

Cape Town, South Africa - Africa Cruises

Not only is Cape Town one of the most beautiful cities in the world, but it is also surrounded by magnificent beaches, rugged mountains and bucolic vineyards. On a fine day savour an awe inspiring cable car ride up Table Mountain. Perhaps make the poignant tour of Robben Island or take a cultural trip to Stellenbosch and its surrounding wine lands.

Excursions

Please note: The shore excursions listed are typical for this port. The full programme of shore excursions available for your cruise will be displayed on Cruise Personaliser at least 12 weeks prior to departure.

- **Robben Island**

Visit the historic and proclaimed World Heritage Site, Robben Island, where former president, Nelson Mandela, was imprisoned.

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Since 1960 Robben Island has been synonymous with the political struggle against apartheid in South Africa, holding prisoners such as Nelson Mandela and poet, Dennis Brutus, during its incredible history. As well as holding past prisoners Robben Island is a home to over 20 mammals and 130 different bird species including the third largest colony of African Penguins.

A short coach transfer will take you to the ferry terminal at the Nelson Mandela Gateway where you can browse through the museum before boarding the ferry across Table Bay to the Island. Upon arrival enjoy an orientation tour, by bus, of the old leper colony, Muslim shrine, shipwreck and the lime quarry where prisoners went through back breaking work.

A highlight will be a former inmate giving a guided tour through the maximum security block and inside Nelson Mandela's cell, where prison conditions can be witnessed firsthand.

Tour code

CPT_031

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Duration

4½ HOURS

- **City Tour and Castle of Good Hope**

Sample the beauty of this amazing and unique city, including a visit to the Castle of Good Hope and Signal Hill.

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Enjoy an orientation tour of the Mother City with its meticulously preserved Edwardian and Victorian buildings, before proceeding to the Company Gardens, which are situated in the heart of the city. Take a leisurely walk through these scenic surroundings, passing St George's Anglican Cathedral, the Houses of Parliament and the National Art Gallery.

The Castle of Good Hope is the oldest building in South Africa, take a tour of the Castle, including a visit to the Military Museum and the William Fehr collection. This cultural history museum contains a collection of old Cape Dutch porcelain, historic paintings and many antique pieces of furniture.

Proceed to Signal Hill, where you will have the opportunity to photograph the views, before returning to the ship via the stunning seaside residential suburbs of Camps Bay, Bantry Bay and Sea Point.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

Duration

5 HOURS

• Table Mountain

No visit to Cape Town would be complete without a trip up Table Mountain, one of the world's most famous landmarks.

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Flat-topped Table Mountain, on the northern end of the peninsula, has long dominated Cape Town. When viewed from the city, the central massif has Devil's Peak on the left, Lion's Head on the right and Signal Hill in the foreground: together they form a sort of amphitheatre, which encloses the city centre.

The coach will take you to the lower cable-way station for the ascent to the summit of Table Mountain. The journey takes just under four minutes and the floor rotates 360 degrees during the ascent and descent, giving you a full panorama of the area. There is nothing to beat the mountain top for fabulous views of the city, Table Bay and Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.

The tour includes a short orientation tour of the 'Mother City' famed for its meticulously preserved Edwardian and Victorian buildings.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Duration

3½ HOURS

• Aquila Game Reserve

This tour to Aquila Game Reserve will take you to the semi scrub desert of the Karoo for a wild encounter with Africa's game.

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The Aquila Private Nature Reserve is a prestigious four star Reserve, situated over 7,500 acres of the Southern Karoo Highlands and encapsulating breathtaking majestic mountains, rivers and valleys.

Depart on a two hour safari in a 4x4 vehicle with a ranger guide. Having been proclaimed a Nature Reserve in 1985, Aquila has a natural wetland, magnificent mountains and valleys which make for varied and ideal game viewing. Aquila has free roaming elephant, buffalo, rhino, giraffe and hippo. Large herds of game are also found on the Reserve such as Black Wildebeest, Burchell's Zebra and Black Backed Jackal.

