





DISCOVER SOUTHERN AFRICA

21 Days

Fully Hosted

26 July – 15 August 2026

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Johannesburg & Soweto
- Kruger National Park and the Big 5
- Hluhluwe National Park
- Dumazulu Cultural Village
- Cape Town & Table Mountain
- Groot Constantia & Cape Point
- Boulders Beach & Penguin Colony
- Chobe National Park
- Victoria Falls
- Zambezi River Dinner Cruise

INCLUDES:

- **Economy class airfares** in Southern Africa only - as per itinerary
- **Private single rooms** in classic plus accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary 20 Breakfasts/ 6 Lunches/ 14 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours and transfers as per itinerary
- **Tour Host** – departs from/ returns to Brisbane
- Local English speaking Tour Director and Driver
- Porterage

EXCLUDES:

- Flights, meals, tours, excursions or transfers other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Tipping & Gratuities: **Allow approx. AUD\$350 for local guides & drivers / Pre Pay Option Available**
- Compulsory Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Visas (for non-Australian passport holders)

Priced from \$18,396* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is correct as at 12/08/2025. International flights are not included. Please check with reservations for transfer times prior to booking flights. Classic Plus accommodation is considered 3-4 star hotels. Tour requires minimum number of passengers in order to depart. Tour host departs from Brisbane. Solo Connections reserves the right to amend all hotels, airlines, restaurants and tours for an equal substitute at any time. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Tours subject to availability. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Day 1: Sunday, 26 July 2026
Arrive Johannesburg

B-L

On arrival at Johannesburg International Airport, we will be met by our local tour director who will accompany us to the awaiting vehicle and take us to our hotel. Our rooms will be available upon arrival. Take some time to freshen up and enjoy some breakfast before our half-day **Orientation tour** and **Welcome Lunch** at a local restaurant.

We return to the hotel and have the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Hotel – Garden Court Sandton City - 3 star - or similar (2 Nights)

Please check with reservations for the Airport Transfer time, before booking your flight. There will only be one group transfer.

Day 2: Monday, 27 July 2026
Johannesburg

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After breakfast we will commence a **Half Day Soweto tour**.

The Soweto uprising, as it has come to be known, saw 20 children shot by police during what started out as a peaceful protest. One of the pivotal moments in the anti-Apartheid struggle, 12-year-old Hector has come to symbolise those that stood against the tyrannical regime. Today, the 16th of June is celebrated in South Africa as National Youth Day in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the protest. The site where Hector was shot is not far from the memorial and close to the **Hector Peterson Museum**.

Mandela House in Orlando West Soweto is a national monument dedicated to offering insights into the life of Nelson Mandela and the families that he lived with from 1946 through to the 1990s. Managed by the Soweto Heritage Trust the house has been fully renovated and hosts a visitor centre as well as excellent multi-media and audio-visual displays outlining the history of the Mandela family. A meaningful experience; visitors are exposed to Mandela's personal life on this visit.

Upon our return to the hotel we have the remainder of the day and evening at leisure.

Day 3: Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Johannesburg – Kruger National Park

B-D

Today after breakfast, we travel into the Kruger region to our accommodation.

Located in the Greater Kruger Conservancy, right at the Paul Kruger Gate and on the banks of the iconic Sabie River this lodge-style hotel, famed for its soaring wooden walkways and treetop ambiance, uniquely offers classic Big 5 safaris in the Kruger National Park of which we will get to enjoy.

Upon arrival there will be time to freshen up before we join together for dinner.

Hotel – Kruger Gate Hotel - 4 star - or similar (3 nights)



Day 4: Wednesday, 29 July 2026
Kruger National Park

B-L-D

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we have a full day out in the Kruger region, including lunch.

We drive through South Africa's **Kruger National Park**, world-renowned for the impressive number of species it hosts as well as the diversity of landscapes within its nearly 2 million hectares and its heritage offerings from San rock art to archaeological sites.

