

Visions of Africa

An epic 10 day journey to Cape Town, The Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve and KwaZulu Natal's Phinda Private Game Reserve

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Featuring: Cape Town, Phinda Game Reserve and the Sabi Sand Game Reserve \*

## Your tour at a glance:

Day	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Meals</u>
One	Arrive Cape Town	Table Bay Hotel	В
Two	Cape Town	Table Bay Hotel	B, L
Three	Cape Town	Table Bay Hotel	B, L
Four	Cape Town/Sabi Sand Game Reserve	Londolozi Tree Camp	B,L,D
Five	Sabi Sand Game Reserve	Londolozi Tree Camp	B,L,D
Six	Sabi Sand Game Reserve	Londolozi Tree Camp	B,L,D
Seven	Sabi Sand / Phinda Game Reserve	Phinda Forest Lodge	B,L,D
Eight	Phinda Game Reserve	Phinda Forest Lodge	B,L,D
Nine	Phinda Game Reserve	Phinda Forest Lodge	B,L,D
Ten	Phinda/Johannesburg/USA		

## Land Only From:

\$6,696.00 per adult, sharing double accommodations

## International and Intra-Africa Air:

Contact your Ker & Downey travel experts 1.800.423.4236

\*Prices are based on low season rates and subject to exchange rate fluctuations and only guaranteed when paid in full

\*Prices subject to change pending agreement to contract and terms & conditions

#### Tour includes:

- Accommodations as per itinerary
  - o Cape Town, Table Bay Hotel (3 nights); Sabi Sands Private Reserve, Londolozi Tree Camp (3 nights); KwaZulu Natal, Phinda Private Game Reserve (3 nights)
- Light aircraft flights: Kruger/Londolozi; Londolozi/Phinda; Phinda/Johannesburg
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)
- Full day privately guided tour Cape Winelands with two winery tours, including lunch
- Full day privately guided tour of the Cape Peninsula, including lunch
- Signature meet and greet services upon arrival/departure
- Two safari activities daily at all safari camps and lodges
- Beverages (excluding some imported wines and spirits) at Londolozi and Phinda
- Laundry at Londolozi and Phinda
- Comprehensive final documents wallet from Ker & Downey

#### Tour does not include:

- International airfare
- Intra-Africa flights CPT/Kruger Airport
- Items of a personal nature (i.e. internet, curio, laundry, beverages, etc.) unless specifically quoted for above
- Tips and gratuities
- Excess baggage fees and airport departure taxes
- Visa and passport fees
- Anything not specifically quoted for in the "Tour includes" above

This is a proposal only – no space is being held. All prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates prevailing as of the date of this proposal and are subject to change without notice. Itinerary sequence is subject to change without notice based on accommodation availability. Similar accommodations may be substituted based on availability. Air schedules, quoted rates, and space are always subject to change by the airline without notice, and airline seats cannot be reserved until we receive passport copies for each traveler. To avoid airfare changes, upon your advance payment, please purchase your airline tickets in full. If schedule changes result in an itinerary modification, any additional costs incurred will be passed on to the passenger.

Days One, Two & Three
Cape Town
Table Bay Hotel

Good morning and welcome to Cape Town, South Africa.

Cape Town is South Africa's most lively and colorful city. Its people are vibrant, friendly and this sophisticated city has a lovely European flair which is extraordinarily unique. You will be met upon arrival with Ker & Downey's Signature Service and our representative will help collect your bags and transfer you to your accommodation for the next three nights, The Table Bay Hotel.



The first thing you will most likely notice as you arrive at this lovely luxury hotel is the looming shadow of Table Mountain. This landmark has a prominent place in Cape Town and it is easy to see why it has been called Table Mountain. On many days, a lovely, soft draping of white clouds will cover the flat top of the mountain, making it seem as if it has been draped by a fluffy tablecloth.

Your hotel, The Table Bay is a Cape Town favorite. The exclusively designed rooms are welcoming and inviting, representing the epitome of luxury and supreme comfort. Expectations are exceeded at the magnificent 5-star Table Bay Hotel. From the stylishly appointed writing desks, to the large expansive windows, taking in either a scene of the busy working harbor or the vast Atlantic Ocean, the hotel offers guests fine dining options, spa, gym, pool and every amenity you could possibly need.

Settle in and relax for the next three days. Perhaps when you arrive, you will feel the need to stretch your legs and take a leisurely stroll around the famed V&A Waterfront. This active marketplace holds shops where you can find treasures such as antiques, art, hand crafted items, clothing and more. There are a number of fabulous restaurants and

nightclubs on the waterfront, so make sure to ask your Ker & Downey travel expert for recommendations for dining.



## TOUR DESCRIPTION: Cape Peninsula Tour, full day with private guide and lunch

On your second day in Cape Town, start the day with a hearty breakfast and afterwards, meet your private guide for your first full-day tour of the Cape where you will explore the Cape Peninsula.

