



Peter O'Leary & Katrina Schick in association with Specialty Travel present their 2012

22 DAY SOUTHERN AFRICA TOUR

Tuesday 7th to Tuesday 28th August 2012



Day 1 Tuesday 07 August 2012 Rockhampton – Sydney (D)

Pick ups Yeppoon Rail, Emu Park, Northside Plaza, South Mobil & Gracemere

You will depart Rockhampton at lunch time today for your direct flight to Sydney. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel where you will have a night's rest prior to your International flight tomorrow.

O/N Sydney

Day 2 Wednesday 08 August 2012 Sydney – Johannesburg – Cape Town (B)

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel then transfer to the airport to join your South African Airways flight to Johannesburg. On arrival clear customs and transfer to your domestic flight to Cape Town. Be met on arrival by your local tour guide and transfer to the hotel on the city edge approx 8pm (meals inflight)

O/N Cape Town

Day 3 Thursday 09 August 2012 Cape Town (BD)

After a leisurely breakfast catch glimpses of Table Mountain then board the coach for an orientation tour of the city. Cape Town, also known as the 'Mother City', situated in the Western Province, is a picturesque city with Table Mountain as a stunning backdrop and the Victoria & Alfred waterfront in the foreground. See the Malay Quarter, Victoria & Alfred waterfront and the Kirstenbosch and Company gardens. Return to the hotel early this afternoon with the rest of the day at leisure. Dinner will be at your hotel as some people may wish to retire early.

O/N Cape Town

Day 4 Friday 10 August 2012 Cape Town – Stellenbosch (BLD)

Enjoy breakfast before departing (approx 8am) to Table Mountain. A cable car will take you to the top of the mountain and you'll be rewarded with stunning 360 degree views. Table Mountain conditions can change quickly so by going in the morning we have the best chance of clear viewing. Afterwards depart for the world renowned wine region of Stellenbosch & Paarl. Proceed to a wine estate for a cellar tour and wine tasting followed by lunch. After lunch travel to Stellenbosch, an old university town with oak lined streets providing a wonderful display of Cape Dutch architecture. There will be a guided city walk with time to do your own wandering and/or shopping. Late afternoon travel back to Cape Town arriving early evening. Tonight cap off a wonderful day with dinner at your hotel.

O/N Cape Town

Day 5 Saturday 11 August 2012 Cape Town – Cape of Good Hope (BLD)

Enjoy a full day tour to the Cape of Good Hope. Travel via Hout Bay and take a boat trip to Seal Island. Cross Chapman's Peak on your way to the Cape Peninsula enjoying the rugged coastline scenery. Cape of Good Hope is where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet with Cape Point being home to the world's most powerful lighthouse. Take a walk up to the lighthouse or for those less energetic there is a funicular to take you to the top (own expense). Enjoy lunch at a seaside restaurant prior to visiting Boulders Beach Penguin Colony.

O/N Cape Town

Day 6 Sunday 12 August 2012 Cape Town - Oudtshoorn – Knysna (BD)

Depart Cape Town after breakfast and travel along the highway to Swellendam, the 3rd oldest city in South Africa. Later on we will travel over the Robinson Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'Ostrich Capital of South Africa'. On arrival enjoy a guided tour of an ostrich farm to learn more about these amazing birds. Afterwards depart for the town of Knysna which is one of South Africa's favoured holiday destinations due to being situated between lush forests and a wonderful lagoon. The scenery is delightful. In the evening set out on a relaxing sunset cruise along the Knysna lagoon. Watch the sunset and enjoy dinner afterwards.

O/N Knysna

Day 7 Monday 13 August 2012 Knysna – Tsitsikama Forest – Addo Elephant NP (BD)

After breakfast travel to the Tsitsikama Forest where you will be able to view centuries old yellow wood trees with time to take a stroll in the forest. Continue on to Port Elizabeth for an orientation tour then a short drive inland to Addo Elephant National Park. Addo is a 120000ha wild sanctuary for a wide range of wildlife including elephants, buffalo, black rhino and smaller creatures like the flightless dung beetle.

O/N Addo Elephant Lodge or similar

Day 8 Tuesday 14 August 2012 Addo Elephant NP (BLD)

Today is game viewing day! You will head out morning and afternoon on open 4WD game drives searching for a variety of game animals. Your ranger will impart valuable knowledge not only relating to the animals but also about the surrounding bushveld and birdlife. In between game drives your time is at leisure.

