CAPE TO CAIRO - A LIMITED EDITION SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2020)

Follow the vision of colonialist Cecil Rhodes, whose grand dream of connecting the African continent by rail from south to north was never realised.

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Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Egypt

23 days, from AU$35,990

18 Guests
Journey Overview

Follow the vision of colonialist Cecil Rhodes, whose grand dream of connecting the African continent by rail from south to north was never realised. Your streamlined 23-day odyssey, however, takes you from Cape Town to the Egyptian capital introducing quintessential experiences along the way. Tick off the wines and wildlife of South Africa, the thundering Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, unmatched safari encounters in Kenya, the treasures of Cairo and an illuminating luxury cruise along the mighty Nile. Expert Tour Directors and Egyptologists share their knowledge as you go making this an adventure like no other.

Journey Highlight

Bed down in Cape Town’s most iconic hotel and soak up the surrounding landscapes
Seek out rare wildlife in South Africa’s Sabi Sand Game Reserve and Kenya’s Masai Mara
Marvel at the thundering cataracts of Victoria Falls
Float down the mighty Zambezi River and toast the sunset on a leisurely sundowner cruise
Experience Maasai tribal culture on the edge of wilderness
Immerse yourself in ancient history in the company of an expert Egyptologist
Meander gently down the Nile on a luxury river cruise and watch life pass by
Retrace the steps of Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon in the Valley of the Kings
Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Cape Town, South Africa.

Arrive into the ‘Mother City’ to an A&K welcome and transfer to the iconic Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, your elegant base in this cosmopolitan metropolis.

Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

Days 2-4: Cape Town | The Mother City.

The next three days will reveal Cape Town from different angles. For an aerial perspective of the city and its surrounds take the cable car up Table Mountain (weather permitting) and admire the panorama. Back at ground level, get an historic appreciation of the city through its monuments and the fascinating narrative from your guide. Mingle with fellow guests at a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Take one of the world’s great road trips along the Atlantic coast to Cape Point passing beautiful beaches and the bustling fishing haven of Hout Bay. Merge with the famous Chapman’s Peak Drive on to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Climb to the top of Cape Point and keep an eye out for southern right whales in spring and early summer, dolphins and a variety of seabirds. On your way back, seek out the local wildlife including the rare bontebok, eland and Cape mountain zebra and get up close to the adorable, but endangered, jackass penguins at Boulders beach.

Back in Cape Town, join a botanical guide for a wander through the world-renowned Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, recently voted one of the Top Ten gardens in the World by the curators of Kew Gardens in London.

One full day is devoted to visiting some of the country’s leading vineyards on an exploration of the Cape Winelands. Meander through Stellenbosch, admire the charming Cape Dutch architecture of Franschhoek and Paarl and taste some of the finest wines South Africa has to offer.

Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel | Meals: BD (Day 2); BL (Days 3–4)

Days 5-7: Sabi Sand Game Reserve | Wildlife Encounters.

Journey by air to the northeast of the country and head into the bush for your first taste of safari. The 65,000-hectare wildlife-rich Sabi Sand is where Africa’s iconic species are centre stage and on guided forays in open 4WD vehicles seek out lion, leopard, elephant, giraffe, rhino, hippo, buffalo, zebra and so much more. Discover the smaller mammals too and exotic birdlife on guided walks and be dazzled by Africa’s iconic sunsets.

Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge | Meals: BD (Day 5); BLD (Days 6–7)
Day 8: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | Zambezi National Park.
Depart the Sabi Sand for onward flights to Livingstone, Zambia and across the border to the Zambezi National Park, upstream of Victoria Falls where your iconic lodge sits on the banks of the Zambezi River.
Old Drift Lodge | Meals: BD

Day 9: Victoria Falls | Thundering Cataracts.
Prepare to be amazed on a walking tour of Victoria Falls. Get up close to the thundering cascades, marvel at the volume of water and admire the dancing rainbows. Sit down for lunch at the historic Victoria Falls Hotel and take a guided heritage walk while you’re there. Toast your Zambezi experience on an unforgettable sundowner cruise as dusk approaches.
Old Drift Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Nairobi, Kenya | Bustling Metropolis.
Fly north from Livingstone to the Kenyan capital where you are met and transferred to your hotel.
Nairobi Serena Hotel | Meals: B

Day 11: Masai Mara National Reserve | Safari Central.
Fly into the world famous Masai Mara National Reserve where you will traverse the savannah in search of unique wildlife sightings returning each night to your exquisite tented safari camp.
Mara Explorer | Meals: BLD

Your days of adventure begin before dawn as the natural world stirs. Morning and afternoon forays by 4WD deliver exciting encounters: a pride of lion stalking its prey; a leopard retrieving its kill; sparring wildebeest; and herds of elephant meandering along ancient trails. An early morning hot air balloon flight is an option during your stay (additional cost).
Mara Explorer | Meals: BLD

Day 14: Nairobi | City Stay.
After a final early morning game activity return to Nairobi by air.
Nairobi Serena Hotel | Meals: B

Day 15: Cairo, Egypt.
Early flight north to the Egyptian capital to a warm A&K greeting.
Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: B
Day 16: Cairo | Design Your Day.