Aquila is home to 172 species of birds with several breeding pairs of the rare and endangered Black Eagle, after which the Reserve has

been named. Karoo Chat and Fairy Flycatcher can be found on short walks into the surrounding wilderness.

A buffet luncheon is served in the Reserve's restaurant.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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MEAL INCLUDED

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

8½ HOURS

• Phinda Game Reserve Overland - Double

Visit Phinda in northern KwaZulu-Natal, bordering the Great St Lucia Wetland Park and enjoy game drives to spot Africa's 'Big Five'.

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DAY 1 – AFTERNOON & EVENING AT PHINDA

From Cape Town, you'll take a two hour flight to Durban before being transferred by coach and 4x4 for the 3½ hour journey overland to the Phinda Private Game Reserve. Phinda is located in the lush Maputaland region of northern KwaZulu-Natal and is comprised of 17,500 hectares of conservation land sheltering an abundance of wildlife including lions, leopards, elephants, black and white rhino, and buffalo. On arrival at the Forest Lodge, enjoy a welcome drink before you settle into your accommodation. Set deep in the heart of a rare dry sand forest, the spectacular Forest Lodge features Zulu Zen style suites of wood and glass for the perfect balance of minimalism, comfort and style. The afternoon is free for you to relax and enjoy the resort. Following afternoon tea you'll depart for a late afternoon game drive in open 4-wheel drive vehicles. Sundowners and light snacks will be served at a clearing in the bush. Head back to the Lodge to enjoy a delicious evening meal in the remarkable stone and reed boma (weather dependent), romantically illuminated by dozens of candles and lanterns.

DAY 2 – PHINDA

After an early morning wake-up call, tea, coffee and biscuits will be served before you depart on a morning game drive, returning to the Lodge for breakfast. Spend the remainder of the morning at leisure or join one of the optional activities available at the Lodge (payable direct). Luncheon will be served, after which you may enjoy a welcome siesta. Following afternoon tea, depart on a late afternoon game drive in search of the incredible wildlife South Africa is so famed for. Sample Sundowners out in the bush and soak up the wonderful safari atmosphere before heading back to the Lodge for a dinner. Phinda Forest Lodge prides itself on its wonderful Pan African cuisine and hospitality along with the remarkable setting which adds to your overall bush experience.

DAY 3 – PHINDA & RETURN TO DURBAN

Another early wake up allows you to experience one final morning game drive in this incredible location. Coffee and light refreshments will be served before you head off and a full breakfast will be waiting on your return to the Lodge. You'll have a short while to freshen up and pack your belongings before the return journey to Durban harbour where you will join Queen Mary 2 in time for a late luncheon on board.

Tour code

CPT_812

Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



MEAL INCLUDED



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

2 NIGHTS

• Pumba Private Game Reserve Overland - Double

Experience a South African Safari, go in search of the “Big Five” and enjoy the relaxed Eastern Cape hospitality of Pumba.

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DAY 1 – EVENING AT PUMBA

Departing the vibrant city of Cape Town, you’ll take an early flight to Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape. From here, you’ll drive along the open highway and into the wild bushland. The Pumba Private Game Reserve covers 6,500 hectares of privately-owned property in the Eastern Cape, designated a Malaria free zone. Pumba lodges offer traditional African Safari coupled with five-star luxury resulting in a perfect balance of casual opulence. The Reserve is home to Africa’s ‘Big Five’, along with other famous species such as giraffe, zebra, hippo and warthog, also known as ‘Pumba’. On arrival at the lodge, timber footpaths lead you to your thatched chalet, complete with private deck and invigorating outdoor showers. You’ll have time to settle in and enjoy luncheon. Later on, you’ll meet up for afternoon tea before embarking on your dusk game drive, giving you the best opportunity to see wildlife at its most active. Dinner will be served at the Lodge, allowing you to discuss your evening’s adventures over some excellent South African cuisine and wine.

