburg and nearby Pretoria. The old city is a multi-cultural mixture of traditional medicine shops, Chinese restaurants, taxi ranks and ultra-modern skyscrapers. There are excellent museums, art galleries and organised tours of historical and political interest. The shopping is Southern Africa's best and the many restaurants cater for all tastes. The nearby township of Soweto is Johannesburg's most popular tourist attraction.

Day Itinerary

Arriving into Johannesburg

Welcome to South Africa ! Turn your clocks forward 6 hours and slow your brains down by many more hours... things happen a little slower in Africa !!!

You will be greeted on the jetway and assisted through passport control to collect your luggage. Once your luggage is collected you will be escorted to your hotel for the evening !

Overnight: City Lodge OR Tambo Airport

Based at Africa's busiest airport, City Lodge Hotel at OR Tambo Airport will provide business and leisure travellers with home away from home accommodation that is ideal for those commuting to and from Johannesburg and perfect for those who require immediate access to the airport.

OR Tambo Airport offers a number of services from banking to a wide range of retailers, so whether it's a good book or a scrumptious meal, the airport's facilities have everything you need. The hotel boasts boardroom and conference facilities, a fitness room as well as a deck with a pool and a large commercial area with a coffee shop.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa, Franschhoek (Sat, April 24)

Idyllically situated in the Cape Winelands, this peaceful country retreat is one of the oldest towns in South Africa. The once sleepy little village was named Franschhoek, meaning 'French Corner' as it was founded by French Huguenots. The fertile valley of Franschhoek boasts a rich heritage showcased at the fascinating Huguenot Memorial Museum and the Cape Dutch architecture in much of the village remains remarkably well preserved. The town's proximity to Cape Town allows for pleasant day trips during which visitors can explore the area's many world-class wine estates and impressive range of excellent restaurants or simply browse the quaint, upmarket boutiques strewn along the town's lovely tree-lined avenues.

Day Itinerary

After breakfast you will be escorted to the airport for a flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival in Cape Town you will be greeted and transferred to Franschhoek for 2 nights in the Cape winelands.

Begin by tasting wines by Ernie Els winery before enjoying lunch and another tasting at Beyerskloof

Tonight enjoy dinner in Franschhoek

Overnight: Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa [View iBrochure](#)

Located in the Gourmet Capital of South Africa, Le Franschhoek Hotel and Spa has become one of the ultimate getaways in its class. Capturing the essence of 4-star luxury, the impeccably appointed hotel offers unparalleled views of the mountains and is the perfect setting for a taste of the legendary Cape Wine Routes.

Le Franschhoek retains its elusive charm with a contemporary Cape Dutch feel. Features include Camelot Spa and an ideal destination for team building, corporate functions or even a fairy tale wedding, boasting 5 world class conference venues, seating from 20 to 120 delegates.



Activities

Ernie Els Winery
Beyerskloof Winery
Tokara Winery

Ernie Els Winery

Explore the wonderful and fascinating world of wine as seen and enjoyed by South African golfer Ernie Els. Through his many travels around the globe Ernie has been exposed to and appreciated some of the world's greatest wines and in 1999 decided to pursue his developed passion for fine wine with the creation of Ernie Els Wines. As one of South Africa's leading ambassadors and one of the most recognizable faces in the world of sport, it is befitting that Ernie chose Stellenbosch to produce his wines. Since the concept of Ernie Els Wines was born he produced with the help of award-winning winemaker Louis Strydom, the maiden, 2000 vintage of Ernie Els - a 'classic' Bordeaux blend.

The marketing synergy between the wine and Ernie's 'classic' golf swing were apparent. The intention from the outset was to focus on delivering a quality product that could hold its own in the company of the world's finest wines. Naturally the plan was to start on a small scale, ensuring the packaging and presentation, marketing and distribution, were of a standard that was in-line with their vision for a premium product.



Beyerskloof Winery

Beyerskloof's owner Beyers Truter is to Pinotage what Ken Forrester is to Chenin Blanc and unsurprisingly, his estate is best known for its magnificent Pinotage vintages and blends, which are popular both on the local and international markets. The Red Leaf restaurant offers beautiful mountain views and scrumptious food, including the decadent signature Pinotage Burger. The tasting room is open Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm and Saturdays 10am to 4.30pm.

