

Exclusive South Africa & Optional Victoria Falls September 13 – 28, 2010

Hosted by Carol Badiou

"I invite you to embark on this exclusive adventure with us and personally explore the magic of South Africa. An unforgettable travel experience awaits you as part of our deluxe small group tour."



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13 Sep 2010 – Arrival in Cape Town



Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport the group will be met and transferred to the hotel, which is approximately 20 minutes drive from the airport.

Overlooking the historical waters of Cape Town's harbour, The Table Bay recalls a more stately age. Each of the 329 rooms is positioned for a view across the bay to Robben Island, or the sheer crags of Table Mountain. This deluxe property is a member of Leading Hotels of the World.

Overnight Accommodation – Table Bay Hotel / Standard luxury rooms / Bed and breakfast basis

14 Sep 2010 – Cape Town



After breakfast, depart from the hotel and travel via the 12 Apostles and Hout Bay, as well as Chapman's Peak – one of the region's most dramatic mountain drives offering amazing panoramic views over the city and environs.

Continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve ending at majestic Cape Point,, the famous meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian oceans. You can take the funicular to the vantage point from where you will be able to witness the "meeting of the two oceans" (optional – not included). Thereafter travel through the historic naval base of Simon's Town to visit a colony of African Jackass Penguins in their natural environment at Boulders Beach.



After lunch you will continue back to Cape Town and enjoy a relaxing walk through the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens then on to Table Mountain. These Kirstenbosch gardens are world-renowned for the beauty and diversity of the Cape flora it displays and for the magnificence of its setting against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain.



Table Mountain - The best views of Cape Town are seen from the top of Table Mountain. The Cableway summit is under 10 minutes and the cable car's rotating floor ensures that all passengers have an aerial view of the city sunset at approximately 18:30. Afterwards, return to the hotel to enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure.

Entrance fees included: Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak, Cape Point, Boulders Beach & Kirstenbosch Gardens

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight Accommodation – Table Bay Hotel / Standard luxury rooms / Bed and breakfast basis

** Please note: This will be a very long day. Certain attractions can be excluded to allow more time flexibility.*

15 Sep 2010 – Cape Town

After breakfast, depart on a full day tour of the scenic wineland region – approximately 40 minutes drive to Paarl. This excursion includes visits to the towns of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. We will stop off at various wine estates to enjoy tasting some of South Africa's best wines. There is an opportunity to visit a museum or two as well as the famous Taal monument. At midday, we stop to enjoy lunch. After an enjoyable day in the winelands we will be transferred back to our hotel where we are free to enjoy the evening at leisure.



Entrance fees included: Winetasting x 2 / Taal Monument / Stellenbosch Museum / Huguenot Museum

Meals Included: Breakfast & lunch (excl drinks)

Overnight Accommodation / Table Bay Hotel / Bed and breakfast basis

16 Sep 2010 – Cape Town to Oudtshoorn



After breakfast we depart Cape Town and travel via Du Toit's Kloof Pass to Worcester and traverse the famous 'Route 62' passing through Montagu to the town of Robertson. En-route you will see the true diversity of landscapes in this ever-changing semi-desert area. Upon arrival in Oudtshoorn you will have the opportunity to visit the Cango Caves, among the biggest stalagmite formations in the world. Some of the sandstone formations are even colourfully illuminated. Afterwards check in at Rosenhof Country House. Dinner will be enjoyed at Rosenhof Country House this evening.

This five star establishment has 12 free standing bedrooms opening onto the courtyard with rose garden. Visitors can relax in the cosy pub, take tea in the beautiful gardens, cool down in the swimming pool, or go for a treatment at the Wellness Centre. Rosenhof is recognised as one of the finest establishments in the region. TGCSA 5 Star grading. Restaurant TGSCA Platinum Grading.

Entrance fees included: Cango Caves

Meals Included: Breakfast & dinner (excl drinks)

Overnight Accommodation / Rosenhof Country House Bed and breakfast basis

17 Sep 2010 – Oudtshoorn to Knysna



After enjoying a healthy breakfast served at Rosenhof, depart for a visit to one of the ostrich farms in the region. In small groups, we are guided through the premises and learn everything worth knowing about ostriches. Afterward lunch will be enjoyed. Upon arrival in Knysna at approximately 14h00 you will check in at **Protea Hotel Knysna Quays**

The Protea Hotel Knysna Quays is located on the banks of the famous Knysna Lagoon and an integral part of the Knysna Quays Waterfront, with its vast selection of restaurants, bars and speciality boutiques.. You will have the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Entrance fees included: Ostrich farm

Meals Included: Breakfast & lunch (excl drinks)