DAY 2 – DAWN & DUSK GAME DRIVE

After an early morning wake-up call, you’ll depart on a morning game drive, returning to the Lodge for a full breakfast. Spend the remainder of the morning at leisure. Relax in the spacious lounge or open deck and watch out for wildlife on the lake. Luncheon will be served, after which you are free to relax and simply soak up the wonderful Lodge atmosphere. Head out on a dusk game drive, where your experienced ranger will allow you to make the most of your time in the bush, tracking animals and later, enjoying sundowners. Perhaps during your day’s activities, you’ll have been lucky enough to spot one of the local white lions, elephants or even the enigmatic leopards. Returning to the Lodge, dinner will be served.

DAY 3 –DAWN GAME DRIVE & PORT ELIZABTH

Another early morning start allows you one last chance to head out into the wilds for a morning game drive in search of the ‘Big Five’. On your return, sit down to a leisurely breakfast and soak up the warm Pumba hospitality. You’ll have a while to relax in the comfort of your surroundings, before bidding farewell to the lodge and heading back to Port Elizabeth, where you’ll join Queen Elizabeth in time for luncheon on board.

Tour code

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Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH



MEAL INCLUDED



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

2 NIGHTS

• Cape Point Peninsula

Make the most of your day and experience the dramatic scenery of the Cape on this highly popular tour.

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Your scenic extravaganza begins with a drive through the suburbs of Bantry Bay and Clifton to Camps Bay, behind which rise the impressive peaks of the Twelve Apostles. Continue along the Atlantic coast to the fishing village of Hout Bay.

Continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point, said to be the meeting point of two oceans. This area plays host to a wealth of indigenous flora and fauna with dramatic sea cliffs (among the highest in South Africa) and Cape Point as the main attraction. A funicular railway will whisk you to the viewing platform at the top of the Point. Take in the breathtaking views and enjoy fantastic photograph opportunities. At the platforms, you may opt to climb the additional 120 steps to the top of the Point, where the lighthouse is located.

A delicious luncheon will be served at a scenically situated restaurant.

Highlights include visiting the enchanting penguin colony at Boulders Beach as well as a visit to the wonderful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

Tour code

CPT_004

Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



MEAL INCLUDED



SHOPPING

Duration

8½ HOURS

• Cape Town by Night

Experience the lights and sights of Cape Town by night including Sea Point and Maidens Cove.

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Your scenic drive will pass the impressive Cape Town FIFA World Cup Stadium towards Sea Point. The promenade of Sea Point stretches to Mouille Point and is very popular with joggers and is a spot where locals meet for a walk and a talk.

Clifton Beach has something of a reputation with the trendy set in Cape Town and is a haven for international jetsetters, along with its immaculate white sands and glistening water which has earned it blue flag status.

A photograph stop will be made at the Maidens Cove area between Camps Bay and Clifton, near the Glen Country Club. As you look up at the cableway station you will see the narrowest view of Table Mountain that can be seen from anywhere in Cape Town.

Continue towards the mountain and over Kloof Nek towards the bustling city centre of Cape Town.

Tour code

CPT_036

Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Duration

1½ HOURS

• Lion Sands Game Reserve Overland - Double

Experience the best of the Kruger National Park. Lion Sands offers sumptuous accommodation and excellent game drives within Sabi Sands.

