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# *Worry-Free, Small Group Travel*

## **Local Guides....At Your Service**

All vacations are fully guided by locals who understand the history, zoology, and geography in each region that we visit. These individuals are selected for their extensive knowledge of each area that you will experience. All tours will be escorted by a John Hall's Alaska representative as well. Gratuity for your John Hall's Alaska representative is not included with your package and is at your discretion.

## **Private, Personal Experiences**

Whenever possible, we have privately reserved activities and meals as we believe this will create better wildlife encounters and more personalized cultural interactions during your time in Africa.

## **Luxury Hotels and Wildlife Reserves**

John Hall's Alaska has included overnights at boutique properties and wildlife reserve lodges that offer luxurious room amenities and gourmet cuisine. Locations are chosen for the beauty of the location, the proximity to wildlife and outdoor excursions, and the enjoyment of the traveler.

## **Airport Transfers, Baggage Handling, Taxes, and Gratuities**

We will greet you at your arrival airport and take care of your large luggage, delivering it to your room every evening and picking it up from your room upon check out. We include all entrance fees, local guide fees, hotel charges, taxes, and gratuities for activities, meals and baggage handling, so you don't need to reach for your pocket book while on vacation. We transfer you to your departing airport location at the conclusion of your vacation.

## **Tipping/Gratuities**

All gratuities have been included in the price of your package with the exception of your John Hall's Alaska Representative. This includes all waitering staff, local drivers and guides, and luggage handling gratuities while on tour. Tipping your Tour Representative is not required and should reward exemplary service.



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## Destinations & Hotel Overnights

### SOUTH AFRICA

- 1 Arrive Cape Town, South Africa *Cape Grace Hotel, Cape Town*
- 2 Boschendal *Cape Grace Hotel, Cape Town*
- 3 Cape Point & Chapman's Peak *Cape Grace Hotel, Cape Town*
- 4 Cape Town Touring *Cape Grace Hotel, Cape Town*
- 5 Hermanus & Stony Point Nature Reserve *The Marine, Hermanus*
- 6 Plettenberg Bay *The Plettenberg Hotel, Plettenberg Bay*
- 7 Featherbed Nature Reserve & Knysna Lagoon *The Plettenberg Hotel, Plettenberg Bay*
- 8 Shamwari Private Game Reserve *Long Lee Manor @ Shamwari Private Game Reserve*
- 9 Shamwari Private Game Reserve *Long Lee Manor @ Shamwari Private Game Reserve*
- 10 Shamwari Private Game Reserve *Long Lee Manor @ Shamwari Private Game Reserve*
- 11 Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve *Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve, Port Alfred*
- 12 Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve *Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve, Port Alfred*
- 13 Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve *Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve, Port Alfred*
- 14 Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve *Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve, Port Alfred*
- 15 Johannesburg *InterContinental, Johannesburg*

### ZIMBABWE

- 16 Victoria Falls & Zambezi River *Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls*
- 17 Victoria Falls & Bushtracks Train *Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls*

### BOTSWANA & NAMIBIA (CHobe RIVER CRUISING)

- 18 Chobe River Front Cruising *Zambezi Queen By Mantis, Chobe River Cruising*
- 19 Chobe River Front Cruising *Zambezi Queen By Mantis, Chobe River Cruising*
- 20 Chobe River Front Cruising *Zambezi Queen By Mantis, Chobe River Cruising*

### SOUTH AFRICA

- 21 Johannesburg *Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa, Johannesburg*
- 22 Fly Home from Johannesburg, South Africa

## 2022 Departures & Pricing

TOUR	DATE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
SA404	APRIL 4 - APRIL 25, 2023	\$29699	\$20259
SA1024	OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 14, 2023		
SA1031	OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 21, 2023		

## 62 Meals Included

Breakfast, lunch and dinner every day

## Group Size

24 passenger maximum

### Per Person Pricing Includes All:

Attractions & corresponding gratuities, accommodations, fully guided service, 62 meals & corresponding gratuities, taxes, baggage handling & corresponding gratuities, airport meet and greet, transportation (by coach, plane and cruise boat), and a special World Adventure keepsake.

### Flights:

Arrival and departure airfare to and from Africa is not included. Flights are included that are part of the touring itinerary. We recommend arriving one day early and to prepare for two days of travel. Please plan to arrive Cape Town, South Africa at any time on day 1 or before, and fly home at any time of day on day 22 from Johannesburg, South Africa.

