

## *South Africa & Safari October 16-27, 2010*

South Africa is one of the most beautiful and diverse destinations in the world and offers many travel options- from big city life to untouched beaches, breathtaking scenery and an opportunity to view wildlife in its natural habitat. The country is a melting pot of many different cultures, peoples and languages that this 'Rainbow Nation' is truly a fascinating travel destination.

We have included so much in your vacation- wonderful hotels and lodges (one with an "Out of Africa" feel) two safaris in the world famous Kruger National Park, city tours of Capetown and other towns and quaint townships, a cable car ride up Table Mountain, ferry to famous Robben Island, a full day trip to the Cape Peninsula to see the Cape of Good Hope and penguins, a full day trip to the wine country with wine tasting, and many dinner shows and African entertainment and so much more.....!

With professional guides you'll see and do a lot as you learn about the history of this exciting country of South Africa!

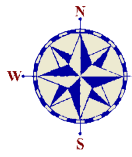
***Come join your fellow travelers on our Group Air from New York to start your  
Unforgettable Vacation of a Lifetime!***

### Price includes all of the following.....

- Roundtrip International Flights from JFK (everyone meets here)
- Group Meet & Greet at Cape Town Airport and O.R. Tambo Airport
- Airport/hotel transfers if purchasing international air flights package
- Transport in a luxury air conditioned coach as specified in itinerary
- Registered and qualified South African guides including
  - guide for Cape Town
  - guide to meet the group in Nelspruit and travel through to Johannesburg.
- 9 Nights Accommodations in nice hotels and lodges
  - 4 nights at Protea President Hotel- sea facing rooms
  - 3 nights at Hippo Hollow Country Estates
  - 1 night at Critchley Hackle Lodge
  - 1 night at Protea Melrose Arch Hotel
- Total 15 Meals
  - 9 Breakfasts (B)
  - 2 Lunches (L) including:
    - traditional township shebeen (pub) meal
    - lunch at Fairview Wine Farm
  - 4 Dinners (D) including:
    - Dinner and show of Shangaan dance & songs at the Shangaan River Club
    - Farewell dinner at world-renowned Moyo Restaurant with local dancers & musicians

### Sightseeing and special inclusions as noted in itinerary and below.....

- Cape Town tour- entrances to SA Museum, Castle; enjoy Green Market Square Flea market; Malay Quarter
- Cable car up Table Mountain
- Tour to Robben Island
- Full day Peninsula tour including Chapmans Peak, Hout Bay, Funicular, Cape Point, Boulders Beach
- Full day Winelands tour with wine tasting & lunch at Fairview, wine tasting at Verdenheim & at Spier
- Stellenbosch: capital of the Winelands- tour, known for its old thatched & whitewashed Cape Dutch Buildings
- 1 Full day game drive in 4x4 vehicle in the Kruger Park including conservations fees
- 1 Half day game drive in 4x4 vehicles in the Kruger Park
- Visit to Bourke's Luck Potholes
- Tour of Pretoria including entrances for Voortrekker Monument and Kruger House
- Half day Soweto tour with entrances into Nelson Mandela home and Hector Peterson Memorial
- Singles Travel Company representative (restrictions apply)
- Roommate matching if requested and booked before final payment
- Optional opportunity (fee) to visit Elephant Whispers to experience up close encounters and ride an elephant



## Itinerary

### Day 1 Sat. Oct 16

#### Leave U.S. for South Africa

Meet at New York (JFK) airport as we leave late morning for our overnight flight to Johannesburg with a connection onto Cape Town, where we start our South African Adventure and Safari!

### Day 2 Sun. Oct 17

#### Arrive Cape Town

Upon arrival at Cape Town Int. Airport, we'll be met by our driver and guide for our transfer to our hotel. After check-in start exploring until our evening group get-together and then the evening is at leisure-maybe dinner with your fellow travelers.

**Our Hotel: Protea President (4 Nights)** The atmosphere at Protea President is relaxed, yet professional. The accommodation is luxurious, yet extremely affordable. It's a resort in the city. Most of the exclusively spacious rooms and suites overlook the Atlantic Ocean or Lion's Head, offering facilities one would expect of a world-class hotel.

### Day 3 Mon. Oct 18

#### Cape Town City tour & Robben Island Cruise

After breakfast, we depart on our half-day city tour of Cape Town- The ultimate Mother City experience! We pass by the Houses of Parliament, and the Castle - South Africa's oldest building. Bargain hunt at Green Market Square flea market in the heart of the city centre, and then take a cable car up Table Mountain (subject to weather) to see this famous flat-topped mountain tourist attraction and National Park. We then descend to savor the spicy aromas of the Malay Quarter, one of the most interesting parts of Cape Town with its rich history and culture.

