

# **MARVELOUS SOUTH AFRICA 2018**

## <u>Day 1</u>

## Depart Canada

Depart Toronto for New York or Washington, D.C. where you will be under your own arrangements for the night.

# Day 2

## Depart USA

Make your way to the airport to check in for your flight to Johannesburg.

Depart New York (JFK) or Washington, D.C. (Dulles) on your international South African Airways flight to Cape Town via Johannesburg. From the moment you board your South African Airways flight you feel the warm and welcoming African hospitality in every detail of the world-class service you are about to experience.

## <u>Day 3</u>

## Johannesburg/Cape Town

On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport's Central Terminal Building, collect your luggage and then clear customs and immigration. Re-check your bags for your onward flight to Cape Town.

Arrive in the bustling and vibrant city of Cape Town to enjoy all the best that South Africa has to offer. You will be met by a Lion World Travel representative at the Cape Town Airport and transferred to the 4-star Victoria & Alfred Hotel which is ideally located for guests wanting to be in the energetic heart of Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. The hotel is well situated, with views of the working harbour and Table Mountain, and within a few minutes' walk of a wide variety of shops, restaurants and markets as well as the ferry to Robben Island.

All of the spacious rooms are air-conditioned and have en-suite bathrooms, with a view of the Piazza. The Mountain Facing Rooms offer inspiring views over the ever awake Alfred Basin and majestic Table Mountain. All have coffee and tea making facilities, an electronic safe and free wireless internet.





Victoria and Alfred Hotel

It's the precise details that give the Victoria & Alfred Hotel its elegance, intimacy, romance and reputation.

## Accommodation: Victoria and Alfred Hotel – Piazza Facing Room

## Day 4

#### Cape Town

Enjoy a day of leisure in Cape Town! Take this time to explore the many attractions in and around this cosmopolitan city, or simply relax on the fashionable beaches of Camps Bay or Clifton.

During your stay you will enjoy a dinner at Ginja Restaurant. This chic new restaurant offers a wonderful atmosphere in an inviting and contemporary interior, a delicious artisanal and wholesome menu, with superb views across the Waterfront to Table Mountain.

## Accommodation: Victoria and Alfred Hotel – Piazza Facing Room (B, D)

## Day 5

#### Cape Town

Spend your days at leisure to explore your surroundings at your own pace.

To enhance your Cape Town experience, we recommend you enjoy a sightseeing tour. Our experienced Africa Specialists have some suggestions - a visit historic Robben Island is a poignant and moving experience to see where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned; or marvel at the brilliant views with a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain. The Cape Peninsula tour is a favorite option for enjoying Cape Town's breathtaking scenery and watching the adorable African penguins at Boulders Beach.





Cape Peninsula

Boulders Beach Penguins

I would be happy to assist in pre-planning and arranging sightseeing tours to suit your interests. To see all of the day tour options that Lion World Travel has to offer, <u>click here</u>.

The Victoria and Alfred Waterfront is one of the city's most popular shopping venues, with several hundred shops.

# Accommodation: Victoria and Alfred Hotel – Piazza Facing Room (B)

## Day 6

## Cape Town

Your final day in Cape Town and a day of leisure to explore your surroundings or do some last minute shopping.

Cape Town is the most popular tourist destination in South Africa due to its good climate, culture and scenic beauty. The city has several well-known natural features that attract tourists, most notably Table Mountain, for panoramic views of the city. Cape Point at the end of the Cape Peninsula offers dramatic views of the ocean below the cliffs.



View from Table Mountain

Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

Accommodation: Victoria and Alfred Hotel – Piazza Facing Room (B)



# Day 7

## Cape Town/Port Elizabeth

It is time to say goodbye to beautiful Cape Town as you transfer from your hotel to Cape Town Airport in time for your scheduled flight to Port Elizabeth.

Upon arrival at Port Elizabeth you will be met and transferred to Shamwari – Villa Lobengula, where you will spend 3-nights including all meals and twice-daily game drives in a malaria free area.

Tucked away in the depths of the bushveld lies the tranquil Villa Lobengula. This private villa experience has been designed to resemble a traditional African kraal, boasting panoramic views of the mountains and valleys. Staying here means that you have exclusive use of the whole villa, which has six suites.

**Shamwari Game Reserve** offers a whole range of unique and fun activities and you can choose to do as much or as little as you wish. Game drives happen in the early morning and late afternoon in 4x4 safari vehicles, each lasting about three to four hours. You are accompanied by an extremely knowledgeable and experienced game ranger.

In between game drives, there is time to relax by the pool or enjoy one of the African inspired spa treatments, at the Bush retreat spa. You can also visit one of the two Born Free Big Cat Sanctuary's, the Ian Player Rhino Awareness Centre or The Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre where there is also the Animal Hospital where you can see the current patients.

