



ESSENTIAL SOUTH AFRICA

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries, Luxury African Safaris



Africa, South Africa



8 days from AU\$12,180 pp



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Journey Overview

Soak up a stunning blend of dramatic scenery, exciting wildlife, vibrant cuisine and a colourful culture on a curated journey through South Africa. Kick things off in Cape Town, one of the world's most beautiful cities, where Table Mountain beckons, beaches are on the doorstep and vineyards just a stone's throw away. Beyond 'the Cape', revel in an outstanding safari experience at Londolozi Varty Camp in the world famous Sabi Sand Game Reserve – South Africa's prime game viewing territory.

Journey Highlights

- Ascend Cape Town's Table Mountain by cable car, or on foot, for views of city and sea
- Savour the finest varietals at leading wine estates in the Stellenbosch region
- Soak up the views along one of the world's most beautiful roads, Chapman's Peak Drive
- Seek out the stunning array of wildlife across 10,000 hectares of pristine wilderness



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Cape Town

A warm A&K welcome on arrival in the Cape and assistance to the Mount Nelson, the iconic pink lady nestled between the slopes of Table Mountain and the city.

Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel

Day 2: Cape Town

Enjoy a full day tour of Cape Town. Head off for an ascent by aerial cableway up Cape Town's iconic Table Mountain (weather permitting) for unparalleled views of the city and Atlantic Ocean. Afterwards, experience an orientation in the history of Cape Town's with a visit to the Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town's oldest building, and the District 6 Museum.

This afternoon, explore the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (Zeitz MOCAA), a public, not-for-profit institution that exhibits, collects, preserves and researches contemporary art from Africa and its diaspora.

Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel / Meals: B

Day 3: Cape Town

Journey beyond the city for a day to explore the famous Cape Winelands where picturesque vineyards are set against imposing granite peaks and eye-catching Cape Dutch homesteads nestle under avenues of oaks. Stellenbosch is the centre of the local wine making industry and is surrounded by hundreds of vineyards. You'll have the chance to visit some privately owned wineries, which date back hundreds of years, and enjoy a variety of tastings.

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Day 4: Cape Town

Venture south along the Atlantic coast road past the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay, located at the base of the towering Twelve Apostles. Descend into Hout Bay valley, with its bustling fishing harbour and white sand beach and on to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve at the end of the Cape Peninsula. Look out for whales and sea birds from the viewing point. On your return visit Boulders, a lovely beach famous for its colony of endangered Jackass Penguins, before lunch at a local restaurant.

Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel / Meals: B

Day 5: Cape Town - Sabi Sand Game Reserve

Transfer to airport for the flight to Sabi Sand Game Reserve with a short transfer to Londolozi Varty Camp; the heart and soul of the Londolozi Game Reserve. Founded in 1926, Varty is the original camp at Londolozi, and comprises of only ten elegant chalets, each with private plunge pool and elevated decks with expansive river views.

Londolozi Varty Camp / Meals: BLD

Days 6-7: Sabi Sand Game Reserve

The Sabi Sand Game Reserve is renowned for its exceptional opportunities of seeing Africa's iconic species (lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant) as well as cheetah, wild dog, hippo, crocodile and an abundance of general game and over 400 bird species. Spend two days enjoying exceptional game viewing with experiences tailored to your individual interests and expectations.

In addition to morning and afternoon game drives, other activities include yoga in Londolozi's elevated yoga sanctuary, clay pigeon shooting, tracking adventures, guided walks, as well as visits to local villages and schools.

Londolozi Varty Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 8: Sabi Sand Game Reserve - Depart Johannesburg

A final game-drive before the safari finishes and a flight to Johannesburg.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel Cape Town



An oasis of calm at the foot of Table Mountain, Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel Cape Town 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

Londolozi Varty Camp, Sabi Sands Game Reserve



Founded in 1926, Varty is the original camp at Londolozi. The camp fire has burned in the same spot where the Varty forefathers set up their tents 82 years ago and embodies the significance of this camp and the Varty family's custodianship. Today's camp comprises of eight chalets and two superior chalets, each with private plunge pool and elevated decks with expansive river views. The camp has a down to earth and comfortable feel with emphasis on family heritage, welcoming children of all ages as they have always had a place at Londolozi Varty.

Why we like it

- A family run lodge based in the heart on the wildlife rich Londolozi reserve
- All rooms have private decks and pools overlooking the riverine bush
- Family friendly
- Game drives run in the early morning or afternoon, in order to get the best viewings
- Other activities include stargazing, bird watching and bush dining

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