SOUTH AFRICA, VIC FALLS & EGYPT TOUR



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South Africa, Victoria Falls & Egypt with Flights

Duration: 25 days

Stay: 15 nights hotels, 7 nights river cruise, overnight flights

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: SAEGT25M

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25 Days Africa Safari, Vic Falls & Egypt with Flights

About the holiday

This South Africa and Egypt combination is packed with inclusions and is the ideal blend of cultural experiences, historic wonders and amazing wildlife viewing!

Fly to Cape Town, where you begin with city sightseeing and tours of Table Mountain tour and the Cape Peninsula. After a quick flight to Durban, swap the city for an extraordinary cruise on St Lucia Estuary, home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles and even sharks. There's more amazing wildlife viewing with game drives in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve and famous Kruger National Park.

After driving the spectacular route to Johannesburg and taking a tour of Soweto, it's time to fly to Victoria Falls and witness the magnificent World Heritage-listed waterfalls.

Next, tick off more bucket list experiences in Egypt. Encounter the Great Pyramids at Giza and the Valley of the Kings. Explore ancient temples, including Philae and Luxor. Embark on a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with a sundeck and swimming pool.

Between the stunning natural sights, ancient wonders and the modern-day splendours, this South Africa and Egypt holiday is as good as it gets!

Why you'll love this trip...

See the best of South Africa on value-packed two-week tour Experience the thrill of seeing Africa's amazing animals in the wild Enjoy a luxe 7-night cruise down the Nile Expert guides will look after you and share their fascinating local knowledge Flights are included from Australia on this worry-free trip!

Travel dates

2024 & 2025 - departs select Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays*

*Dates are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Contact our office for current prices and availability.



Holiday Inclusions

International Flights - Return economy airfares to Cape Town, Johannesburg & Cairo Fly from Australian capital cities, including airline taxes & fuel surcharges

Africa Inclusions:

Internal flights - Cape Town-Durban, Johannesburg-Victoria Falls & Victoria Falls-Johannesburg

Airport transfers

12 nights accommodation

4 nights Cape Town

1 night Hluhluwe

1 night Mbabane (eSwatini)

2 nights Hazyview

2 nights Johannesburg

2 nights Victoria Falls

Hotel taxes, fees & service charges

Hotel porterage

20 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners

Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach

Game drives in modern 10-seater safari vehicles

Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

Entrance fees per itinerary

Egypt Inclusions:

Internal flights - Cairo-Luxor & Luxor-Cairo Airport transfers - meet & assist at Cairo airport 10 nights accommodation

3 nights Cairo at 5-star hotel with breakfast

7 nights on board a 5-star Nile cruise on full board basis

Daily breakfast & meals as per the itinerary

All transfers in private deluxe air-conditioned bus

Sightseeing with entrance fees as specified

All sightseeing on board the cruise

Private English-speaking Guide/Egyptologist

Baggage handling & portage

Package excludes:

Visa fees (where applicable)
Airfare additional fees, such as seat reservations & excess baggage
Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary
Optional tours & activities
Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi access etc.
Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers
Travel insurance is essential - let us know if you'd like a quote
Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour companies & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

Special features:

- Experience Cape Town, during the city tour pass by Castle of Good Hope, the Grande Parade and visit Table Mountain
- In the course of the Cape Peninsula tour, visit the Cape of Good Hope reserve and view the penguin colonies at Boulders Beach
- Game viewing cruise on the St Lucia Estuary, a uniquely diverse ecosystem
- Game drive through Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve
- A thrilling game drive on an open-vehicle through Kruger National Park
- In Soweto, the most metropolitan township, visit Nelson Mandela's former home
- Visit spectacular Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Enjoy a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River
- Visit the Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza
- Sail the River Nile on a 5-star cruise ship
- Visit the Temple of Karnak
- Explore Temple of Luxor
- Visit Valley of the Kings
- Visit the High Dam and Philae Temple
- Sail around Elephantine Island on an Egyptian felucca

Want to extend your stay or pre-book optional tours? Email hello@mytravelxp.com for details.

