

# CAPE TOWN AND KRUGER SAFARI



## Itinerary Overview

If you have only one week to spend on safari in South Africa, choose our Cape to Kruger. This journey takes you from the cosmopolitan Cape Town to the wild Kruger National Park to discover South Africa's most spectacular natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and exceptional safari game viewing.

Based from one of the most beautiful cities in the world, you have several relaxed days to explore the stunning mountain scenery, dramatic coastline, and Cape wine region under the guidance of local expert guides. After exploring the city, head northeast to South Africa's world-renowned Kruger Park area for safari game drives and bush walks with expert game rangers and trackers. Accommodations on this itinerary are comfortable, locally-run lodges and guesthouses – perfectly situated to watch sunsets over the awe-inspiring South African landscapes.

Though we believe this itinerary is a wonderful week in South Africa, it can also be the basis for a myriad of custom South Africa safaris. If you are interested in biking in the Cape Winelands, kayaking to Boulders Beach, adding a few nights at Victoria Falls or traveling with younger adventurers we can customize this itinerary to make it perfect for you.

| DAY | OVERNIGHT      | HOTELS                                    | MEALS | HIGHLIGHTS  |
|-----|----------------|---|-------|---|
| 1   | CAPE TOWN      | Cape Cadogan                              |       | Arrival in Cape Town, city tour                             |
| 2   | CAPE TOWN      | Cape Cadogan                              | BL    | Cape Town walking foodie tour                               |
| 3   | CAPE TOWN      | Cape Cadogan                              | B     | Private full day tour in the winelands                      |
| 4   | CAPE TOWN      | Cape Cadogan                              | B     | Private full day tour of Cape Point, peninsula and penguins |
| 5   | GREATER KRUGER | Tanda Tula or Savannah Private Game Lodge | BLD   | Fly to Hoedspruit, afternoon game drive                     |
| 6   | GREATER KRUGER | Tanda Tula or Savannah Private Game Lodge | BLD   | Safari activities in Kruger region                          |
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| 8   | DEPARTURE      |   | B     | Transfer to the airport for International departure         |

## Itinerary in Detail



### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN CAPE TOWN

Arrive at Cape Town International Airport and transfer to the Cape Cadogan. Free evening to explore the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, the original Cape Town wharfs renovated as an upbeat gathering place full of restaurants, bars and cafes on the water. Overnight at **Cape Cadogan**.

### DAY 2: WALKING CAPE FOODIE TOUR

Today you'll nibble your way through Cape Town, exploring the city with a local who weaves together

history with the city's burgeoning food scene. From Bree Street to local food stalls, your personal guide will take you to the out of the way places only a local knows. Pro tip: do NOT eat breakfast this morning! Overnight at **Cape Cadogan**. [BL]

### DAY 3: FULL DAY IN THE WINE LANDS

Today you'll head off to the wine country and the heart of South Africa's wine industry, Stellenbosch. Walk down the canal-lined avenues, in the shade of giant oak trees and beautifully preserved historic buildings. You are truly spoilt for choice when you enjoy your first wine tasting of the day at the Waterford Estate (or similar). Travel over the Helshoogte Pass to the town of Franschhoek, historically dating back to the 17th century when the French Huguenots arrived. This charming town, in a most picturesque valley, retains a French Huguenot style. Enjoy a wine tasting before taking time to enjoy the fabled culinary skills of the Franschhoek chefs at one of the many award-winning

restaurants (lunch not included). Onward to Paarl, one of the Cape's first farming districts. The town is set at the foot of the cluster of remarkable granite domes from which it takes its name. Our last stop for the day is at a wine estate on the Paarl wine route. You'll return to the bustle of city life after an enthralling day in the countryside. Overnight at **Cape Cadogan**. [BL]