### Check Discount:

Enjoy a discount of \$300 per person when tour payment is made by check. \$2000 per person deposits may still be made by credit card.



## Daily Itinerary: Days 1-6

### 1 ARRIVE CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, you will be met by your John Hall's Alaska representative and will be transferred to your hotel, situated in the heart of the V&A Waterfront. The rest of your day is free for exploring the sights around your hotel. Join your group for a private welcome dinner at your hotel, Cape Grace, this evening. *Dinner*

### 2 BOSCHENDAL

After a welcome breakfast, begin your day with a visit to the Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden. Bordered by the manicured suburbs of Stellenbosch and rugged mountainous terrain, Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden is a fantastic indigenous garden that is home to more than 60 works by the famed artist, Dylan Lewis. Explore the Jungian notion of 'the wilderness within' as you meander along a 2.5 mile path dotted with carefully placed sculptures that showcase the development of Lewis' artist skills thus far. Lunch is a gourmet picnic at the Boschendal Rhone Rose Garden surrounded by spectacular mountain views. Boschendal is one of the oldest farms in South Africa (founded in 1685), and is also a working farm that produces a wide range of fruits, vegetables, eggs, and meat products. Enjoy an afternoon wine tasting and cellar tour before returning to your hotel to freshen up and enjoy dinner on the V&A Waterfront. *All Meals*

### 3 CAPE POINT & CHAPMAN'S PEAK

Following breakfast, take a scenic drive along the Atlantic Seaboard, exploring Chapman's Peak vistas. Spend the morning at Cape Point - a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breathtaking bays, beaches and rolling green hills and valleys. Cape Point falls within the Cape Floral Region, a World Heritage Site, and home to nearly 20% of Africa's flora. Lunch will be at Boulder Beach. Have an al fresco picnic while viewing a protected colony of African penguins. Witness scenic views as you return to Cape Town for dinner this evening. *All Meals*

### 4 CAPE TOWN TOURING

Get ready to explore the highlights of Cape Town by first viewing the city from above! Ascend Table Mountain via the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway. At the top, you can follow flat paths to various lookout points on Table Mountain including views across Table Bay to Robben Island. Lunch will be in town, then take a guided walk highlighting Cape Town's museums, squares, and street markets. Tonight your group will dine at Gold Restaurant, a sophisticated eatery featuring vibrant pan-African cuisine. The menu will include a 14-dish tasting menu inspired by ingredients and textures from all over the African continent. Be seduced by live dancing and singing to the rhythmic beating of African djembe drums. *All Meals*

### 5 HERMANUS & STONY POINT NATURE RESERVE

Bid farewell to Cape Town as you make your way to the coastal town of Hermanus. Upon arrival you will spend time at the secluded Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, renowned for its waterfalls and amber pools. A short drive away is Stony Point Nature Reserve. Located in the quaint coastal town of Betty's Bay, this reserve is home to the Stony Point Penguin Colony, one of the largest successful breeding colonies of African Penguin in the world. Observe these funny birds and enjoy lunch overlooking the sea. Check in to your hotel, the Marine to relax and freshen up before dinner at your hotel. *All Meals*

### 6 PLETTENBERG BAY

Depart Hermanus following the scenic Garden Route today bound for Plettenberg Bay. Lunch will be enjoyed along the way. Plettenberg Bay boasts a year-round temperate climate and pristine beaches, making it the ultimate South African seaside escape. Your hotel, The Plettenberg, is a 5-star luxury hotel and an ideal base for exploring the great outdoors. Your afternoon is at your leisure with dinner at the hotel. *All Meals*



Credit: TableMountainAerialCableway



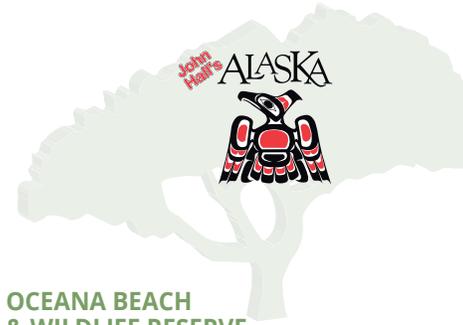
Credit: Boschendal

## Highlights Days 1-6

Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden  
Boschendal Rhone Rose Garden Picnic  
Cellar Door Wine Tasting at Boschendal  
Chapman's Peak  
Boulder Beach African Penguins  
Table Mountain Aerial Cableway