O/N Addo Elephant Lodge or similar

Day 9 Wednesday 15 August 2012 Addo – Kingdom of Lesotho (BD)

This morning travel through the rolling farmland of central South Africa in the Free State. See vast areas under cultivation of maize and other cereal crops. Later on in the day travel through the foothills then the mountains of the independent Kingdom of Lesotho.

O/N Maseru

Day 10 Thursday 16 August 2012 Kingdom of Lesotho - Drakenberg Mountains (BD)

Enjoy a scenic drive along the edge of the Kingdom stopping off at various scenic lookouts to view the impressive mountain scenery. End the day in the Drakenbergs near Golden Gate National Park at Clarens with the towering cliffs of the escarpment forming a picturesque backdrop. Time in the village on our overnight stop to see the local arts and crafts and coffee houses.

O/N Clarens

Day 11 Friday 17 August 2012 Drakenberg – Royal Natal NP - Dundee (BD)

On with the walking shoes as we near Royal Natal to see the beautiful outlook, valleys and mountains of the Drakenbergs. For the energetic the walk will show you the caves that contain Bushman paintings. Sadly depart this beautiful scenery and head out into the pastoral area of Natal province. End the day in the historic battlefields village of Dundee.

O/N Battlefields Lodge

Day 12 Saturday 18 August 2012 Dundee – Battlefield Sites (BD)

This morning visit the Talana Museum where we have the services of a local historian. The museum is located on a battlefield where buildings from the era still stand today. Continue on to the Battlefields where the British army were confronted by the full force of the Zulu nation. It was also where the Boer Wars were fought by the Afrikaners in their bid to halt the advancing threat of Anglo civilisation. Later in the afternoon leave for Nambiti Park Eco game reserve for a sundown Big 5 safari game drive. Enjoy sundowners in the bush then return to the lodge for dinner and entertainment tonight with Zulu dancers and the Die Hards – a royal Scottish regiment retrospective.

O/N Battlefields Lodge

Day 13 Sunday 19 August 2012 Dundee - St Lucia (BD)

After a leisurely breakfast board the vehicle and head further into the Zulu kingdom. Stop to see art/craft/woodworking stalls by the side of the road. Enter the estuary township of St Lucia for shopping at the market stalls and free time at your accommodation then enjoy a cruise on the St Lucia estuary to view crocodiles, pods of hippos and an array of birdlife.

O/N St Lucia

Day 14 Monday 20 August 2012 St Lucia - Kingdom of Swaziland – Kruger NP (BD)

This morning drive through the countryside of undulating countryside and game reserves heading for the Kingdom of Swaziland. Have your passport ready as you depart South Africa and head into the landlocked kingdom. Swaziland is well known for its handicrafts, especially Ngwenya Glass and Swaziland candles. At both factories all items have been handmade and we have the opportunity to witness the craft people at work. End the day back in South Africa at our lodge and enjoy sundowners and dinner on the deck overlooking the Crocodile River and Kruger National Park

O/N Pestana Lodge

Day 15 Tuesday 21 August 2012 Kruger NP (BLD)

Up early for breakfast then board your vehicle to enter Kruger via the Malalene Gate for a game drive in the premier game reserve in all of Africa. The park boasts the opportunity of viewing the Big Five (elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, and rhino) as well as a host of other African wildlife including wild dog, giraffe, zebra, hippopotamus, impala and sable antelope to name a few. The park is almost 2 million hectares in size and supports the greatest variety of wildlife species on the African continent. At the end of the drive return to your lodge and over a late lunch reminisce about the morning's animal viewing. A free afternoon to relax on the deck overlooking the park

O/N Pestana Lodge

Day 16 Wednesday 22 August 2012 Nelspruit – Hazyview – Chisomo Private Game Lodge (BD)

Pass through Nelspruit and Hazyview this morning on the western edge of Kruger. Stop off near Hoedspruit to visit Mahalolo animal sanctuary and learn about the capture of sick and injured birds and animals, then healed and returned to the wild. Mid afternoon arrive at our private game lodge, settle into your tented camp then enjoy a sundowner game drive.

