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A Map Of Your Journey To South Africa

YOUR SPECIALIST GUIDE: GRAHAM JOHANSSON

Graham Johansson is a Professional Guide and an accomplished wildlife photographer. He has been leading private and specialist photographic tours and safaris since 1994 in Botswana, his first love and an area he knows intimately – Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. He now leads safaris all over Africa and has recently added India. Graham was born and raised on a farm in Zambia, educated in Zimbabwe, and moved to South Africa to further his studies, train, and pursue a career in tourism. Graham is now based out of Cape Town where he lives with his wife and two sons. His passion is found in the intangible harmony and beauty of the wild and outdoors. An avid naturalist with a well-published portfolio of wildlife photographs that have appeared in a variety of publications, he is well suited to interpreting natural history and what can capture that special moment with his camera. His interests also include current and historic affairs, sports, good food, and South African wine.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~ SATURDAY~ SEPTEMBER 25
USA/ EN ROUTE
Your adventure begins as you board your overnight flight to Cape Town. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2~ SUNDAY~ SEPTEMBER 26
CAPE TOWN
Arrive in Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City", where you will be met by your driver and escorted to your hotel. The provincial capital, Cape Town, is a sophisticated city with plenty to see and do, particularly around the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront area, where delightful buildings of the Cape Dutch and Victorian-era architecture have been restored as shops, restaurants, museums and pubs, while the busy water traffic of the docks goes on unabated.

The Commodore Hotel enjoys a prime location at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, offering easy access to Cape Town's top attractions. The hotel features 234 well-appointed rooms designed for consistent comfort and quality. Each room is equipped with individual air conditioning, a television, tea and coffee-making facilities, complimentary in-room Wi-Fi, and an en-suite bathroom with a shower-and-bath combination and hair dryer. Guests can savor refined cuisine on the terrace overlooking the outdoor pool or dine indoors at the elegant Clipper Restaurant. For relaxation, the onsite spa offers treatments including deep-tissue massage and aromatherapy, providing a welcome retreat after a day of exploring the city.
Overnight at the COMMODORE HOTEL, *in standard rooms*.
(No Meals)
https://www.legacyhotels.co.za/hotels/commodore-hotel

DAY 3~MONDAY~ SEPTEMBER 27
CAPE TOWN~ TABLE MOUNTAIN/BO-KAAP/ KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDENS
After breakfast, get a feel of what Cape Town is all about by taking the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, the signature of this city, easily one of the most recognizable mountains. This tour is very dependent on the wind factor, as well as the clouds. Many a times a cloud covers this flat-topped mountain, which rises to 3,563 feet above sea level and the locals affectionately say it's a white tablecloth. Legend has it that a retired pirate, on climbing the mountain, met up with the devil. In order to preserve his soul, the pirate challenged the devil in a smoking contest. So they stoked up their pipes and have been smoking ever since. For centuries Table Mountain has been a guiding beacon to mariners rounding the Cape of Southern Africa. Sir Francis Drake described it as "the most stately thing and the fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth."

Despite its formidable appearance, it is possible to hike up Table Mountain. The first recorded ascent was in 1503 by the Portuguese navigator Antonio da Saldanha who, confused by the Cape Peninsula geography, climbed to the summit via the frontal cleft, now known as Platteklip Gorge. For nature lovers, the birding is awesome, and the wild flowers include agapanthus, watsonias and red nerines which poke out from rock crevices amid a scrub of ericas and gnarled proteas. More than 1400 species of flowering plants have been recorded on the mountain which makes it a spectacular sight in the spring. Cute guinea pig-like creatures known as rock dassies, or hyraxes, (genetically, the closest living relatives to elephants) scuttle everywhere. They are not afraid and scamper among the tourists seeking to be fed.

