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# PURE ESCAPES

LUXURY TRAVEL TRADE MAGAZINE

**INTRODUCING  
SOUTH AFRICA**



**PURE SAFARI'S AND  
VAST WINELANDS  
*TO CITY LIVING AND  
THE MOST LUXURIOUS  
TRAIN IN THE WORLD***



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SOUTH AFRICA  
AT A GLANCE



# Our South African adventure

## Expanding Our Horizons

In the pure essence of escape and exploration, we are excited to announce that we are expanding our horizons into South Africa. Preserving top standards by offering high-quality experiences, we invite you to dive into a whole new world of travel with us; from the waters of the Indian Ocean to the wild terrain of South Africa.

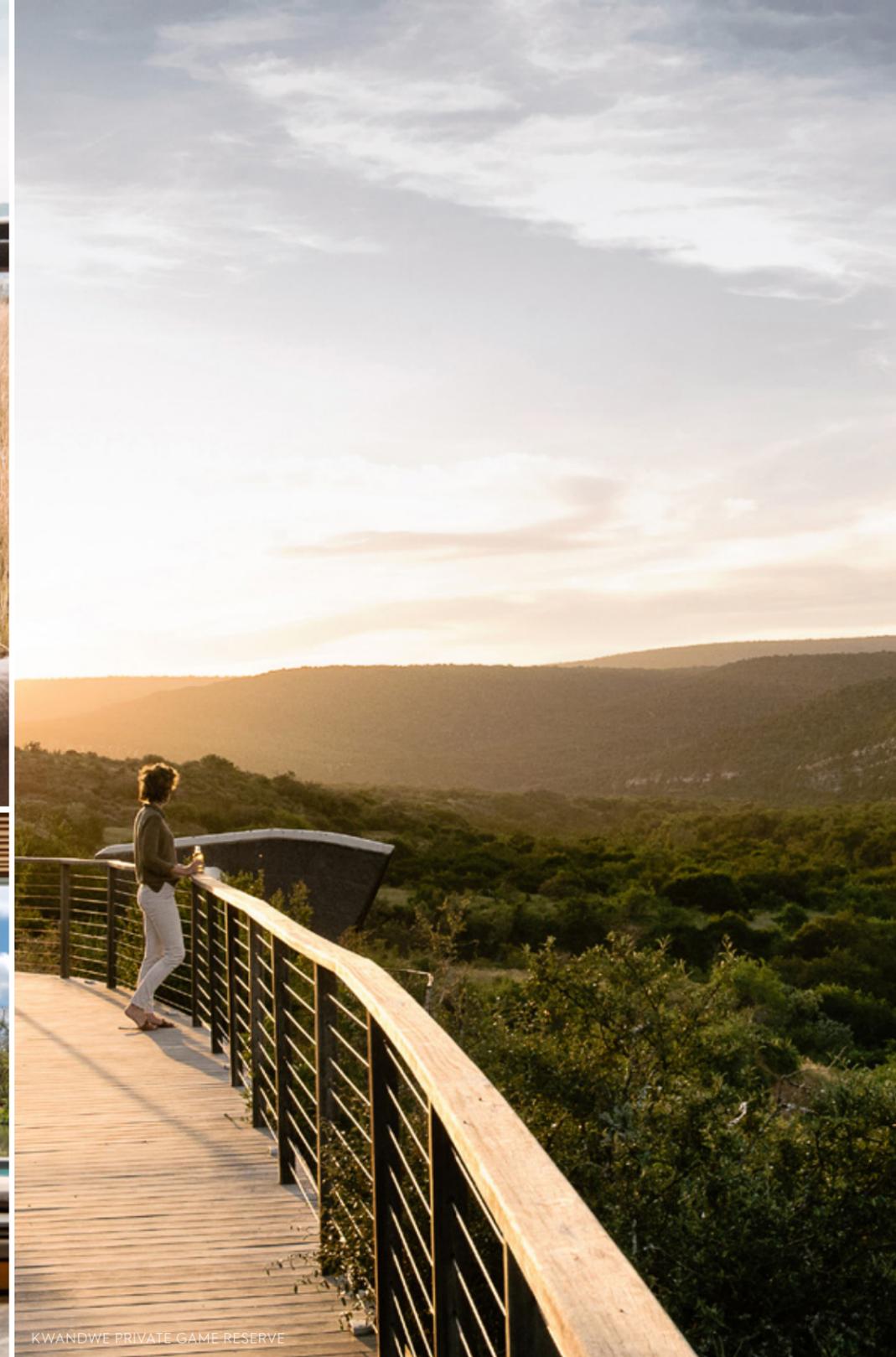
Offering a combination of perfect ingredients to create the ultimate African journey, Pure Escapes presents a menu of exclusive and hand-selected destinations. By carefully considering the elements for a dream safari, we have combined the essentials of adventure, luxury and exclusivity. These remote, cultural, unforgettable travel choices will leave your clients in love with Africa. Our tailor-made itineraries are the definition of a grand adventure. Our commitment to luxury remains at our core, each journey curated to the calibre of the unrivalled.

*Milla*

**MILLA VLADOVA**  
Managing Director  
Pure Escapes

# Destination: SOUTH AFRICA

*safari · winelands · rail*



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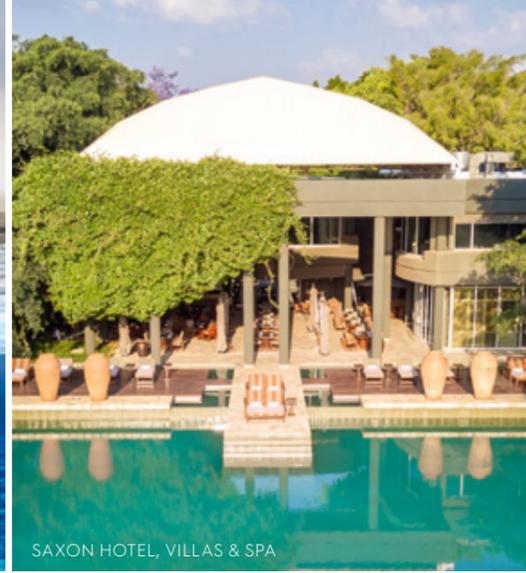
South Africa is a country quilted and colourful; a blend of wilderness, winelands, and white sandy beaches. From rugged coastlines to vintage towns and wild safaris, South Africa invites exploration. Charm stretches from one side of the country to the other, its rich and varied scenery irresistible to the safari seeker. It calls to the wild wanderer, the culturally curious, the artist as well as the philosopher. Offering the gift of possibility

for each and every client, we ensure bespoke and personalised experiences for all.

With nature setting the scene and food and wine completing the picture, South Africa satisfies one's appetite for both entertainment and flavour. From the wine region of Franschhoek, filled with historic and gastronomic curiosity, to the urban beat of Cape Town,



THE SILO



SAXON HOTEL, VILLAS & SPA

one experiences a variety of travel tastes. Exploring the coast of Hermanus to the vibrant and edgy city of Johannesburg, to the untamed yet high-end properties within private game reserves; Pure Escapes ensures a travel tincture for everyone. Our specialists have chosen locations that equally celebrate beach, wildlife and wine, encompassing the exceptional in each destination.

The country as a whole is steeped in history; its architecture, culture and geography compose Africa's

rich tapestry of tales. This, together with its enviable climate and diverse wildlife, makes for an irresistible destination. Wearing its heart on its sleeve, its talent upon its fingertips and its pride in its people, South Africa is a great adventure, with an even greater soul.