### DAY 4: CAPE POINT, PENINSULA AND PENGUINS

Your tour begins at Kalk Bay, best known for its working fishing harbor and bohemian feel. Browse the arts and crafts on offer, perhaps do a bit of shopping in the quirky fashion boutiques and enjoy the antiques and collectibles along the main strip. Before heading into the Cape Peninsula itself, you search for your own rogue penguins – a splinter colony away from the crowded boardwalks over the main breeding site - on a beach known only to locals. Your tour ends with a gentle hike in the Cape Peninsula Reserve, exploring secluded beaches, shipwrecks, and this

region's unique wildlife. The return journey weaves back to Cape Town via Noordhoek Farm Village, a food artisan hub of the Peninsula and stopping for a little wine tasting at Cape Point Vineyards, producer of some of South Africa's finest Sauvignon Blanc. Lunch options are a choice of local eats, fine dining, or a wild picnic lunch (lunch at an additional cost.) Overnight at **Cape Cadogan**. [B]



## **DAY 5–7: GREATER KRUGER: TIMBAVATI OR SABI SANDS**

### **TIMBAVATI RESERVE, OPTION A:**

Fly from Cape Town to the Hoedspruit airport this morning. Upon arrival you'll be met by staff of Tanda Tula for the 45-minute drive to the lodge.

Tanda Tula is located in the Timbavati Game Reserve, on the western border of Kruger National Park. There is no border between the reserves so wildlife moves freely. Home to breeding herds of buffalo up to 1000 strong,

leopards, rhino, elephant families and particularly the rare white lion, these reserves offer some of the best game viewing in all of Africa. The Timbavati Reserve encompasses only 9 lodges in nearly 200 square miles, meaning plenty of space not only for wildlife but for private game viewing by guests in the reserve.

The three guides at Tanda Tula bring over 50 years of combined experience to your open vehicle game drives. Their extensive knowledge and training ensures that your game experience will be exciting, informative, and most of all unforgettable. Enjoy bush walks to experience the bush at a slower pace, and in-between game drives watch wildlife at the watering hole from your tent. Overnight for three nights at **Tanda Tula. [BLD]**

***Note:** Flight from Cape Town (CPT) to Hoedspruit (HDS) is not included and easily booked through South African Airways. For best pricing, domestic flights are best booked in conjunction with your international flight. Please let us know if you would like any assistance with your flight arrangements.*



### **SABI SANDS RESERVE, OPTION B:**

Fly from Cape Town to Skukuza airport in the Sabi Sands this morning where you will take a Federal Air flight to the Sabi Sands Reserve. Upon arrival you'll be met and immediately head out on game drive to the lodge.

The Sabi Sand Game Reserve is a 250 square mile reserve with a 30-mile unfenced border with the Kruger National Park. The oldest private reserve in South Africa, this area has only ever been a wilderness area and is the birthplace of sustainable wildlife tourism in southern Africa. Enjoying one the highest densities of wildlife populations in South Africa the

Sabi Sands Reserve is home to the Big 5 (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhino) as well as cheetah, plains game, and a large assortment of bird species.

Savannah Private Game Lodge lies in an area where 'Big 5' sightings are so frequent, it is not unusual to see lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhino in a single game drive. Famous for having the best leopard viewing in the world, the Sabi Sand area is known worldwide as 'The Land of the Leopard'.

The typical day starts with an early morning game drive, then after breakfast a bush walk gives you the opportunity to learn about the smaller wonders of the veld. Conclude your afternoon game drive at a carefully selected natural site to enjoy a sundowner whilst watching the sunset over the awe-inspiring wilderness. Overnights in a luxury room **Savannah Private Game Lodge. [BLD]**

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### **DAY 8: DEPART**

There is time for an early morning game drive and breakfast before returning to the Kruger airport in time for your departure flights (*not included*). Consider extending your stay in Africa with a visit to Botswana's Okavango Delta, the thundering Victoria Falls, trekking to see the mountain gorillas in Rwanda, or relaxing beach side in South Africa or Mozambique. **[B]**