After visiting Table Mountain your journey continues through Cape Town's historic heart. Drive past the iconic Parliament Buildings, the evocative Slave Lodge, and the colorful streets of Bo-Kaap, where vibrant houses tell stories of the city's rich cultural heritage. The stop for lunch in Bo-Kaap gives you a chance to enjoy local cuisine in this vibrant neighborhood.

Spend your afternoon at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, arguably one of the most beautiful gardens in the world, followed by a guided tour. Founded in 1913, Kirstenbosch lies on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain and consists of landscaped gardens of indigenous plants and trees, watered by the Liesbeek River, as well as the natural forest that extends up to the lower slopes. Kirstenbosch covers an area of 1,383 acres, 148 of which are cultivated; the remainder is a natural flora reserve. It is a living display featuring 9,000 of the estimated 20,000 species of indigenous South African flora, and close to 50% of the peninsula's floral wealth. In the cultivated area, related plants are grouped together and radiate from the central lawns like the spokes of a wheel. Among the interesting sections here are the Cycad Amphitheatre, which hosts most species of these "living fossils" found in southern Africa, the famed Protea Garden on the higher slopes, with its profuse growth of silver trees (Leucadendron argenteum); the JV Mathews Rock Garden (named after the first curator) containing succulents of the genera Crassula, Aloe, Lampranthus, and Euphorbia; the Erica Garden and the Pelargonium Koppie.

Two streams cut through Kirstenbosch, both laced with besembos, red alder, and hard fern. Of historical interest is an avenue of camphor trees and fig trees planted by Cecil Rhodes in 1898, and a small section of wild almond (Brabejum stellatifolium) hedge planted by Dutch settler Jan van Riebeeck in 1660. Birds of all sorts can be seen here as well – Dusky and Paradise Flycatchers, sunbirds, Klaas's cuckoos, bulbuls, pigeons, brilliant green and red Cape Sugarbirds (which pollinate the flowers), guinea fowls, and the Cape Batis.

Return to Cape Town for dinner at SPYCED Restaurant, a unique African dining experience in the heart of Cape Town. Overnight at the COMMODORE HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 4~ TUESDAY~ SEPTEMBER 28
CAPE TOWN~ CAPE PENINSULA

Your luxury motorcoach takes you on a breathtaking coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope. You are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, and the blue sea below. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. Pass quaint seaside towns as you continue to Cape Point where the stormy waters of the Atlantic meet up with the calm waters of the Indian Ocean. At Cape Point, climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top where you can explore a lighthouse, enjoy the views, or even indulge in a bit of shopping. Take a close look at the ocean where you may see southern right whales in the spring and early summer as well as dolphins and a variety of seabirds.

You will also have the chance to explore the Cape Point Nature Reserve which is host to approximately half of the 2,700 species of indigenous plants contained in the Cape Peninsula. Look for the distinctive orange found in leucospermums, one of the rarest types of proteas – the mimites, marvel at the helicrysums and pelarganium calcullums, and enjoy the ericas, phenacomas and fine bush which the Dutch called "fynbos." There are 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from ostriches to minuscule sunbirds. Caracal, chacma baboon, a wide variety of buck and various other mammal species may be seen, including Cape Mountain zebra and the bontebok which is endemic to this part of the world. The baboons feed occasionally on marine foods which they garner at low tide. At Olifants Bay, look for Oystercatchers, and enjoy some superb birding.

Have lunch at the Harbour House, and continue to Boulders Beach where the African (Jackass) Penguins can be seen – also known as the Black-footed Penguins. These flightless seabirds are found only on the coast of Southern Africa and the only penguins found on this continent. Enjoy a delightful walk on a specially built platform onto the little sheltered beach where they nest among the rocks, and "waddle" up and down into and out of the sea. Since the penguins are accustomed to human presence you can safely get within a few feet of them as you stand on the platform, and it is sometimes possible to view them nesting behind rocks and bushes.