O/N Private Lodge – Chisomo

Day 17 Thursday 23 August 2012 Chisomo Private Game Lodge (BLD)

Enjoy an early morning open 4WD game drive in search of the Big 5, tracking wild animals and enjoying the African bush. Return to the lodge for breakfast before having the middle of the day to enjoy the African ambience and atmosphere. Late afternoon head out on an open 4WD game drive including a walk, where your ranger will impart detailed knowledge on plants, insects and other interesting game animals you are likely to encounter. Enjoy a memorable boma dinner under the African night sky.

O/N Private Lodge – Chisomo

Day 18 Friday 24 August 2012 Kruger – Panorama Route – Johannesburg (B)

After breakfast depart the game reserve and travel along the stunning Panorama Route. The Panorama Route follows the edge of the Blyde River Canyon, the largest green canyon in the world. You will stop at many great scenic points like the Three Rondavels, God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes. Travelling to Johannesburg we will witness the change in environment from the Lowveld to the Highveld. Overnight in the Emperor's palace complex with its indoor shopping and eating areas, (dinner is own expense).

O/N: Johannesburg

Day 19 Saturday 25 August 2012 Johannesburg – Victoria Falls (BD)

After a leisurely breakfast board your flight to Victoria Falls. On arrival be met and transferred to your accommodation, then enjoy a guided tour to witness one of the 7 natural wonders, Victoria Falls. Explore these mighty waterfalls almost twice as high & wide as the mighty Niagara Falls. The breathtakingly beautiful Falls are where the waters of the Zambezi River tumble down in continuous thunder. The mist over the Falls which can be seen from quite a distance is known as "The Smoke the Thunders" or "Mosi Oa Tunya". Dinner tonight in the lodge.

O/N Victoria Falls Hotel

Day 20 Sunday 26 August 2012 Chobe NP day trip (BLD)

Today a highlight - cross the border temporarily exiting Zimbabwe for your day trip into Chobe national park (have passports ready for the border crossing as you enter Botswana). The Chobe national park wilderness area covers nearly 11 000 square kms, which makes it the third largest park/game reserve in Botswana. Best known for its concentrations of elephant – some 120 000 individuals, along with good numbers of buffalo, antelope and predators. Experience a thrilling open 4WD game drive in this amazing nature reserve plus a cruise on the Chobe River to get close to the pods of hippos. Tonight our final dinner in Africa is in a closed boma at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge enjoying a smorgasbord dinner extravaganza together with a cultural/drama/dance show.

O/N Victoria Falls Hotel

Day 21 Monday 27 August 2012 Victoria Falls – Johannesburg – flight (B)

Free morning for optional activities. You have the choice of walking with the lions, elephant interaction, scenic flights over the Falls and shopping for those last minute gifts at the outdoor local curios market. Afterwards be transferred to Victoria Falls airport for your flight to Johannesburg and the onward flight back home to Australia.

O/N Flight

Day 22 Tuesday 28 August 2012 Arrive Sydney (Meals inflight)

Your international flight arrives in Sydney where you will pass through customs and transfer to the domestic terminal for your flight to Rockhampton via Brisbane, so ending a wonderful journey to the animal kingdom and scenic southern Africa. You will arrive into Rockhampton late this evening.

Coach Transfers back to South Mobil, Gracemere, Northside Plaza, Emu Park & Yeppoon as usual!

TOUR COST: \$11595.00 pp

Single Supplement \$1400.00

(Subject to a minimum of 24 passengers travelling)

Final Balance due: 25th May 2012

To guarantee your place on this tour please fill out attached booking form and return to Peter with a \$1000 Deposit per person.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape Town and Table Mountain
- Drakenberg Mountains
- Stellenbosch tour with wine tasting
- Knysna Lagoon cruise
- Open vehicle game drive Addo Elephant NP
- Cape Point tour
- Game drives in Kruger National Park
- Battlefields history
- Mahalolo animal sanctuary
- Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park

MULTIPLE NIGHT STOPOVERS

Cape Town (4) Addo Elephant NP (2) Dundee (2) Kruger NP (2) Private Game reserve(2) - Victoria Falls (2)