The Kruger National Park was founded in 1898 by Paul Kruger to protect the region's unique fauna and flora. It encompasses an area of almost 2 million hectares and shares borders with Mozambique and Zimbabwe. The ideal season to observe the game is during South Africa's winter months (May to September), as the climate is moderate and the landscape dry and bleak. When the first rains fall in November the natural bush, fauna and flora flourish. During summer most of the young animals are born.

Tonight we will meet for dinner at the hotel.

Day 5: Thursday, 30 July 2026
Kruger National Park

B-L-D

Today we will enjoy another full day safari adventure in our open vehicles within the Kruger National Park.

The Kruger National Park is widely renowned for its astonishing variety in Wildlife. Besides the "Big 5" (elephant, rhinoceros, lion, leopard and buffalo) visitors may also encounter giraffes, zebras, and a variety of antelope, warthogs and multiple bird species.

In the evening we will meet for dinner at the hotel

Day 6: Friday, 31 July 2026
Kruger National Park – Eswatini

B-D

This morning after breakfast, we journey into **Eswatini** for an overnight stay.

Along the way we pay a visit to the **Ngwenya Glass Factory**. Ngwenya Glass' charming complex is set in large indigenous gardens and is considered one of Swaziland's / Eswatini's major tourist's attractions! Here a small group of Swazi crafts men and women – with age old artistry – breathe life into enchanting interpretations of the animals and birds of Africa, imbuing each with its own irresistible personality. Witness first-hand the magical art of glassblowing from an overhead balcony. Each item handmade from 100 % recycled glass! Browse around the adjoining showroom, which is well stocked, and purchase your little memento of a truly African visit to our Kingdom.

Continuing on our journey, we arrive at and check in at our hotel. We will have then have some time at leisure. You may like to take a swim in the pool or just relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities.

Tonight we will meet for dinner together.

Hotel – Happy Valley Hotel Ezulwini - 4 star - or similar (1 night)



Day 7: Saturday, 01 August 2026
Eswatini - Hluhluwe

B-D

Boarding the coach following breakfast, we begin our drive to **Hluhluwe**.

We will stop to visit Swazi Candles. Established in 1982, they are a manufacturing company based in the beautiful Kingdom of Swaziland in Southern Africa. Their core business is candle making, both traditional paraffin wax as well as soya candle tea lights. The colourful, handmade product range also features wax encased LED lights, pure vegetable glycerine soaps and marula oil body balm. An expedition to Swazi Candles is not just a candle experience. Other talented crafters, artists and artisans as well as a bustling market and souvenir shops happily surround them. Sample some Black Mamba chilli sauce or take a stroll through Yebo Art Gallery.

We will then make our way to our lodge to check in and once we've had a chance to freshen up we will meet for dinner.

Hotel – Anew Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris - 4 star - or similar (2 Nights)

Day 8: Sunday, 02 August 2026
Hluhluwe

B-D

After breakfast this morning is at leisure and in the afternoon we venture out on a **3 hour game drive** in an open 4 x 4 game vehicle.

The Hluhluwe region is famous for its abundance of wildlife, in particular the white rhino. Game drives are done with a trained driver and experienced guide. Hluhluwe is the oldest game reserve in the country and internationally renowned for its campaign to save the white rhino from extinction. The 96-000ha reserve is home to the Big 5 and a multitude of other species including a vast array of bird species.

Freshen up upon your return before we meet and enjoy dinner at the lodge this evening.

Day 9: Monday, 03 August 2026
Hluhluwe - Durban

B-L

This morning we will meet for breakfast before we check out, board the coach and are taken to a traditional village to enjoy a **cultural show at Dumazulu**.

Dumazulu ('Thundering Zulu') Lodge is located alongside a traditional village in the Hluhluwe area of Zululand. A visit to the village allows rich insights into the traditional ways of the Zulu nation. We can expect to get the blood racing with a traditional dancing show accompanied by tribal drumbeats. Enjoy a taste of traditional Zulu beer and learn about a variety of indigenous skills. These range from spear and shield making to basket weaving, beadwork, pot making and more.

We continue our journey to Durban, check into our hotel and have the evening at leisure.