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DAY 1 – EVENING AT LION SANDS

Your African adventure begins as you set off on 2½ hour flight from Cape Town to Kruger. Enjoy the sights and scenery during your two hour drive which passes through the countryside and into the world famous Kruger National Park. Keep your eye out for wildlife as you wend your way through part of this enormous Park which covers an incredible two million hectares. Within the National Park is the renowned Sabi Sands Game Reserve which is the only reserve to have access to the Sabie River system. This wonderful river location ensures a great diversity of wildlife and incredible game viewing. Lion Sands is located within the exclusive Sabi Sands Reserve and offers outstanding accommodation in a beautiful, traditional African style. Each thatched bedroom has its own private wooden viewing deck over the river; so you won't have to go far to see the wildlife or to take in the surroundings. There are two swimming pools, social areas and a gym within the small, friendly Lion Sands River Lodge. You'll have time to enjoy afternoon tea before your late afternoon/evening game drive. Set off with your experienced guide in search of the 'Big Five'; lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, buffalo and many other fascinating animals synonymous with South Africa. Enjoy sundowners before returning to the Lodge. Dinner will either be in the restaurant area or 'boma', a traditional South African outdoor barbecue style venue.

DAY 2 – DAWN & DUSK GAME DRIVES

An early start allows you to see the best of the wildlife before the heat of the day. If you're after an adventure and a real taste of the African Bush, you're in for an incredible ride. Lion Sands' guides are experienced within the field of ecology and conservation. After your morning drive, you'll return to the Lodge for a hearty breakfast and plenty of time to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Luncheon will be served, accompanied by wonderful South African wine. Your late afternoon/evening drive will set off at dusk to maximise your game viewing opportunities as many of the animals become more active when the temperature cools and the sun-sets. Sundowners will be served for you to enjoy the incredible bush atmosphere before returning to the lodge for dinner.

DAY 3 – DAWN GAME DRIVE & DURBAN

Enjoy your final morning game drive before breakfast and bid a fond farewell to Lion Sands. Returning to Kruger Airport, you'll take the short one hour flight to Durban. A light snack will be provided during the flight. Enjoy an brief orientation of Durban before re-joining Queen Mary 2, as she sets sail for Mauritius.

Tour code

CPT_814

Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH



MEAL INCLUDED



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

2 NIGHTS

• **Kirstenbosch & Wine**

Visit one of the world's most famous Botanical Gardens and enjoy wine tasting at South Africa's oldest wine making centre.

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Skirting the slopes of Devil's Peak, you will travel to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens spread over 1,300 acres on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, and are home to over 8,500 species of indigenous plants. Wander through the beautiful surroundings and enjoy some free time in the well-stocked Curio Shop.

Afterwards, travel through the prestigious suburbs of Bishopscourt and Constantia into the region where South Africa's wine industry began over three centuries ago. Groot Constantia Estate boasts one of the most magnificent Cape Dutch homesteads. Once the private home of Dutch Governor Simon van der Stel, the manor house, which you will be able to visit briefly, is a fascinating blend of the West, East and Africa, incorporating European ideas, Asian craftsmanship and African materials. Join a guided tour of the cellar, followed by a formal wine tasting.

Returning via Hout Bay, you will pass through the Atlantic seaboard suburbs of Camps Bay, Clifton and Bantry Bay.

Tour code

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Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED



SHOPPING

Duration

4½ HOURS

• **Complete Cape Explorer**

If you'd like to explore the Cape's top highlights in one day – then look no further.

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Sit back, relax and experience the beauty of Cape Town as you drive up Kloof Nek, the saddle between Table Mountain and Lion's Head, en route to the Lower Cableway Station. Then it's up, up and away as you ascend to the top of Table Mountain. The 5 minute cable car ride offers spectacular 360° vistas of Cape Town, the ocean and the neighbouring peaks. Enjoy some free time at the summit to stroll along the paths and admire the single richest floristic area in the world.

Then it's time to embark on a scenic drive along the Atlantic coast. Marvel at the magnificent views of Camps Bay Beach and the Twelve Apostles, before continuing along the coastal road towards the fishing village of Hout Bay. From here, you'll travel along one of the world's most spectacular routes, Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. It is here that the Atlantic and

Indian Oceans, along with their diverse ecosystems, are thought to converge. Cape Point and its dramatic sea cliffs, are among South Africa's highest, and are the main attractions of the reserve. Upon arrival, you'll hop aboard the Flying Dutchman Funicular to the top of Cape Point, where you'll have breathtaking views and ample photo opportunities.

