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A great combination of awesome game-viewing, seeing lots of animals, finding members of the Big 5, beautiful sights, unique cultures and great food ! This 8 night trip will explore Mpumalanga's fantastic wildlife and birdlife, including exciting Big 5 sightings up close in the Kruger National Park, Drakensberg Mountains / Barberton Geo Trail sightseeing tours, optional Elephant trunk in hand experience, game drives ,sunset experiences, walking trails, curio shopping and much more ...

### ***Day 1 - Arrival Day at Gold Valley Lodge***

Pick up from our own Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, easy 40 min drive.

Settle in, have a light lunch, enjoy the magnificent views of the De Kaap Valley from your chalet and go on a late afternoon game drive on our own 3000 acres of wild bush with +-15 species of game including giraffe, zebra, kudu, wildebeest, waterbuck, nyala, impala & redbuck to name a few...

### ***Day 2***

At Gold Valley Lodge / ranch you can find your feet, do game drives and walks, shoot a round of sporting / trap skeet clays or a visit to Nelspruit/Mbombela, the capital of Mpumalanga only 20 minutes away.

Another option is the scenic route tour into the Drakensberg mountains, visit Graskop, Gods Window, Berlin Falls and more... (Optional at extra costs, pending group size)  
Return to Gold Valley late afternoon

### ***Day 3 + Day 4***

Early morning departure for the famous Kruger National Park in search of Africa's Big 5, giraffe and more...

Spend the next 2 evenings in the Park at comfortable rest / overnighting camps for game-viewing in your ***'private special adapted 9 seater open game viewing vehicle (only if more than 3 guests )*** and with experienced MGS guide.

**\*\*x2 nights in Kruger rest-camps can be replaced by more luxurious private camps at additional costs -discuss with Matt\*\***

### ***Day 5***

Work your way out the Park to do the popular Elephant Whispers sanctuary, where you can have an up-close Elephant Experience (additional costs of @+- \$85-00 per person ) See website below ...

Arrive at Gold Valley mid to late afternoon -Laundry option  
Dinners and overnight at Gold Valley Lodge.

### ***Day 6***

Breakfast, then an easy 2 hour drive via Barberton /Geo Trail ( optional ) to your new safari camp, Nkomazi Tented Lodge. Settle in, lunch and afternoon game drive  
See website below...

### ***Day 7***

Full day of activities at Nkomazi Tented Lodge  
See website below...

### ***Day 8***

Early Game Drive, mid morning breakfast and departure at 11 am back to Nelspruit, curio shopping en-route. Arrive at Gold Valley Lodge mid afternoon for snacks and final afternoon at leisure / laundry and easy evening around campfire....

### ***Day 9***

Easy morning, breakfast and transfer to Kruger Mpumalanga International (KMI) for scheduled flight to Victoria Falls ...Cape Town OR Johannesburg / Home

## Special Note :

If your flight gets into OR Tambo in the late afternoon (Delta /United flights) then we arrange a meet and greet at OR Tambo airport, as it may be too late to get to next destination.

Africa-Sky Guesthouse (see website below) does the meet and greet at JHB airport, easy 12 min transfer, settle in, have a cold one & enjoy dinner. *This option is very popular with all our international guests.*

**\*\**(This optional overnight stay is for your own account)\*\****

Guests fly from JHB to our Nelspruit town's Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, also called KMI. (These add on flights are with SA Air-link )

Direct scheduled flights daily from  
JHB OR Tambo International to Kruger Mpumalanga International  
(Code MQP) ( flight duration @ 50 min ).

Meet and get picked up by one of our guides and transferred the +-40 minutes to our own Gold Valley Lodge to start your trip.