Meet your A&K Egyptologist for a briefing on the days ahead. Your experience begins with an in-depth visit through 7,000 years of history at the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities and its extraordinary Mummy Room. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- Wind your way through the alleys of Coptic Cairo, visiting the hanging church, the churches of St. Barbara and St. Serguis, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue
- Visit the Mosque of Sultan Hassan and Refai Mosque, followed by a sunset walking tour down the main street of the old walled city of Cairo

Enjoy evening cocktails and dinner at your hotel.

_Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BLD_

Day 17: Cairo | The Pyramids & Saqqara.

Synonymous with Cairo itself, the mighty Pyramids will surprise and amaze. Start with the first pyramid ever built at Saqqara and continue to the 4,500-year-old Pyramids of Giza alongside the legendary Sphinx and Solar Boat Museum which houses the reassembled funerary boat of King Cheops.

_Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BL_

Day 18: Luxor | Ancient Thebes.

Fly south to Luxor where you'll be struck by the awe-inspiring Luxor Temple before boarding ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV,’ where you enjoy lunch. Afterward, disembark to explore Luxor’s West Bank, visiting the Valley of the Kings with entry to the tombs of Tutankhamun, and exclusive Insider Access to the tomb of the pharaoh Seti I. Visit the beautiful tomb of Queen Nefertari in the Valley of the Queens and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Pass by the famed Colossi of Memnon as you return to your luxury Nile cruise ship in time for afternoon tea.

_‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’ | Meals: BLD_

Days 19-21: Nile Cruise | Temples & Tombs.

Joined by your Egyptologist you’ll spend the next three days exploring the most important temples and tombs along the river. Meander through the vast Temple of Karnak before leaving Luxor behind. Sail southward to Aswan visiting the Greco-Roman Temple of Khnum at Esna, the extraordinary Temple of Horus at Edfu, the Temple of crocodile-god Sobek at Kom Ombo and the Philae Temple. In the bustling market town of Aswan, see the unfinished obelisk and sail around the islands onboard a felucca.

_‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’ | Meals: BLD_

Day 22: Abu Simbel | Temple of Ramses II.

Disembark and fly to Abu Simbel to admire the awe-inspiring temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari overlooking Lake Nasser. Return to Cairo and enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking the Nile.

_Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BLD_

Day 23: Depart Cairo.

Farwell Egypt as you transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

_Meals: B_
Journey Details

Maximum Group Size: 18

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Note: 28 February 2020 departure will stay at Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge on days 5-7.

Tour Inclusions

All accommodation as detailed on a double/ twin share basis with private facilities; meals as specified; bottled water during transfers and touring; airport welcome; assistance with luggage and group transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle; services of an English speaking A&K Resident Tour Director (different for each country); economy flights only if specified as included in itinerary, all entrance fees, planning, handling, operational and communication charges, all tipping.

Tour Exclusions

International flights not specified as included, visas, insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip; items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax or phone charges; transfers, sightseeing or meals not specified in itinerary; excess baggage charges

Tailor Made Travel with A&K

If scheduled departure dates don’t work for you, or you would prefer to travel privately, talk to your A&K travel specialist or your travel agent about creating the perfect bespoke journey for your, or a small group.
Accommodation

Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town

An oasis of calm at the foot of Table Mountain, Belmond Mount Nelson is a unique hideaway within the vibrant heart of Cape Town. Painted pink for peace in 1918, the hotel has become an icon and exudes the magic of a bygone era with exquisitely restored interiors and quirky modern touches.

Each of the 57 suites and 144 spacious bedrooms are individually furnished and four cottages in Sydenham Terrace have been meticulously restored for increased seclusion and are set in private gardens with a swimming pool.

Dining is a delight with seasonal specialities on offer at the Lord Nelson Restaurant. Afternoon tea is a spread of tempting tastes and treats and lighter fare is delivered at the poolside Oasis Bistro. The stylish and lively Planet Bar offers an impressive selection of wine, champagne and cocktails.

For those wishing to explore, complimentary transfers are available within a 10km radius of the hotel. Labrisa Spa offers eight treatment rooms of which four are double and perfect for romantic relaxation treatments. The floodlit tennis courts and two heated swimming pools are set against the mighty backdrop of Table Mountain.