Return to Cape Town where the rest of your day is at leisure.
Overnight at the COMMODORE HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 5~ WEDNESDAY~ SEPTEMBER 29
CAPE TOWN/HERMANUS

Your drive now takes to the world-famous whale coast of South Africa, including the Hermanus Wine Route, meandering through the picturesque Hemel-en-Aarde Area which unites three wine wards with a reputation for exceptional quality, small production, and cool-climate wines. Stop at Betty's Bay Penguin Colony, home to one of the largest African penguin colonies on the continent. Nestled within the Stony Point Nature Reserve, this colony offers a unique opportunity to observe these endangered birds up close in their natural environment. Visitors can stroll along boardwalks that wind through the rocky coastline, providing excellent views of the penguins as they waddle between their burrows or dive into the ocean. The site is also a haven for other seabirds, making it a must-visit for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts.

Along the way, stop for a visit to Harold Porter Gardens, a beautiful, secluded area set between mountain and sea, in the heart of the Cape Fynbos region within the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve. It consists of 24 acres of cultivated fynbos garden and 470 acres of pristine natural fynbos. The Garden Estate is the natural part of the garden with several miles of nature trails providing scenic views of forests, mountains, and coastline. The main fynbos families (proteas, ericas and restios) are present as well as other important families such as irises, daisies, and orchids. The Garden boasts red disa (Disa uniflora) in its natural habitat as well as South Africa's national flower, the king protea (Protea cynaroides).

Also stop at Betty's Bay a quiet, untamed coastal village on South Africa's Whale Coast, set between the Kogelberg Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean along the scenic R44 Clarence Drive. Part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve, it sits at the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom, surrounded by extraordinary fynbos and dramatic mountain backdrops. Life here is slow and nature-focused, with rugged beaches, bracing sea air, and a strong sense of remoteness. A highlight is Stony Point Nature Reserve, home to a well-established African penguin colony, while whales are often seen offshore in season.

Next, head to Hermanus, a picturesque coastal town renowned as one of the world's top spots for land-based whale watching. Upon arrival, check into your inviting hotel and take some time to unwind before your afternoon activity. Explore the dramatic cliffs and elevated coastal paths as you watch whales often coming surprisingly close to shore – sometimes just a few meters away – allowing for breathtaking sightings without ever needing to board a boat.

Your accommodation will be at the Windsor Hotel. Situated on a cliff edge with spectacular panoramic views of the Indian Ocean below. This is a place where you'll experience nature; where you'll taste fresh, salty air and wake up to the sound of crushing waves, where you'll hear the call of the seagulls and where your soul will be filled with the timeless beauty of the ocean. At the Windsor Hotel, you'll get excellent service, personal attention and good, old, down-to-earth hospitality. Built by a certain Dr. Hoffman in 1896 and recently renovated by Garth and Etricia Clark-Brown, the Windsor Hotel has always been a very popular resort hotel. Experience stunning panoramic views of Walker Bay from your sea facing room. Every room has its own en-suite bathroom, and ground floor options include a charming small patio. Additional in-room amenities include coffee and tea facilities, satellite television, a fan, a wall-mounted heater, a hairdryer, and an in-room safe. Stay connected with free Wi-Fi.
Overnight at the WINDSOR HOTEL, *in sea-facing rooms.* (B,L)
https://www.windsorhotel.co.za/

DAY 6~THURSDAY~ SEPTEMBER 30
HERMANUS

This morning set out on a memorable marine cruise from Hermanus (weather permitting). After arriving at New Harbour, you'll receive a short introduction covering the route, safety guidelines, and tips on what to watch for. Guests are provided with life jackets and waterproof jackets before heading out on the water. The excursion typically lasts 2–3 hours, depending on weather and sightings, and offers the chance for an intimate encounter with the ocean's gentle giants. From June to December, Southern Right whales are the star attraction, though you may also see dolphins, Cape fur seals, penguins, and an array of marine birds.

While in Hermanus, adventurous travelers have the optional opportunity to experience Great White Shark cage diving in nearby Gansbaai, one of the world's premier locations for this thrilling activity.