After luncheon, a visit will be made to the African penguin colony at Boulders Beach.

After such an amazing experiences, what better way to end your day than with a visit to Constantia, South Africa's oldest wine-growing region. At a wine Estate, you'll be offered the opportunity to join a wine tasting session, before returning to the pier.

Tour code

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Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



MEAL INCLUDED

Duration

10½ HOURS

• Stellenbosch & Wine Tasting

Discover the delights of Stellenbosch, the undisputed heart of the Winelands, on this half day tour.

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Stellenbosch is named after its founder, Governor Simon van der Stel, who discovered the broad fertile valley of the Eerste River in 1679. Today, this is one of South Africa's premier wine-producing regions.

Stellenbosch has one of the most beautiful settings of all South Africa's inland towns. Its original oak-lined streets, clear water furrows and classic architecture have all been preserved, and some of which have been declared national monuments. The best way to explore Stellenbosch is on foot and during a short guided walking tour the guide will introduce you to this University town.

Visit the Stellenbosch Museum, which comprises of four different houses, depicting different eras of the town's architectural and social heritage. Afterwards, enjoy some free time.

Your tour is rounded off with a visit to a privately-owned wine estate in the Stellenbosch area, where you can participate in a wine-tasting session and gain a glimpse of the fascinating skills practiced in the cellar.

Tour code

CPT_003

Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED



SHOPPING

Duration

4½ HOURS

• The Garden Route Overland - Double

Traverse the famous Garden Route of South Africa. See the sights, experience a Safari and enjoy wonderful food and wine along the way.

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DAY 1 – CAPE TOWN – BOTLIERSKOP

As you depart the city of Cape Town, you'll make your way towards Grabouw and the scenic Sir Lowry's Pass. You'll travel through Riversdale and Swellendam, the third oldest settlement in South Africa. Continue onto Mossel Bay for a brief orientation drive, before continuing to Botlierskop. Situated between the magnificent Outeniqua Mountains and unspoiled beaches of the Indian Ocean, you will find Botlierskop Private Game Reserve. You'll be shown to your air-conditioned tented suites, each with private wooden deck and views of the river or mountains. The tented suites are elegantly decorated with four-poster beds. The en-suite bathrooms have deep oval baths and refreshing outdoor showers. Relax and enjoy luncheon before taking some time at leisure. Botlierskop is an ideal venue for those who have not been on Safari before. Late afternoon you'll depart on your dusk game drive where you will enjoy sundowner drinks amongst the elephants. At Botlierskop, you'll have the opportunity to see rhinoceros, lions, buffalo, giraffe and zebra who reside within the 100 hectare enclosure. Reflect on the day's adventures over dinner back at the resort.

DAY 2 – PLETTENBERG BAY

Take an early morning game drive with your ranger before returning to the lodge for a leisurely breakfast and a little time to relax before you continue along the Garden Route. Your journey takes you onto Knysna, a charming holiday resort town, located on the edge of a picturesque lagoon. The mouth of the lagoon is guarded by two promontories, known as the 'Knysna Heads'. Luncheon will be served at a local restaurant in Knysna before you make your way onto Plettenburg Bay, nominated as one of Africa's leading beach destinations for three years in a row. On arrival, you'll check into The Plettenberg, a five star boutique hotel built on a rocky headland with breathtaking views of the sea, mountains and miles of golden sand. Spend the afternoon at your leisure. Relax on the terrace and gaze out over the bay where whales and dolphins are often spotted. For the more adventurous there are numerous activities, which can be purchased separately. A delicious three course dinner will be served in the evening to complete your Plettenberg experience.

