



SOUTH AFRICA EXPERIENCE TRAVEL PLUS – 2017 V&A HOTEL AND MOTSWARI

Day 1

Depart Canada

Depart Toronto for New York where you will be under your own arrangements for the night.

Day 2

Depart USA

Today you will depart from New York (JFK) airport 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.

Day 3

Johannesburg/Cape Town

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

On arrival at Cape Town Airport, you will be met by a **Lion World Travel representative** and transferred to the Victoria & Alfred Hotel.

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 Victoria and Alfred Hotel.

It is all about location at the 4-star Victoria & Alfred Hotel. The hotel is well ideally located for guests wanting to be in the energetic heart of Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, 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 94 spacious rooms are air-conditioned and have en-suite bathrooms, and all have coffee and tea making facilities, an electronic safe and free wireless internet.

Outstanding facilities include a Designer Spa, State-of-the-art gym, pool area in beautifully manicured garden situated at Dock House Boutique Hotel.



Victoria & Alfred Hotel Room

Accommodation: Victoria & Alfred Hotel – Piazza Facing Room

Day 4

Cape Town

Today is at leisure for independent exploration. We would be happy to assist in planning and arranging sightseeing tours to suit your interests.

Cape Town offers historic and cultural sites, world-class museums and bustling markets, inviting beaches and lush gardens, as well as great restaurants and wonderful shopping. During your leisure time in Cape Town, we recommend filling your days (or parts of them) with excursions. We can arrange a private guide and vehicle to tailor make a day out for you based on your personal interests or reserve space on one of the scheduled tours (shared with other guests or on a private basis) we offer.

Perhaps take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain for panoramic views of the city, take the ferry to Robben Island for a moving experience to see where Nelson Mandela spent many years imprisoned, or stroll through stunning Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. The Cape Peninsula tour is a favorite option for enjoying Cape Town's breathtaking scenery and watching the adorable penguins at Boulders Beach.



Boulders Beach Penguins

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

Day 5

Cape Town

Today is again at leisure to experience Cape Town's scenery, culture and food.

We suggest a day tour to the magnificent Winelands. The Cape Winelands region with its classic Cape-Dutch homesteads, scenic mountainous vistas, picturesque towns and fine restaurants is the Cape's Culinary Capital. You will enjoy the area's historical charm, culture, architectural heritage and of course visits to wine cellars to taste South Africa's world class wines. Apart from the fine wine estates visitors may discover a variety of local cheeses, olives and olive oil.



Cape Winelands



This evening you will have a complimentary Dinner at Dash Restaurant.

The elegant Dash is surrounded by panoramic views of Table Mountain and the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. Located at the Queen Victoria Hotel and named after the Queen's favourite pet there is nothing cute about this space, on the contrary it is the ultimate in sophisticated fine dining. The 36-seat Dash offers an elegant yet relaxed experience with a touch of drama in the presentation of the well-crafted menu.

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

Day 6

Cape Town

Today is at leisure. To enhance your Cape Town experience, we recommend you enjoy a sightseeing tour. [Click here](#) to see all of the day tour options that Lion World Travel has to offer.



Robben Island ferry

Cape Town is the most popular 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. The city has several notable cultural attractions. The Victoria and Alfred Waterfront is one of the city's most popular shopping venues.

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



Day 7

Cape Town

Your final day in Cape Town! Time to do some last minute shopping or enjoy another sightseeing tour - time spent in Cape Town will not be forgotten.



Victoria & Alfred Waterfront with Table Mountain backdrop

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

Day 8

Cape Town/Johannesburg/Hoedspruit

After breakfast this morning you will be transferred to Cape Town Airport for your flight to Johannesburg and then onto Hoedspruit.

Upon arrival at Hoedspruit Airport you will be met and transferred to Motswari Game Lodge, your gateway to the Greater Kruger National Park and host to Africa's Big 5.

This property is one of South Africa's jewels nestled within the Timbavati Nature Reserve; this family-owned luxury safari lodge prides itself on its warm atmosphere and luxurious accommodation.

Motswari has 15 luxury-appointed en-suite bungalows, each with air-conditioning, and all offering unrivalled bush views. The naturally-furnished interiors of each bungalow reflect the wonders of nature that exist just outside the windows.



Accommodation

There are two bars, a swimming pool and a curio shop which promotes and sells carefully selected curios from the region. In addition there is a library available as well as an art gallery.