Sit back and relax as you travel along the Atlantic Seaboard past Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay. Stop at the granite boulders where you have the most magnificent views of the Twelve Apostles, Table Mountain and the beach of Camps Bay. Continue along Victoria Drive past Bakoven and Llandudno to Hout Bay – an incredibly charming small village and fishing harbor.



Onward, as you leave the beach, you will wind your way up over 1,970 feet above the ocean to Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breathtaking coastal drives. Here you will have a bird's eye view of Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve. It is here that during the migration season (June-December) the Southern Right Whales come here to calve and mate. Next, visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and explore the flora and fauna of the region as well as the rocky coastline of Cape Point, perceived to be the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

Stop at the tip of the Cape Peninsula and either walk or take the funicular to the lighthouse at Cape Point with its beautiful views overlooking False Bay, so named as the early navigators thought they had arrived at Table Bay. Our drive will take us to the Cape of Good Hope, the south western most point of the African continent.

Leave the Reserve and drive along the False Bay coastline through historic Simonstown to Fish Hoek. You will head back to Cape Town over Boyes drive with views of the fishing village of Kalk Bay and the seaside towns of St. James and Muizenberg.



The tour includes entrance fees to the Cape of Good Hope, the funicular, Boulders Beach, Kirstenbosch Gardens as well as lunch along the way. (Please note, drinks are not included in today's tour.)

### TOUR DESCRIPTION: Winelands Tour with private guide and lunch

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast, you will be met and picked up in the hotel lobby by your private driver and guide for your tour of the Cape Winelands.

A short distance from the city, the Winelands region is, without a doubt, one of the most alluring features of the Western Cape. This delightful drive winds its way to the heart of the Cape Winelands, through spectacular mountain backdrops and the finest Cape Dutch architecture, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads. Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek, are on the wine tasting agenda for today.



The first stop is Stellenbosch, one of the most popular wine routes in the Cape and the heart of the South African wine Industry. The backdrop of Stellenbosch is the Hottentots-Holland Mountains. The white, Cape Dutch gabled homesteads and the oaklined streets and lanes all blend together to give the town an unforgettable charm. Walk down the canal-lined avenues, in the shade of giant oak trees and beautifully preserved historic buildings. Coffee shops, galleries, antique shops and wine bars spill onto the sidewalks. An informative cellar tour and wine tasting provides you with personalized insight into the finer points of wine-making.



Next visit Franschhoek nestled in the "Valley of the Huguenots" where the French first settled in 1688. You may visit the Huguenot Memorial and Museum and explore this country town with its lovely antique shops and gardens.

The final stop today is Paarl, home of the Afrikaans Language Monument. Return to your hotel at approximately 6 pm.

Today's tour includes a cellars tour and two wine tastings. There will be a stop for a delightful lunch along the way. (Please note that drinks are not included in this tour). *Overnight The Table Bay Hotel* 

Days Four, Five & Six
Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve
Londolozi Tree Camp

Good morning! Wake to a gorgeous South African morning and enjoy breakfast at the Table Bay before your Ker & Downey representative arrives to transfer you to the airport. You will connect with your scheduled flight to Kruger Airport and the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, located on the edge of Kruger National Park. You will arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive at your lodge for the next three nights, Londolozi Tree Camp.

Londolozi has truly captured the spirit of South Africa. Each of its luxury camps epitomizes the elegance of the African bush. Winner of Relais & Chateau's Passion

Trophy in 2007 and a well-earned place in Conde Nast Traveler magazine's Best location in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, assures that even the most particular traveler will find the accommodation, service and cuisine to be well-deserving of its 5 Star rating.





Consisting of five separate camps, Londolozi is a place of solace and wonder that is said to refresh the mind, body and spirit. It is one of the original pioneering lodges of the ecotourism industry and has been run by the Varty family and descendents for over 80 years. It was the first lodge to receive the highly acclaimed Relais & Chateau status and is situated on the Sand River at the heart of the Sabi Game Reserve.

The wildlife here is magnificent and Big Five game sightings are the norm with breeding herds of elephants, buffalo, white rhino, lion and of course.. the leopard.

Over the next three nights of your experience, you will be able to take in twice-daily game drives with an experienced game ranger and well-trained tracker. No two days are ever the same in terms of the game that you will see and surprises are always right around the corner. In addition, guests can opt for bush walks, guided by armed rangers.



A typical day includes an early morning wake-up call where guests will rise and meet with your ranger before the dawn breaks. In the jeep, the silence of the bushveld is beautiful and you are aware that you are in a Private Game Reserve without the throngs of tourists all vying for the same sighting opportunities. The morning finds the grazers coming out of hiding and absorbing the sun as they nibble on the bush grasses and plants. The predators who have not fed during the night will still be on the hunt and stalking their prey.

Upon return to the lodge, you will be welcomed with a beautiful breakfast including local fruits, juices, coffees, teas and organic yogurts, grains and more. Hot, English style breakfasts are always offered and your ravenous appetite may surprise you!

Mid-day and afternoons are yours to enjoy. Relax in the luxury of your lodging or wander the interconnecting trails from camp to camp. You will truly get a sense of Londolozi's magic when you visit the beautiful camps and surrounds.