Optional Shark Cage Diving ($350 per person, additional)
This morning, set out on an unforgettable adventure – shark cage diving. Experience the adrenaline of coming face to face with one of nature's most formidable predators, while remaining completely safe inside the cage. The excursion focuses not only on cage diving, but also on observing the sharks' natural predation and spectacular breaching behavior. With a maximum of just seven guests per trip, the experience is intimate and personal, allowing ample time for interaction, as well as the chance to gain deeper insight into the sharks and the marine environment from your expert guides. The cage is fixed to the boat and guests are allowed to snorkel in the cage (diving certification is not required for this purpose).

Your afternoon is free to relax at your own pace. This evening, enjoy dinner at the Burgundy restaurant.
Overnight at the WINDSOR HOTEL. (B,D)

DAY 7~ FRIDAY~ OCTOBER 1
HERMANUS/STANFORD/WINELANDS/FRANSCHHOEK

Depart early this morning for the Winelands region of the Cape. En route, stop in Stanford and board the Lady Stanford River cruise for a birding cruise down the Klein River. With breathtaking views of the Klein River Mountains, this unforgettable Stanford River trip will be one of your life's highlights. The Klein River region is home to more than 127 species of birds, animals, and salt and freshwater fish including bass, otter, terrapin, and more.

Leave Stanford behind and delve into another world, an artist's pallet. A tapestry of vineyards interwoven with the historic towns of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek at the base of the Boland Mountains engulfs you. The cradle of the South African fruit and wine industries, every season offers enchanting foliage: spring flowers, summer fruits, autumn leaves, and the fresh greenery of the rainy winter.

Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route.

Visit the historic Lanzerac Wine Estate, nestled in the heart of Stellenbosch's scenic winelands. Surrounded by rolling vineyards and majestic mountain views, the estate offers an elegant setting for an indulgent wine experience. Enjoy a guided tasting that pairs Lanzerac's award-winning wines with carefully selected bites that highlight the flavors of the region. Afterward, savor a leisurely lunch at the estate's restaurant, where seasonal ingredients and fine South African cuisine are complemented by the estate's signature vintages – all in an atmosphere of timeless Cape Dutch charm.

Set amid the rolling vineyards and dramatic peaks of the Franschhoek Valley, Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa perfectly captures the charm of a refined winelands retreat. Blending modern sophistication with timeless Cape Dutch architecture, this elegant property rests on the historic grounds once home to the Hey Joe Brewery. The hotel features 79 beautifully appointed rooms and suites, along with two luxurious villas and 16 exclusive double and single villas, all designed to showcase sweeping views of manicured gardens and the surrounding mountains. Each space combines contemporary comfort with a nod to the region's rich heritage, offering a serene escape for discerning travelers. Guests can savor distinctive dining experiences — from fine cuisine at Sauvage Restaurant to relaxed al fresco meals at La Pavillion, or unwind with a signature cocktail in the stylish Bar & Lounge. The hotel's wellness facilities include a tranquil spa treatment room, Jacuzzi, and sauna, ensuring relaxation amid the beauty of the Cape Winelands. Ideally situated just minutes from Franschhoek's art galleries, boutique wineries, and world-class restaurants, Le Franschhoek Hotel offers an unforgettable blend of heritage, luxury, and scenery — a true reflection of the valley's spirit.
Overnight at LE FRANSCHHOEK HOTEL & SPA, *in classic rooms* (B,L)
https://franschhoek.org.za/accommodations/le-franschhoek-hotel-spa/

DAY 8~ SATURDAY~ OCTOBER 2
WINELANDS

Enjoy a full day exploring the Cape Winelands, where scenic vineyards, historic towns, and world-class wines come together. Begin with a visit to Rickety Bridge for a unique cheese and wine pairing, followed by an informative cellar tour and a relaxed lunch on the estate.