**The contrast of safari and sea is best paired with wine; the three, a golden triangle of travel.**



BIRKENHEAD HOUSE



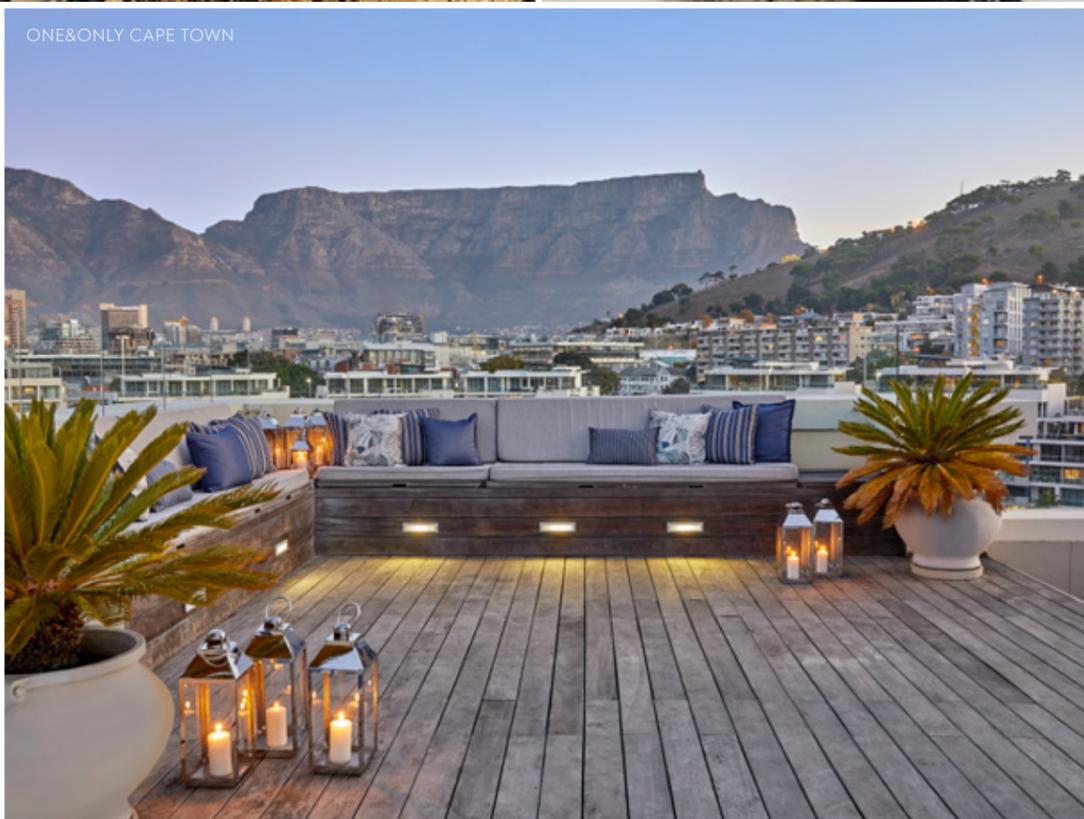
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ELLERMAN HOUSE

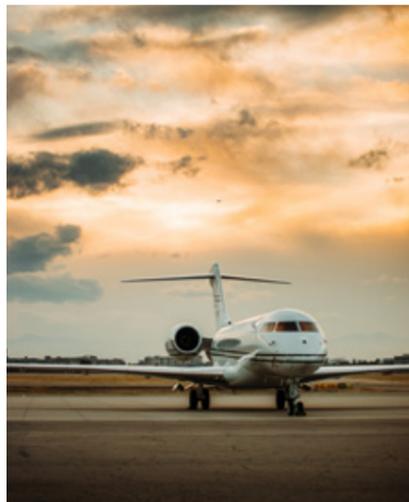
# Destination: SOUTH AFRICA

*city · coast*



ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN





ROYAL MALEWANE



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## PURE ESCAPES VIP SERVICE

### It's all in the journey

Because the power of remarkable experiences lies in exceptional, seamless service. Our transfer services ensure an unrivaled travel experience, from touchdown to take-off.

### Always at hand

A dedicated VIP team ensures no need goes unmet, no desire unfulfilled; an incomparable South African experience. With reliable

local knowledge and expertise, our professional team allow guests to make the decisions and leave the details up to us.

### Travel together made simple

From family escapes in the wilderness to getaways with friends in the winelands, we've got it covered with VIP group handling. From multiple arrivals to numerous accommodation bookings, we're experts in managing VIP groups,

while still delivering a service tailored to the individual.

### Come fly with us

Private jet charters get guests where they need to be, from safari to sea and beyond, in the utmost luxury. Each aircraft is fitted with every convenience and amenity the discerning voyager could desire, with bespoke itineraries that make South Africa – and the world – their oyster.

## PURE ESCAPES EXPERIENCES

### Weddings & Celebrations

*For those moments that will live forever, choose Pure Escapes.* We recognise the meaning held in important life events, such as weddings and landmark celebrations. From the grandest of occasions to intimate moments, Pure Escapes oversees every detail to make even the wildest of dreams a reality. From safari sunset marriage proposals, discreet honeymoon getaways, exquisite local feasts to cocktail-infused sunsets, glamorous art exhibitions and poolside family reunions, we go beyond to deliver memories that will last a lifetime.

### Bespoke Experiences

*For unforgettable custom built travel experiences.* Whether clients are looking for a relaxing spa escape, a lively summer adventure, a romantic getaway or family time together, our specialists will ensure their itinerary is truly unique. We believe that pairing travellers with the ideal property is all about chemistry. Our mission is to curate the very best experiences South Africa can provide, surpassing clients' expectations. From a surprise, lantern-lit bush dinner to a classical music symphony in a vineyard, with our concierge-style Pure Escapes service, nothing is impossible.



ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN

### Experiences we can arrange:

#### WINE TASTING

Indulge in premier tastings of some of South Africa's finest wines

#### GAME DRIVES

A privately guided, fully immersive experience in the wild

#### BUSH WALKS

With feet rooted to the African earth, reconnect with nature on a walking safari

#### SHARK CAGE DIVING

An adrenaline inducing encounter with great white sharks in Gaansbaai

#### WHALE WATCHING

An awe-inspiring observation of Southern Right Whales migrating to the Western Cape. (Peak season: July to December)

#### CAPE MALAY FOOD TOUR

Feast on local flavours on a Cape Malay food tour

#### SHIMANSY DIAMOND EXPERIENCE

Tour the museum and shop for the world's most precious gem

#### VISIT TO ROBBER ISLAND

Delve into the past on a historical tour of Robben Island



# MEET THE TEAM



**CATH BIGGS**  
*Head of Operations & Product, South Africa*

South African born and bred, Cath holds the country and its people close to her heart. Her love of South Africa springs from the resilience of the people, the wide-open spaces and the diversity of its landscapes. After 22 years in the industry, Cath has created sound relationships with key suppliers and has an intimate understanding of high-end experiences.

**TOP TIP: Don't rush a stay, spend a minimum of 4 nights at a destination!**



**JILLIAN BOXALL**  
*Sales & Reservations Consultant*

Jillian has worked in the travel industry for 31 years. With an intimate knowledge of tailor-made travel, Jillian chose to become a specialist in the Luxury Travel Market, sharing her collected wisdom with the Pure Escapes team. South Africa is home and its diversity her passion, charmed by its contrast between safari, sea, and winelands.

**TOP TIP: Combine a bush and sea holiday, experience both if you have the opportunity to do a longer trip!**



**PETER HATLEN**  
*Sales & Reservations Consultant*

Peter loves to share the warmth and variety of South Africa with the international market; showcasing the country's different cultures, natural beauty and wild spaces. After 27 years in the industry, he remains to feel privileged in curating unique and individual experiences for each guest. His energy and knowledge is a valued asset to the team.

**TOP TIP: Don't miss out on a sleep-out deck experience under the African stars!**



**CHARLYN VAN NIEKERK**  
*Sales & Reservations Consultant*

With a degree in International Hotel & Hospitality Management, Charlyn is equipped with knowledge, passion as well as 12 years of experience in the industry. Having lived in the South African bush for 7 years, working with luxury travel brands, she adds valuable insight on unique wilderness experiences.

**TOP TIP: The best recommended experience is walking on foot with a passionate guide in the bush, learning about all things great and small.**



**KYLIE JONES**  
*Sales & Reservations Consultant*

From family camping trips in the bush, Kylie's passion for travel grew from a young age, sparking a life-long interest in Southern African experiences. Working in high-end safari lodges has given her the insight necessary to predict and provide for each guest's needs. Her love of South Africa comes from it being her home.