Tokara Winery

Tokara is a picture perfect destination which offers visitors a unique combination of award-winning wines, brandy and olive oils, a gallery of fine art, a restaurant featuring one of South Africa's leading chefs as well as a delicatessen. The winery, on the R310 outside Stellenbosch, is nestled among vineyards and olive groves on the crest of the Helshoogte Pass with sweeping views across False Bay and all the way to Table Mountain.

Tokara prides itself on making wines that are site specific. Even though vineyards were initially planted on the southern slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain at the Stellenbosch property, two other farms, Highlands in the Elgin district and Siberia in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley near Hermanus, were additionally acquired. In doing so TOKARA is able to produce wines which express the distinct characteristics of these three prime wine producing regions.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Dinner

Day 3: Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa, Franschhoek (Sun, April 25)

Day Itinerary

After breakfast and the morning exploring the town of Franschhoek, you will begin exploring some of Franschhoek valleys best wine estates.

Begin with Leopards leap. Enjoy lunch and a tasting at our favorite , Rickety bridge! Enjoy the afternoon at La Bri and Haute Cabriere.

Enjoy dinner at Dieu Donne Vineyards.

Activities

Leopard's Leap Winery
Rickety Bridge Estate
Haute Cabriere
Dieu Donne Vineyards

Leopard's Leap Winery

Set in the beautiful Franschhoek valley, Leopard's Leap is a wine estate with a difference – in addition to producing great wines its agenda extends to protecting the elusive Cape Mountain Leopard, from which its name was coined. The farm produces a range of red and white wines that are both affordable and easy on the palate, including a range of organic wines.

Rickety Bridge Estate

Rickety Bridge Wine Estate is situated just 5 minutes from the centre of the quaint town of Franschhoek and lies on the slopes of the Franschhoek Mountains overlooking the majestic Wemmershoek Mountain range. This position gives the estate a range of aspects and soil types for growing different varieties of grapes. The lower

flatland of the estate is covered by sandy soils being close the Franschhoek River which crosses in front of the estate's lower border. The hillside provides the estate with decomposed granite soils which are ideal for growing high quality red grapes required for producing premium red wine.

Rickety Bridge is an historic Franschhoek wine estate, founded in 1797 by the widow Paulina de Villiers, and set in lush vineyards shadowed by the majestic Dassenberg and Wemmershoek Mountains.

Cross the 'rickety bridge' into a haven in the vines and revel in this multi-faceted offering of fine wine, delectable cuisine and luxury accommodation.

Today Rickety Bridge is home to a modern boutique winery producing world class wines, a bistro style restaurant, romantic wedding and function venue and a luxurious 4 star guest house set in the original Cape Dutch Manor House.



Haute Cabriere

Haute Cabrière is situated on the Franschhoek mountain pass, overlooking the breathtakingly beautiful Franschhoek Wine Valley, and is truly something extraordinary. A rich history, a whimsical setting, a seductive approach to wine and a magnetic proprietor ensure that it is a decadent affair for any visitor. The core belief that wine is grown and not made makes the farm's ethos incredibly real and intrinsically human. Wine is more than what is in the bottle and it is considered an exceptionally intimate experience. This seductive conviction is intertwined with the farm's ultimate philosophy that wine is bigger than one, it's the combination of four factors: Sun, Soil, Vine, Man



Dieu Donne Vineyards

Dieu Donn  Vineyards was acquired by the French-Mauritian, Robert Maingard in 1987 in search of his French roots in South Africa. The Farm is situated high on the steep south-west facing slopes of the Franschhoek Mountains, which tempers the sun. This cooling effect ensure slow ripening of our grapes. Thanks to our cool summer conditions and unique soils from weathered granite with a rocky topsoil, called 'Greywack', the vines do not show excessive vigour, nor do they over-produce. These special soils do not get irrigated, further concentrating the flavours and characters of Dieu Donn 's terroir in the grapes. These exceptional conditions give Dieu Donn  their special character. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc has been made for quite some time now and more recently Dieu Donn  started producing a M thode Cap Classique and Viognier. Merlot is the Flagship wine of the cellar. The view from Dieu Donn  is well-known among those who wish to identify the famous landmarks of Franschhoek, watch the sun setting over the Simonsberg Mountains or just love enjoying a glass of wine at this scenic spot.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Day 4: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town (Mon, April 26)



Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town is lucky enough to be blessed with all of these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.