## MGS Safari 8 Nights - What's Included in costs

- Personal & Full time experienced guiding services
- All of the above lodgings and full time services of camp staff, activities and all ground transportation / transfers throughout safari.
- ***Government Value Added Tax of 15% ( current )***
- 8 safari nights with all private accommodations, all meals & game drives as per above
- All Kruger National Park drives
- All Kruger Park entrance fees & conservation levies
- All vehicles and transfers between Lodges/attractions while on safari and any airport transfer from and back to Kruger Mpumalanga International.
- Barberton Musuem & Geo Trail
- Nkomazi Conservation Levies
- Curio shopping
- Big 5 Safari lodge reserve game drives / lunches
- All Laundry services at Gold Valley during trip, within reason

## Whats Excluded in the cost

- Pending flights, your arrival evening and meet and greet service at Africa Sky Guesthouse. ***(Settle bill directly with guesthouse).*** (We would introduce you and arrange everything)
- Liquor, beer and table wines @ fair pricing
- Bar bill /drinks /additional laundry at other lodges (check with Matt)
- Personal items and curios
- Optional staff /guide gratuities (discuss with Matt)
- **Some additional activities (extra costs) to consider:**
  - Elephant Whispers Trunk in Hand program /Elephant Rides - near Hazyview
  - Clay pigeon shooting and tuition option at our Gold Valley Clay Shooting range
  - Freshwater Fishing (Discuss with Matt )

## Some websites below for you to take a look at ....

[www.matthewgreeffsafaris.com](http://www.matthewgreeffsafaris.com)

[www.elephantwhispers.co.za](http://www.elephantwhispers.co.za)

[www.newmarkhotels.com](http://www.newmarkhotels.com) (Nkomazi Tented Lodge)

[www.sanparks.org](http://www.sanparks.org) (search Kruger National Park )

[www.mpumalanga.com/experience/](http://www.mpumalanga.com/experience/) attractions-&-things-to-do

## Costs :

***USD \$ 8 400-00 total per couple on a sharing room basis***

- To secure lodges and our services and dates, we would require a deposit of 50 % per couple as per above. to our USA Wells Fargo account. To make payments via bank walk in /check deposits / wires transfer...Very easy!
- The remaining 50 % payment will be due 90 days before start of trip.

## Cape Town Option:

A typical visit to Cape Town and surrounding area, pre or post your safari would be something like this ...

### Example of a 3 night stay ...

#### Arrival Day

Fly JHB or KMI Airport to Cape Town. Meet and greet at Cape Town airport  
Transfer driver will be waiting in the arrivals hall with 'surname' printed on Victoria  
and Alfred hotel welcome banner.

See <https://newmarkhotels.com> for other hotel options such as the Queen Victoria, we also use ...

\*Pending guest requirements.\*

Transfer to Victoria and Alfred Hotel +/- 45 minutes

Check in, settle in ,relaxing afternoon enjoying the surroundings and hotel amenities.

Easy dinner on your own ...either at hotel or at the nearby V & A Waterfront with it 's many restaurant options.

#### Day 1

Met by tour guide at reception of V &A hotel at **8 am** for **½ Day tour of Cape Town city.**

**Cape Town** offers a rich historical heritage of activities, excitement and has a cool urban feel.

Excellent art galleries, hip bars and world-rated restaurants. Artist and designers are drawn by the city's beauty and it has always been the most cosmopolitan city in Southern Africa. Our half day Cape Town city tour will take you through the streets of the city looking up at buildings crowded with history. You will be amazed of the architectural and charm the city has to offer. Our first visit of the day is to Table Mountain. The shape of Table Mountain is very characteristic with a flat top of more than 3 kilometres. One of the most representative symbols of the legislative capital of South Africa. After our visit up Table Mountain we will drive along the coast, passing the following areas.

Camps Bay, Maiden Cove & Clifton beaches. One of their attractions is their proximity and easy access so a good choice if you want a place to rest and relax. We will continue around the mountain into Bantry Bay, Seapoint, Green Point finally arriving to the historical center of the Mother city. Time permitting we will walk downtown through some of the historical places of interest. Proudly standing on the outskirts of the business district our walk starts from the Castle of Good Hope followed by the Grand Parade and Cape Town City hall, where on 11 February 1990 Nelson Mandela made his first speech as a free man. We also walk through the Company's garden, Green Market square and the Bo-Kaap. This tour gives one the opportunity to sense the spirit of the city of Cape Town and is designed to give you sufficient time to enjoy and feel the beat of the Mother city.

Tour ends at 12:45 pm.