Why we like it

- An discreetly elegant property located in the historic city centre
- A short stroll to the Company Gardens and the boutiques and eateries of Kloof Street
Sit down to high tea, a Cape Town institution
Labrisa Spa using only 100% chemical free products
Beautiful landscaped gardens

Old Drift Lodge, Victoria Falls

Old Drift Lodge enjoys a privileged location overlooking the mighty Zambezi River. Set within the Zambezi National Park, this lodge makes the perfect base to explore Victoria Falls. From here, you also have great access to Victoria Falls town and the falls themselves.

Your tented living spaces are en suite and equipped with luxury facilities such as a private plunge pool and an outdoor bathing tub. Meals are prepared with locally sourced ingredients and herbs grown onsite.

Throughout, the lodge boasts incredibly scenic views over the river as well as a watering hole to the north. Animal sightings are frequent from the main lodge, and the remote location by the constant water source of the river enable fantastic birdwatching year-round. Meanwhile, you can cover more of the surrounding area on guided hikes, game drives and river safaris. Here, you’re likely to spot iconic African wildlife including giraffe, eland, kudu, elephant and many others.

Why we like it

- Located on the banks of the Zambezi River
- Closest lodge within the national park to Victoria Falls
- All-inclusive activities include guided tours, game drives and river and walking safaris
- Stylishly decorated luxury tents

Four Seasons Hotel Cairo
The majestic Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza is a beacon of sophisticated hospitality on the legendary Corniche along the bank of the river. The hotel provides stunning views of the Nile and is within easy reach of the other-worldly sights and sounds of Cairo.

Reflecting the vibrancy of modern Cairo, the airy guest room interiors feature natural wood finishes and comfortable, stylish furnishings. Most have private outdoor terraces for relaxing or dining, and all have triple-glazed windows to ensure that interiors remain cool and quiet.

**Why we like it**

- This hotel is located in the exclusive Garden City in the heart of Cairo and near the Cairo Museum on the banks of the Nile
- The rooms and suites offer views of the Nile or the Citadel and Garden City
- Three heated pools are located on the secluded rooftop terrace and surrounded by lush landscaping, shaded alcoves, cabanas and umbrellas
- Dining options amongst the hotel's seven restaurants include cucina rustica in Bella, authentic Cantonese cuisine in Spice, the genuine flavours of Egypt in Zitouni and tasty barbecues in the sunlit Shisha Lounge
- The Spa offers a comprehensive range of massages and all-natural treatments

Sanctuary Sun Boat IV
This beautifully appointed and perfectly designed vessel offers a cruise experience like no other. The craft is spacious, intimate and elegant and features on A&K's ‘Nile in Style’.

Luxury cabins (15-18m²) are scattered throughout the boat while there are two Royal Suites (55m²) with balcony and two Presidential Suites (38m²). All cabins are fully air-conditioned with panoramic windows and a private bathroom, satellite TV, CD player, phone, safe and mini-bar.

There is ample space on board and the public areas are elegantly furnished. Views throughout are magnificent and an intimate bar and lounge area provide the perfect setting to relax and reflect on the day’s activities. Award winning chefs create exquisite meals combining local fare and international choices with in-room dining also available. Recreational facilities include a small gym, heated plunge-pool and two spacious sundecks with plush lounges. Internet access is available as are the services of the fleet physician. A multi-lingual library and games room, laundry service, and a gift shop complete the offering.
Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge, Sabi Sand Game Reserve

Bush Lodge is set in the heart of the Sabi Sabi bushveld overlooking a water-hole and an
African plain. At Bush Lodge, the flagship lodge of the Sabi Sabi collection be wowed by uncompromising high standards of service, efficiency and personalised attention. Each air-conditioned thatched suite features exquisite ethnic décor in keeping with the bushveld environment. The lodge features artistically designed open courtyards with spectacular wooden carvings by renowned South African sculptors, created from wood salvaged from the bushveld. Bush Lodge is an all-suite lodge, which includes a suite with wheelchair access. All suites are air-conditioned, have overhead fans, fly screens and en-suite bathrooms with showers. The design is simple and classical creating a home from home atmosphere. Meals at Bush Lodge will not disappoint, dine in the outdoor boma, or under the cover of the thatched courtyard with the background noise of the African bush creating the perfect backdrop.

**Why we like it**

- Located in the private game reserve of Sabi Sabi
- Overlooking an active waterhole
- A well designed lodge with large open courtyards and two outdoor pools
- An all suite lodge all well-appointed with air conditioning
- Activities include morning and afternoon game drives, bush walks and Ele-fun the children's activity centre

**Nairobi Serena Hotel**

Located a short walk from downtown Nairobi, the Nairobi Serena blends a charming ambience with full five-star facilities in a surprisingly green and peaceful setting. The large and luxuriously-furnished rooms are all well appointed, with views over the lush gardens or the green expanse of Central Park. The Serena boasts one of the country's finest health centres, the Maisha Health Club, and several restaurants catering to a wide variety of tastes, including the acclaimed and newly-refurbished Mandhari Restaurant.
## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy.

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