Cape Town City Tour  
Gold Restaurant Experience  
Harold Porter Botanical Gardens  
Stony Point Nature Reserve  
Garden Route  
Plettenberg Bay





## Daily Itinerary: Days 7-11

### 7 FEATHERBED NATURE RESERVE & KNYSNA LAGOON

Spend a full day exploring the magical Garden Route, with a morning spent in Featherbed Nature Reserve, a South African Heritage Site. A pristine piece of paradise, travel by ferry to the reserve, riding in a 4x4 vehicle with a trailer up the headland onto the Reserve, stopping at spectacular viewpoints. A guide will escort your group giving information on the history, fauna & flora of the region. There is an optional guided 2.2km walk through coastal forest and fynbos into ancient sea caves. While here you'll experience a world renowned lunch in an outdoor restaurant setting under a canopy of Milkwood trees. This afternoon you can stroll and explore the Knysna Lagoon waterfront at your leisure before returning to The Plettenburg hotel to freshen up and partake in dinner at a local restaurant. *All Meals*

### 8 SHAMWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Depart for Shamwari Game Reserve and get ready to marvel at Africa's "big five" wildlife! As the pinnacle of private game reserves, you will find Shamwari (meaning "my friend" in Shona) Private Game Reserve in Eastern Cape, South Africa. It's a place where guests can exist in harmony with nature and wildlife roam the landscape under the relentless African sun. Enjoy lunch and dinner at your leisure while you explore your plush surroundings. *All Meals*

### 9 & 10 SHAMWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

There is so much to do and before you head out, you will be briefed on all of the adventures available to you! Game viewing drives are available for morning and afternoon trips, as this is when the animals are most active. Survey the areas, witness the birds of prey or spot one of the "big five" from the comfort and safety of open game viewing vehicles. Professional rangers and guides are there to share their passion for wildlife and their knowledge in their respective fields of expertise. Visit the Big Cat Rescue and Education Centres situated within the game reserve. They aim to draw attention to the plight of wild cats, confined in impoverished, captive environments throughout the world. Another wonderful place to visit on the reserve is the Shamwari Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, which helps to rescue, rehabilitate and care for sick, injured, abandoned or orphaned animals. This area of the Eastern Cape is also home to a host of beautiful birds, from tiny feathered friends to majestic birds of prey. Ornithologists and bird watchers are sure to be treated with an array of bird life. Expect to take away new insights, an appreciation for Africa, and unforgettable experiences today!

*All Meals*

### 11 OCEANA BEACH & WILDLIFE RESERVE

Today depart by road from Shamwari bound for the magnificent coastal Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve. Set in a spectacular and unique environment, Oceana offers a luxurious boutique hotel experience in a wildlife reserve overlooking the Indian Ocean. Explore 5 miles of pristine, unspoiled beach at your leisure, or simply lounge or picnic on the superbly located beach deck. Expect only the freshest, most beautifully crafted and mouth-watering meals. Home to more than 220 bird and 30 mammal species, participate in an afternoon game drive for sightings of giraffe, zebra and more. Dinner will be served at the main lodge as a 5-course fine dining experience.

*All Meals*



## Highlights Days 7-11

Featherbed Nature Reserve  
Knysna Lagoon  
Shamwari Private Game Reserve  
Africa's Big Five Wildlife Game Drive

Big Cat Rescue  
Shamwari Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre  
Oceana Beach & Wildlife Reserve  
Oceana Beach Game Drive



## Daily Itinerary: Days 12-17

### 12 OCEANA BEACH & WILDLIFE RESERVE - ADVENTURE DAY

Following a lovely breakfast, take an early morning guided bush walk out on the reserve. Afterwards, choose to participate on one of the following activities for the day: a round of golf, horse riding along the beach, or a deep-sea fishing charter. Lunch will be served at your leisure. Before dinner, enjoy a whiskey tasting at the reserve and then gather for another 5-course fine dining experience. *All Meals*

