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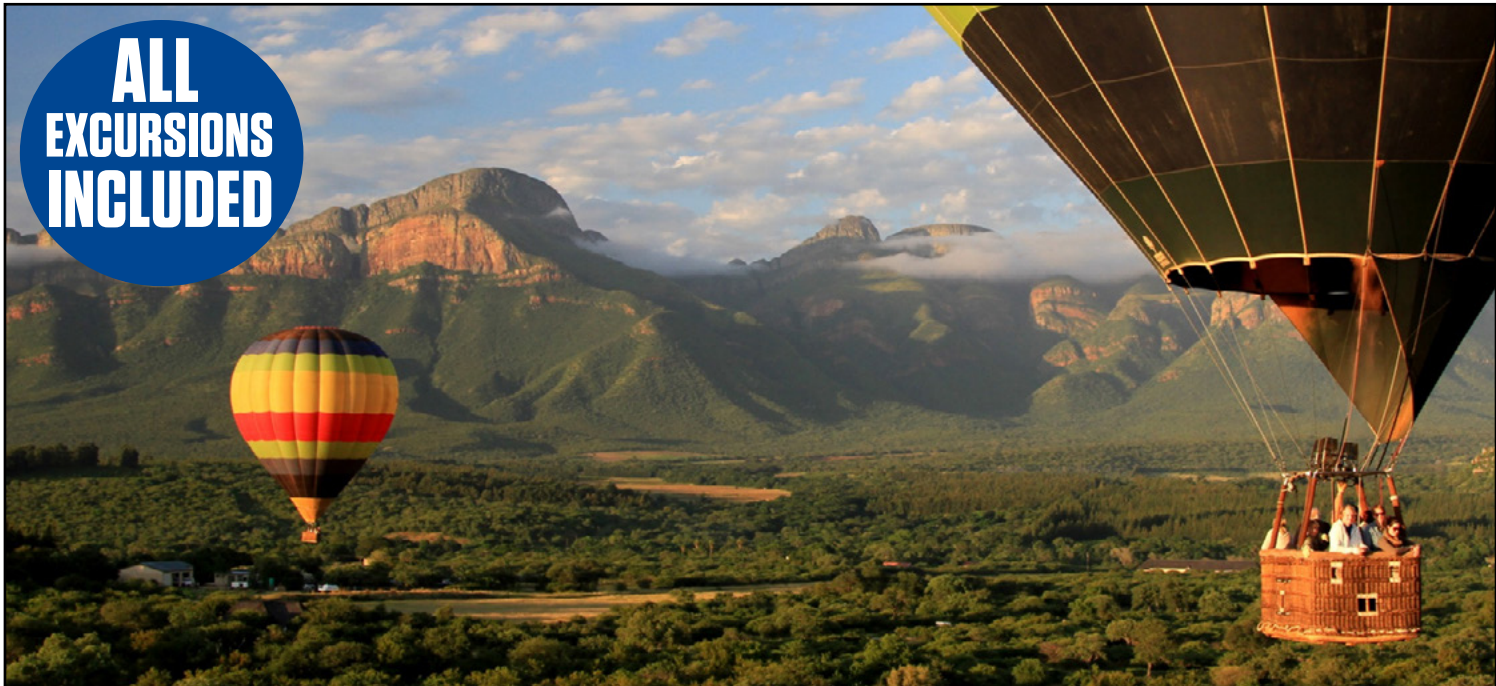
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VISITING: **JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SWAZILAND, JOZINI, DURBAN, DRAKENSBERG, PORT ELIZABETH, KNYSNA, HERMANUS, CAPE TOWN**

DAY 1 - MALTA

Meet the tour manager at Malta International Airport for our flight to Johannesburg via Larnaca and Dubai.

DAY 2 - JOHANNESBURG

Upon arrival at Tambo international Airport you will be met by our partners in South Africa and you will be assisted to the coach for the transfer to The 4*Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Melrose Arch, where your luggage will be stored until you return later for check-in. Depart to the Apartheid Museum for an afternoon tour, then return to your hotel.