Overnight Accommodation / Protea Hotel Knysna Quays / Lagoon Facing / Bed and breakfast basis

18 Sep 2010 – Knysna

After breakfast you will depart the hotel and go on an exciting ocean safari (weather allowing). You will enjoy the "Discovery Cruise" that offers passengers the opportunity to get within a couple of feet of some of the largest (and thankfully most docile) creatures on the planet. As such, the main focus will be finding whales, then dolphins. The best time of year to view whales is between July and November. After this exciting experience you will have some time to visit the beautiful town of Knysna. The Knysna Lagoon is one of the few places along the coast and in the world that supports an oyster hatchery. And the Knysna oysters are reputedly among the tastiest in the world. Afterwards, enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure.

Entrance fees included: Ocean Safari (Discovery Cruise)

Meals Included: Breakfast (excl drinks)

Overnight Accommodation / Protea Hotel Knysna Quays / Lagoon Facing / Bed and breakfast basis

19 Sep 2010 – Knysna to Port Elizabeth

Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast then travel to Plettenberg Bay and continue towards Port Elizabeth with stops en-route including the Big tree and Tsitikamma National Park. The Tsitsikamma National Park is internationally recognized for its forests, which harbour and conserve the giant Outeniqua yellowwood - one of the few true monarchs of the world's forests. This enormous tree is one of the most successful species in existence, having survived unchanged for millions of years. Tsitsikamma National Park is also Africa's oldest and largest marine reserve. This is an once-in-a-lifetime experience that remains indelibly imprinted on the mind.



Afterwards, continue towards Port Elizabeth and check in at The Paxton Hotel. One of the finest hotels in South Africa, The Paxton, occupies a prime position on the Nelson Mandela Bay coastline with spectacular harbour views. Expect a welcome that's distinctively African and an ambience that's incomparably stylish. The rest of the evening will be at leisure. You can relax at the hotel and reflect back on the day's happenings.

Entrance fees included: The Big tree and Tsitsikamma National Park

Meals Included: Breakfast (excl drinks)

Overnight Accommodation / The Paxton Hotel / Bed and breakfast basis

20 Sep 2010 – Port Elizabeth to Durban to Phinda



Awake early this morning to enjoy your last breakfast in the Eastern Cape before transferring to the airport for the onward flight to Durban. (Flight not included)

Upon arrival at Durban International Airport, we will then travel to Phinda Mountain Lodge.

Check in at Phinda Mountain Lodge. Later this afternoon you will depart on your afternoon game drive in an open safari vehicle with an experienced ranger and tracker who will endeavour to spoil you with sightings of the Big Five. Return back to the lodge this evening where you will have time to freshen up before dinner at the lodge. You will have the rest of the evening at leisure.

Located in one of Africa's most ecologically diverse regions, Phinda is an internationally-renowned award-winning conservation success story. One of the continent's finest game viewing experiences, Phinda Private Game Reserve features 7 distinct habitats which are home to Africa's Big 5

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight Accommodation / Phinda Mountain Lodge / Full Board Basis + Game Activities

21 Sep 2010 – Phinda

You will get an early morning wakeup call followed by a morning bush walk or game drive. Later this morning after your game drive you will arrive back to the lodge where a scrumptious breakfast will await you. Late morning at leisure and early afternoon to enjoy a siesta or relax around the pool.

Later this afternoon you will depart on your afternoon game drive in an open safari vehicle with an experienced ranger and tracker who will endeavour to spoil you with sightings of the Big Five. Return back to the lodge this evening where you will have time to freshen up before dinner this evening.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & dinner

Overnight Accommodation / Phinda Mountain Lodge / Full Board Basis + Game Activities



22 Sep 2010 – Phinda to Swaziland



You will enjoy breakfast at the lodge. Afterwards you will continue your journey to the Kingdom of Swaziland. En-route you will travel through Zululand before reaching the Swaziland border.

With an area of just over 17,000 square kilometres, The Kingdom of Swaziland is the smallest country in the southern hemisphere. Swaziland covers an area of approximately 193 kilometres from north to south, and 145 kilometres from east to west. Small as it may be, Swaziland is an exciting tourist destination with its art and craft outlets and traditional markets and wildlife reserves. Swaziland is famous for its vibrant art and culture. Colourful arts and crafts are available at a wide variety of local markets. You will now check in at the Royal Swazi Spa.