### 13 OCEANA BEACH & WILDLIFE RESERVE - RIVER ADVENTURES

Enjoy breakfast on the beach this morning. Then grab your camera for a big five game drive and then a boat ride along the Kariega River with lunch served en route. This afternoon relax on a beautiful sunset river cruise along the Kowie River. Dinner will be a gourmet seafood braai up at the main lodge. *All Meals*

### 14 OCEANA BEACH & WILDLIFE RESERVE - RELAXATION DAY

Slow it down today with a full day of freedom to enjoy the luxurious amenities provided by the lodge. Be as active or as still as you like with options of game drives, beach activities, a day at the pool or spa treatments. *All Meals*

### 15 JOHANNESBURG

Breakfast will be served at the main lodge before a late morning departure to Port Elizabeth. Here you will board a 1.5 hour group flight to Johannesburg. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, the InterContinental. Dinner will be at your hotel this evening. *All Meals*

### 16 VICTORIA FALLS & THE ZAMBEZI RIVER

This morning board a 1.5 hour group flight to Victoria Falls. Upon arrival you will be transferred the short distance to the Victoria Falls Hotel, known as the grand old lady of Victoria Falls, an essay in understated elegance. This afternoon join the five-star cruise vessel, the Zambezi Grande, for a luxurious sightseeing trip along the Zambezi River. The 'Signature Deck' is the uppermost level and it is pure extravagance with gourmet hors d'oeuvres and premium beverages served from a private bar. Guests can relax in the comfort of the deep-set couches and enjoy the pleasure of first-class service. Return to your hotel for dinner and a cultural experience at Jungle Junction which offers an unforgettable fusion of African flavors. Entertainment from ethnic groups epitomizes the spirit of Africa while you dine. *All Meals*

### 17 VICTORIA FALLS & BUSHTRACKS TRAIN

This morning depart on your walking tour of Victoria Falls - a path along the edge of the forest provides the visitor who is prepared to brave the tremendous spray with an unparalleled series of views of the falls. One special vantage point is across the Knife edge bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the Main Falls. Return to your hotel to relax on the terrace and enjoy lunch. Depart in the late afternoon for your Bushtracks Express vintage train dinner. The train will stop on the Victoria Falls bridge for approximately 20 minutes and you will have a chance to disembark from the train to look around. A five-course dinner will be served on the train before heading back to the Victoria Falls Station platform. Return to your hotel for another overnight. *All Meals*



## Highlights Days 12-17

Kariega River Boat Ride  
Kowie River Sunset Cruise  
Zambezi Grande River Cruise

Jungle Junction Dinner Experience  
Victoria Falls Walking Tour  
Bushtracks Express Train & Dinner





## Daily Itinerary: Days 18-22

### 18 CHOBE RIVER FRONT

Travel to Botswana and be met by a Zambezi Queen representative at the airport who will help with your luggage and transfer to immigration offices. Board the Zambezi Queen by Mantis, your luxurious and private riverboat that will play host to you for three nights. Enjoy a welcome drink and take in spectacular scenery, before entering the dining room for a delectable three-course dinner along with an excellent choice of paired wines. Retire to the night sounds of Africa in the distance. *All Meals*

### 19 CHOBE RIVER FRONT & WATER SAFARI

Mornings are free on this cruise for your choice of activity. Perhaps you want to enjoy a water-based safari or a village tour on the Namibian side of the river? Or perhaps you'd prefer a spot of bird watching or fishing instead? You may even decide to simply remain on board as the luxurious Zambezi Queen glides its way along the banks of the Chobe River. After your morning activities, enjoy lunch on board while using your unique vantage point to spot wild animals and drink in the expansive views. Join your ship's guide in the afternoon for a water-based safari on a tender boat where you can get up close to an array of wildlife, including some of the 120,000 elephants for which the Chobe is well known. After a delicious dinner, settle down for a restful night. *All Meals*

### 20 CHOBE RIVER ADVENTURE DAY

After a hearty breakfast, head off to experience those activities you didn't manage to fit in yesterday: enjoy a water-based river safari by tender boat, go bird watching or go fishing for tiger or bream. In the evening, you're in for a treat. Enjoy a traditional African dinner, served with festive African singing and dancing. You can even join in the festivities if you feel like it! *All Meals*