HIGHLIGHT DINNERS

1. Dinner and Zulu entertainment Dundee
2. Smorgasbord and cultural show Victoria Falls

COST INCLUDES

- Luxury air-conditioned, vehicle travel
- Twin share motel accommodation with private facilities
- All meals, as per itinerary B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner
- All entries, national park fees as per itinerary
- Experienced tour leader
- Return travel from/to Rockhampton
- International Return economy class airfares from SYD/BNE and accommodation
- Airport taxes
- Victoria Falls section including flights
- Porterage at airport and hotels in South Africa (one bag per person)
- Tipping in South Africa for driver/ guide
- Domestic Airport transfers

Please note - Tour cost is subject to airline schedules/airfare/tax increase and currency fluctuations

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than those included
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional activities plus tipping of driver and guide
- Drinks
- Cost of passport, visas or vaccinations (Zimbabwe requires a visa USD\$50pp) (Must be paid personally)
- Travel Insurance
- Tipping and gratuities in Victoria Falls

Specialty Travel International Terms & Conditions

Specialty Travel reserves the right –

To vary the itinerary in anyway at anytime it deems necessary.

To amend the price subject to any changes imposed by other operators and carriers included in the itinerary. The operation and provision of services from other operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operations and no responsibility is taken by Specialty Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service.

To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely effect the operation of the tour

The company accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable insurance be attained for protection of the same.

The company does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company.

Cancellations

Cancellation fees apply as follows

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| Cancellation greater then 59 prior to travel | - Loss of deposit |
| Cancellation between 59 – 45 days prior to travel | - 50% cancellation fee |
| Cancellation between 45 – 31 days prior to travel | - 75% cancellation fee |
| Cancellation 30 days prior to travel | - 100% cancellation |

Changes

Amendments can be made at \$75.00 per change however changes are subject to availability

And conditions of tour operators such as non changeable non refundable airfares. In these cases amendments will be treated as a cancellation.

Fares & Payments

Fares quoted are subject to alteration. However no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of \$1000 per person is required to confirm your booking with the balance due at least 60 days prior to departure. (Pleased be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive deposit)

Inclusions

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. As a general rule, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc. Meals included are identified by the symbols, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Exclusions

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks and other items of a personal nature.

Accommodation

Wherever possible, rooms are have private bathroom, colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

Departure Details

Passengers are requested to ready for departure at least 15 minutes prior to departure time. Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

Travel Insurance

Is not included but is strongly recommended and available if required for an additional cost

BOOKING FORM
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL



Phone (07) 4911 2644; Fax (07) 5427 9205

TOUR NAME: SOUTHERN AFRICA TOUR **DEPARTURE DATE:** Tuesday 7th August 2012

Surname (1) _____ Given Name/s _____ Title _____

(Please supply names as per Passport)

Surname (2) _____ Given Name/s _____ Title _____

Preferred Name (if different from above): 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport Number: 1. _____ 2. _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Have Name Badge: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Preferred Accommodation: (Please circle one) Twin Share / Single Supplement ; Twin Beds/Double Bed

If travelling with a friend & sharing a room, please advise their name _____

Dietary Requirements: (If Any) _____

Pickup Point: (Please circle one) Yeppoon Rail; Emu Park Bus Terminal; Northside Plaza; South Rocky Mobil; Gracemere PO; meet at Airport; OTHER: (provide details) _____

We strongly recommend TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Quote required **Yes** - Please advise Dates of Birth 1: _____ 2 _____

Quote required **No** I/We have or will arrange our own Insurance

\$1,000 Deposit per person is required with booking. Final Balance due 70 days prior to departure

Payment Methods– Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Deposit

Cheque: (Please make payable to **SPECIALTY TRAVEL**)

Direct Deposit: (If using this method please phone me on 49112644 and advise when done)

Specialty Travel Trust Account: Westpac BSB 034210 ACC. 137027

Credit Card Type: (Please Circle one) Mastercard Visa Amex (Merchant fees apply)

This is to confirm that I, the **Cardholder:** _____

(Full name as it appears on your credit card)

have read and accept the Terms & Conditions of Specialty Travel as stated online and/or in their brochures and authorize Specialty Travel to charge the following credit card for deposit and/or final payment:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ **CCV:** _____

Amount: \$ _____ **Signature:** _____

Please return completed form by one of the following:

Post: Peter O'Leary, 2 Cypress Court, Brightview Q 4311

Email: peter@specialty.travel **Direct Fax:** 07) 5427 9205

Make sure you phone your booking through first to ensure availability of seats!!

Direct Phone: 4911 2644 (local call)