Meals are enjoyed either at a scenic location out on the trail with one of the highly-trained guides or in the lounge and evenings can be spent dining in the bush or inside the Boma, a traditional meeting-place. Meals are accompanied by an award-winning selection of Southern African wines.



Camp exterior

Open safari vehicles set off in the early morning and again in the late afternoon in search of game sightings.



Your experienced ranger and tracker team ensure that you have a ringside seat for any wildlife encounters in this big game reserve in the Greater Kruger Park.

Accommodation: Motswari Game Lodge – Bungalow (B, L, D)

Day 9

Motswari Game Lodge

Your day begins early, with a hot cup of coffee or tea. Outside, the sun is just beginning to peek over the horizon, showing off a landscape that is spectacular in its enormity and serenity. Game drives in open safari vehicles offer you the opportunity to see the 'Big Five' and a large variety of smaller wildlife. Halfway through the game drive, there's a stop for hot drinks and snacks, before returning to the lodge for a full breakfast.

Getting close to the untouched wildlife that South Africa is famed for on an African wildlife safari, is what Motswari is really all about. All of Africa's Big Five are abundant in the area, as are countless numbers of other naturally-occurring African Plains Game which traverse the open boundary between Motswari and the Kruger National Park. The guides are residents of the area and have an intimate knowledge of the location and wildlife that comes from a lifetime of co-existence with their surrounds.

In between game drives and bush walks you will have plenty of leisure time in which to indulge in activities. At Motswari they offer guided walking safaris with one of their highly experienced trail-guides. The knowledgeable staff members give talks on wildlife and bushveld topics and will gladly answer any related questions you may have.



Game drive vehicle

Enjoy your time at the lodge perhaps taking a refreshing dip in the pool or a having drink on the veranda as you watch for passing game. You could also retreat to your room for a siesta or just sit by the river and contemplate the surroundings.



Accommodation: Motswari Game Lodge – Bungalow (B, L, D)

Day 10

Motswari Game Lodge

Enjoy another bright and early start to the day as another day of wilderness experience begins. You are accompanied by highly skilled game rangers, who provide interesting information and anecdotes about the inhabitants of the bush. In this area of abundance, supporting the Big Five are several other species of wildlife, including cheetah and wild dogs and naturally occurring herbivores from the antelope and gazelle family. There are a variety of nocturnal animals which make the sunset drives completely different from their daytime equivalent which include, but are not limited to, hyena, honey-badger, civet, the bush-baby and owls. The avian population is unrivalled for the avid birdwatcher, with well over 350 different species to be spotted year-round.



Giraffes



Al-fresco dining



In the late afternoon you head out with your ranger and tracker for the afternoon game drive through the reserve. En route you will stop for a drink as the sun sets. Arrive back at the lodge with time to freshen up before enjoying a sumptuous dinner.

Accommodation: Motswari Game Lodge – Bungalow (B, L, D)

Day 11

Depart

After an early morning game drive to track the animals that may have eluded you so far, followed by breakfast, you will be transferred to Hoedspruit Airport for your flight back 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.

Day 12

Arrive New York/Toronto

ARRIVE NEW YORK (JFK) and connect with your flight to Toronto.

Return home *with a lifetime of memories!*

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner

COSTINGS

May 14, 2017 From CA\$5,199 per person sharing twin accommodation
Single Supplement CA\$1,075 additional

August 17, 2017 From CA\$5,599 per person sharing twin accommodation
Single Supplement CA\$1,200 additional

September 30, 2017 From CA\$5,899 per person sharing twin accommodation
Single Supplement CA\$1,400 additional



INCLUDES:

- Toronto / New York / Toronto flights
- Round trip international economy airfare from New York (JFK) to Cape Town and back via Johannesburg
- Domestic flights in South Africa: Johannesburg/Cape Town/Hoedspruit/Johannesburg itinerary
- All services as specified
- 8 Breakfasts / 3 Lunches / 4 Dinners - including one dinner at Dash Restaurant excluding gratuity and beverages
- At Motswari - local beers and house wines, soft drinks and refreshments
- Game drives as specified in itinerary
- Accommodation in standard rooms as specified
- 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:

- **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.
- **Malaria:** You are visiting an area where malaria is found – this includes the Greater Kruger National Park area incorporating the Sabi Sands, Thornybush, Timbavati Kapama, and other private game reserves, please **contact your physician or travel clinic** for advice as to what **precautions against malaria** they suggest for you.