Either have relaxing afternoon doing what you want by returning to hotel...easy dinner.

or

We can arrange another outing for the afternoon.

*Note:* If weather does not play along in the morning, then a Table Mountain trip may not be possible.

An option then would be to consider the City Tour for the afternoon.

Lunch and dinners for own account.

#### Day 2

**The Cape of Good Hope Full day tour** is one of the great private excursions in Cape Town, with stunning vista's and many photo opportunities along the way. The day tour route starts from Camps Bay and head's south toward the Cape of Good Hope nature reserve. Nearly the entire Cape Point Route falls within the Table Mountain National Park. Our first stop will be in Hout Bay for an optional boat excursion to see the seals colony at Duiker island, where one can see thousands of Cape Fur Seals close up and in their natural habitat. Our next highlight on the way down the peninsula will be Chapman's Peak Drive, while only 9 km long, there are over 100 tight, winding curves carved into the vertical rock face of the mountain. After traveling approximately forty-five minutes from Chapman's Peak, we reach the entrance of the Good Hope nature reserve. In the 1400s and 1500s, mariners believed the Cape of Good Hope to be the southernmost point in Africa but since then it was found to actually be Cape Agulhas. After twenty minutes traveling from the main entrance of the national park we reach Cape Point. We always make sure to allocate our guest's enough time to hike up to the old lighthouse. For those less inclined to hike, the Flying Dutchman Funicular will take you 300 feet up the mountain. From the top it is a short 10 minute walk up to the old lighthouse. After our visit to Cape Point, a fifteen minute drive takes us down to the Cape of Good Hope, the most southwestern tip in Africa. Our route back to Cape Town will take us along the eastern coastal drive of the peninsula False Bay to visit the endangered African Penguins colony at Boulders. In 1982 four penguins found their way to this beach and never left. From Boulders Beach, the route hugs the coast passing the towns of Simon's Town, Fish Hoek, Kalk Bay and Muizenberg, this beautiful stretch of beach caters to surfers and water enthusiasts. Our last stop of the day will be the visit of Kirstenbosch Botanical garden. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is situated on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, a part of the Cape Floral Kingdom Kirstenbosch home to approximately 7,000 plants species from all over South Africa.

Tour returns to Hotel at 17:45 pm

Easy dinner on your own ...either at hotel or at the nearby V & A Waterfront with its many restaurant options

## Departure day

Transfer back to Cape Town International with transfer company, for flight to JHB or KMI (if a pre safari trip )

OR

Fly direct to Victoria Falls from Cape Town

OR

via JHB to USA.

*Total costs = \$ 2 400-00 per couple total for 3 nights*

### Cape Town 3 Night - What's Included in costs

- Return Transfers from airport to Hotel
- Victoria and Alfred "Mountain Facing" Double Room booked on a bed and breakfast basis for 3 nights .
- ½ Day City Tour
- Full Day Cape of Good Hope tour

### Cape Town 3 Night - What's Excluded in costs

- Entrance fees to attractions
- Lunches and dinners for own account.
- Dinner at any of the many restaurants on the waterfront !!

## Victoria Falls option:

### Example of a 4 night stay...

## Arrival Day

Arrive Victoria Falls Airport

Clear customs and immigration, pay for Visas etc.

Meet and greet at V/Falls airport with Victoria Falls Safari Lodge transfer.

They will have a sign with your names on it !

Check in at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge @ Lodge Waterhole Facing Suite Room for 1 couple

### Some websites below for you to take a look at ....

See Website: [www.africaalbidatourism.com](http://www.africaalbidatourism.com)

#### Other options we also use :

Victoria Falls Hotel

<https://www.victoriafallshotel.com>

[www.ilalalodge.com](http://www.ilalalodge.com)

Above depends on guest preferences and personal finances/costs ...

The Victoria Falls Safari Lodge and Ilala Lodge are within a few dollars of each other with the Victoria Hotel more expensive.. But worth it to some .

Meet at either Victoria Falls airport Zimbabwe after flying from Nelspruit Kruger Mpumalanga International with fast jet.

OR

Met at Livingstone International on the Zambian side.