Day Itinerary

After breakfast you will be transferred to Cape Town via Stellenbosch

After settling at the hotel enjoy an evening exploring the waterfront at leisure.

Overnight: Commodore Hotel [View iBrochure](#)

Overlooking the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront with views of Table Mountain, Robben Island, the Harbour and the Atlantic Ocean is the Commodore, Legacy's flagship hotel in Cape Town. Stylish living, quality service and a tranquil setting have ensured that our guests return year after year, be it as businessmen or tourists excited to experience all that is the Mother City.



Activities

V&A Waterfront

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Situated between Robben Island and Table Mountain in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour, the V&A Waterfront has become South Africa's most visited destination. Set against a backdrop of magnificent sea and mountain views, exciting shopping and entertainment venues are intermingled with imaginative office locations, world-class hotels and luxury apartments. The Waterfront is the heart of the tourist industry in Cape Town.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Day 5: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town (Tue, April 27)

Day Itinerary

After breakfast depart for Table Mountain to ascend this icon of South Africa ! After taking in this spectacular beauty you will descend and spend time exploring the Bo-Kaap district before lunch and the afternoon at Groot Constantia.

Dinner tonight will be at Gold Restaurant

Activities

Table Mountain
Bo Kaap
Groot Constantia Wine Farm
V&A Waterfront
GOLD Restaurant

Table Mountain

Without a doubt it is Table Mountain that makes Cape Town the unique city it is. Rising up over 1000m above sea level, it is the icon that makes Cape Town instantly recognizable. It is a symbol, a playground, a spiritual retreat and a big draw card for tourists. So intertwined with the identity of Cape Town is Table Mountain that a visit to the city isn't complete without having walked or taken the cable car to the top.



Bo Kaap

The colourful suburb of Bo Kaap was exclusively for coloured Muslims during the Colonial and Apartheid times and today, this group still makes up the majority of residents. The quaint cobbled streets, the museum, the authentic purveyors of Cape cuisine and Cape Town's oldest spice emporium are all worth a visit.



Groot Constantia Wine Farm

With its beautifully preserved Cape Dutch architecture, onsite museum and fabulous restaurants, it's not hard to understand why Groot Constantia is one of the most visited wine estates in the country. Its distinguished history dates back to 1685, and includes the supply of wines in early 19th century to Napoleon Bonaparte, said to have had a penchant for the honeyed nuances of the farm's Vin de Constance. Open for tastings seven days a week, including most public holidays.



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GOLD Restaurant

GOLD Restaurant is a vibrant pan-African experience offering a set Cape Malay and African menu, together with live entertainment and djembe drumming 7 nights a week. Operating from an old warehouse building and a modern function venue, GOLD offers visitors a sophisticated African experience.

Enjoy an award-winning, 14-dish tasting menu inspired by ingredients and textures from all over the African continent. Be seduced by live dancing and singing to the rhythmic beating of African djembe drums. Feel part of their tribal community with some optional pre-dinner drumming under the guidance of an experienced facilitator.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Dinner

Day 6: Commodore Hotel, Cape Town (Wed, April 28)

Day Itinerary

Enjoy breakfast at leisure

After breakfast depart for a day on the Cape Peninsula

-Boulders penguin colony

-Drive Chapman's Peak pass (depending on weather conditions the pass can be closed at times) before returning to hotel.

-Lunch stop in Hout Bay

- Stop for a sunset cocktail and evening at leisure in Camps Bay

Activities

Boulders Penguin Colony

Chapman's Peak
Hout Bay
Camps Bay

Boulders Penguin Colony

The Boulders Visitor Centre is home to the famous colony of Jackass Penguins, so called for their hilarious braying call. This is a truly special experience and Table Mountain National Park staff are knowledgeable and offer guided tours. After you have fallen in love with the penguins head to the secluded Boulders Beach and take a swim in the comparatively warm waters of the False Bay.



Chapman's Peak

Chapman's Peak Drive winds its way between Noordhoek and Hout Bay. Situated on the Atlantic Coast, at the southwestern tip of South Africa, it is one of the most spectacular marine drives anywhere in the world. The 9km route, with its 114 curves, skirts the rocky coastline of Chapman's Peak. The drive offers stunning 180° views with many areas along the route where you can stop and take in the scenery or sit down for a relaxing picnic.