Hotel – Protea Hotel by Marriott Durban Umhlanga - 3 star - or similar (1 night)



Day 10: Tuesday, 04 August 2026
Durban – Cape Town

B-D

Following breakfast today, we pack our bags, check out and board the coach bound for the Durban Airport in time for our flight to Cape Town.

Upon arrival in Cape Town, we collect our luggage and meet our coach driver who will transfer us to our hotel. We will check in to our hotel and have time to refresh before meeting for dinner.

Hotel – Premier Hotel Cape Town - 4 star - or similar (4 nights)

Day 11: Wednesday, 05 August 2026
Cape Town

B-D

This morning after breakfast we explore South Africa's exciting "Mother City" with a **guided tour** of the historical and cultural sights of Cape Town. Step into the rich history of the city whilst passing places of interest such as the impressive Castle of Good Hope and Cape Town City Hall. We will tour the cosmopolitan centre of the city passing through the colourful Malay quarter, known as the Bo-Kaap, and visiting the Company Gardens.

****Due to annual maintenance being carried around this time we may not be able to visit Table Mountain during our tour and if this is the case we will instead be taken to Signal Hill, known for the Noon Gun that is operated there by the South African Navy and South African Astronomical Observatory. This information will be updated closer to travel when the reopen dates are confirmed.**

Returning to the hotel this afternoon, there be time to freshen up before we venture to the **V & A Waterfront** for dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 12: Thursday, 06 August 2026
Cape Town

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Enjoy breakfast this morning before we depart on a full days outing which will be comprised of a **Cape Point Tour and Groot Constantia Tour**.

We begin with the **Chapmans Peak Drive** on the Atlantic Coast between Hout Bay and Noordhoek in the Cape Peninsula. This is one of the most spectacular marine drives in the world. Chapmans Peak Drive is affectionately known as Chappies and is a must for anyone who is passionate about the majestic scenery of Cape Town.

Continuing on we find ourselves at the famous **Cape of Good Hope** nature reserve, a World Heritage site, is set at the end of Cape Town's south peninsula. Take a trip via funicular to the lighthouse at 286 metres above sea level (built to warn ships they are approaching the feared "Cape of Storms").

Apart from offering visitors an exciting and novel method of travel, taking the Flying Dutchman funicular saves visitors an uphill walk from the car park to see the old lighthouse and enjoy the panoramic views. The Flying Dutchman Funicular, also known as the Cape Point Funicular, is a funicular railway located at Cape Point.



Next up is a visit to **Boulders Beach**, the home of an endangered land-based colony of African penguins, is also a favourite beach and swimming destination for locals and visitors. Be sure to have your cameras at the ready to capture these cute little guys!

We make a stop for lunch, (own expense), before commencing the **Groot Constantia Tour**.

Groot Constantia is a significant component of the World Wine Heritage and a top-tier international tourism destination that captures the rich and diverse past of South Africa to offer residents and visitors alike a distinctive cultural, social, and historical experience. It is an iconic illustration of how South African history and legacy are being preserved in the wine business, providing topnotch, high-quality wines, sensory interactions, and unique experiences. We can enjoy five selected wines along with their paired chocolates. There will also be time to visit the Groot Constantia Museum whilst we are here.

We return to the hotel late this afternoon where we have the evening at leisure. Some may prefer to have an early night in or perhaps dine in the hotel restaurant. Whichever you choose, your tour host will be on hand.

Day 13: Friday, 07 August 2026
Cape Town

B-D

Today is a full day at leisure.

After breakfast take some time to relax or shop for souvenirs along the waterfront. Our tour host will be on hand for anyone would like company or needs assistance.

Tonight we will enjoy vibrant, eclectic Pan-African experience at **GOLD Restaurant**. It offers a night of opulent feasting with a unique bouquet of live entertainment in a mystical African setting of trees and tents in an inner city courtyard steeped in ancient history and GOLD.

Day 14: Saturday, 08 August 2026
Cape Town - Chobe National Park

B-D

Following breakfast this morning, we check out and are transferred to Cape Town Airport in time for our flight to Victoria Falls Airport. Upon arrival, we will be met and transferred to **Chobe National Park** in Botswana.