SAA and British Air have direct flights from JHB to Vic Falls

AND / OR

SA Airlink flies direct from KMI to Livingstone...discuss with Matt

On arrival, pay entry visas -

(+/- \$60-00 p/person for multi entry visas on either side ), immigration formalities, met by Hotel /transfer representative with sign and transferred to the Lodge.

*Victoria Falls Safari Lodge - See website <https://www.africaalbidatourism.com/>*

### Victoria Falls 4Night - What's Included in costs

- 4 nights in Waterhole Facing Room at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge
- Full English /Continental Breakfasts daily
- One Boma Dinner + Drum show (highly recommended with well known wild-game menu) at Vic Falls Safari Lodge and return transfers.
- Return Airport transfers
- Private Guided Tour of Falls
- Luxury Sunset cruise and transfers
- Half Day Chobe Day trip and transfers( see description below)
- (No visa required by Americans for Chobe /Botswana)
- Village Tour
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Accommodation rates include 2% Government levy and 15% VAT

### Victoria Falls 4Night - What's Excluded in costs

- Airfare - international and domestic flights
- Multi entry Visas obtainable on arrival at airport.
- Extra 3 night Hotel dinners (your choice and many options at Hotels /cruises /train and in town ) and any additional meals / lunches .
- Vulture Culture lunches in the MaKuwa-Kuwa Restaurant
- \$10 River usage fee p/person to be paid directly for River Cruise
- Victoria Falls Park entry fees @\$30-00 p/p
- Chobe Park entrance fees @\$20-00 p/p (exact cash only )
- Any extra items of personal nature e.g. phone calls, laundry, and bar.
- Gratuities & portage fees.
- Any other optional tours and activities...

## **Additional activities /options that can be considered:**

( See attached - Matt to quote / book accordingly)

- Elephant Interaction
  - Bushtracks Express Dinner on Steam Train @ +- \$200-00 p/person or Canapés Steam Trip +- \$140-00 p/person
  - White Water rafting
  - Bungee jumping etc
  - Flight of Angels with helicopter and much more options.....
- Additions /attractions /tours can all be booked /added at later stage but I suggest it is done a few months before arrival - Matt to book)

### **Chobe Day Half Day Trip:**

General lodging in Botswana is expensive at over \$600-00 per person and so this included Half Day trip works well and our past guests have loved it !

*Passports will be required for this tour (USA citizens do not require a visa for this part of trip)*

- Chobe National Park is approximately two hours from V/Falls-Livingstone. Your transfer is by road and boat across the Zambezi River and as you are crossing into Botswana you will need your passport. Your safari begins with a river game-viewing cruise on the Chobe River with refreshments while the boat takes you close up to the wildlife and waterfowl along the river. The cruise ends at around 12h30 and you are taken to one of the riverbank hotels for lunch. An opportunity to see the abundance and variety of wildlife that Chobe is renowned for. Transfer back to your hotel

#### *Some important general entry info:*

- Please check your health requirements with your nearest travel clinic for accurate information about compulsory and recommended inoculations.
- Americans can get a visa on arrival in Zambia /or Zimbabwe. Multi-Entry visa recommended .
- Please note that names on bookings must be correct as per your passport (first name and surname only) and with enough free /open pages.
- Please make sure that your passport is valid for more than six months after your intended return date and that you have fulfilled all the visa requirements for the country that you plan to travel to.

#### **Total Costs @ Victoria Falls Safari Lodge 4 nights**

***\$ 3 900-00 per couple for 4 nights!***

#### **Note:**

Some folks prefer a 3 night stay ...We could amend accordingly if need be ...  
*Above Itineraries/ Rates / Prices are subject to change and are to be confirmed with MGS at time of booking.*

After 35+ Years in the Safari business and offering discerning guests the very Best of Africa, with a reputable operation, hundreds of references all over the world and a 90%+ return clientele...

***We must be doing something very Right !!***

Combine your South African Safari with MGS with a trip to the Okavango Delta in Botswana or Tanzania/Kenya for the Serengeti Migrations, the island of Zanzibar or to see the wild Gorillas in the forests of Rwanda/Uganda with a personal guide from MGS....

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