

# South Africa Johannesburg | Kruger Luxury Safari | Franschoek | Cape Town

April 18th-30th, 2024



# HIGHLIGHTS

- Coda Tours signature small group size.
- Coda Tours signature comprehensive sightseeing programs.
- Coda Tours signature inclusive meal plan.
- Coda Tours signature deluxe accommodations.
- Private tours of Joahaneburg, wine country and Cape Town with local experts.
- Exclusive wine tasting at World Class wineries.
- Exclusive access to private collections of art and culinary experiences.

# ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1: April 18thDepart USADay 2: April 19thArrive in JohannesburgDay 3: April 20thJohannesburgDay 4: April 21stJohanesburg-Kruger

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Kruger-Franschhoek
Franschhoek (wine country)
Franschhoek-Cape Town
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Cape Town- Return to the U.S

# **Full Itinerary**

#### Day 1 – Thursday April 18th USA- Johannesburg

Travel day, departing the USA Delta and United both have direct flights to JNB from ATL and EWR respectively, you can also fly from the USA to any major European city and then make your way down, Doha also has direct flight to JNB.

#### <u> Day 2 – Friday April 19th Johannesburg</u>

Independent arrivals in JNB. transfers to the hotel will be arranged. Check in at **The Westcliff Hotel**, former part of the **Orient Express** chain of hotels, the Westcliff is situated in Johannesburg's most exclusive residential suburb, its hillside setting with cascading sculpted gardens and elegantly opulent accommodation evoke a bygone era of leisure and refinement in one of the world's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities. Evening at leisure. Recommended dinner at **Flames** the hotel fine dining restaurant.

#### Hotel: Four Seasons Westcliff $\star \star \star \star \star$ Room: Panoramic View Deluxe

#### <u> Day 3 - Saturday April 20th Johannesburg</u>

A buffet style breakfast is served on the terrace starting at 6:30 am.

Today we discover the fascinating life of South African leader **Nelson Mandela**. We will visit the emotionally charged town of Soweto and experience a full tour of Mandela's house. You'll be standing precisely where South African history turned the corner, learning about his family and political career that while filled with struggle was also loaded with love and respect. Back at the hotel, light lunch on your own, relax as you take advantage of state of the arts SPA.

Late afternoon art tour: Visit **Gallery MOMO** is owned by Monna Mokoena; Mokoena transformed the building into an open, airy gallery, which lends a modern exhibition. Gallery MOMO has a minimalist façade with full-size wall-windows that bring the outside in, allowing a spacious atmosphere for the works on display.

Welcome sunset drinks and dinner at **Marble**. This is the city's best culinary proposal by awardwinning **Michelin star chef David Higgs**. Return to the hotel.

#### Meals: Breakfast, dinner.

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Check out of the Westcliff. On the way to JNB airport we will do a panoramic tour of Constitution Hill, an old fort and prison. Flight from Johannesburg to Skukusa airport. Upon arrival we are welcomed by the local team and transferred to our lodge; we enjoy a light lunch and unpack. Our first safari (Game-drive) starts at 4:30 pm. African inspired dinner at the lodge.

Hotel: Lion Sands Game Reserve ★★★★ Room: Luxury room Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

#### <u> Day 5 – Monday April 22nd Kruger</u>

Binoculars ready ? Today we enjoy the rising sun as we take part in the early morning safari (game drive). This is going to be our first full day safari. Surreal experiences await us as we submerge ourselves in the African WildLife World. There will be 2 safaris per day, one in the morning and another that starts in the afternoon and goes into the evening, they last approximately 3 hrs each. During the day you can relax by the pool, nap, treat yourself to a massage at the spa, read a book.

#### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

#### Day 6 - Tuesday April 23rd Kruger

Second day of wildlife exploring. Again, you may choose to take part in one or both of our 2 safaris, one in the morning and another that starts in the afternoon and goes into the evening. Coffee & tea brakes are offered as well as some drinks, for those who enjoy sleeping in, our luxury lodge offers breakfast in bed as well as SPA treatments. this evening we will participate on a Boma (traditional african barbecue)

#### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

#### Day 7 - Wednesday April 24th Kruger-Franschoek (wine country)

After breakfast, Lodge check-out and departure for the airport. Flight from Skukusa to Cape Town (2 1/2 hours flight) Lunch will be served on-flight. At landing we meet our local crew and make our way to the Winelands. Check in Leeu House. Upon check-in you will be able to venture yourself and explore this charming town of **Franschhoek**, famous for the French cultural and agricultural influence brought in by Huguenot settlers between 1688 and 1690, it is filled with galleries, markets and bistrolike outdoor restaurants.