Itinerary:

DAY 1 - Depart for South Africa

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DAY 2 - Arrive in Cape Town

Arrive in Cape Town. As you are transferred to the hotel, expect to see the towering symbol of the city - Table Mountain. The rest of the day is at leisure

Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 3 - Cape Town City Tour

This morning, embark on a half day Cape Town city and Table Mountain tour. Drive past famous landmarks such as the Castle of Good Hope, City Hall, the Grand Parade, and St. George's Cathedral. The route then leads to Kloof Nek and Table Mountain. Ascend to the top (weather permitting) by means of a cable car.* Afterward, you will have the opportunity to learn the three-billion-year-old story of diamonds while touring the prominent Shimansky Jewellers. Following the tour (or for those who do not wish to participate) stroll through the V & A Shopping Mall before returning to your hotel. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager, followed by dinner

*Table Mountain Aerial Cableway closes for annual maintenance between July-September. Exact dates will be advised.

Overnight: Cape Town Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 - Cape Peninsula Tour

Depart on a full day Cape Peninsula Tour with lunch along the way. Travel to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Then, following the coastline along False Bay, return to Cape Town after lunch.

On the way, visit the penguin colonies at Boulders Beach, and the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. Tonight, attend the *optional* Traditional African Dinner Experience for an evening of live performances and African gastronomy before returning to the hotel

Optional: Traditional African Dinner Experience

Overnight: Cape Town Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5 - Full Day in Cape Town

Enjoy the day at leisure in Cape Town. Perhaps join the *optional* South African Wine Tour, which takes you along the country's principal wine route to the towns of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch with tastings along the way. Alternatively, thrill seekers will not want to miss the *optional* excursion to "Shark Alley" to experience shark cage diving.* Tonight, experience local culture at the *optional* Home Hosted Dinner

*The South African Wine Tour and Full Day Shark Cage Diving operate simultaneously. Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours

Optional: South African Wine Tour **Optional:** Full Day Shark Cage Diving

Optional: Home Hosted Dinner in Cape Town

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 - Flight to Durban, Game Viewing Cruise on the St. Lucia Estuary

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Durban. Upon arrival in the early afternoon, drive to St. Lucia. Later, embark on a game viewing cruise that takes you on the St. Lucia Estuary, home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles, and even sharks. This evening, dinner is at the hotel

Overnight: Hluhluwe Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 - Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, Travel to eSwatini

After an early breakfast, travel to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, situated in northern KwaZulu Natal, which is famous for its conservation of black and white rhinos. You may have a chance to see elephant, Cape buffalo, lion, leopard, and rhino during your morning game drive through the reserve. Time permitting, meet children at a local school before continuing to the border of the Kingdom of eSwatini,* an independent kingdom within the borders of South Africa. Stop at a handicraft market this afternoon before arriving at your hotel in early evening *eSwatini is an independent country from South Africa and therefore has different entry requirements. Non-US passport holders are responsible to check if a visa is required for eSwatini in addition to all other countries on their itinerary

Overnight: Mbabane (eSwatini)

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 - eSwatini Sightseeing and Matsamo Village Visit

After breakfast visit the Ngwenya glass factory, where visitors can watch glass blowers create a range of African animals, and tableware made from recycled glass that is collected by the children of eSwatini. Transfer to the South African border and visit Matsamo Cultural Village where you can learn more about the Swati traditions and customs. Enjoy traditional Swati cuisine along with dance and song performances. Later, continue to the hotel in time for dinner

Overnight: Hazyview

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 - Kruger National Park Game Drive

Upon departure from the hotel, a pre-packed breakfast will be provided for you. Then, on to Kruger National Park for a full day open-vehicle game drive. You may have a chance to see lion, elephant, giraffe, or zebra in their natural habitat.

After stopping at a rest camp for lunch, continue your game drive. Dinner is at the

hotel

Overnight: Hazyview

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 - Travel to Johannesburg

Depart after breakfast for a long drive. Travel via Konwyn Pass, offering spectacular views over the Lowveld and visit the 213-foot Mac Mac Waterfall in the Mac-Mac Forest Nature Reserve. Proceed to the historic logging town of Sabie, the once gold mining town now relies on forestry. Admire spectacular views of mountain passes and continue past the small town of Waterval Boven, nestled in the Drakensberg Mountains on the way to Johannesburg. Arrive at the hotel late afternoon

Overnight: Johannesburg

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11 - Soweto Tour

Depart on a half day tour of Soweto. Drive by the former residence of Bishop Desmond Tutu and visit Nelson Mandela's former home. Continue to the Apartheid Museum, where you will journey through the racial segregation experienced by millions of South Africans. Cap off the day with dinner tonight

Overnight: Johannesburg Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12 - Flight to Victoria Falls & Sundowner Cruise

Transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Victoria Falls,* named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the hotel to relax before embarking on a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River, where you can encounter herds of buffalo and elephant *Flight will arrive into Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Livingstone, Zambia. The Livingstone airport is a 30-minute drive to the hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Overnight: Victoria Falls