Botswana is undoubtedly the home of the authentic safari, where the wildlife offers an unforgettable African experience. It is well known for its exclusive offerings of high calibre safari lodges that seamlessly blend luxury surroundings with a landscape of distinctive contrasts.

The Chobe National Park has been dubbed the 'Land of Giants' because it has the largest single concentration of elephants on the African continent. The magic of the Okavango Delta is famous for being the world's largest inland delta.

Enjoy some time to settle in to your accommodation before we come together for dinner.

Hotel – Cresta Mowana Safari Resort and Spa - 4 star - or similar (3 Nights)



Day 15 & 16: Sunday, 09 & Monday, 10 August 2026
Chobe National Park

B-L-D

For the next two days, we have incredible game drives on offer.

If you are looking to have a bit more “me time”, an alternative you may like is to interact with the un-spoilt natural and beautiful surroundings while enjoying a leisurely massage at the Mowana Spa (*additional expense*).

Come together each evening for dinner whilst chatting about the adventures from the day.

Day 17: Tuesday, 11 August 2026
Chobe National Park – Victoria Falls

B-D

We check out after breakfast and will be transferred to Zimbabwe and our accommodation at Victoria Falls.

This evening indulge in both a cultural and culinary experience at the **Boma Dinner & Drum Show** - a must do Victoria Falls dining and entertainment experience, specializing in traditional African food, drumming and dancing. The food is cooked and served in the style and quantity of a lavish feast, including irresistible desserts.

On arrival, you will be dressed in a chitenge (traditional sarong) and welcomed into a vibrant atmosphere in which the tantalizing aromas of local dishes and game meat on the braai (barbecue) fill the restaurant, which is partially open to the star-filled African sky. We can look forward to outstanding performances by traditional singers and dancers, and enjoy an energizing interactive drumming show. A face painter, storyteller, hair braider and fortune teller also form part of this festive evening.

Hotel – Elephant Hills Resort - 4 star - or similar (3 nights)

Day 18: Wednesday, 12 August 2026
Victoria Falls

B-D

We enjoy breakfast this morning before taking a **Guided Tour of the Falls**.

The tour takes us to the best viewpoints of this iconic waterfall, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, allowing you to soak up the powerful and enigmatic atmosphere of **Victoria Falls**. Walk through the permanent, beautifully misty rain forest, which flanks the Falls, stopping to marvel at the principal sites as it cascades to the depths below the Main Falls, Horseshoe Falls, Rainbow Falls, the Boiling Pot, Cataract Island and Livingstone Island. We'll stand and watch, feel and listen to the spray and thunderous noise, as millions of litres of water tumble over the Falls into a series of narrow gorges below.

There is time to relax in the afternoon before we embark on a **Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River** followed by a delicious three-course dinner on board Zambezi Reflections - a dedicated floating restaurant above the Victoria Falls which offers the premier dining experience on the Zambezi River.



Day 19: Thursday, 13 August 2026
Victoria Falls

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Following breakfast today we will be taken to an authentic **rural village** approximately 20 kilometers from Victoria Falls town and are given the opportunity to watch local villagers going about their daily tasks.

The tour enables us to experience rural life first hand by visiting homes, watching the fields being tended and possibly getting the chance to help in some of the day-to-day chores.

Returning to the hotel, we have the evening at leisure. Your tour will be on hand for anyone that would like company.

Day 20: Friday, 14 August 2026
Victoria Falls - Johannesburg

B-D

Enjoy breakfast this morning before checking out and being transferred to Victoria Falls Airport for our flight to Johannesburg.

Upon arrival we will be transferred to the hotel where we can check in and freshen up before coming together for a **Farewell Dinner**.

Hotel – Peermont Mondior Hotel - 4 star - or similar (1 night)

Day 21: Saturday, 15 August 2026
Depart Johannesburg

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After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, we will be transferred to Johannesburg Airport in time for our flights back to Australia.

Please check with reservations for the Airport Transfer time, before booking your flight. There will only be one group transfer.