

VACATIONS THAT MATTER!

South Africa Private Family Program



Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability.

OVERVIEW This independent trip adventure weaves together the most colourful facets of South Africa: from personable shopkeepers to encounters with marine life and big game; from the peaks of the Table Mountain to the daily struggle in some of the townships below. We are proud to present an eight-day family journey that opens up the mind—as well as the eyes.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

Dates: November to April

Duration: 8 days/7 nights

Start: Cape Town

Finish: Johannesburg

Travellers: 2 Adults and 2 Children

Price from: US\$3,995 per person, based on double occupancy and four travellers

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Take a cable car up Table Mountain for an unforgettable view of the city and peninsula below; pausing on your way down to sample vintages at the Spier Wine Estate.
- ✓ Get to know some local wildlife in Simon's Town, including penguins, right whales and ostrich—or take to the bike trails that surround the area.
- ✓ Spend a day acquainting yourself with the humanitarian efforts in South Africa; a guided uThando tour briefly implicates you in local community development programs.

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- ✓ Visit Hermanus, a 19th century whaling station home to the world's only "whale crier," and then take an unforgettable wine tour in nearby Hemel.
- ✓ Embark on a safari on the Madikwe Game Reserve, a 75,000-hectare property home to impressive endemic wildlife like the Madikwe lion, which is known to hunt giraffe.
- ✓ Participate in a customized service project

Day 1: Cape Town

Land in historic Cape Town, South Africa and explore its narrow, restored streets, art galleries and surprisingly modern conveniences. Not to be missed are the parliament buildings, Company Gardens and abundant activity along Kloof Street.

Meals	Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Cape Cadogan Apartments
Service Project	None

Day 2: Table Mountain

Wake up refreshed, then enjoy the ride to Table Mountain, where a cable car will bring you to the top for a breathtaking view of the city and peninsula below. Try counting the hydraxes—or "rock rabbits"—with the kids; they're up here in abundance! On the way down, stop at the Spier Wine Estate for a picnic lunch, then come face to face with a domesticated cheetah at the Cheetah Outreach Programme. After this whirlwind of an afternoon, you can spend the evening as you see fit.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Cape Cadogan Apartments
Service Project	None

Day 3: Simon's Town

This naval hamlet located on the False Bay coast is teeming with activity for you and your family. Try your hands (and shoulders and forearms) at sea kayaking on the waterfront, visit with penguins on a private beach while taking in a cool drink, spot right whales off of Cape Town's shores, experience a local ostrich farm or take a bike ride around the whole darn thing; the trails here are fantastic. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Meals	Breakfast and Lunch
Accommodation	Cape Cadogan Apartments
Service Project	None

Day 4: UThando Tour

Today's itinerary is of a more human interest. You will travel alongside representatives from uThando, a South African charity which focuses on community outreach and social development programs in the Cape Town area. Here, you will learn of the ways that uThando is working to educate the rest of the world about their cause—and lift up their more destitute neighbours. A portion of the tour cost goes directly to uThando.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Grootbas Garden Lodge
Service Project	Can be arranged (UThando tour and projects through Grootbas)

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Day 5: Hermanus

Spend the morning in Hermanus: a whaling station that was settled in the 1800s; It is currently known as the best land-based whale-watching station in the world. Southern right whales visit Walker Bay from June through to December, when the world's only "whale crier" alerts the town of his presence, by way of his kelp horn. The Hermanus Wine Wander, an oenological adventure found in nearby Hemel, is highly recommended.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Grootbas Garden Lodge
Service Project	Can be arranged

Day 6–8: Hermanus — Madikwe Game Reserve

Situated in the malaria-free zone of the North West Province, this "Big Five" reserve spans 75,000 hectares and is home to such impressive beasts as the Madikwe lion, which is known to hunt such big game as giraffe and eland. Accommodations for the rest of your stay are found in Jaci's Safari Lodge, a privately-owned luxury game lodge built around an enormous, ancient termite mound—which is far cooler than it sounds! The kids will love spending time exploring the lodge, which has a children's play area.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Jaci's Safari Lodge
Service Project	None

End of Services

YOUR HOTELS



Cape Cadogan Apartments

An extension of the Cape Cadogan Hotel, the apartments are an innovative collection of restored Cape houses on a quiet street, with a central dining and reception area. The accommodation is a mix of one and two-bedroomed apartments with fully equipped kitchens and the living spaces are furnished in a fresh and modern, holiday atmosphere.



Grootbos Garden Lodge

Situated on the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve in the Gansbaai area, this award-winning reserve is home to the largest Milkwood Forests in the world. The lodge is set within the fynbos and forest-clad hills which overlook the whale-watching haven of Walker Bay.



Jaci's Safari Lodge

A privately owned luxury game lodge located in the 76,000 hectare, malaria-free "Big Five" Madikwe Game Reserve, bordering Botswana. Ideally situated under shady trees, near an active waterhole the lodge curves around a huge, ancient termite mound. There is a spacious lounge and dining area, an outdoor boma, a fully equipped gym and children's play area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: US Citizens do not require holiday visas to enter South Africa **BUT** you must have at least two blank pages in a valid passport per country you are visiting.

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: **Easygoing to Moderate** This walking trip features plenty of uneven footing and dirt trail—but its focus is not on covering distance. Transportation to and from the day’s event is provided in most instances. The activities on this trip are geared for children 6 years old and up. If you will be travelling with smaller children, let us know and we can revise the itinerary to suit your needs.

TOUR COST

The tour cost is based on the above suggested hotel/room categories. Hotels listed may not be available on your requested dates but alternatives will be presented.

Tour Cost	4 persons
Price per person (no airfare)	FROM US\$3,995

What’s Included	What is NOT included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All accommodations on a shared twin/double room basis • Most meals (as indicated), including wine • All entrance fees and tours • All transfers and baggage handling • All internal flights • All the local experts and specialists • Services of a local guide(s) • All special events and on-trip surprises • All gratuities to porters, drivers, restaurants and other service staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel early check-in & late check-out • Other meals where not mentioned in the program • Overweight luggage • Personal expenses, laundry, mini bar, etc. • Travel insurance • Travel visas • Other services not listed in inclusive column • Gratuity for your local guide(s) • Fees associated with participating in service projects

READY TO BOOK? Call or email us with any remaining questions, and to reserve your dates (1-714-925-1769). Once you are booked, you will receive a confirmation package containing detailed information to help you prepare for your trip.

TRAVEL SERVICES: Once you have confirmed your trip, we can assist you with flights, pre-night hotels, airport transfers and other aspects of getting to and from your trip. Some fees may be associated with these services.

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