### 21 JOHANNESBURG

Enjoy a morning cruise during breakfast as you do your last bit of animal spotting. Bid your crew farewell and then board a 2 hour flight from Kasane to Johannesburg. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel, the Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa. Have a wonderful farewell dinner here and then relax for the evening. *All Meals*

### 22 FLY HOME

Enjoy breakfast and then transfer to the Johannesburg International Airport to board your flight bound for home. *Breakfast*



## Highlights Days 18-22

3 Night Zambezi Queen River Cruise  
Chobe Water-Based Safari  
Zambezi Queen Optional Activities - Fishing, Birding, Wildlife Safari

# Helpful Travel Information...

## More About The Regions That You Will Visit

**SOUTH AFRICA** - One of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth, South Africa boasts 11 official languages and its inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Above all else, its untamed wilderness is astonishing with wildlife that roams freely across massive unfenced game reserves.

**ZIMBABWE** - A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable.

**BOTSWANA** - Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterized by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains scattered with scrubland. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive.

## Mobility & Dietary Restrictions

This tour will require the ability to walk an easy mile and sometimes on uneven paths. Please be aware of these requirements before joining the tour. This tour is not recommended for those requiring the use of a mobility device that may include a wheelchair, scooter or walker.

Salt-free, kosher, food allergies, or any other special dietary meals must be requested at the time of booking and we will do everything we can to honor your request. Please reconfirm your meal selection with your waiter at each dining location.

## Flights & COVID-19 Entry Requirements

Arrival and departure airfare is not included. Flights should be booked to arrive anytime on day 1 into Cape Town and fly home at any time of day on day 22 from Johannesburg. Due to TSA security checks, please arrive at your local airport 2 hours prior to the plane departure time. The John Hall's Alaska team can provide assistance with flight arrangements. Guests will be required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination. A negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72-hours of arrival is also required. Please keep in mind that all COVID-19 testing and vaccination requirements are subject to change and that any changes will be communicated promptly to our guests. Please check with your doctor for any other recommended vaccinations appropriate for Southern Africa.

## Suggested Packing List

Luggage will be limited to one large bag per person with a weight limit of 44 pounds, plus a carry on. At times, access to your luggage may be limited during travel. We suggest you pack efficiently! Always bring a hat, sunglasses and sunblock as the sun can be strong even in the fall months. Walking shoes are a must. For game viewing, a couple of neutral-toned items will be useful, but there's no need to go overboard. For the evening, if you are dining at an upmarket restaurant smart-casual attire is recommended, otherwise dress is casual.

## Climate and Weather

April is considered the fall time of the year in South Africa. Temperatures will be in the 70's during the day with lows in the 50's once evening arrives. October and November are warmer with high 60's at night at mid-80's during the day. Prepare for both sun and rain during your time with us.

## Internet Access

All accommodations will have access to wi-fi and internet with the exception of your three night stay aboard the Zambezi Queen riverboat which is equipped with a satellite phone for emergency use.



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## Visualize Yourself in Africa!

Please visit this link to view hotel and activity images:

[Iconic Southern Africa - Photo Library](#)

# Helpful Travel Information...

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## Making A Reservation

To confirm your reservation, please send a deposit of \$2000.00 USD per person within ten days of your reservation. To reserve your space by credit card, please contact our office: 800.325.2270. Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express and personal checks are acceptable forms of deposit payment.

A discount of \$300 USD per person will be extended for those paying their tour balance by cash or check.

## Final Tour Payments

There are no monies due between the deposit and the final payment. Final payment must reach John Hall's Alaska 120 days prior to tour departure date. If payment is not received on time, space may be released. Re-booking will be subject to availability. Guests will be charged \$35 USD per check that is submitted with insufficient funds. We will send final payment reminders to you two weeks before the due date.

Travel Insurance is required for this trip. Please take out travel insurance before making your final payment.

## Tour Cancellation

If a cancellation is made in writing at least 120 days prior to departure, a full refund will be made, **minus a 4% fee on any monies originally paid by credit card**. For cancellations made less than 120 days prior to departure, the following per person charges apply:

60-120 day: 50 % of total charges      Inside 60 days: 100% of fare

## Visa & Passport Requirements

At this time visas are only required for travel in Zimbabwe. John Hall's Alaska will take care of acquiring guest visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months following the return date of your tour. In addition, each guest will need 2 blank consecutive/side by side pages per country visited - which is three countries.



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