



BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS



Victoria Falls ☀ Chobe ☀ Cape Town ☀ Private Game Reserve Safaris ☀

Tuesday: Victoria Falls



Arrive in Johannesburg and connect to Livingstone, Zambia, gateway to the mighty Victoria Falls.

The Victoria Falls are the world's largest curtain of falling water, and plunge almost 100m down the 1800m width of the mighty Zambezi River. Spend the afternoon admiring the magnificent views of the Falls from the Zambian side.

Enjoy the views of the water of the Zambezi River pouring over the precipice, the thunderous sound of the water crashing into the gorge and the thick cloud of mist which leaves you refreshed and exhilarated.

Wednesday : Chobe National Park



Travel through the African bush to the confluence of the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers, the Kazangula border post, where 4 Africa countries meet. Here, we cross the great Zambezi River into Botswana, and set out on our first safari in the world famous Chobe National Park.

Chobe is home to the largest concentration of elephant in the world, as well as large herds of buffalo, hippo, many crocodile, antelope, zebra, giraffe, and of course the Big cats.

We start our safari by boat, cruising down the most game-rich river in the world, hoping for some close up sightings of hippo, crocodile, and possibly even elephant swimming in the river.



After lunch, we board open jeeps for an exciting safari in the interior of the park, as well as along the river banks, looking out for giraffe, zebra, antelope, lion, leopard, and of course, Chobe's famous large elephant herds- this is the world's elephant capital after all!

Thursday: Victoria Falls to Cape Town



This morning, we cross the “Victoria Falls Bridge”, one of the most spectacular border crossings in the world, where the old colonial road crosses the Zambezi River Gorge, affording great views of the falls and rainforest.

After completing border formalities , we tour the Zimbabwean side of the falls, encompassing the widest parts of the Victoria Falls, including the “Devil’s Cataract”, and the “Main Falls”- the world’s widest unbroken curtain of falling water.



Time permitting, we stop at the “Big Tree”, a massive baobab tree the size of house, and/or the historic “Victoria Falls hotel” for drinks. We then cross back into Zambia for our flight back to Johannesburg and on to Cape Town, South Africa’s magnificent “Mother City, set in a basin surrounded by mountains and ocean.

We enjoy dinner at one of Cape Town’s kosher restaurants, and check into our luxury hotel.



Friday : Cape Town/ Table Mountain



Cape Town is virtually synonymous with “Table Mountain”, and today, weather permitting, we take the Cable-car up this world-famous landmark, now ranked as one of the “New 7 wonders of the natural world.”

From the summit, the views are endless: The Cape Peninsula as far as “Cape Point” to the South, the “Two Oceans” to the West and East, and the City, West-coast, and higher mountain ranges to the North.

Due to unpredictable weather, a visit to the summit cannot be guaranteed, but the nearby “Signal Hill” and “Lion’s Head” mountains also provide incredible views in many cases where this is not possible.



Cape Town has so much to see and do, and after a lovely lunch at the “Jewish Museum”, we visit the world- famous “Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens”, nestled on the Southern Slopes of the mountain, where the various unique species of the “Cape Floral Kingdom” can be enjoyed, as well as different views of Table Mountain from the other side.

We return to our hotel on time to prepare for a wonderful and inspiring Shabbos with the friendly Jewish communities of Cape town.

Saturday : Cape Town



Cape town has a wonderful variety of Synagogues and communities, and what better way to get to know them than to spend a Shabbos in this incredible city. From the historic “Gardens Synagogue” in downtown Cape Town, to the original “Sea Point Hebrew Congregation”, with their famous choirs and Chazanim, to the vibrant “Ohr Sameach” , Young Israel style “Morasha”, “the Shul on the Bay” and others, there is much to choose from.



Depending on your Shabbos hotel and your preference, we will guide you to the shuls of your choice, after which a delicious Shabbos lunch will await you.

What better way to spend a Shabbos afternoon than a relaxing walk along Cape-Town’s magnificent beachfront!



Sunday: Cape Town/ Cape Peninsula



Today, we experience some of the world's most spectacular scenery: The "Cape Peninsula" is surrounded by the icy waters of the Atlantic on the West, and the warm waters of the Mozambique current on the East, separated by the majestic mountains of the "Table Mountain National Park."

We start our day with a magnificent boat cruise out to "Seal Island" to see a massive colony of Cape fur seals, after which the famous "Chapman's Peak Drive" takes us along narrow ocean-facing cliffs towards Cape Point, the dramatic meeting point of the two ocean currents and tip of the Peninsula.



After lunch, a spectacular hike leads the walking enthusiasts along cliffs, glorious beaches, and unbeatable scenery to the famous "Cape of Good Hope", first navigated by the original Portuguese explorers so long ago.

At the same time, those who are less energetic can relax and enjoy the magnificent views at Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope below.

We continue our scenic drive round the Eastern side of the Peninsula to "Boulder's Beach", where we visit a natural colony of Cape Penguins, a unique and exciting end to a magnificent day.

The never ending Cape scenery takes us back to town and our hotel, where we freshen up for dinner.

Mon: Private Game Reserve



Fly to Hoedspruit, gateway to the luxury private reserves of the “Greater Kruger National Park”. After a delicious lunch and check-in to your luxury lodge, set out on your first exciting open-jeep safari. With the help of off-road access and specialized game-trackers, getting close to the “Big 5” has never been easier,- but this is NO zoo, and there are NO guarantees- anything can happen at any time on safari!



Some of the animals we hope to see include various antelope species, zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, hippo, crocodile, and of course the famous “Big 5 “: elephant, buffalo, rhino, lion, and leopard. Even more elusive are the African wild dog and cheetah! A freshly prepared, gourmet kosher dinner awaits us on our return to the lodge!



Tue and Wed : Private Game Reserve

The routine on safari is geared to take advantage of the best hours of the day for game-viewing: early mornings, and late-afternoons- animals generally are less active in the heat of the day.

We rise early before dawn for coffee and biscuits, and enter the park in search of the still-active nocturnal animals such as lion and leopard, as well as the antelope and other species they prey on



Even the leopard needs a siesta, and the middle of the day is relaxed, consisting of time to daven, a splendid late breakfast, an optional bush walk, time to relax by the pool or take a spa treatment, and of course, a delicious light lunch!



In the late afternoon, we continue our safari, searching for species we have not yet seen, and more of those we have already seen. Every game-drive is completely unique-, and the bushveld is always on the move- what one vehicle is lucky enough to spot, the next might miss by a few seconds!



Thu : Private Reserve

The sun has not yet risen over the African bush, and our last exciting game-drive is upon us. Every safari is completely different- animals can be a lot like human beings, and every aspect of their behavior is fascinating to watch and observe.



The incredible sight of a lioness playing with her cubs, a hippo yawning, leopard stalking her pray, or a baboon family playing together, can now be seen by those lucky enough, not just on a National Geographic, but in real life!



After a delicious breakfast, we fly to Johannesburg on time for our flight back home, enriched by all the magnificent creatures and scenic wonders we have seen.