Londolozi offers incredible spa options and if you are inclined to indulge, ask for a private session of your own. Organic oils, herbs and fusions will delight you and the expertise of your spa therapist will be perfect for whatever ails you. Guests can also take a dip in the pool or explore the vast and historic library to learn more about the Varty family roots, the Shangaan trackers are also legend in this area.

Late afternoon finds you preparing for your evening game drive. Guests will depart well before the sun begins to set. It is this time that the sleepy lions and leopards begin to stretch and yawn... thinking about empty stomachs and tasty meals. At sunset, your game ranger will find a beautiful venue to stop and set up the traditional sundowner table. Here he will mix you a cocktail of choice and offer you a delightful mix of snacks as you get to know your ranger, his background and love of the bush. The sunsets in the Sabi Sand are legendary and you will never fail to be amazed at the depth of color and beauty.

Return to the lodge after dark and you will have time to dress and relax in the lounge before dinner. Londolozi offers boma dining, and at Tree Camp, the dining venue on the deck is something that will never be forgotten. One look at this camp and you will quickly understand why it was named Tree Camp. Dine under a canopy of stars and the cool of the Leadwood trees as you get to know your game ranger over dinner. The

Tree Camp staff is particularly talented and has been known to entertain guests with lively renditions of theatrical comedy, song and dance.

Overnight Londolozi Tree Camp

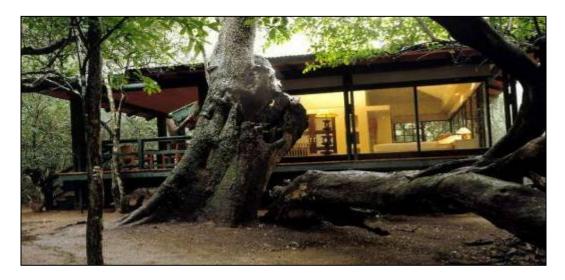
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Days Seven, Eight & Nine Phinda Game Reserve Phinda Forest Lodge

After a final morning game drive and breakfast, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your charter flight to Phinda Forest Lodge, located in the Phinda Game Reserve.

Phinda Forest Lodge lies within the Phinda Private Game Reserve, in the Maputaland region of KwaZulu-Natal. Set deep in the heart of a rare dry Sand Forest, the Lodge has an expansive viewing deck with panoramic views of the game-filled plains.

Phinda Forest Lodge is a stunning masterpiece of glass and timber, set upon stilts within the tree canopy of a rare sand forest. Each of the 16 bedrooms are private glass-enclosed habitats, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the forest. Rooms boast an en-suite bathroom, air conditioning, telephones and full stocked minibar and with direct dial phone internet.



Cuisine at Forest Lodge is superb and can be enjoyed in either the reed-enclosed boma or dining area overlooking an open plain.

Phinda is situated in the wild and diverse northern KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa's Zulu Kingdom, comprising 46,000 acres of prime wilderness land. One of the nine provinces of South Africa, KwaZulu Natal offers an eclectic mix of cultures, natural and unspoiled scenery, pristine beaches, the Indian Ocean as well as good infrastructure and modern cities juxtaposed against rural settlements. KZN is also home to the culturally-rich and

fascinating history of the Zulu Nation, evident in the many battlefields and historical establishments dotted around this colorful province.



While enjoying Phinda for the next three days, guests will be able to participate in twice daily game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles led by experienced rangers and Zulu trackers. Guests may wish to participate in exciting walking safaris led by skilled guides. These experiences offer a rare and up-close look at the wilderness of Phinda and guests can expect to find a myriad of game, hundreds of bird species as well as a unique flora landscape that is breathtaking.

Other activities are optional and can be arranged for you in advance. Some optional activities may incur an additional charge, so be sure to ask your representative upon booking. Guests can take in the nearby coastal beaches for adventure-filled experiences such as scuba diving and deep sea fishing. Air safaris in private planes sweep guests over dramatic coastlines, scenic pans, coastal lakes and the world's highest vegetated sand dunes. Horse riding is a popular option that guests can also arrange in advance. All experience levels can enjoy the unmatched delight of riding well-schooled horses either along the beach at Sodwana Bay, or along the shores of False Bay National Park where your ride ends with a beautifully prepared picnic.

For those who are interested in the rich Zulu culture, ask your Ker & Downey tour expert about the Isikolethu ("Our Culture") community experience. This optional activity allows guests to learn about the Zulu culture while exploring the Mduku and Mnqobokazi communities that surround Phinda. A visit to the Sangoma (medicine man) and Mdluli Ancestral Home delivers a fascinating cultural insight.

From November to January only, guests can opt for a night drive along the beach in search of the elusive leatherback and loggerhead turtles that come ashore to breed. A surfside supper is served, creating a memorable wildlife experience.



Overnight Phinda Forest Lodge

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### Day Ten

## Phinda Game Reserve/Depart Johannesburg

After a morning game drive and breakfast, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Johannesburg. Upon arrival in Johannesburg, you will be met and assisted with the connection to your international flight.

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We trust that your experience will be a memorable one