**TOP TIP: Immerse yourself in the wilderness of the African bush, surrounded by a herd of elephants.**

# TOP 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE PURE ESCAPES

Pure Escapes' combination of over 15-years' experience and unrivalled destination expertise makes us the most trusted partner for the Indian Ocean and South Africa.

As a full-service destination management company, we focus both on the grandest gesture and the smallest details. Every hotel and lodge in our portfolio is hand-picked. We know each one in-depth, and ensure our partners benefit from our expertise, best possible rates, and dedication to service.

## 01

### NUMBER #1 LUXURY WHOLESALER

Over a decade of operations we've grown to become the number one global luxury wholesaler for the Maldives and Seychelles. But our category-defining service doesn't stop at the Indian Ocean, our expertise extends to South Africa too.

## 02

### BESPOKE ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

Our online platform gives you immediate access to the most favourable rates, guides you through booking and acts as a repository for all guest documents and hotel materials, including branded quotes and invoices to deliver to clients.

## 03

### PRICE GUARANTEE

Leveraging the strong relationships we've cultivated over 15-years, we offer highly competitive rates within the market.

## 04

### 360 DEGREE SERVICE

We oversee and coordinate logistics end-to-end, helping you choose the best accommodation, tailoring the finest itineraries and ensuring every element of a guest's stay exceeds their high expectations.

## 05

### DEDICATED ACCOUNT MANAGER

Each of our travel partners has a dedicated account manager to offer one-on-one, first-hand advice, information and guidance.

## 06

### EFFICIENT GROUND HANDLING

Arriving at their destination country, guests are greeted personally by our in-situ ground teams, who ensure any onward transfers are handled efficiently and with a smile.

## 07

### VIP ARRANGEMENTS

To Pure Escapes, every traveller is a VIP. We cater to bespoke requests to create meaningful, memorable experiences – whether it's a life occasion such as a wedding, or simply the trip of a lifetime.

## 08

### FLEXIBLE PAYMENT METHODS

The hallmark of ultra-luxury travel is flexible, personalised service. This is at the core of the Pure Escapes philosophy and this flexibility extends to payment.

## 09

### PEACE OF MIND

Our processes and policies – from the management of resort reservations to the overseeing of itinerary bookings – are designed to afford you and your clients total peace of mind.

## 10

### MARKETING RESOURCE

Pure Escapes acts as a creative marketing resource for our network of travel partners, helping you to connect more comprehensively with your clients.



# OVERVIEW OF OUR COLLECTION



# OUR SOUTH AFRICAN COLLECTION

With the promise of space and exclusivity, each property is cushioned in comfort and deluxe five-star accommodation. From the world-class cabins of luxury train travel, to a starlit sleepout deck in the wild, cliff-top panoramic sea views and underground wine cellars, our diverse South African collection provides seamless sophistication.

## THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: BIRKENHEAD HOUSE BEACH

Relax and reconnect to nature in the quirky opulence of Birkenhead House. Chic and intimate with scenic sea views, one gets lost in the moment, and each other.

### At a glance

- Great location for whale watching and shark cage diving
- Spectacular views of the Indian Ocean
- Perfect for outdoor enthusiasts: Hiking, surfing, cycling, etc
- Easy access to surrounding winelands in the Hemel & Aarde Valley
- A variety of restaurants nearby
- Children over the age of 10 are welcome

### Why we love it...

Its beachfront location boasts magnificent ocean scenery, inviting daydreaming and whale watching.

### Insider Tip

Take advantage of access to the Hemel & Aarde Winelands, a 5-minute drive to where the veil between heaven and earth is thin.

**Best for...**Couples



# OUR COLLECTION

## ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN CITY/BEACH

One&Only Cape Town holds the key to inner city exploration and luxury living. With views of both Table Mountain and the V&A Waterfront Harbour, it seamlessly blends the metropolitan and natural characteristics of Cape Town.

### At a glance

- Spectacular views of the city, sea and mountain
- Exclusive spa island
- Renowned Japanese-Peruvian restaurant
- Shopping & diamonds on your doorstep
- Access to the harbour and nearby restaurants
- Kids Club

### Why we love it...

Gateway to the city, sea and gastronomy of Cape Town.

### Insider Tip

Take a guided hike up iconic Table Mountain; 8th natural wonder of the world

**Best for...**Luxury city life



## ELLERMAN HOUSE CITY/BEACH

Modern, spacious and luxurious, Ellerman House boasts Atlantic Ocean vistas paired with a revered art collection and fine wines. Intimate and enchanting, this seaside hotel is the perfect Bantry Bay getaway.

### At a glance

- Close to the V&A Waterfront
- Spectacular views of the ocean
- Easy access to Cape Town's best beaches
- Ideal for families and friends
- Inclusive art tours and wine tasting

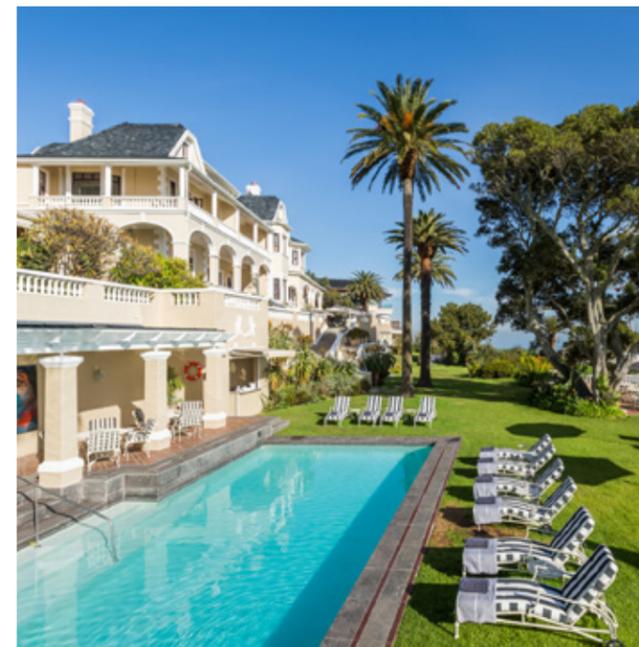
### Why we love it...

A benchmark for fine wines, fine dining and fine living in Cape Town.

### Insider Tip

Book a private art tour at the hotel and then take advantage of the free entry to the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa.

**Best for...**Families, Art & Architecture, City Life



## THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: THE SILO CITY/BEACH

A mix of modern and timeless glamour welcomes guests to the V&A Waterfront in the heart of Cape Town. Positioned above the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA), the Silo embodies art, style and eclectic luxury.

### At a glance

- Situated in the heart of Cape Town
- Breath-taking views of mountain, city and sea
- A day out shopping and diamonds on your doorstep
- Inclusive art experiences within the hotel and the Zeitz MOCAA below
- Walking distance to a variety of restaurants
- Children of all ages are welcome

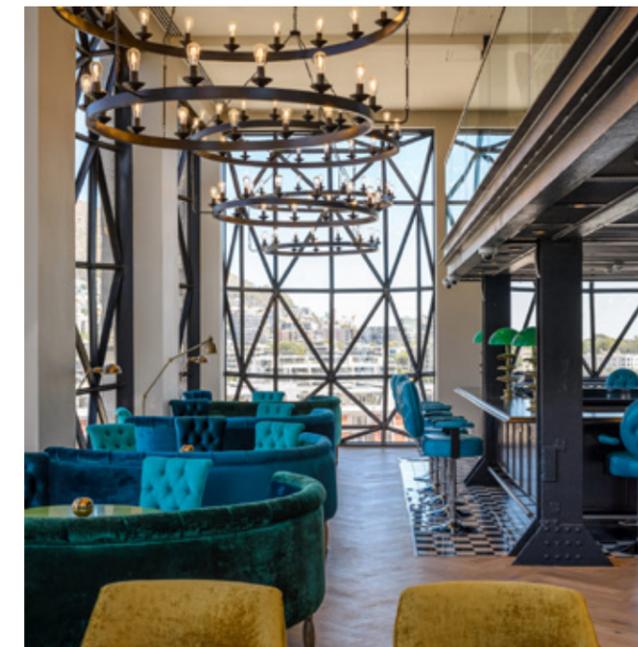
### Why we love it...

