

December 2 - 9, 2023 or December 10 - 17, 2023

# 8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS SOUTH AFRICA: CAPE TOWN + JOHANNESBURG (traditional travel experience)



#### **Traditional Travel with Sisters Traveling Solo**

Sisters Traveling Solo traditional trip experiences are fun and experiential tours that are designed for those sisters wanting to visit popular tourist destinations. These tours are great for beginners to the most experienced travelers. Be sure to bring your camera, because we plan these trips to be packed with post worthy instagram moments.

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# **Country Overview**

South Africa has some of the most beautiful natural landscapes, weather and wildlife you can find in the world. Because each province has a different climate, the wildlife and lifestyle varies all over the country. South Africa is the world's biggest producer of gold, platinum, chromium, vanadium, manganese and alumino-silicates. It also produces nearly 40% of the world's chrome and vermiculite. Durban is the largest port in Africa and the ninth largest in the world.

# Cape Town, South Africa (4 nights)

Cape Town is a port city on South Africa's southwest coast, on a peninsula beneath the imposing Table Mountain. Slowly rotating cable cars climb to the mountain's flat top, from which there are sweeping views of the city, the busy harbor and boats heading for Robben Island, the notorious prison that once held Nelson Mandela, which is now a living museum.

# Johannesburg, South Africa (3 night)

Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city and capital of Gauteng province, began as a 19th-century gold-mining settlement. Its sprawling Soweto township was once home to Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. Mandela's former residence is now the Mandela House museum. Other Soweto museums that recount the struggle to end segregation include the somber Apartheid Museum and Constitution Hill, a former prison complex.

# **General Information:**

CURRENCY:	South African Rand (ZAR)
CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE:	1 USD = 14.31 ZAR
AIRPORT CODE(S):	CPT (Cape Town International Airport) + JNB (Johannesburg International Airport)
PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS:	6 months passport validity. With <u>2 consecutive</u> empty page per entry (source US State Department)
VISA REQUIRED?	No. (for US Citizens) <u>Obtain Your Visa</u> All other Country residents check <u>www.visahunter.com</u>
VACCINE(S) REQUIRED FOR ENTRY?	No. (source US State Department)
HISTORICAL WEATHER TEMPERATURE	68°F - 77°F

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#### **Tentative Itinerary**



# **DAY 2 - CAPE TOWN CITY TOUR**

Today, after breakfast, starts your tour of Cape Town.

Our first stop will be Bo-Kaap. The Bo-Kaap neighborhood of Cape Town has a rich and multicultural history. Today, the area is still known for its vibrant history and blending of creeds, a cocktail that visitors often find fascinating and unforgettable.

Next, we will stop at the District Six Museum before heading to the long walk to the freedom exhibition.

After stopping for lunch, we will depart for table mountain.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast

# <u>DAY 1</u>

Arrive at Cape Town International Airport. Collect your bags, then head to the driver pick-up area to find our driver. The driver will be holding a sign that says Sisters Traveling Solo.

After check-in, take the rest of the afternoon at leisure rewinding from the long flight.

Meal(s) Included: Dinner

Hotel Check-In: 3 PM local time.





### DAY 3 - LANGA TOWNSHIP / ROBBEN ISLAND

We will begin our morning visiting Langa Township. Langa is Cape Town's oldest township, established in 1923. It is one of the many areas established before the apartheid era designated for Black Africans. Following our tour of the Langa Township, we will then head over to Robben Island, visiting the cell of Nelson Mandela. Our tour guide of Robben Island is a former inmate of the prison.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast

#### **DAY 4 - PENINSULA TOUR**

Our Cape Peninsula tour begins with a scenic drive along the Atlantic coast. We will pass through the cosmopolitan suburbs of Sea Point and Camps Bay to Hout Bay, one of Cape Town's best-kept secrets. We will visit Cape Point, known as the "Cape of Good Hope," and it is also the furthest tip of the Cape Peninsula. After Cape Point, we will then journey over to Boulders Beach to see African Penguins.

After a quick bite, we will head over to Chapman's Peak Drive and Maidens Cove.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch

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# **DAY 5 - DEPART FOR JOHANNESBURG**

After breakfast, we will head to the airport for a 1-hour flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg.