### **END OF SERVICES**

**Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.**

### **INCLUDED SERVICES**

- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Airport-hotel transfers, land transportation
- 7 nights hotel accommodation as indicated
- Laundry service at Tanda Tula and Savannah Private Game Lodge
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Soft drinks, local beers, house wines and spirits at Tanda Tula and Savannah Private Game Lodge

### **NOT INCLUDED SERVICES**

- International airfare: into Cape Town and out of Johannesburg
- Flights Cape Town (CPT) /Hoedspruit (HDS) / Johannesburg (JNB) (for those staying at Tanda Tula)
- Flights Cape Town (CPT) /Skukuza (SZK) / Johannesburg (JNB) (for those staying at Savannah Private Game Lodge)
- Tips and gratuities
- Table Mountain cableway tickets – to be purchased on day of tour
- Airport departure taxes
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Laundry service in Cape Town and at Tanda Tula
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

**Baggage Notes on Domestic flights:** Check in luggage with South African Airlines domestic flights is restricted to 44lbs per person. Carryon luggage is strictly regulated to one piece - maximum dimensions 56cm x 34cm x 23cm and maximum weight 7kg and one additional slim line laptop bag. If you exceed these limitations, you will need to leave the departure area and check your luggage which may result in missing your flight. If you are flying on a light aircraft flight between small airstrips, please check with the program director for additional baggage information.

## Accommodations



### **CAPE CADOGAN, CAPE TOWN**

Converted from a farmhouse in 1912, the stately Cape Cadogan was declared a national monument in 1984. This Victorian hotel is comprised of 12 luxurious bedrooms decorated with a mix of contemporary and antique furnishings. Each bedroom has satellite TV, air conditioning, an electronic safe, and comfy robes and slippers. The reception area is designed for comfort and tranquility, and public areas comprise a welcoming lounge with an open fireplace, a garden and pool area, and a library where you can relax and read or enjoy a cup of tea. The hotel is located adjacent to the popular Kloof Street with its many cafes, restaurants, and bars. Consider the

Cape Cadogan not only a hotel, but also a luxury vacation experience.



### **TANDA TULA CAMP, TIMBAVATI GAME RESERVE**

Tanda Tula is situated on the banks of the Nharalumi riverbed, under the shade of huge old trees, overlooking an active waterhole. The main area comprises a cozy open plan thatched lounge and fireplace, merging into an open-sided bar. Meals are served around log fires in the traditional open air boma. There is a secluded, open air therapy hide at the edge of the watering as well as an inviting infinity pool also overlooking the watering hole.

The 12 luxurious tented suites are privately situated along the banks of the River, surrounded by lush riverine bush.

The canvas structures are shaded by thatch and the interiors have a calm and elegant décor. En suite bathrooms have traditional Victorian bathtubs and outdoor showers overlooking the bush and riverbed. All the suites open out to private decks. Highly skilled ranger and tracker teams guide you through more than 20,000 hectares of “Big Five” country on early morning and evening game drives. Daily guided bush walks are also offered.



### **SAVANNA PRIVATE GAME LODGE, SABI SAND GAME RESERVE**

The nine beautifully appointed suites nestle amongst indigenous bush and trees that provide privacy, quiet, and a haven for birds. The epitome of elegance and comfort, the décor is a blend of colonial and classic with hand crafted furniture, fine linen, and beautiful artwork. Three Executive and four Luxury Suites offer a unique 'Out of Africa' experience with canvas roofs above draped ceilings set on permanent structures. All have magnificent bathrooms and decks looking onto waterholes in the bush. In addition, the larger Executive Suites have plunge pools.

Relaxing in the comfort of the public lounge with its spacious patio, or at the main pool looking out over lush gardens and floodlit waterhole, guests are frequently treated to fantastic views of birds and game drinking and bathing. A viewing loft above the lounge makes a pleasant nook for a quiet game of chess as well as a bird's eye view of the waterhole, while an adjoining library provides wireless broadband internet access. A close-knit team of friendly staff provides personalized service with each guest regarded as a valued friend.