The Silo is a celebration of African arts, encompassing the contemporary, natural and cultural aspects of Cape Town.

### Insider Tip

Order a Spirit of the Silo cocktail at The Silo Rooftop during sunset.

**Best for...**Art enthusiasts, foodies & city explorers



## SAXON HOTEL, VILLAS & SPA CITY

State-of-the-art five-star service coupled with rich cultural history invites a stay in the Saxon Hotel. Indigenous gardens provide a private and peaceful retreat within the bustling city of Johannesburg.

### At a glance

- Exclusive and elegant gardens
- A day out shopping and diamonds on your doorstep
- Award-winning spa facilities
- A variety of restaurants nearby

### Why we love it...

Location! Location! Location!

### Insider Tip

Indulge in a Thousand Flower Detox at the Spa.

**Best for...**Spa spoils and city life



# OUR COLLECTION

## THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: LA RESIDENCE WINELANDS

Surrounded by vineyards, orchards, and a breath-taking backdrop of the Franschhoek countryside, La Residence offers tranquillity and opulence at its best. Elegant suites and exquisite cuisine welcome you to experience South African wine country.

### At a glance

- In the heart of the Franschhoek Valley
- Close vicinity to the wine route
- Haven for active outdoor enthusiasts
- Definition of romance
- Children of all ages are welcome

### Why we love it...

Home away from home nestled in the winelands.

### Insider Tip

Satisfy your palette with in-house La Residence wine, produced on the property.

**Best for...**Wine & gastronomy



## MONT ROCHELLE WINELANDS

Embracing the ideals of high-end exclusive travel combined with history and tradition, Mont Rochelle in Franschhoek is the definition of elegance. A private helicopter landing strip awaits in welcome, the standard of arrival matched throughout your trip.

### At a glance

- A backdrop of scenic Franschhoek vistas
- Close vicinity to the wine route
- A range of outdoor activity options
- Children of all ages are welcome

### Why we love it...

Situated in the Franschhoek Valley with equally incredible views, vineyards and nouvelle cuisine, Mont Rochelle stole our hearts.

### Insider Tip

Experience some of South Africa's best restaurants nearby.

**Best for...**Wine, gastronomy & exclusive use



## KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE SAFARI

Kwandwe is rich in wild diversity, thanks to its successful conservation story. The property endeavours to protect the wilderness, its landscapes and wildlife exclusive to your experience; untamed safari fringed in luxury.

### At a glance

- Home to the Big 5
- Tailor-made experiences
- Family-friendly
- Conservation based safaris
- Catch and release fishing
- Children of all ages are welcome

### Why we love it...

Largest diversity of wildlife in a private reserve in South Africa.

### Insider Tip

Join a specialist Rhino Conservation Safari (extra cost), get involved with DNA sampling, micro-chipping, and notching rhinos.

**Best for...**A Family Safari



## THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: ROYAL MALEWANE SAFARI

Luxury meets romance and beauty of a bygone age in South Africa's Greater Kruger National Park. An unrivalled safari experience of wildlife, spa sessions and exquisite cuisine; intimate and exclusive in accommodation and nature.

### At a glance

- Home to the Big 5
- Situated in iconic Kruger National Park
- Award-winning spa
- Romantic experiences and scenery
- Private landing strip
- Children of all ages are welcome

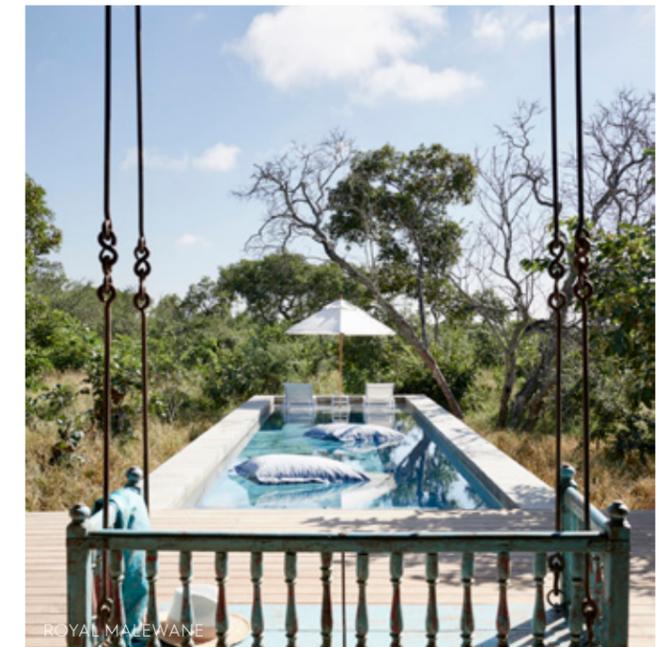
### Why we love it...

Exceptional wildlife experiences with luxurious accommodation and phenomenal food.

### Insider Tip

Immerse in the wild on a guided walk through the wilderness.

**Best for...**A Big 5 Safari



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## TSWALU PRIVATE GAME RESERVE SAFARI

Off-the-beaten-track safari experiences await at Tswalu. As South Africa's largest privately-owned game reserve, the wilderness is your own. Its low-impact, high-value approach provides the quintessential safari getaway.

### At a glance

- Abundant and diverse in wildlife
- Home to endangered species
- Private vehicle, guide and tracker
- Sleepout under the African sky
- Klein JAN dining experience
- Rock art, meerkat and horse riding excursions

### Why we love it...

The diverse range of wildlife offers extraordinary 'once in a lifetime' sightings and encounters while on safari.

### Insider Tip

Dine at the Klein JAN restaurant and embark on a food journey like none other.

**Best for...**Conservation & Gastronomy



## ULUSABA SAFARI

For a more secluded safari experience, Ulusaba offers high-end and exclusive journeys. With Rock Lodge perched high on the summit on a koppie, giving you panoramic views of the bush to the seclusion of Safari Lodge nestled along the banks of the dry Mabrak riverbed.

### At a glance

- Sir Richard Branson's Private Game Reserve
- Home to the Big 5
- Located in the Greater Kruger National Park
- Private Airstrip
- Children of all ages are welcome

### Why we love it...

Ulusaba is the perfect setting for an exclusive use booking where you have all the privacy, exclusivity and flexibility that you desire.

### Insider Tip

Rise with the sun to the sound of hippos from the Treehouse Suite.

**Best for...**A Big 5 Safari



## CHEETAH PLAINS SAFARI

Cheetah Plains achieves above and beyond in the world of luxury safari. Each private villa boasts its own art gallery, wine selection, private chef, spa therapist and guide team to ensure the ultimate wilderness experience, held in extravagance.

### At a glance

- Award winning exclusive villas
- Curated art collection in each villa
- Electric, silent game viewers
- Home to the Big 5
- Customised wine gallery in each villa

### Why we love it...

Urban sophistication meets wilderness, each complimenting the other to create the perfect sanctuary for multigenerational families to enjoy a safari escape.

### Insider Tip

Enjoy a luxury dining experience paired with wines from your in-villa custom designed wine gallery.

**Best for...**Multigeneration & Group Safaris



## ROVOS RAIL RAIL

On the right track in style and off the charts in luxury, Rovos Rail exceeds expectations. A safari of sophistication ensues from embarkation to destination; the romance of travel in every way.