Upon our arrival to Johannesburg, after checking into our hotel, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy.

Note: This trip starts in Cape Town, South Africa and ends in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Dinner



### DAY 6 - JOHANNESBURG <u>CITY TOUR</u>

Begin your day with a city tour of Johannesburg. Following our city tour, we will make our way over Soweto, the acronym for South Western Townships. Soweto is the grouping of townships scattered across twenty kilometers of Johannesburg. South Africa Soweto is where Apartheid started in South Africa. We will then journey over to the Apartheid Museum.

After lunch we will visit more historical sites which include Mandela and Winnie Mandela home.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch



### DAY 7 - GAME DRIVE

Begin your first game drive in the cool of the early morning when the animals are most active. After breaking for a light lunch, you will head out on your second game drive to round off your safari experience. The knowledgeable game rangers will share their extensive knowledge of the fauna and flora with you throughout your safari, providing you with the richest possible experience.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 8 - DEPART JOHANNESBURG**

On our final day, you will enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport. Note: this trip starts in Cape Town and ends in Johannesburg.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast

#### What's Included:

#### **4-Star Accommodations**

4-nights in Cape Town & 3-nights in Johannesburg

**Cape Town City Tour** - Our city tour includes stops at Bokaap, district six museum, and the long walk to freedom exhibit. The Long March to Freedom exhibition is a collection of 100 life-size figures that will in time grow into a procession of over 400 bronze statues. They depict the country's 350-year struggle for freedom and democracy.

**Robben Island** - Robben Island is known for being the place former South African president Nelson Mandela was jailed for 18 of his 27 years, but the Island was the home of prisoners from outside South Africa, notably Namibia.

**Peninsula Tour** - Our Cape Peninsula tour begins with a scenic drive along the Atlantic coast, passing through the cosmopolitan suburbs of Sea Point and Camps Bay to Hout Bay, one of Cape Town's best-kept secrets. Stops include: Cape Point and Boulders Beach. Cape Point is known as the "Cape of Good Hope" and is also the furthest tip of the Cape Peninsula. After Cape Point, we will then journey over to Boulders Beach to see African Penguins.

**Langa Township** - an eye-opening guided tour of Langa, Cape Town's oldest black township. You'll see four different housing and socio-economic areas on a typical walking tour, including worker hostels and informal settlements.

**Johannesburg City Tour** - Our city tour includes stops at Mandela House, Johannesburg City Northern Suburbs, and Inner City.

**Soweto Township -** Soweto is an urban settlement or 'township' in South Africa, southwest of Johannesburg, with a population of approximately 1.3 million (2008, Joburg archive). Soweto was created in the 1930s when the White government started separating Blacks from Whites.

**Mandela House -** The Nelson Mandela National Museum, commonly referred to as Mandela House, is the house on Vilakazi Street, Orlando West, Soweto, South Africa, where Nelson Mandela lived from 1946 to 1962.

**Apartheid Museum** - The Pillars of the Constitution is the first exhibit visitors see when visiting the Apartheid Museum. Located in the courtyard, it includes one pillar for each of the seven values enshrined in the South African Constitution: democracy, equality, reconciliation, diversity, responsibility, respect, and freedom.

**Game Drive** - Begin your first game drive in the cool of the early morning when the animals are most active. After breaking for a light lunch, you will head out on your second game drive to round off your safari experience. The knowledgeable game rangers will share their extensive knowledge of the fauna and flora with you throughout your safari, providing you with the richest possible experience.

**Meals Included** - Meals as listed in the above itinerary.

**Domestic Flight** - One way domestic flight (economy seating) from Cape Town to Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Airport Transfers** - Round trip airport transfers on the start and end dates of tour from Capetown and Johannesburg international airports.

Tours & Activities - Tours and activities as listed in the trip itinerary

**STS Apparel** - First time trip attendees will receive a STS bag to include a STS t-shirt. For each trip after the first, trip attendees will receive a STS t-shirt. (First trip = white shirt, Second trip = black shirt, Third trip = gold shirt)

What's NOT Included: International flights, gratuity, travel visa, travel insurance, or any other cost not listed in the "what's included" section.