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13 - Guided Tour of Victoria Falls

This morning, take a guided tour of the Victoria Falls, one of the "Seven Natural Wonders of the World". The walking safari takes you through the magnificent rainforest to view the Cataracts, Livingstone's statue and a wide variety of birds and plants. The rest of the day is yours to discover this beautiful area independently, or join the *optional* Helicopter Flight over Victoria Falls. Experience the spectacular waterfalls on a thrilling helicopter flight. A truly once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed

Optional: Helicopter Flight over Victoria Falls

Overnight: Victoria Falls

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 14 - Depart South Africa, Fly to Egypt

After breakfast, fly to Johannesburg and connect to your international departure flight to Cairo this evening.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15 - Arrive Egypt

Upon arrival in Cairo, you will be met by our travel representative at the airport immigration area and transferred to your hotel for overnight.

Day 16 - Cairo (Pyramids, Museum)

After breakfast your private Egyptologist tour guide and driver will pick you up and start your tour. Drive to Giza and visit the Pyramids. See the Great Pyramid, a royal burial chamber and the Sphinx. Lunch en route. Visit the Egyptian Museum; this houses a magnificent collection of Pharaonic antiquities, especially the golden treasures of Tut Ankh Amun. Return to hotel for overnight

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 17 - Luxor (Karnak & Luxor Temple)

Upon arrival to Luxor, our representative will pick up you for embarkation on your Nile Cruise. visit the great Luxor Temple and the magnificent Karnak Temple of Amun with its famous Hypostyle Hall and the 134 huge columns, the Statue of Ramses II, the Obelisk of Queen Hatshepsut and the Sacred Lake. Overnight in Luxor Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 18 - Luxor (West Bank)

In the morning your sightseeing in Luxor includes the West Bank (Thebes) where some of the richest treasures in the world exists, including the Tomb of Tut Ankh Amun (optional) and other royal tombs including Ramses VI in the Valley of the Kings, you will be able to visit some of these tombs, Visit Hatshepsut funerary temple at Dier El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon. Then transfer back to your Cruise for lunch. In the afternoon you will sail through the locks of Esna to Edfu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19 - Edfu & Kom-Ombo

In the morning, Sail to Edfu, visit Edfu temple, then sail to Kom Ombo, where you will visit the Sobek Temple, dedicated to the two gods, which offers beautiful murals and reliefs. Sail to Aswan and Overnight

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 20 - High Dam, Philae temple, Felucca

After breakfast you will visit the High Dam, and Philae Temple. In the afternoon you will sail on an Egyptian felucca around Elephantine Island and the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener Island and the Agha Khan Mausoleum. Overnight in Aswan Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 21 - Aswan (Free day at leisure)

Breakfast, free day at leisure. Lunch, dinner on board.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 22 - Aswan - Kom Ombo - Edfu

After breakfast, sail to Kom Ombo, sail to Edu. Overnight in Edfu

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 23 - Edfu - Esna - Luxor

Breakfast, sail to Esna. P.m sail to Luxor, dinner and overnight on board **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 24 - Luxor - Cairo

After breakfast, disembarkation from the ship, transfer to Luxor airport for your flight back to Cairo, transfer to your hotel in Cairo.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 25 - Cairo departure, Fly to Australia

Following breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport for your final departure and flights back to Australia. It's time for this magnificent journey to come to an end and memories to begin!

Meals: Breakfast

Note: The day-by-day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only. Travel by nature is unpredictable, weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions, river water levels, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

Is this trip right for me?

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from three to four hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. A few early wake-ups are required. There are two long days spent on the coach between eSwatini and Hazyview, as well as between Hazyview and Johannesburg. For your comfort, several stops will be made along the way including a lunch break. While the majority of the tour will be performed in an air-conditioned motor coach, game drives will be conducted in small safari vehicles that cannot be air-conditioned. While the majority of South Africa is malaria-free, visitors to Kruger National Park are encouraged to consult their health-care providers regarding malaria prophylaxis. We suggest you check with your health-care provider before signing up for this tour.

During this tour, you may come into proximity of wild animals whose actions can be unpredictable. Certain inherent risks are involved which should be considered at your own discretion. Short power outages are a regular occurrence in South Africa. Hotels in major cities are equipped with back-up generators so there are no interruptions to normal services, however hotels outside of major cities may have supplemental generators that provide electricity to only essential services.

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