### At a glance

- World-Class train travel
- Luxurious interiors
- Sightseeing Africa in style
- Formal black-tie dining & international cuisine
- Guided off-train excursions

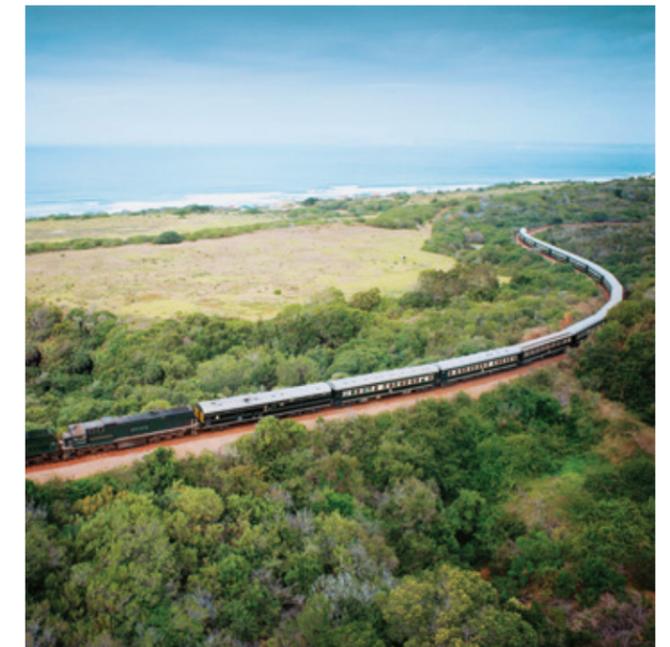
### Why we love it...

Rovos Rail embodies the timeless elegance of another era, encompassing the grace and romance of African exploration.

### Insider Tip

Sneak away to stargaze from the observation car after dinner.

**Best for...**Couples & romance



# FOLLOW IN OUR FOOTSTEPS

Our passionate and dedicated team understand the need for perfection, curating and delivering itineraries respective to clients needs. Whether it is a safari escape for families, gifting time in the wilderness, a wild romance cushioned by winelands and exclusivity, or a coastal connection to the Atlantic ocean; follow in our footsteps to a land of luxury.





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**INSIDER TIP**  
A bush walk is a sensory experience, spending time observing, listening, learning and reconnecting to nature.

# A FAMILY AFFAIR

- ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN
- ELLERMAN HOUSE
- KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE
- TSWALU PRIVATE GAME RESERVE
- MONT ROCHELLE
- ULUSABA
- CHEETAH PLAINS

South Africa's varied landscapes are an invitation for family exploration. We have chosen high-quality properties and experiences which enhance quality time together.

The exclusive and spacious Ellerman House Villas in Cape Town lends itself to family entertainment; its open-plan kitchen, private cinema, infinity pool and views are what holiday dreams are made of.

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve caters to the young at heart, offering treasure hunts, fishing, cooking lessons and eco-educational activities.

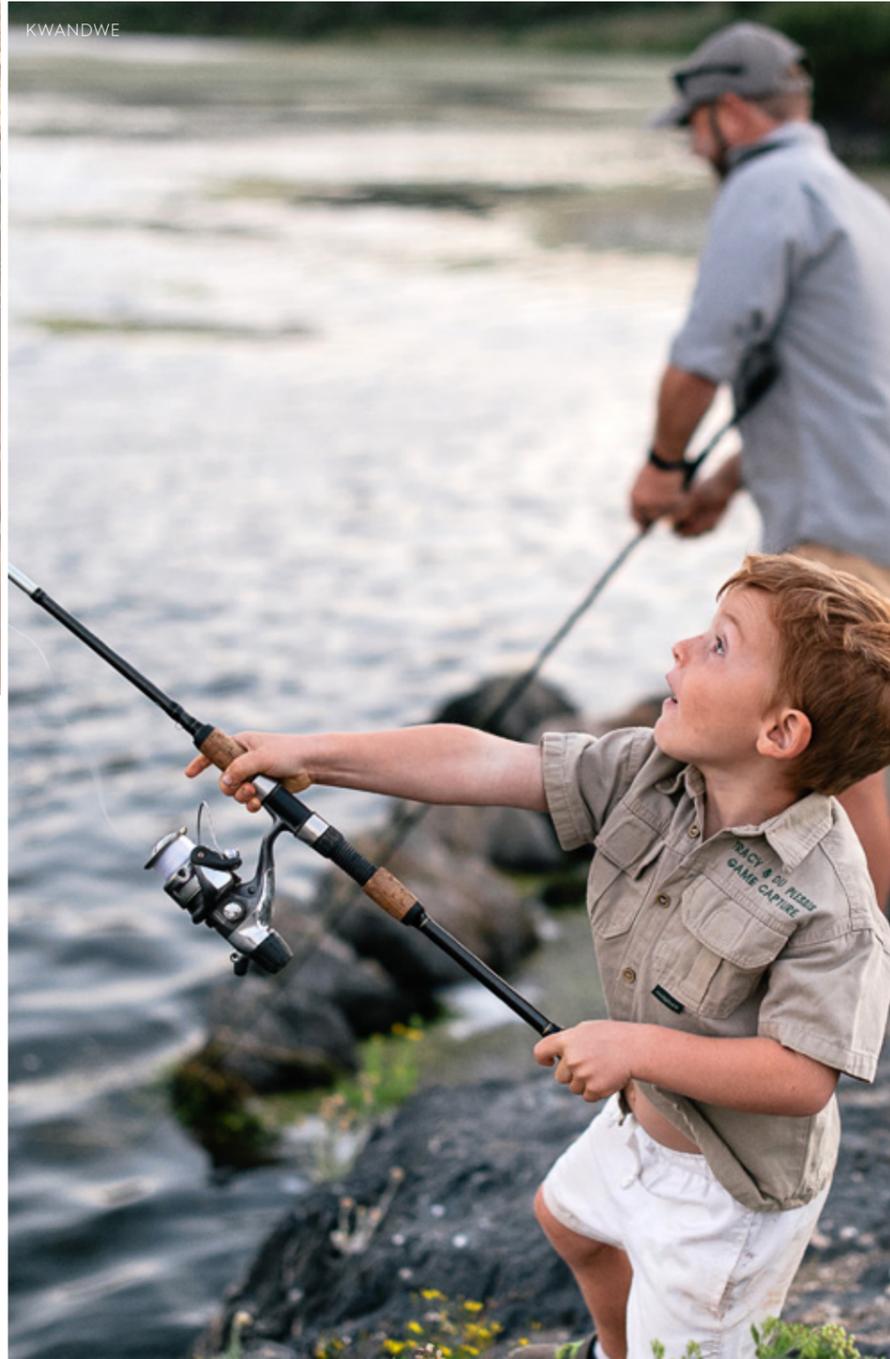
In the heart of the winelands, Mont Rochelle in Franschhoek encourages outdoor hiking and picnic excursions, or private swimming pools and game room activities. One&Only Cape Town offers bucket-list adventures within and around the hotel.

From their in-house KidsOnly programme, to creating life-long memories on a whale-watching cruise, exploring the city or climbing Table Mountain; the family fun is endless. Cape Town and its surrounds are made for

family excursions. Its outdoors call to the activity seeking, art galleries to the inquisitive, beaches to the sea lovers and restaurants filled with flavourful foods!