Next, take a walking tour through Stellenbosch, one of South Africa's oldest towns, famed for its tree-lined streets, Cape Dutch architecture, and lively art and café culture. Stroll past historic buildings, quaint boutiques, and charming squares, immersing yourself in the town's rich heritage.

The day concludes with a visit to Blaauwklippen Wine Estate, one of Stellenbosch's oldest vineyards, where you enjoy a relaxed tasting of their signature wines in a picturesque countryside setting.
Overnight at LE FRANSCHHOEK HOTEL & SPA. (B,L)

DAYS 9/10/11 ~ SUNDAY/MONDAY/TUESDAY~ OCTOBER 3/4/5
WINELANDS/CAPE TOWN/ KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Return to Cape Town this morning and board your schedule flight to Kruger National Park (*Skukuza*), one of the world's great national parks. It is home to an unparalleled diversity of wildlife and is maintained by one of the world's most sophisticated management systems. Five rivers cross the park from west to east. There are 300 different types of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 types of amphibians, 116 different reptilian species, 505 species of birds and 147 species of mammals in the park.

Your guide will interpret the ecosystems and animal behavior and help you to identify the strands in the web of life. The park is frequented by browsers and grazers such as giraffe, kudu, impala, zebra, wildebeest, and buffalo. Elephant and white rhino are also common. Predators include lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, and side-striped jackal, as well as wild dog.

Within the untouched wilderness of the Kruger National Park, Imbali Safari Lodge continues the tradition of safari in the romantic style of the past. Set on the banks of the Nwatswitswonto River, this haven comprised of twelve suites of comfortable luxury, is the ideal place to end your ultimate adventure. Experience the colonial delights of four o'clock tea, succulent evening meals, cigars and brandy. Take in the untouched beauty of the bush, and take-home stories of your very own exciting safari. Magnificent cuisine is freshly prepared to your satisfaction by personal butlers, with the menu itself as extensive as the African wilderness. Flickering hurricane lamps, fine mosquito netting and exceptional service, rivaled only by the accommodation, will ensure you never forget the African safari experience. All suites are beautifully appointed with only the finest furniture and imported linen. Spacious decks offer stunning salas and private plunge pools with views over the river bed and onto the plains beyond.

A variety of activities are available at the lodge. These include wildlife safaris, guided walks, health spa visits, bush picnics and champagne breakfasts. Video and slide presentations, traditional dancing, storytelling, special interest talks and even a canoe ride or a visit to the Sangoma or traditional healer can be arranged.
Overnights at the IMBALI SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)
https://imbali.com/

DAY 12~ WEDNESDAY~ OCTOBER 6
KRUGER NATIONAL PARK/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE
Last chance to photograph the incredible sunrise on your last game run this morning, before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg where you connect with your overnight flight to the USA. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 13~ THURSDAY~ OCTOBER 7
USA
Land back home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)

OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO VICTORIA FALLS~ ZIMBABWE

DAY 12~ WEDNESDAY~ OCTOBER 6
KRUGER NATIONAL PARK/JOHANNESBURG
Transfer to the airport today for your flight to Johannesburg. Here bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to US and continue your adventure.

Often called Jo'burg, Johannesburg is the country's largest city and financial center with ultra-modern skyscrapers and a bustling way of life. It is the city of gold, as its claim to fame is the gold that was discovered close-by. There are many things to do in Johannesburg – relax, shop, sightsee and take in the local flavor.

Enjoy dinner at Tribes Restaurant, where contemporary African cuisine is served in a warm, stylish setting that celebrates the continent's rich culinary traditions.