*The **Royal Swazi Spa Resort** nestles in the Ezulwini Valley and the infusion of royal custom and quality reigns. The 5-Star Royal Swazi Spa, serves as the flagship hotel of the Kingdom of Swaziland*

You will have the rest of the evening at leisure

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight Accommodation / Royal Swazi Spa / Bed and breakfast basis

23 Sep 2010 – Swaziland to Ngala

Breakfast will be enjoyed at the hotel before we Travel back to South Africa. We will re-enter South Africa and the Mpumalanga province to Ngala Private Game Reserve. Arrival at approximately 13h00 and check in at Ngala Safari Lodge. Later this afternoon you will depart on your afternoon game drive in an open safari vehicle with an experienced ranger and tracker. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the lodge this evening.

Ngala Private Game Reserve, in the heart of one of the richest wildlife regions in Africa, offers an extraordinary African wildlife safari experience. Ngala is the only private game reserve to be incorporated into the two million hectare world famous Kruger National Park. Ngala Lodge consists of just 20 chalets and the gracious Safari Suite. Ngala are Members of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

Meals Included: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

Overnight Accommodation / Ngala Safari Lodge / Fully Inclusive and Game Activities



24 & 25 Sep 2010 – Ngala



You will get an early morning wakeup call followed by a morning bush walk or game drive. Later this morning after your game drive you will arrive back to the lodge where a scrumptious breakfast will await you. Late morning at leisure and early afternoon to enjoy a siesta or relax around the pool.

Later this afternoon you will depart on your afternoon game drive in an open safari vehicle. Return back to the lodge this evening where you will have time to freshen up before dinner this evening.

Meals Included: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

Overnight Accommodation / Ngala Safari Lodge / Fully Inclusive and Game Activities

26 Sep 2010 – Ngala to Panorama route

Enjoy our last early morning game activity followed by a hearty breakfast. After breakfast you will depart and travel via the beautiful panorama route to White River.

South Africa's great Highveld plateau ends at an escarpment in which thundering waterfalls flow from forested cliffs and the horizon undulates under the big sky. This is the beginning of Mpumalanga, a province of sub-tropical savanna, deep ravines, emerald valleys, crystal-clear streams, teeming wildlife and fascinating history. The winding roads of the Panorama route leads through mountain passes and verdant valleys and you'll find scenic sites everywhere. Well worth visiting are the MacMac and Lisbon falls, God's Window (a gap in the mountain with breathtaking views over the Lowveld), the Berlin Falls, and the valley of Pilgrim's Creek. There are also splendid views of indigenous and manmade forests, sparkling streams and leafy picnic spots along the way leading to Robber's Pass and the Long Tom Pass. After this scenic day you will continue to the town of White River and check in at Jatinga Country Lodge. Tonight you will have some leisure time relaxing at the lodge.

***Jatinga Country Lodge** - Indulge in laid back Colonial charm and tranquillity, sumptuous cuisine and personalised service. At Jatinga you will experience the unhurried world of genteel hospitality and abundant comfort. The lodge is nestled in over 30 acres of magnificent gardens with the piece de resistance being the White River winding its way through the bottom of the property.*

Entrance fees included: Bourkes luck & 2 Waterfalls

Meals Included: Breakfast (excl drinks)

Overnight Accommodation / Jatinga Country Lodge / Bed & Breakfast basis

** Please note: Certain attractions on the Panorama route will be weather dependent.*



27 Sep 2010 – White River to Johannesburg



After breakfast at the lodge we depart and travel to the city of Johannesburg. Upon arrival in Johannesburg at approximately 13h30 you will check in at the **The Palazzo Hotel**.

The InterContinental Palazzo Hotel is located in the heart of the world-class Montecasino gaming, leisure, entertainment and retail complex. Reminiscent of the grandeur of age-old Tuscany. This evening we will enjoy our farewell dinner. After dinner, guests will return to the hotel to overnight.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner (excl drinks)

Overnight Accommodation / Intercontinental Palazzo Hotel / Luxury rooms / Bed & Breakfast basis

28 Sep 2010 – Johannesburg – Depart

You will enjoy breakfast served at the hotel followed by transfer to O.R Tambo International Airport for your onward flight. Approximately 40 minutes drive, depending on traffic

Meals Included: Breakfast (excl drinks)

Exclusive South Africa

CA \$ 7589.00 / per person sharing – minimum group size of 10 guests.

CA \$ 7216.00 / per person sharing – based on group size of 14 guests.

CA \$ 6895.00 / per person sharing – based on group size of 16 guests.

CA \$ 2789.00 / single supplement

Included

- Fully escorted (10 guest Minimum required)
- 15 nights accommodation at hotels and lodges as indicated in the itinerary.
- Meals as indicated in itinerary.
- Transportation in a luxury air-conditioned vehicle.
- Services of experienced registered guide and driver on touring portions and transfers.
- Entrance fees as mentioned in itinerary.
- Porterage for one reasonably sized piece of luggage per person.
- Tourism levies where applicable
- Meet and greet at all international airports within South Africa.
- Extended passenger liability of R100 million per incident.