In the afternoon we board the ferry to Robben Island, an island about 7 kilometers from Cape Town, for a 3 hour tour. In past history the island served as a prison and Nelson Mandela spend 27 years here. Today it is a World Heritage Site and museum.

We return to our hotel later to relax and maybe enjoy a dinner at leisure with friends from the group. **(B)**

### Day 4 Tue. Oct 19

#### Full Day Peninsula Tour

This morning after breakfast we meet our guide for our full day Cape Peninsula Tour. We travel along the Atlantic Seaboard, to Hout Bay, then to Noordhoek, through Ou Kaapse Weg and proceed to the Cape Point Nature Reserve, where we ride the Funicular to the viewpoint where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. The Cape Peninsula is the thin finger of land in the southwestern most corner of Africa with the city of Cape Town at its head. Traveling south towards Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, the land gets narrower until the great Indian and Atlantic Oceans combine into one vast southern ocean, with nothing beyond except Antarctica. In 1578 Sir Francis Drake described it as "The fairest cape in the whole circumference of the globe".

On leaving the Nature Reserve, we proceed to Simonstown, and stop at Boulders Beach. Nestled in historic Simon's Town in South Africa, Boulders Penguin Colony is part of the Cape Peninsula National Park. Almost 3000 African (jackass) penguins, so called because their call resembles the bray of a donkey, reign supreme amidst rounded rocks and fish-filled False Bay. These endangered, flightless birds are free to roam the seas and return to their private haven - Foxy Beach at Boulders.

On our return later today, your evening is at leisure to enjoy a relaxing dinner. **(B)**

### Day 5 Wed. Oct 20

#### Full Day tour of the Winelands

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we venture out to spend the day on a Cape Winelands tour-we'll be escaping to the beauty and tranquility of the Paarl and Stellenbosch Winelands. Our first stop is Spier where we'll have a wine tasting. Then we'll visit Fairview Wine Farm for a cheese and wine tasting, followed by lunch. Our route will take you back through to Stellenbosch, the capital of the Winelands and it was the second town to be established by the Dutch settlers. On our guided tour of the town you'll see how attractive the town is with its old thatched and whitewashed Cape Dutch buildings and historic national monuments. En route back to our hotel we'll stop at Verdenheim Wine Estate for a wine tasting of their finest wines. **(B,L)**

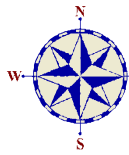
### Day 6 Thur. Oct 21

#### Cape Town to Hippo Hollow

After breakfast, travel to Cape Town for your flight to Nelspruit and upon arrival, transfer to Hippo Hollow, where the rest of the afternoon is your leisure.

Tonight we'll follow the sound of the beating drums through a path of flaming torches to experience an exciting evening in the unique Shangaan way with a night of Shangaan dance, song and an unforgettable African banquet. We'll be welcomed by the Chief Numzaan with a traditional brew, and then learn of the rich heritage and customs of the Shangaan people. **(B,D)**

**Our Hotel: Hippo Hollow Country Estate (3 nights)** is nestled amongst lush indigenous gardens on the banks of the Sabi River in Hazyview, only ten minutes from the world famous Kruger National Park. It has an "Out of Africa" feel about it, and leaves you feeling totally relaxed and refreshed.



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## Day 7 Fri. Oct 22

### Day in Kruger Park Safari Drive

Today we set off in open 4x4 safari vehicles to explore the world-renowned famous Kruger National Park in search of lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, leopard, and all manner of wondrous wildlife, birds and plants. There's magic in this enormous wilderness in the flagship of the South African national parks where many life forms blend with historical and archaeological sites.

Return to Hippo Hollow in Hazyview at about 3pm this afternoon. Dinner is together this evening. **(B,D)**

## Day 8 Sat. Oct 23

### Half Day Kruger Park Safari

This morning we take one more morning drive into Kruger Park to spot the Big Five and to enjoy this park.

This afternoon you may want to relax or take an optional afternoon excursion to Elephant Whispers. (\$95pp). Experience the thrill of being close to these magnificent creatures and witness their intelligence, their compassionate nature and sheer delight interacting with their human counterparts. You'll get the opportunity to touch the elephant, exchange trunk greetings and offer tasty treats. Experienced elephant handlers share their in-depth knowledge of fascinating elephant behavior. And you'll get to ride one!

Dinner tonight is together to enjoy our fellow travelers. **(B,D)**

## Day 9 Sun. Oct 24

### Hippo Hollow to Critchley Hackle – Panorama Route

We leave Hippo Hollow and travel through the panoramic route of Mpumalanga-see the beautiful Blyde River Canyon, the vistas of God's Window, and the deep cavities at Bourke's Luck Potholes (water erosion has formed one of the most remarkable geological phenomena of eroded rocks which have created unusual potholes along the course of the river- (a top tourist attraction).