Hotel: Leeu House Hotel ★★★★ Room: Classic room Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Snacks at the hotel)

#### Day 8-Thursday April 25th Franschhoek (wine country)

Departure to **Stellenbosch**, upon arrival we will have a short tour through the historic town, renowned for a gracious blend of 18th Century Cape Dutch, Georgian and **Victorian architecture**, and surrounded by vineyards, fruit orchards and stunning mountains. Visit the **Motor Museum**, we will have an opportunity to look back at 100 years of automotive history, on display you'll find cars from the private collection of one of South Africa's most influential families in business and philanthropy: The Ruperts. **Boschendal**, one of the oldest wine producers in the New World with a

French vinicultural heritage dating back to 1685, after touring the facilities, lush gardens and wine tasting rooms, we will treat ourselves to a French-style picnic beneath the fragrant pines. Visit **Babylonstoren;** this state combines traditional Cape Dutch architecture with a clean modern style, we will walk the organic lush fruit gardens, this also a wonderful Shopping opportunity. Back to the hotel to relax.

**Optional:** Culinary experience (tasting menu with wine pairing) Everard Read sculpture garden walk and dinner at famed La Petite Colombe (this dinner is selfpaid).

#### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

#### Day 9- Friday April 26th Franschhoek- Cape Town.

After breakfast, hotel check-out, Visit **Del Air Graff** wine estate, home to the finest wines and showcasing a remarkable art collection, arguably the best wine country state in the area. Visit the **Dylan Lewis** sculpture garden. Arriving in Cape Town, a scenic drive through the City downtown area, the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, the neighborhoods of Green Point, home of the stadium where the **2010 World Cup** was held, we drive through Sea Point, Bantry Bay, Clifton, Camps Bay. The City of Cape Town was formerly a Dutch fort, a French haven, a British colony, and a key stopping point along the Spice Route. Cape Town's roots were founded by the explorers and settlers that claimed its startlingly gorgeous territory as their home; its origins, however, are extremely diverse, with eclectic influences from the **Malaysian slaves** and indigenous Khoisan African natives having infused the city with color, flavor, and excitement.

Lunch at **The Bungalow:** one of the locals favorite lunch spots with stunning views of the surrounding mountains and ocean.

Check in at **Winchester House**, upon check-in we encourage you to take a stroll down the pedestrian boulevard by the ocean located across from our hotel: this is Cape Town's social gathering and outdoor gym hotspot.

Tonight we treat you for dinner at **Zest** (mostly attended by locals featuring an african mediterranean selection)

Hotel: Winchester Hotel by Newmark ★★★★ Room: Classic Room Ocean View. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

#### Day 10-Saturday April 27th Cape Town.

A buffet style breakfast is served at the hotel starting at 7:00 am. Depart for an introductory tour of Cape Town.(drop off at **Mount Nelson Hotel** for a walk down **Government Avenue** and Company Gardens)We will start at the South African Museum, housing a permanent display of natural history (marine life and birds), geology, ethnology, archaeology and printing, walk by the **South African National Gallery**, the country's premier art museum, houses outstanding collections of South African, African, British, French, Dutch and Flemish art. Government Avenue has ornamental gateways guarded by the **Stone Lions** sculpted by **Anton Anreith**,.

Walk the **Company's Gardens** and the Houses of Parliament. The buttress stone, inscribed with Arts and Crafts lettering, was laid by the Duke of Cornwall and York (later King George V) in 1901. Nobel Peace Prize winner and anti-apartheid activist **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** was based at St Georges and Cape Town have built an Arches for the Arch monument at the end of Government Avenue in

recognition of his contribution to the democratic South Africa. Adjacent to St George's Cathedral is the Slave Lodge, a National Museum recording the history of slaves in South Africa. Visit to the historic **Malay Quarter** of the Bo Kaap: Up the slopes of Signal Hill above Buitengracht Street, we will find a residential area of people descending from Malay slaves and immigrants brought to the Cape during the Dutch occupation. The Malay community was established by Sheikh Yusuf of Batavia on his arrival at the Cape in 1693. The earliest of the houses in the Bo-Kaap were erected at the close of the 18th century. Stop at **Atlas** spice shop.

A light lunch at **Truth Coffee** rated the best coffee-shop in the world.

Afternoon free to explore on your own. Return to the hotel. Dinner at **Bouchon**. (French-Spanish tapas)

#### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

#### Day 11-Sunday April 28th Cape Town.

7:00 am Optional hike to lion's head with our local guide.

This morning we drive through **Townships:** learn how these settlements have become a way of leaving for a significant portion of the mostly black population. We will explore urban murals, visit the Woodstock Foundry. We finish our tour at The Weekend Market, local farm produces/wine/arts and craft all made with a sustainable approach will become available for you to try and take home. Enjoy an organic lunch at leisure here at this stunning market by the water.