ELLERMAN HOUSE



KWANDWE



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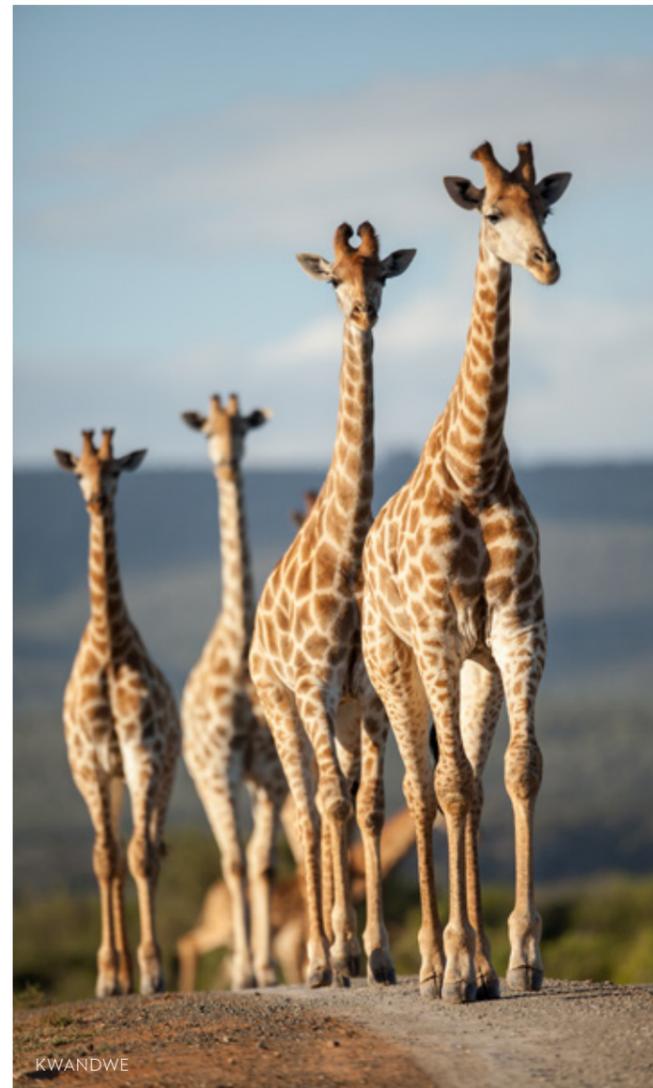
Families can embark on adventures together, or opt for separate experiences in the property in-house children's programs. Each accommodation option provides passionate professionals who will guide children in a variety of skills; from cooking to art, to fishing, or hands-on conservation education.



MONT ROCHELLE



KWANDWE



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“  
**ENHANCING AND  
 CELEBRATING  
 QUALITY TIME  
 TOGETHER, FROM  
 OUR SOUTH  
 AFRICAN FAMILY,  
 TO YOURS.**”

**SAMPLE ITINERARY - FAMILY GETAWAY:**

A celebration of family travel - 9-night adventure that takes you from the city lights of Cape Town, to the Winelands of Franschhoek and the wilderness of Kwandwe Private Game Reserve.

- 9 nights
- Multi-generational - 6 pax
- Private charters

**OVERVIEW**

**DAY 1**  
 Ellerman House - Arrival Cape Town International Airport & private road transfer to Ellerman House

**DAY 2**  
 Ellerman House - Table Mountain & city tour

**DAY 3**  
 Ellerman House - Helicopter flip (Cape Point) & Shimansky Diamonds

**DAY 4**  
 Ellerman House - Shopping excursion & day at leisure at Ellerman House

**DAY 5**  
 Mont Rochelle - Private road transfer Babylonstoren for lunch and then to Mont Rochelle

**DAY 6**  
 Mont Rochelle - Full day winelands tour

**DAY 7**  
 Kwandwe - Private road transfer to Cape Town International Airport & private charter to Kwandwe & afternoon safari

**DAY 8**  
 Kwandwe - Morning & afternoon game drives

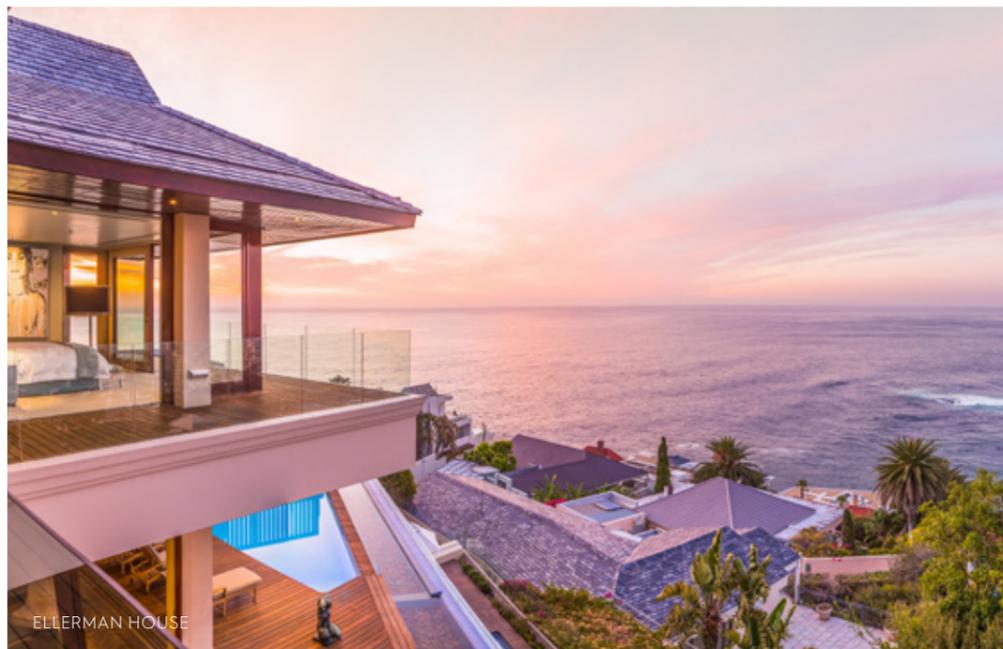
**DAY 9**  
 Kwandwe - Morning & afternoon game drives

**DAY 10**  
 Private charter transfer to OR Tambo International Airport



# A STARRY-EYED ENCOUNTER

- ELLERMAN HOUSE
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ELLERMAN HOUSE



ROYAL MALEWANE



ROVOS RAIL



## INSIDER TIP

Spend an evening sleeping under the stars, enveloped in the sounds of the African night.

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One can't help but fall for South Africa, with its rugged terrain, starry skies and flavourful cuisine. The seduction of the outdoors is irresistible, especially when coupled with exclusive accommodation and elegant experiences.

Birkenhead House in Hermanus emanates the ideals of romance; views stretching to the horizon from its cliff-top location, with the possibility of whales breaching below.

Tswalu Game Reserve summons the wild and untamed, fringed in lantern-lit dune dinners, private guides, and the 'Malori' sleep-out deck. This is an exquisite evening of space, stars and stillness; the definition of off-the-grid allure.

Rovos Rail radiates timeless grace, a journey of the finest wines, rolling scenery, and lavish interiors with luxury in every detail. Stepping

on-board Rovos is like stepping into another world where the veil between imagination and truth is thin.

In the heart of South Africa's wine country, a culinary adventure awaits. La Residence in Franschhoek encourages guests to indulge in relaxation and fine dining; absorbed in the surroundings and one another. The Silo awakens the artist within,

from the beauty of the natural scenery to the contemporary art museum below. Feasting together at the hotel or exploring city flavours is a sensory experience of Cape Town's character.

Each destination cultivates connection, turning dreams into realities, from dawn till dusk.

“AN EXQUISITE EVENING OF SPACE, STARS AND STILLNESS; THE DEFINITION OF OFF-THE-GRID ALLURE.”



ROYAL MALEWANE

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**SAMPLE ITINERARY - A ROMANTIC ESCAPE:**

Embark on a starry-eyed romance on a 8-night honeymoon getaway of pure safari. Private charter to both Tswalu Game Reserve and Royal Malewane for quality time with your partner in the wild.

- 8 nights
- Honeymooners

**OVERVIEW**

**DAY 1**

Saxon Hotel - Arrival OR Tambo International Airport & private road transfer to Saxon Hotel

**DAY 2**

Tswalu - Private road transfer to OR Tambo International Airport & private charter to Tswalu & afternoon game drive

**DAY 3**

Tswalu - Morning & afternoon game drives/walk

**DAY 4**

Tswalu - Morning & afternoon game drives/walk

**DAY 5**

Royal Malewane - Private charter to Royal Malewane & afternoon game drive

**DAY 6**

Royal Malewane - Morning & afternoon game drives/walk

**DAY 7**

Royal Malewane - Morning & afternoon game drives/walk

**DAY 8**

Saxon Hotel - Private charter to OR Tambo International Airport & private road transfer to Saxon Hotel, afternoon at leisure

**DAY 9**

Private road transfer to OR Tambo International Airport



# THE ROYAL TREATMENT

- THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: BIRKENHEAD HOUSE
- THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: LA RESIDENCE
- THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: THE SILO
- THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO: ROYAL MALEWANE

Our selection of Royal Portfolio properties embody the classic triangle experience of wine, safari and sea, framed in art. Curated on the foundations of transformative travel, the collection is ideal for Pure Escape clientele. Setting and raising the luxury bar, each property offers the highest quality South African hospitality.