Also visit the historical town of Pilgrims Rest, a village from Gold Rush times, then onto Critchley Hackle in the beautiful, quaint and peaceful town of Dullstroom with its sprawling farms, trout rivers and dams- it has a distinctly Scottish theme. **(B)**

**Our Hotel: Critchley Hackle (1 night)** is a Mpumalanga lodge. Built in pointed stone and set around a beautiful garden lake, the setting is breathtaking. Stay in one of the comfortably appointed bedrooms built at the lake's edge at this Mpumalanga lodge. Rooms are spacious and delightful. Sip a vintage wine in the bar or enjoy fine dining by candlelight to the sight and sound of water flickering in the night. Swimming pool, trout fishing, clay pigeon shooting, falconry displays and of course shopping in Dullstroom are just some of the activities that can be enjoyed at this Mpumalanga lodge.

## Day 10 Mon. Oct 25

### Critchley Hackle to Johannesburg, Tour Pretoria

After breakfast, depart for the nation's capital Pretoria. Pretoria's imposing museums and monuments is to trace this country's extraordinary history. Visit the best of them, from the Voortrekker Monument to Kruger House, Church Square, the City Hall and the Opera House, not forgetting the crescent-shaped architectural masterpiece, the Union Buildings, scene of Nelson Mandela's emotional inauguration as President in 1994. Travel through to Johannesburg and check into your hotel.

This evening, meet your guide and travel through to the world-renowned Moyo's Restaurant, Melrose Arch, for your African farewell dinner. During the evening we'll be entertained by the local dancers and musicians. **(B,D)**

**Our Hotel: Protea Hotel Melrose Arch (1night)** is situated in the vibrant Melrose Arch Precinct and will be opening in the 1st quarter of 2010. Relax in comfort, whilst still being able to enjoy the many amenities. Every one of the 117 rooms offers an opulent blend of modern décor with warm natural tones and luxurious personal touches. The sleek lines of the designer furniture are beautifully complemented by relaxing ambience and mood-enhancing lighting. The hotel also offers its own restaurant and a deli.

## Day 11 Tue. Oct 26

### Tour Soweto & Depart Johannesburg for Home

Our morning is at leisure, then check-out and travel to Soweto. Get a true taste of African cuisine as we stop off for lunch at a traditional township shebeen (pub). After lunch, enjoy a tour of Soweto, the largest township in Southern Africa. (Soweto is an acronym for South West Township). Experience the excitement and goodwill of the inhabitants of Soweto as they work towards creating a better South Africa; enjoy the sights and sounds of the typical African township. We visit the site of the June 16, 1976 massacre that gave birth to the rise of the anti-apartheid era that would eventually see the downfall of the oppressive government regime of the apartheid (segregation) era. Also visit the Hector Peterson Museum, a monument to a schoolboy shot by the police in 1976 and the only street which was once home to two Nobel Peace Prize winners, Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Later, your guide will take you through to O.R. Tambo for your evening overnight flight back to New York. **(B,L)**

## Day 12 Wed. Oct 27

### Arrive New York

Arrive in the U.S. at JFK airport early morning and connect with your flights home. (Or spend some time in New York!)

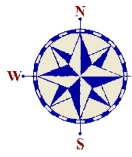
*"Hamba Kahle Uphinde Ubuye  
As we say in Africa: Go well and come back again soon!"*

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### Price:

**\$3899.00**      **Air/land from New York (JFK), per person, based on double occupancy**  
(roommate matching available)  
**\$ 599.00**      **Add to above for a private room to yourself.**

**ADD-Air Taxes of \$545.00 to above air/land prices. (Subject to change)**

**Group Air:** call for possible low add-on air fares to meet the group flight at JFK in New York from your home town.  
Example- SFO-\$139

**Airport Transfers:** are included on arrival and departure with purchased group air flight.

**Land Only:** if wanting to do your own international air you can deduct \$800 from the above air/land price AND you'll need to purchase the air segment within South Africa (it's included with the airlines with the international group ticket) and airport transfers (\$50 each way). You'll need to fly into Capetown (CPT) arriving October 17 and fly out October 26 from Johannesburg (JNB). For the inter air segment you may be able to purchase it with your international ticket or you can purchase it from us for \$225 + air taxes of \$102 = \$327 (based on availability). Please call to go over the details.