DAY 3 – PORT ELIZABETH

Enjoy the Plettenburg hospitality once more as you take breakfast overlooking the ocean. After checking out, you'll continue along the national road across the Groot River and Bloukrans Passes. You'll stop in Storms River, located near Tsitsikamma National Park where you'll have a light luncheon. Pay a visit to the 'Big Tree' an impressive Yellowwood, estimated to be between 600 and 800 years old. The final leg of your overland journey takes you past the Tsitsikamma Mountains and onto Port Elizabeth, where you'll re-join the ship in time for dinner on board.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

2 NIGHTS

• Chapman's Peak

A firm favourite with first time visitors, this leisurely and scenic tour unveils some spectacular views.

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Take a scenic drive along the Atlantic coast, passing by Sea Point, Bantry Bay, Clifton and Camps Bay. Stop at Maiden's Cove to enjoy the magnificent views of Camps Bay Beach and the Twelve Apostles, before continuing along the coastal road, past the up-market suburb of Llandudno and on towards the fishing village of Hout Bay.

From here, you will travel along one of the world's most spectacular routes, Chapman's Peak Drive, which offers magnificent views over the ocean towards Hout Bay and The Sentinel.

Passing the pristine white sands of Noordhoek Beach, call in at Noordhoek Farm Village for a comfort stop. Join the scenic Ou Kaapse Weg (Old Cape Road) for views over the Southern Peninsula, Cape Flats and False Bay.

Heading back to the city via the M3 motorway, your route takes in the University of Cape Town, Rhodes Memorial, Mostert's Mill and the famous Groote Schuur Hospital.

Tour code

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Duration

3 HOURS

• Victoria Falls And Zambian Adventure - Double

From an exclusive Zambian lodge, you'll have an opportunity to see the mighty Victoria Falls, go on safari and enjoy an evening in Johannesburg.

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DAY 1 – SUSSI & CHUMA EVENING GAME DRIVE

Take a flight from Cape Town to Livingstone via Johannesburg. Livingstone is the capital of the Southern Province of Zambia, named after explorer and missionary, Dr David Livingstone. A 45 minute drive brings you to the wonderful Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma Safari Game Lodge. The resort is an exclusive haven in the heart of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, which in addition to the Victoria Falls, also boasts a wide variety of game and countless opportunities for adventure. Enjoy luncheon before becoming acquainted with your surroundings. The main lodge is built within giant ebony trees overlooking the Zambezi. Your accommodation will be a spacious open plan tree house complete with shower, bathtub, private toilet and views of the river. Enjoy afternoon tea before taking a sundown game drive. Look out for elephant, impala, giraffe, buffalo, hippo, crocodile, zebra and an array of birds. Returning to the lodge, for dinner.

DAY 2 – VICTORIA FALLS

Your second day at Sussi & Chuma allows you a choice of activities. Choose an early morning game drive or opt for a visit to the mighty Victoria Falls. Described by Dr Livingstone as "the Smoke that Thunders", the falls make a constant roar and generate a cloud of brilliant spray as the mile wide Upper Zambezi falls 300 feet into the Lower Zambezi. For a more local experience you may take a tour of the local village. To round off your day, enjoy an evening river cruise on the Zambezi. Your expert guide will take your boat through a series of grade two rapids, guaranteed to get exciting, and a little wet. Soak up the warm Zambian hospitality back at the lodge with a wonderful dinner.

DAY 3 – GAME DRIVE AND JOHANNESBURG

An early start allows you to head off on a morning game drive. On your return, sit down to a full breakfast before returning to Livingstone Airport to fly to Johannesburg, during which you'll be served a light snack. In Johannesburg, you'll be staying at 54 On Bath

Hotel. This contemporary hotel is a perfect base to explore the cosmopolitan suburb of Rosebank. You'll have time to relax and explore before dinner is served at the hotel.

DAY 4 – PORT ELIZABETH

After breakfast in the Hotel, check-out and return to the airport for your flight to Port Elizabeth. On arrival, take the brief 30 minute transfer to the port where you'll re-join Queen Elizabeth in time for luncheon on board.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

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MEAL INCLUDED

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

3 NIGHTS