Opulent yet quirky, Birkenhead House is a celebration of coastal comforts and panoramic views. Placed atop a cliff in Hermanus overlooking the ocean, the hotel encourages sophistication, relaxation and daydreaming. Outdoor spa treatments above rugged coastal cliffs compliment the strawberries and champagne on arrival. Its the small details which make a big impact, its dedicated and highly qualified team endorsing luxurious travel.

“The Silo Hotel is a celebration of art, style, architecture and design. A tribute to timeless glamour and contemporary luxury.”  
- The Royal Portfolio.

Awarded the ‘Best City Hotel in Africa 2020’, The Silo is a dazzling showcase of lavish artistic interiors in the heart of Cape Town. Set in a concrete grain silo, its exterior is a novelty in itself. Positioned above the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA), the hotel reflects its industrial edge and bold design while boasting views of iconic Table Mountain.

La Residence celebrates the exquisite. Filled with antiques, art and colourful fabrics, its rooms boast stylish interiors as well as gorgeous views of the Cape Winelands. It’s decadent and delicious, in vista and menu; wine and cuisine selected for the sophisticated palette.

Bygone era meets modern poise at Royal Malewane, Kruger National Park. A wildlife sanctuary awaits with the most qualified guides in Africa, providing passionate and insightful excursions into the wild. From tracking the Big 5 in a classic game drive or on foot, to specialist photographic safaris, Royal Malewane ensures excellence in all.



◆  
**INSIDER TIP**  
Indulge in art, wine and South Africa’s wild spaces by visiting more than one Royal Portfolio property.



ROYAL MALEWANE



BIRKENHEAD HOUSE



LA RESIDENCE



THE SILO

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A SHOWCASE OF  
FOUR SPECTACULAR  
PROPERTIES, EACH  
WITH IMPECCABLE  
STYLE, LOCATED  
IN THE MOST  
IDYLIC AREAS  
OF SOUTH AFRICA

**SAMPLE ITINERARY - FOUR THE LOVE OF LUXURY:**

A 12-night South African journey invites four friends to indulge and share in our ultra-luxurious Royal Portfolio collection. From artsy Cape Town to Winelands dining, beach excursions and safari spectacles, this itinerary embodies the essence of Africa.

- 12 nights
- Group of 4 friends

**OVERVIEW**

**DAY 1**

The Silo - Arrival Cape Town International Airport & private road transfer to The Silo

**DAY 2**

The Silo - City tour & Table Mountain

**DAY 3**

The Silo - Helicopter flip (Cape Point) & Shimansky Diamonds

**DAY 4**

The Silo - Shopping tour & afternoon at leisure (visit Ziets MOCCA)

**DAY 5**

La Residence - Private road transfer to Babylonstoren for lunch & check in at La Residence (afternoon at leisure)

**DAY 6**

La Residence - Winelands tour Stellenbosch

**DAY 7**

La Residence - Winelands tour Franschhoek

**DAY 8**

Birkenhead House - Private road transfer to Hermanus & afternoon pamper at Birkenhead House

**DAY 9**

Birkenhead House - Whale watching excursion / Shark Cage Diving

**DAY 10**

Royal Malewane - Private helicopter: Transfer to Cape Town International Airport & private charter to Royal Malewane: afternoon game drive

**DAY 11**

Royal Malewane - Morning & afternoon game drives

**DAY 12**

Royal Malewane - Morning & afternoon game drives

**DAY 13**

Private charter to OR Tambo International Airport



# ROMANCE ON THE RAIL

## SAMPLE ITINERARY - A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME:

Disconnected from the world while reconnecting to the moment, Rovos Rail celebrates and embraces the essence of slow travel. Join us on a journey of opulent dining, sightseeing and history as you time travel through the South African landscape. From full days on the train through the karoo desert, to game drives in Hluhluwe National park, excursions to Knysna or golf at Ernie Els Oubaaï - guests will collect timeless memories upon the tracks.

- 13 nights
- Rovos Rail - Pretoria to Cape Town, private hire
- Options for golfers & Non Golfers



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**INSIDER TIP**  
 Have your camera ready! The crazy length of the train makes for a rather impressive photo as you curve around some of the mountainous stretches of railway.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

## OVERVIEW

### DAY 1

Saxon Hotel - Arrival OR Tambo International Airport & private road transfer to Saxon Hotel

### DAY 2

Rovos Rail - Private road transfer to Capital Park Station Pretoria for departure to Malelane

### DAY 3

Rovos Rail - Game drive in the Kruger National Park or golf at Leopard Creek or White River or Nelspruit

### DAY 4

Rovos Rail - Game Drive Hluhluwe

### DAY 5

Rovos Rail - Durban city tour or golf at Durban Country Club or Beachwood or Zimbali

### DAY 6

Rovos Rail - Historical tour at Spionkop Lodge or golf at Champagne Sports Resort

### DAY 7

Rovos Rail - Full day on the train through the Karoo

### DAY 8

Rovos Rail - Game drive at Addo Elephant Park or golf at Humewood Golf Course

### DAY 9

Rovos Rail - Ostrich farm Oudtshoorn or golf at Fancourt or Ernie Els Oubaaï

### DAY 10

Rovos Rail - Excursion to Knysna or golf at Fancourt or Ernie Els Oubaaï

### DAY 11

Ellerman House - Arrive at Cape Town station, Private road transfer to Ellerman House

### DAY 12

Ellerman House - Shopping excursion & Shimansky Diamonds

### DAY 13

Ellerman House - Sport helicopter: flight to Groot Constantia via Cape Point & afternoon at leisure

### DAY 14

Private road transfer to Cape Town International Airport

“THE PRIDE OF AFRICA; EXCEPTIONAL AND ELEGANT IN EVERY WAY.”





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# COLLECTING MEMORIES

## SAMPLE ITINERARY - VILLA LUXURY AT ITS BEST:

There is nothing more important for multi-generational or group getaways than the gift of time, and this is the exact offering of our selected villas. Exclusive journeys and spacious properties offer getaways of personal space, intimately connected to the environment, and each other. Private guides, dedicated chefs and attentive hospitality teams ensure unparalleled presence and seamless excursions, unfolding without a worry in the world. The villas cater for both privacy and entertainment, encouraging time alone and together, creating and sharing life-long African memories.

- 8 nights
- 8 Pax
- Multi-generational
- Groups of friends

### OVERVIEW

#### DAY 1

Ellerman House - Arrival Cape Town International Airport & private road transfer to Ellerman House

#### DAY 2

Ellerman House - Table Mountain & city tour

#### DAY 3

Ellerman House - Helicopter flip (Cape Point) & Shimansky Diamonds

#### DAY 4

Ellerman House - Shopping Excursion & day at leisure at Ellerman House

#### DAY 5

Tswalu - Private road transfer to Cape Town International Airport & private charter to Tswalu & afternoon game drive

#### DAY 6

Tswalu - Morning & afternoon game drives/walk

#### DAY 7

Tswalu - Morning & afternoon game drives/walk

#### DAY 8

Tswalu - Morning & afternoon game drives/walk

#### DAY 9

Depart from Tswalu with private charter to either Cape Town International Airport or OR Tambo International Airport



ELLERMAN HOUSE



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**INSIDER TIP**  
A walking safari activity is immersive, non-invasive as well as educational; a slow-paced yet highly present family excursion.