**Travel Insurance:** Highly recommended and please consider the purchase of it carefully for this big international trip as it covers any unforeseeable concerns such as medical emergencies with you or a family member before or during your trip, trip interruptions, missed connections, lost baggage, and has a 24 hour hotline. Please request more information at time of booking.

**Passport:** required for U.S. citizens- must be valid up to 6 months after the trip **AND you must have two consecutive** blank pages in your passport for South African arrival documents. No visa is required. Non U.S. citizens check with your local consulate for any needed documentation to enter South Africa. Correct documentation is the responsibility of the traveler.

**Vaccinations/Immunizations:** No shots or pills are required for travel, however, you **must** consult with your health care provider before traveling to make sure that your vaccinations are up-to-date and/or to see if you're medical provider recommends other medication/immunizations for travel. You may also want to consult the Center for Disease Control's website, [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel). A list of travel clinics is also provided by the International Society of Travel Medicine at their website: [www.istm.org](http://www.istm.org).

**Price does not include:** Items of a personal nature, meals unless listed, tips and gratuities, passport handling fees, etc.

**Activity Level:** You'll encounter a lot of walking and lots of activities.

**Final Documents:** are sent approximately 10-12 days prior to the trip with lots of great information and also the names of the fellow travelers, where to meet, and hotel contact address, etc.

### **Fine Print- South Africa & Safari –October 16-27, 2010**

Your payment for a reservation on this trip constitutes consent and acknowledgment of all provisions in this fine print listed below and in the Singles Travel Company General Terms and conditions. Please make sure you read both of these important pieces of information and call us with any questions and to sign up for the trip. Per our tour operator the hotels are subject to change.

**Deposit:** Taking deposits now of \$300.00 per person by credit card or check (payable to Travel Advisors).

**Final Payment:** is due 75 days prior to departure.

**Cancellation Fees & Refunds:** All cancellations must be in writing. Any cancellations made 76 days or more prior to departure date, a full refund of the trip deposit will be provided less a Singles Travel Company \$50 cancellation fee. For any cancellations 75 days or less prior to the trip date, no refund will be provided.

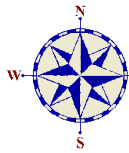
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## Reservation Form

Please return this completed form with your deposit and print clearly and legibly all information requested.

Trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_ F\_\_  
(Exact Passport name if international trip)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (eve) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

YES\_\_\_/ NO\_\_\_--OKAY TO GIVE MY FELLOW TRAVELERS MY EMAIL PRIOR/AFTER MY TRIP?

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of expiration \_\_\_\_\_ U.S Citizen? Y or N—Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-U.S citizens must check with their consulate regarding passport/visa requirements.**

Emergency Contact (name/address/phone): \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Air/Land (Cruise) Package--- Airline Seating (request only, no guarantee)  Aisle  Window  No Preference  
I need reservations from \_\_\_\_\_ airport.
- Land (Cruise) Only Package (airport transfers usually not included)
- Single occupancy
- Double occupancy (please assign a roommate for me)  
Smoker?  Yes  No (No smoking in rooms if sharing.)
- Double occupancy. Please assign me with \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by a person or organization? Please name: \_\_\_\_\_

discovered on our web site

### Please Read the Following Information Carefully:

To ensure an enjoyable and safe trip please read the following and sign. By signing below you agree to the following important considerations for travel on all Singles Travel Company trips:

- 1) I am aware that cancellation penalties apply on all trips and besides the tour operator/cruise line penalty- Singles Travel Company will charge my credit card for \$50 as a cancellation service charge.
- 2) I am aware that my reservation is subject to cancellation if deposits and/or final payments are not in our office by due dates.
- 3) I have been offered Travel Protection/Trip Cancellation Insurance.
- 4) I have read the Terms and Conditions and each trips Fine Print.
- 5) I am aware that there are no refunds of any unused portions of a tour.
- 6) Any changes in the tour itinerary that incur additional charges will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
- 7) **Non-U.S citizens must check with their consulate regarding passport/visa requirements.**

-----I am also aware that on the trips Singles Travel Company organizes that the company:

- 1) cannot guarantee how many singles will travel on any particular trip.
- 2) has no control over the ratio of men to women on their trips.
- 3) A very few trips are incorporated with other larger group tours, which may or may not consist of single travelers, which guarantees departures.

I am aware that there are inherent risks whenever traveling, whether domestically or internationally, especially to third world countries. By signing I assume these risks. I am aware that I am responsible for giving the trip reservationist my correct passport name; and that I am responsible for having a current passport if needed; getting any needed visas and immunizations necessary for travel and that I have considered the purchase of travel insurance coverage in case I have to cancel my trip and/or have any medical emergencies while traveling. I agree to and have no questions concerning the above considerations for travel.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_