Shamwari focuses hugely on conservation and for the last five consecutive years it has been voted the World's Leading Conservation Company and Game Reserve.







Villa Lobengula facilities

# Accommodation: Shamwari Lobengula – Villa (B, L, D)

## Day 8

#### Shamwari Game Reserve

Your days begins early with a hot breakfast served before you head out on this morning's game drive. Each day on safari brings a new experience.

After an exhilarating search for tracks to see what the animals have been up to during the night, and tracking down wildlife in the bush, you will stop for a break of hot drinks and snacks, and a chance to stretch your legs. Continue your game drive en route back to the lodge where you will no doubt exchange stories with other guests about what animals had been spotted.



After freshening up you may want to take part in a bush walk close to the camp accompanied by a ranger and tracker. Walks allow you a better chance to see some of



the smaller creatures of the bush as well as an opportunity to learn more about the flora and fauna of the region and to have a chance to follow tracks in more detail.

After lunch, relax by the pool, enjoying the tranquility of the bush or perhaps enjoy a siesta.

In the late afternoon after high tea, before head out with your ranger and tracker for the afternoon game drive through the reserve. The game drive extends into the evening to view seldom seen nocturnal species by torchlight. This is when the nocturnal animals come to life and the lions go out on their hunt!

Once again, you will take a break somewhere out in the bush, in a scenic spot to watch a magnificent African sunset while sipping a sundowner (cocktails at sunset).

Return for a delicious dinner in the outdoor boma or possibly a dinner in the bush.

#### Accommodation: Shamwari Lobengula – Villa (B, L, D)

#### <u>Day 9</u>

#### Shamwari Game Reserve

Activities at Shamwari revolve around morning and evening game drives in 4x4 safari vehicles, each lasting about three to four hours.

There are also guided nature walks, bird watching, well-being treatments or visits to the Rhino Awareness Centre, Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre and historic tours, all adding to this magnificent experience.



You are accompanied on drives and walks by your experienced game rangers, who will provide interesting information and anecdotes about the inhabitants of the bush.



Each safari game drive is an opportunity to discover something new. While seeing big game is always exhilarating, there are many other smaller species that are just as captivating.

# Accommodation: Shamwari Lobengula – Villa (B, L, D)

## <u>Day 10</u>

## Shamwari Game Reserve/Johannesburg/USA

After breakfast and your morning game drive to track the animals that may have eluded you so far, return to the lodge. Later you will be transferred to Port Elizabeth for your scheduled flight to Johannesburg. Bid farewell to the place that has given you unforgettable wildlife encounters in the African bush. **(B)** 

On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport, connect with your scheduled international South African Airways flight back to the USA.

## <u>Day 11</u>

#### Arrive USA

On arrival in New York you will connect on to your flight back to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa or Winnipeg.

Return home with a lifetime of memories to share with your family and friends!

- B = Breakfast
- L = Lunch
- D = Dinner

# INCLUDES:

- Domestic flights Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa or Winnipeg to New York (JFK) and return
- Round trip international economy airfare from New York (JFK) to Cape Town and back via Johannesburg
- Domestic flights in South Africa: Johannesburg/Cape Town/Port Elizabeth/Johannesburg itinerary
- All services as specified
- 7 Breakfasts / 3 Lunches / 4 Dinners, including dinner at Ginja Restaurant to the value of R500 per couple (R250 per person)
- Game drives as specified in itinerary
- Accommodation in standard rooms
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned vehicles
- Sight-seeing as per itinerary led by English speaking guide
- Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated
- Lion World Travel representative Meet and Greet upon arrival

## EXCLUDES:

• Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls etc.



- All other services not mentioned
- Gratuities/tips for game rangers, tour guides, and drivers
- Costs of obtaining passports and/or visas
- Trip Cancellation, Interruption and/or Medical Insurance please note that insurance for this trip is a mandatory requirement from suppliers in South Africa – proof of insurance must be provided before bookings are confirmed. It is your personal responsibility to ensure you have sufficient insurance coverage.

## Please Note:

- Visas: Canadian passport holders will be issued with a Temporary Resident Visa/Permit, valid for 90 days, upon arrival in South Africa. This visa/permit is issued free of charge and is in the form of a stamp. The South African Government requires that you have at least two blank visa pages in your passport, one for the visa/permit and the other for an exit stamp. On arrival into Johannesburg, please clear Immigration from the Foreign Passport holder's channels.
- **Passports:** Please ensure that you are in possession of **a valid passport** with at least **TWO BLANK PAGES** marked "**VISA**" and that this is valid for **at least 6 months** after your intended return date from South Africa. If you are visiting other countries, please establish entry requirements and have additional blank visa pages for those countries as well. In accordance with South African government regulations, boarding will be denied should you not have the correct number of pages in your passport.