D'Oreale Grande is conveniently located near Johannesburg International Airport and offers a luxurious retreat surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens, fountains, and statues. The hotel's grand architecture features marble floors, ornate mosaics, stained-glass domes, frescoes, and Roman-inspired columns, creating an ambiance of timeless elegance and refined opulence. Its tranquil setting and superior comfort make it an ideal place to relax and recharge before or after your travels.
Overnight at D'OREALE GRANDE, *in classic room*s. (B,D)
https://www.emperorspalace.com/hotels/peermont-doreale-grande

DAY 13~ THURSDAY ~ OCTOBER 7
JOHANNESBURG/VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. At more than twice the size of Niagara Falls, it's no surprise that Victoria Falls are among the Seven Wonders of the World. Mosi-oa-Tunya (*The Smoke that Thunders*,) derived

from the towering column of spray when the Zambezi River runs high, is the name that Zimbabwe's local people have given to this awesome natural phenomenon. The name is probably more appropriate and descriptive than "Victoria", which has a far too calm and composed ring to it to do justice to the masses of thundering, swirling water of these spectacular falls. But all Dr. David Livingstone probably thought of when he named the falls after his Queen in 1855 was his royal duty. Five separate falls make up this incredible spectacle that plunges more than 300 feet into a sheer-sided chasm that separates Zimbabwe from Zambia. The awe-inspiring abyss is spanned by a 1905 Edwardian bridge that links the two countries, and many adventurers now use it for bungee jumping. The masses of water plunging down the falls and into the gorge below originate from the mighty Zambezi River that meanders through more than 1,677 miles of the African countryside.

As the sun sets, enjoy tranquil river views, the chance to spot wildlife along the banks, and a leisurely dinner on board, creating a well-balanced experience that combines adventure with a memorable evening on the water.

Set on the quiet banks of the Zambezi River, The Palm River Hotel is an elegant riverside retreat surrounded by mature indigenous trees and located just 2.4 miles from the iconic Victoria Falls. Only a short five-minute drive from Victoria Falls town, the hotel offers a seamless balance of five-star luxury, tranquillity, and easy access to the area's main attractions. The hotel features 73 stylish rooms designed with contemporary comfort and a natural aesthetic in mind. Deluxe Rooms are spacious and well appointed, each offering a private balcony with views over the river or gardens. Modern furnishings, air conditioning, complimentary Wi-Fi, satellite television, a minibar, and tea and coffee facilities ensure a relaxed and comfortable stay, while the sleek bathrooms feature open showers, double vanities, and quality amenities. Guests can unwind beside the riverside swimming pool, stroll through the landscaped gardens, or enjoy refined dining at the on-site restaurant, which showcases a blend of local and international flavors. A relaxed bar and lounge provides an inviting space for evening drinks, making The Palm River Hotel an ideal base for experiencing Victoria Falls in comfort and style.
Overnight at the PALM RIVER HOTEL. (B,D)
https://www.palmriverhotel.com/

DAY 14~ FRIDAY ~ OCTOBER 8
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Begin the day with a guided morning tour of the Falls, strolling along a network of scenic pathways and well-positioned viewpoints that reveal the grandeur of this iconic natural wonder from multiple angles. As the morning light catches the spray, the thunderous roar of cascading water fills the air, and drifting mist creates rainbows that dance above the gorge. Your guide will share insights into the geology, history, and local legends surrounding the Falls, enhancing your appreciation of their scale and significance. Lush vegetation sustained by the constant spray frames the views, making this an immersive and unforgettable introduction to one of Africa's most awe-inspiring landscapes.

Take part in a guided visit to a nearby local village, accompanied by an English-speaking guide who offers insight into everyday life and long-standing traditions. As you walk through the village, observe daily routines such as cooking, home maintenance, and skilled woodcarving carried out by local artisans. Children play nearby, and visitors are welcome to interact respectfully and take photographs. This meaningful cultural encounter offers a deeper understanding of the region and its people, adding an important human perspective to your journey.

Following the tour, enjoy lunch at the Lookout Café, dramatically perched above the Batoka Gorge, where uninterrupted views stretch across the Zambezi River far below

The remainder of the afternoon is free, allowing time to browse local shops, unwind, or simply enjoy the destination at your own pace.