Not included

- International and Domestic airfare. ****Please contact us to assist in obtaining the best airfare options**
- Personal extras (curios, gifts etc.)
- Any gratuities.
- Entrance fees not mentioned.
- Any airfare or airport departure taxes.
- Any medical or travel insurance.
- Optional tours and transfers are not included in the total person package cost

Important Notes

- Costs are based on rates made available by our suppliers for requested travel period.
- Costs are subject to change due to currency fluctuations or any other statutory increases beyond our control.
- It might be necessary, due to circumstances beyond our control, where we might need to change the programme. Closing times at sightseeing points, changed flight times, road blocks, detours or act of God can also delay the programme. We reserve the right to make changes due to circumstance of this nature.

Very important note for all potential visitors to South Africa

- Please ensure that when booking a trip that your passports all comply with immigration regulations.
- According to an international regulation, passports must have at least two blank pages in them when one enters a country, and it should also not have less than 6 months to go before expiry. South African immigration officials are very particular about enforcing this regulation and will not allow guests to enter the country should their passports be incorrect.

Optional Extension / Livingstone (Victoria Falls) – (please see optional tours cost)

28 Sep 2010 – Livingstone



Check in for your onward flight to Livingstone, Zambia (**flight included**).

Upon arrival in Livingstone, meet & greet service by our local representative and transferred to the Royal Livingstone Hotel.

On the forested banks of the great Zambezi River is The Royal Livingstone, pride of Zambian hospitality. In its cool lounges and shaded verandas, you will encounter the grace and elegance and luxury of an earlier, more courteous age. The Royal Livingstone is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World. A magnificent sun deck overlooks the Zambezi as it flows relentlessly to the Falls.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, afterwards returning to the hotel.

Entrance fees included: Sunset cruise

Overnight Accommodation / Royal Livingstone / Luxury rooms / Bed & Breakfast basis

** Please note: Zambia Visa fees not included. Canadian national: Approx USD 55.00 per person payable directly in USD cash only.*

29 Sep 2010 –Livingstone, Victoria Falls

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast at the hotel.

The Victoria Falls constitutes one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. The Local people call it "Mosi-oa-Tunya" -- the smoke that thunders and the Falls are remarkable.. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860's. The falls and the surrounding area have been declared National Parks and a World Heritage Site, thus preserving the area from excessive commercialisation.



Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight Accommodation / Royal Livingstone / Luxury rooms / Bed & Breakfast basis

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Day 19 – Livingstone, depart

Breakfast is enjoyed at the hotel followed by check out. Transfer is provided to Livingstone airport for your onward flight to Johannesburg where you are in transit for your homebound flight (**flight included**).

Meals Included: Breakfast

Optional Tour (extension): Livingstone (Zambia) extension

- **CAD \$1190** / per person sharing
- **CAD \$598.00** / single room supplement

Not included

- **Airport taxes, fuel surcharges and airport security related fees currently CA \$240.00 per person**
- Guided tour of the falls (the hotel is within close walking distance of the Falls and a guided tour is not required)
- Personal extras (curios, gifts etc.)
- Any gratuities.
- Entrance fees not mentioned.
- Any medical or travel insurance.
- Optional tours and transfers are not included in the total person package cost

Important Notes

- **Zambian visa fees not included in optional extension and are to be paid upon arrival at the LVI airport currently US \$55 per person, paid in USD cash only, 5/10/20 bills, 2003 issue and up, no change will be provided.**
- **Guests planning on adding the Victoria Falls extension must have at least 3 completely blank pages in their passports and passport validity must be at least 6 month beyond the intended stay**
- **Baggage handling in Zambia not included.**
- Payments are non refundable. Costs are based on rates made available by our suppliers for requested travel period.
- Costs are subject to change due to currency fluctuations or any other statutory increases beyond our control.
- It might be necessary, due to circumstances beyond our control, where we might need to change the programme. Closing times at sightseeing points, changed flight times, road blocks, detours or act of God can also delay the programme. We reserve the right to make changes due to circumstance of this nature.

PAYMENT DETAILS

DEPOSIT – non refundable 20% deposit of total tour cost is required to confirm

BALANCE – due by **JUNE 01, 2010**

Form of Payment accepted – cash, check or major credit cards.

***Please Note - a surcharge of 3% on applicable amount if payment is by credit-card

All payments are non refundable.

Trip Cancellation and Travel Medical Insurance is recommended. Please ask us for details.

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