

# African “Beauty and the Beast”

**Dates:** 17/10/2010 – 27/10/2010

**Duration:** 10 Nights / 11 Days

**No of pax:** Min 6

**Recommended Add-on Tour:** 4 Nights - Victoria Falls

**Meals:** (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner)

\* Accommodation is subject to availability, if the under mentioned accommodation is not available we shall endeavor to supply comparable facilities.

If you wish to arrive a day early, then we will meet you upon arrival in Johannesburg at OR Tambo International Airport and transfer you to the up-market suburb of Sandton. Dinner can be enjoyed at a number of good restaurants within walking distance of your hotel. Overnight in Johannesburg.

**Accommodation:** Protea Hotel Belalaika \*\*\*\* (-)

## Day 1: 17 Oct, Sun

Your guide will meet you upon arrival in Johannesburg at OR Tambo International Airport or he / she will collect you at your hotel. Enjoy the day out on an interesting township tour of Soweto, visit the very moving Hector Pieterse Museum and Nelson Mandela’s House - reflect on the “Apartheid” era of South Africa’s history. This afternoon is set aside for shopping at Rosebank – “arts & crafts” and then Sandton Centre, one of the premier shopping destination in South Africa. Dinner will be served at the “Butchers Grill” restaurant on Mandela’s Square in the Sandton Centre. Overnight in Johannesburg.

**Accommodation:** Protea Hotel Belalaika \*\*\*\* (D)



## Day 2: 18 Oct, Mon

Travel to Polokwane the capital of the Limpopo province for a visit to Bakone Malapa Pedi cultural Village, before we drive to Tzaneen via the picturesque little town of Heanertsburg, then Sapoco Tea Estate for lunch and the “Big Tree”- which is the largest Baobab in the world at ± 6000 years old, with a pub inside the trunk! This afternoon, you have time to relax and enjoy the Agatha Spa. Dinner will be served at the hotel, which has one of the finest restaurants in the Limpopo province. Overnight in the mountains near Tzaneen.

**Accommodation:** Coach House Hotel and Spa \*\*\*\*\* (B, L & D)



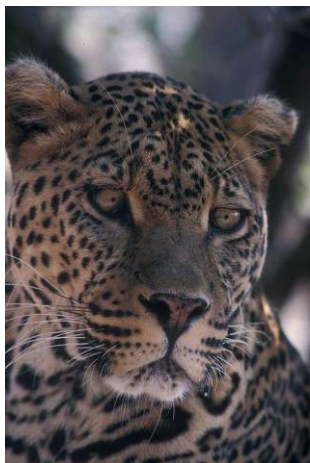
**Day 3, 4 & 5: 19, 20 & 21 Oct, Tues, Wed & Thurs**

Morning at leisure at the Coach House Hotel (what you did not get done at the Spa yesterday, you have time to do this morning). Depart for the Korangwe Private Game Reserve, which forms part of the greater Kruger National Park (KNP) region. Enjoy the next 3 days in the heart of the African bush in search of the “Big 5” and a host of other animals. This area is known to be the most diverse natural environment in the world with 140 mammals, 119 reptiles, ± 506 birds, 55 amphibians and ± 1980 plant species.

**Accommodation:** Indlovu Game Lodge \*\*\*\* (B, L, D & Drinks)

**Daily activities:**

- Safaris on an open vehicle with the local ranger.
- Bush walk with the local ranger.
- Visit to Moholoholo animal rehabilitation centre.
- Visit to Hoedspruit endangered species centre.
- Visit a local Sangoma / Inyanga – diviner / medicine man.
- Visit a local school.
- Get involved at night with the cooking of some local dishes.
- “Diamonds at Dusk” - visit from Robert our custom design jeweler.





**Day 6: 22 Oct, Fri**

Travel the “Panorama Route” of the majestic Drakensberg Mountains, admire the natural beauty of the Blyde River Canyon - third deepest canyon in the world, Bourke’s Luck Potholes and God’s Window. There will be time on route for shopping and lunch at the Famous Harries Pancakes in the picturesque little town of Graskop. Dinner will be served at the hotel. Overnight near White River.

**Accommodation:** Jatinga Country Lodge \*\*\*\*\* (B, L & D)



**Day 7: 23 Oct, Sat**

Transfer - after breakfast and a leisurely morning to the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport to catch a direct flight at ± 13h35 to Cape Town (± 2 ½ hours). On your arrival, we set off for a venture into the wine land country near Cape Town. We visit the picturesque town of Franchhoek, before a wine tasting at one of the local estates.

**Accommodation:** Sugarbird Manor \*\*\*\* (B & D)



**Day 8: 24 Oct, Sun**

First stop this morning is the delightful town of Stellenbosch, the “Oak Capital of South Africa”, which is rich in history with the most impressive Cape Dutch architecture. You will have time to wonder the

oak-lined streets before we head for Cape Town. On your arrival in South Africa's beautiful Mother City - weather permitting, we take the cableway up Table Mountain and then enjoy a short orientation city tour, which includes the Castle of Good Hope, City Hall & Parade Ground and DEI Company Gardens. Dinner will be served at a restaurant on the Waterfront. Overnight in Cape Town.

**Accommodation:** Victoria & Alfred Hotel \*\*\*\* (B & D)



**Day 9: 25 Oct, Mon**

A day at leisure, where you can do the following **optional** activities – take a ride around the city on the “hop-on hop-off bus” **or** visit a local township **or** visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 17 years **or** visit to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens **or** visit one of the numerous beautiful beaches around the Cape **or** for the energetic - take a hike up Table Mountain **or** for the brave - shark cage diving. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Cape Town.

**Accommodation:** Victoria & Alfred Hotel \*\*\*\* (B)



**Day 10: 26 Oct, Tues**

Tour the Cape Peninsula. Take a cruise from Hout Bay to Duiker Island to view a Cape Fur Seal colony. Visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve with over 4500 species of Fynbos plants, Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope - which is the most south-westerly point of the continent of Africa. Enjoy some lunch at one of the numerous restaurants in the little harbour town of Simonstown, before a visit to the Boulders - African penguins. Farewell dinner will be served at Mamma Africa restaurant in town. Overnight in Cape Town.

**Accommodation:** Victoria & Alfred Hotel \*\*\*\* (B & D)



**Day 11: 27 Oct, Wed**

Morning at leisure. There will be time for last minute shopping and lunch at the V & A Waterfront, weather permitting an **optional** helicopter flip over the Cape Peninsula. Transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your flight home.

**Accommodation: - (B)**



**Included:** Air ticket - KMIA to Cape Town, accommodation (4 - 5\*), transport, guide, porter-age, drinks in moderation on days 3, 4 & 5, meals as indicated, conservation fees and all entrance fees as per itinerary.

**Excluded:** Air ticket - international flight, passport and visa fees, airport tax, insurance, phone calls, facsimiles, beverages, gratuities and items of a personal nature and excess baggage.

**And / Or**

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