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TIME SPENT  
TOGETHER  
CREATING  
MEMORIES IS  
THE GREATEST  
GIFT OF ALL.”



# SOUTH AFRICA: AT A GLANCE

## CAPITAL:

South Africa has three capital cities. Cape Town is the legislative capital, Pretoria is the administrative capital and Bloemfontein is the judicial capital.

## TIME DIFFERENCE:

UTC/GMT +2

## CLIMATE:

South Africa is known for its long sunny days throughout the year. Most of the country experiences rain in summer, however the Western Cape has predominantly winter rainfall.

Average day temperatures in summer range from a minimum of 15 degrees Celsius to a maximum of 18 degrees Celsius. In winter, average day temperatures are 19 degrees Celsius to 23 degrees Celsius.

## POPULATION:

South Africa is home to multi-cultural melting pot of 55 million beautiful people of diverse origins, cultures, languages, and religions.

## LANGUAGE:

Although English is widely spoken and is used for informational signage, South Africa celebrates diversity in language with a total of eleven official languages. These languages are Afrikaans, isiNdebele, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga and English.

## RELIGIONS:

Enshrined in the South African constitution is the right for all people to practice their religion free from persecution. The most practised religions in South Africa include Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism.

## CURRENCY:

The currency is the Rand, which is divided into 100 cents. There are R200, R100, R50, R20 and R10 notes. Coins come in R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c.

## TIPS & TIPPING:

In South Africa the tip should be at least 10-15% of the final bill. In some restaurants the tip is automatically included in the total.

## PAYMENTS:

Most major international Credit Cards are accepted throughout South Africa, including Visa and Mastercard. Although widely accepted internationally America Express and Diners Club sometimes may not be accepted in South Africa.

## BANKING:

Banks are found in most towns and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays (Closed Sundays and Public Holidays). Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank & credit cards as well as travellers cheques. You can also obtain cash from automatic teller machines (ATMs). Several international banks have branches in the main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they are not informed.

## GEOGRAPHY:

South Africa is situated on the Southern tip of the African Continent. It shares neighbouring borders with Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. South Africa encloses both Swaziland and Lesotho. South Africa has over 2700km of Coastline shared between the Atlantic Ocean on the west coast and the warm Indian Ocean on the east coast.

## PROVINCES:

South Africa is divided into 9 beautiful provinces, each with their own incredible diversity and history. These include the Northern Cape, Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and the North West.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Requirements for visas differ from country to country and are subject to change. As each application is treated individually, enquiries need to be made at the nearest South African mission, consulate or any office of the Department of Home Affairs to see whether or not a visa is required.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

You will need the following if you wish to visit South Africa:

- A valid and acceptable passport or travel document for your intended stay
- At least one blank page in your passport for endorsements
- A valid visa, if required
- Sufficient funds to pay for your day-to-day expenses during your stay
- A return or onward ticket
- Yellow fever certificates if your journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America.

## COVID REGULATIONS:

1. Travellers intending to visit the country will be expected to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If they are not vaccinated they will need to produce a printed copy of a negative PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test that is not older than 72 hours from the time of departure from the country of origin to South Africa. This test must be conducted by a certified medical practitioner and should have the name and signature of the practitioner who conducted such test.
2. Upon arrival in the port of entry, the traveller will be screened for any COVID-19 symptoms or for contact with people who have been infected with the COVID-19 virus.
3. Should the traveller display any COVID-19-related symptoms or been in contact with an infected person(s), they will be expected to take a mandatory COVID-19 test. This test will be at the traveller's cost. If the COVID-19 test comes back positive, the traveller will be subjected to a 10-day quarantine at a designated site. The accommodation at a quarantine site will be at the traveller's cost.
4. A person must wear a cloth face mask or a homemade item that covers the nose and mouth when in a public place, or another appropriate item to cover the nose and mouth.
5. No person will be allowed to use any form of public transport, or enter a building, place or premises, if they do not wear a cloth face mask or a homemade item that covers the nose and mouth when in a public place, or another appropriate item to cover the nose and mouth.

## CHILDREN TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA:

All minors travelling through any South African port of entry must have an unabridged birth certificate or an equivalent document. An unabridged birth certificate is a document that contains information about a person's two biological parents or legal guardians.

If a child is accompanied by only one parent / legal guardian, then a parental consent letter is needed, including a copy of the passport and contact details of the absent parent / legal guardian.

In South Africa, a minor is a person under the age of 18 years old.

## HEALTH:

South Africa has a well-developed healthcare system. There are both public and private hospitals throughout South Africa. Be sure to top up on medical insurance before leaving home. Well-qualified doctors, dentists and specialists can be found easily, but it is advisable to make an appointment unless it is an emergency.

## MALARIA:

While most of South Africa is malaria-free, this mosquito-borne disease is prevalent throughout the year in the Kruger National Park and the low-lying areas of the northern KwaZulu-Natal.

Consult a healthcare professional about suitable prophylactic. Your choice of drug will depend on how long you are visiting the malaria area, the time of year and your personal health.

## YELLOW FEVER:

South Africa requires all travellers journeying from or transiting through yellow fever risk countries to show proof of yellow fever vaccination by means of a valid yellow fever certificate.

## ELECTRICITY:

The South African electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ. With a few exceptions electricity is available almost everywhere.

## SOUTH AFRICA: AT A GLANCE

### INTERNET AVAILABILITY:

Most accommodation offer Wifi (free or paid) in their business centres, rooms or restaurants. Internet cafes are found in most business areas and shopping malls. In addition, some South African restaurants offer WiFi access (free or paid).

There are also outlets such as PostNet that offer internet, fax and postage facilities.

### AIRPORTS:

South Africa's three major international airports are O.R. Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg); Cape Town International Airport; and King Shaka International Airport (Durban).

### LOAD SHEDDING:

When the demand for electricity exceeds the available supply, planned supply interruptions may have to be carried out. This is called load shedding. According to the power utility, affected areas are not interrupted for more than two hours at a time, and in most cases customers can be informed of interruptions in advance. It is also done on a rotational basis.

### ROAD OR RAIL:

Speed limits are set at 120km/h on highways; 100km/h on secondary roads; and 60km/h in urban areas. Alternatively you can travel by train around the country.

### CLOTHING AND DRESS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Summer: Bring clothes that are cool, light and comfortable because summer temperatures can get well into the 30 - 40 degree Celsius range in some areas. Also bring an umbrella or raincoat during summer as this is when most of the country gets its rain, but don't forget a swimming costume (bathing suit).

Winter: The winters are generally mild, comparing favourably with European summers. But there are days when temperatures dive, especially in high-lying areas such as the Drakensberg, so be prepared with jerseys and jackets. Cape Town gets its rain during the winter season so it's advisable to bring rain gear along.

### General:

- Always bring a hat, sunglasses and sunblock as the sun can be strong even in the winter months.
- Walking shoes are a good idea all year-round, with warm socks in the winter.
- If you are doing business in the country, business attire (suit and tie) is generally called for in the corporate sector, but media for example generally dress more casually.
- For game viewing, a couple of neutral-toned items will be useful, but there's no need to go overboard. A good pair of walking shoes is also advisable.
- For the evening, if you are dining at an upmarket restaurant or seeing a show, smart-casual attire is recommended.

### FOOD, DRINK AND CUISINE ADVICE:

Standards of hygiene in relation to food health and safety in South Africa, are generally high in hotels, restaurants, pubs and nightspots. Tap water in South Africa is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas. Not all tap water in rural areas is safe for consumption, so take precautions if necessary.

It is safe to eat fresh fruit, vegetables and salads, and put ice in your drinks. South Africa's fish, meat and chicken are of excellent quality, so there is no need to limit yourself when enjoying the local cuisine.

Restaurants are subject to South Africa's food safety control legislation, which is implemented by local government. Regulations include certification and regular inspections by health inspectors to ensure hygienic standards are maintained.

Street food is not as common in South Africa as it is in other countries, although vendors selling traditional snacks and meals can be found in city centres and townships. Food safety in such instances cannot always be guaranteed.



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