After lunch we head to a **Cape Peninsula** tour: Located in the incredible **Cape Point Nature Reserve**, Cape Point is the most southwestern point of the continent, as well as the longest peninsula in South Africa. Also considered a Natural World Heritage Site, here you will find a dramatic scenery of endless ocean views. We will drive by quaint towns all the way down to Simon Town.

Dinner on your own, recommendations will be provided: -**Utopia** (great views) -**Fyn** (one of the top 100 restaurants in the world)

#### Meals: Breakfast.

#### Day 12-Monday April 29th Cape Town.

7:00 am Optional cable car up to the top of Table Mountain.

Departing to visit iconic **Kirstenbosch** Botanical Garden, **continue** to **NORVAL FOUNDATION**, showcasing the works of world renowned South African artists, this stunning venue presents probably the most carefully curated collection of African contemporary art. Lunch and wine tasting at **Steenberg Winery.** Established in 1682 this farm features a magnificent tribute to its heritage. In the afternoon we do a panoramic driving tour of the Southern Peninsula **Ou-kaapse-we, Noordhoek, Chapmans Peak, Constantia-nek**.

Farewell dinner at **Test kitchen Fledglings. (One of SA's best culinary experiences) Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.** 

Day 13-Tuesday April 30th Cape Town.

## South Africa

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Hotel check out. Individual airport transfer for your return flight to the US or ongoing African adventure.

# Extension available upon request.

# INCLUDED

- 5★ Luxury Accommodations
- Breakfast daily, with five lunches and dinners as described on the itinerary.
- Private transportation and tours throughout the tour
- Sightseeing excursions and entry fees, as stated in the itinerary
- English-speaking local guides
- Coda Tour Representative, with minimum participation
- Pre-departure assistance and Information Portfolio from Coda Tours

# NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare and baggage fees
- Intra-tour airfare if any (quoted separately)
- Trip Cancellation & Interruption insurance (highly recommended)
- Passport and visa fees; no visa is required for American and Canadian Passport Holders
- Gratuity for local guides, drivers, staff, and Coda Tour Manager.
- Personal meals, transfers, drinks, telephone, gifts, and expenses not outlined in the itinerary.
- Any optional sightseeing excursions or additional visits not outlined in the itinerary.

# INTRA-TOUR AIRFARE

Intra-tour flights are at an additional cost and are outlined below. Coda Tours will book these on your behalf.

RATES PER PERSON	Full trip		
Double Occupancy	\$10595		
Single Occupancy	\$14695		
Intra-tour flights (subject to change until ticketed)			
Economy Class	\$500 approx - Economy		

Note: Single occupancy rates can be avoided if matched with another single traveler. If no share is available, the single rate will apply. Rates are based on current rates of exchange at the time of publishing and are subject to change until final payment has been made. Rates are also based on a minimum participation which, if minimum participation is not met, may need to be revised.

## INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE

United and Delta are the best airlines you can use to book international airfare for this tour. Otherwise, you may use American or other airlines through France, Italy or England.

We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to use Frequent Flyer Miles or the American Express Platinum card 2-4-1 program. Please request a quote if you would like Coda Tours to assist with international airfare bookings. We often can offer favorable rates for Business or Economy class at a standard fee of \$35 per ticket.

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required for international travel and must be valid for 6 months after the return date of travel and have two blank pages available per country visited. No visa is required for American and Canadian passport holders for this tour.

### HEALTH

All travelers must be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines and have proof of vaccination that is verified by a medical professional. No other immunizations are required for travel on this tour; however, the Center for Disease Control suggests that all travelers be up to date on routine vaccines, including Chickenpox (Varicella), Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, Flu (influenza), Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Polio, and Shingles. For this tour, it is especially important to be up to date on your Hepatitis A and B vaccines.

## ATTIRE / WEATHER

Coda trips are casual at all times. There is no need for a jacket or tie. Pack for a variety of weather. Bring a light jacket or sweater because it could be cool at night. Jeans, khakis and shorts are fine for daily wear. Comfortable shoes are a must. There will be opportunities for hiking, biking, and walking. All hotels offer laundry service but it can be expensive.

Expect variable weather while traveling in South Africa. End of the summer is typically warm and sunny, but it should be beautiful. It can become cold quickly and unexpectedly in the evenings. You should pack for a variety of temperatures.

Average Temperature	Low	High
Johannesburg	49	71
Kruger	49	79
Franschhoek	59	77
Cape Town	59	78

### **MINIMUMS**

All departures and rates are guaranteed on a minimum number of participants. A Coda Tour Manager will accompany a tour also based on a minimum number of participants. This tour can be operated as a Private Tour or customized and repriced based on a final itinerary.

### PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

A portfolio of pre-departure information will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to departure.

# **ACCOMODATIONS**



Four Seasons Westcliff



<u>Lion Sands Game Reserve</u>



Leeu House Wine Estates



Winchester Hotel by Newmark