Hout Bay

The originally small fishing village of Hout Bay is now a popular suburb of Cape Town. Over and above being a lovely family beach, it has many tourist attractions which include the World of Birds, a township tour to the vibrant Imizamo Yethu, arts and crafts, boat rides out to Seal Island and some great, casual restaurants where you can relax and enjoy the surroundings.



Camps Bay

Camps Bay is a wealthy coastal suburb located just ten minutes from the city bowl. Set on the slopes of Table Mountain, it overlooks a series of beautiful sandy bays and the Atlantic Ocean beyond. Camps Bay is home to Cape Town's most glamorous beach.



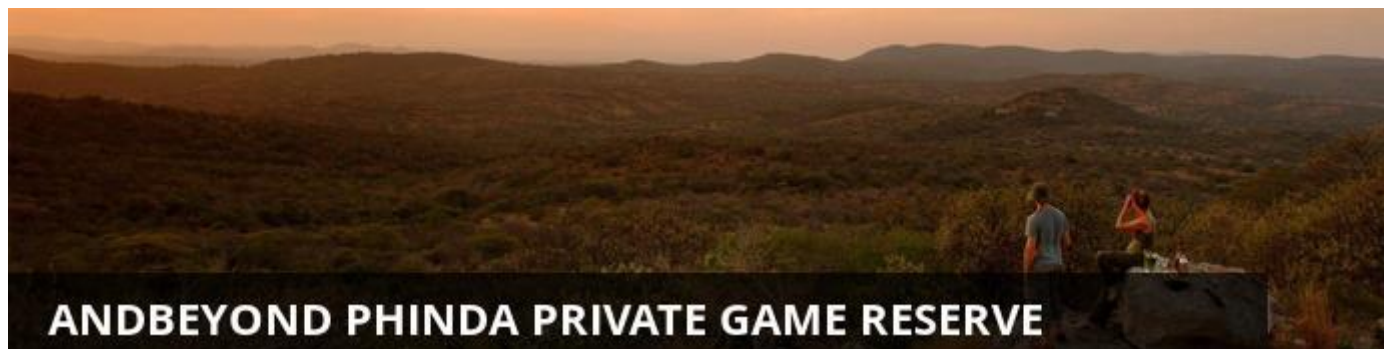
Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Day 7: andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge, andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve (Thu, April 29)



Described as 'Seven Worlds of Wonder', &Beyond Phinda encompasses an impressive 28 555 hectares (70 560 acres) of prime Big Five wilderness in KwaZulu-Natal. This Reserve comprises seven distinct habitats – from dry sand forest to wetland systems and mountain ranges. Catch a glimpse of the shy suni antelope, track rhino in the bushveld, observe breeding herds of elephant in fever tree forests, hold your breath as a cheetah teaches her cubs to hunt, glide past hippo on the Mzinene River and marvel at the gracious nyala. Phinda is home to more than 3 000 of these rare antelope.

Day Itinerary

Today will be an early departure for the airport.

We will fly to Durban where we will be greeted and transferred to our safari lodge at Phinda private game reserve. We will arrive in time for lunch and our afternoon safari activity.

Overnight: andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Set deep in the heart of a rare and beautiful dry sand forest, the andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge fuses spectacular design with the ultimate in conservation principles. 16 handcrafted, minimalist, glass-encased suites are built on stilts among the trees and boast luxurious en-suite bathrooms and viewing decks where guests can take in the sight of graceful nyala and duiker in the shade of the forest. The lodge's sparkling rim-flow swimming pool looks out onto panoramic views of an open meadow where animals frequently graze. A traditional African boma is enclosed with a wooden fence and offers lantern-lit open-air dining beneath a canvas of stars.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

Afternoon tea

Dinner

Drinks

Day 8: andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge, andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve (Fri, April 30)

Day Itinerary

A full day on safari will start with an early morning game drive for approximately 3 hours. Return to the lodge for breakfast and have the option of heading out on a bushwalk with your guide. Enjoy the middle of the day relaxing at the lodge before heading out in afternoon and evening for another game drive. Return to the lodge for dinner and an evening of tales around the campfire !