Optional activity at an additional cost: (190 per person, currently subject to change)

In the afternoon, embark on an unforgettable Rhino Experience at Nakavango Estate, where you'll get up close to these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. Guided by experienced rangers, you'll learn about rhino conservation, witness their behavior, and gain a deeper understanding of the efforts to protect these iconic animals, making for an inspiring and memorable wildlife encounter

In the evening, come together for a memorable farewell dinner at the Boma, where traditional flavors, lively music, and energetic performances create a festive atmosphere. It's a fitting way to reflect on shared experiences and celebrate the journey before the adventure comes to an end.
Overnight at the PALM RIVER HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 15~ SATURDAY ~ OCTOBER 9
VICTORIA FALLS/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE
Last chance to photograph the incredible Falls before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg where you connect with your overnight flight to the USA. (B; Meals Aloft)

DAY 16~ SUNDAY~ OCTOBER 10
USA
Today you land back home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)

INCLUSIONS

- Flights between Cape Town/Skukuza/ Johannesburg on the main program.
- Flight between Johannesburg /Victoria Falls/Johannesburg on the post extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- All meals while on safari. Other meals as specified in the itinerary.
- All wildlife viewing by 4X4 open vehicles, driven by professional rangers.
- An escort from Louisville Zoo will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main program and on the extension.
- A specialist guide will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary reusable water bottle.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flight from USA to Cape Town returning from Johannesburg. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, ranger at Pilanesberg, hotel staff, and other conveyance attendants. *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and are at your discretion. We estimate $25 per person/per day for the specialist guide; $15 per person/per day for the safari ranger and driver in Cape Town/Hermanus. $10 per person/per day for the camp staff in Kruger. $5 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from airport/hotel. These are daily, per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for South Africa, but visas are required for Zimbabwe.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, But Is Subject To Change.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA

Participants:

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles or minibuses, small aircraft and boats/canoes unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-8 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns, or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start city for this program is Cape Town and the end city is Johannesburg, South Africa.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.

Your Journey At A Glance

Including: Cape Town, Cape Point, Hermanus, Winelands, Kruger National Park & Johannesburg

Sponsoring Organization: Louisville Zoo

Escorted By: A Host From Louisville Zoo

Dates: September 25 To October 7, 2027

Cost: Per Person, Double Occupancy	**Main Program Based on 10 Travelers**	**Post-Extension To Victoria Falls Based On 10 Travelers**
Land Package Including All Air Within Africa	$12,995 Per Person	$3,795 Per Person
Single Room Supplement*	$2,995 Per Person, Additional	$795 Per Person, Additional

**Single Supplement: Rate Is Valid For First Two Single Rooms Booked. If More Than Two Single Rooms, Additional Supplement May Apply. Singles Are Assigned On A First Come/First Serve Basis.*

International Air Arrangements: The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start city is Cape Town and the end city for this program is Johannesburg.**

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "**You**" and "**Traveler**"), and Classic Escapes ("**Classic Escapes**", "**We**", "**Us**") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("**Terms**", "**Agreement**"):

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below to CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: You will be required to pay the following per-person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- $2,600 for the trip
- $800 for the Victoria Falls extension

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure (June 22, 2027) unless otherwise stated. Some airfares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Payments may be made by check or with a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.) Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEE: Payments made via credit card will incur a non-refundable processing fee of 5%. This fee applies to both deposits and final payments and will be added to the total trip cost. By choosing to pay via credit card, you agree to this additional charge. Alternative payment methods, such as bank transfers or checks, are available to avoid this fee.

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS: If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse, or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees, and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal, or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates, and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after the promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines, other partners, or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

ADDITIONAL FEES: Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see 'Your Journey at a Glance' section for the cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are **not** included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION: Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and canceled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (March 29, 2027), $300 per person administrative fee, plus $500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
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- 59 days or less prior to departure (July 28, 2027), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

REFUNDS: While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

CHANGES: Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of $150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORTS: All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

REAL ID: Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids. The name, date of birth, and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing the Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.

Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation

and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the exact name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being canceled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being canceled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

AIRLINE SEATING: We request seats together for the group wherever possible. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however, requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Classic Escapes cannot provide the **Comfort Seating Service** as this is available on specific flights subject to availability and commercial laws as determined by each airline and at their own discretion. Boarding passes are generally issued at the airport on the day of departure, or in some cases if you pre-check yourself 24 hours prior to departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check-in at the airport, based on availability, and is at the sole discretion of airline staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATION: We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Federal law prohibits passengers from bringing hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years of imprisonment and penalties of $250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed at http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items.

INSECTICIDE NOTICE: Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

BAGGAGE & FEES: Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also listed on your final documents.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at the time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in vehicles and during meals.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

GUIDES: If one of Classic Escapes' guides is unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

TOUR ITINERARY: To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings, and the required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site http://travel.state.gov, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/ relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must be vigilant regarding COVID and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. While there are no COVID restrictions any longer, travelers may wish to wear masks in areas that are most prone to exposure. **Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing, quarantine, or become infected with COVID-19.** Classic Escapes will endeavor to provide assistance wherever possible.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll: http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during your trip via Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to $100,000.
- Up to $25,000 medical expense and up to $500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view the complete coverage of details.
https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=AL&ProductCode=926801&PlanCode=NW&FileType=PROD_PLAN_GM

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY: We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motor coach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated with Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third-party entities.

LIABILITY: Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage that may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental, or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

FORCE MAJEURE: Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

REFUSAL OF SERVICE: Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE: Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of

these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgment and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

GOVERNING LAW: The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.

RESERVATION FORM: LOUISVILLE ZOO ~ SOUTH AFRICA 27AFZ0925LOU

Enclosed is my deposit for $ _____ ($2,600 per person for the main trip and $800 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Classic Adventure to South Africa departing on **September 25,2027.** Check The Journey at a Glance Page for all pricing.

Deposits/Final payments can be made by credit card, check, or wire transfer. If you choose to pay your deposit or balance via credit card, a non-refundable 5% processing fee will be added to the amount charged. By selecting this payment method, you acknowledge and agree to this additional fee. Please indicate below how you wish to make your payment.

I will pay my deposit by: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Check ☐ Wire Transfer
I will pay my balance by: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Check ☐ Wire Transfer

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail, scan and email, or fax to 718-204-4726)

Please make checks payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001

Final payment due date is June 22, 2027

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm a reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section

1) NAME (*As appears on passport*): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y)___/___/_____

2) NAME (*As appears on passport*): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y)___/___/_____

WHAT NAME YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2)_____

STREET ADDRESS:_____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP:_____

PHONES: HOME: ( ) _____ OFFICE: ( ) _____ MOBILE: ( )_____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: ( )_____

☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ☐ ONE ☐ TWO Beds (Make one selection only)

☐ I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)

☐ I understand if one cannot be located for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount listed on the Journey at a Glance page.

☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional cost.

☐ I wish to do the shark cage diving in Hermanus - $350 per person, additional.

☐ **CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ANY US CITY.**

☐ ☐ YES, I WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION TO DEPART FROM _____
☐ I REQUIRE: ☐ ECONOMY ☐ BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS

☐ *We'd love to send you exclusive offers and the latest news from our partners around the world. We'll always treat your personal details with the utmost care and will never sell them to other companies for marketing purposes.* ☐ ***No thanks, I don't want to hear about offers and news.***

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 5, 2026 and are subject to change. Refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.
191 W Poplar Street,
Floral Park, NY 11001

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)

LOUISVILLE ZOO ~SOUTH AFRICA
SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 7, 2027

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

_____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

_____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 5, 2026 subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable on this tour:

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PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge.
While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.