Activities

Full day on safari

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

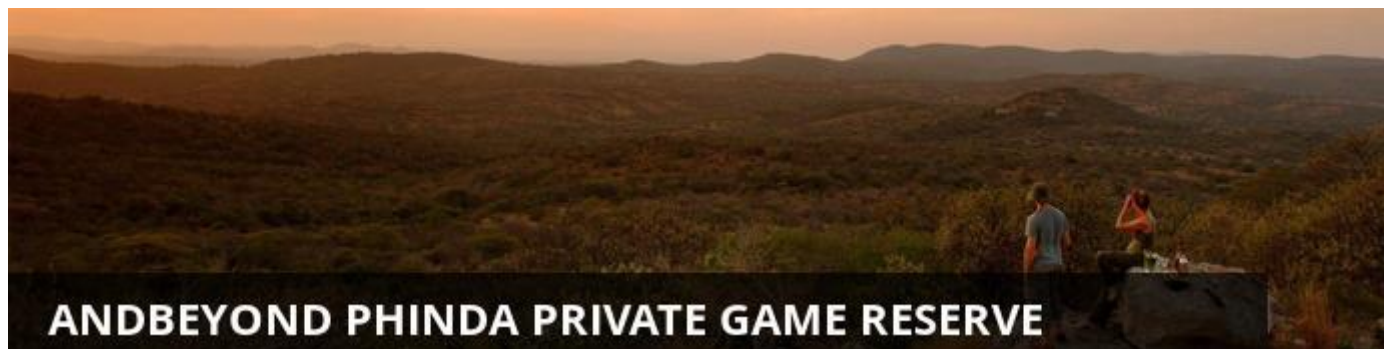
Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Drinks

Day 9: andBeyond Phinda Mountain Lodge, andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve (Sat, May 1)



As previously described

Day Itinerary

A full day on safari will start with an early morning game drive for approximately 3 hours. Return to the lodge for breakfast and have the option of heading out on a bushwalk with your guide. Enjoy the middle of the day relaxing at the lodge before heading out in afternoon and evening for another game drive. Return to the lodge for dinner and an evening of tales around the campfire !

*Change lodges today

Overnight: andBeyond Phinda Mountain Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Perched on a dramatic hill top with wraparound views of the spectacular Ubombo mountain range, and the surrounding Zululand bush, &Beyond Phinda Mountain Lodge is a dramatic safari destination. Boasting 16 suites, three family cottages and the exclusive family suite, they all offer breathtaking raptor's-eye views of the reserve below. Roomy luxurious suites boast natural light through expansive glass windows, elegant ensuite bathrooms inspired by Zulu basketware designs, a beautifully appointed personal bar, private sitting area, sunken lounge and a spacious veranda with a plunge pool and outdoor shower. Intimate sitting areas brim with sunlight, and open decks make the most of the magnificent views. A spacious bar area links the pool, spa and gym that features state-of-the-art equipment, and a yoga deck with a view. Delicious meals are served in the dining area that features an interactive kitchen and pizza oven, and under a star-studded sky in the traditional stone and reed Boma, theatrically illuminated by dozens of candles and lanterns. The rim flow pool follows the contours of the hill, with magnificent views of the Lebombo foothills, and the Safari shop showcases the best of regional basket and beadwork.



Activities

Full day on safari
Full day on safari

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Drinks

Day 10: andBeyond Phinda Mountain Lodge, andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve (Sun, May 2)

Day Itinerary

A full day on safari will start with an early morning game drive for approximately 3 hours. Return to the lodge for breakfast and have the option of heading out on a bushwalk with your guide. Enjoy the middle of the day relaxing at the lodge before heading out in afternoon and evening for another game drive. Return to the lodge for dinner and an evening of tales around the campfire !

Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Drinks

Day 11: End of Itinerary (Mon, May 3)

Day Itinerary

After breakfast you will be greeted in the lobby of the lodge and transferred to the airport for your flight to your onward destination.

Activities

Morning safari

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Included

Breakfast

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
24 Apr	Scheduled		OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]		Cape Town International Airport [CPT]			
29 Apr	JE334 (Scheduled)	MANGO	Cape Town International Airport [CPT]	08:50	King Shaka International Airport [DUR]	10:45	ECONOMY	

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
24 Apr		Cape Town International Airport [CPT]	Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa		Transfer
26 Apr		Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa	Commodore Hotel		Transfer
29 Apr		Commodore Hotel	Cape Town International Airport [CPT]		Transfer
29 Apr		King Shaka International Airport [DUR]	andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge		Transfer

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