DAY 3 - KRUGER

Breakfast and this morning gasp at the glory that is God's Window, a boundless view of forested mountains and fertile plains, and enjoy a different view of the spectacular Blyde River Canyon. We explore Bourke's Luck Potholes before arriving at Kruger where we check in at The 4* Protea Hotel Kruger Gate. Dinner included.

DAY 4 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Breakfast and try to imagine a national park the size of Israel, with huge tracts of acacia, sycamore figs and bush willow interrupted by open savannah, rushing rivers and the occasional rocky bluff. Now fill it with lions, leopards, elephants, Cape buffaloes and black rhinos (the Big Five), plus cheetahs, giraffes, hippos and many species of smaller animals, today you will experience all this first hand as we go on a full day Kruger National Park open-vehicle game drive. Dinner included.

DAY 5 - KRUGER - SWAZILAND

After breakfast, depart to Swaziland, visiting the Matsamo Cultural Village en route. Matsamo Cultural Village is a traditional village near Swaziland and a must for visitors looking to experience authentic Swazi culture, which is well preserved in this area. You'll be treated to age-old folk songs, rhythmic dance performances, including the famous Rain Dance, and music with authentic African instruments, as well as traditional Swazi cuisine. You can also wander on a tour through the village with its many huts and spaces, interacting with the villagers as they go about their daily activities, cultivating their crops, preparing traditional food and fashioning beautiful craft works. Transfer to your 4* Royal Swazi Spa Hotel. Dinner included.

DAY 6 - SWAZILAND - JOZINI

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then depart Swaziland and travel to Hluhluwe, where you will have an afternoon open-vehicle game drive in the oldest game park in South Africa. This is the legendary park where a dedicated team made worldwide conservation history with their successful efforts to bring the white rhino back from the brink of extinction. Transfer to your 4* Jozini Tiger Lodge. Dinner included.

DAY 7 - JOZINI - DURBAN

After breakfast, depart for Durban with a stop at Shakaland to experience a cultural show and lunch. Shakaland is a living museum of the life and times of this Zulu monarch and you can re-live the excitement and romance of the days of Shaka, King of the Zulus, in this authentic re-creation of the Great Kraal overlooking the Phobane Lake. Experience the sight of assegai-wielding warriors, share the fascinating secrets of the Sangomas and witness traditional customs such as tribal dancing, spear making and the beer-drinking ceremonies. This cultural village is a unique resort built amid thorn trees and aloes, comprising a traditional Zulu "Umuzi" or homestead, where the Zulu people reside. Travel on to the seaside town of Umhlanga Rocks, which is located 15 minutes from the centre of Durban. Check in at The 4* Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge.

DAY 8/9 - DRAKENSBERG

After breakfast, depart to the Drakensberg mountains where you will spend two nights at your resort. Check in at The 4* Champagne Castle Hotel which is nestled below the second highest peak in South Africa, Champagne Castle (3377m), part of the main escarpment within the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg mountain range, the highest mountain range in South Africa. Due to its diversity of plant, bird and insect life and the richest collection of San rock paintings in Africa, it has been declared a Mixed World Heritage Site. For visual impact, recreational variety and luxurious splendour, Champagne Castle Hotel is pretty close to being an ultimate experience. Your stay will be characterised by the proximity you gain to the most dramatic and immediate views of the Drakensberg Escarpment and the 'Barrier of Spears'. Whether you walk or hike, trout fish or horse ride, play golf or tennis, swim or bowl, everything here has been configured to embrace this unparalleled setting. Lunch and dinner included.

DAY 10 - DURBAN - PORT ELIZABETH

Transfer to Durban for check in at King Shaka Airport for your flight to Port Elizabeth. Transfer and check in to The 4* Boardwalk Hotel.

DAY 11 - KNYSNA

After breakfast, depart to Knysna via the Tsitsikamma Forest and Plettenberg Bay. Tsitsikamma - the Garden of the Garden Route welcomes you - Tsitsikamma is a khoi word meaning "place of abundant or sparkling water". The region, which sits on a 200m high plateau stretches from the Bloukrans River in the west to the Tsitsikamma River in the east, is bordered on the north by the imposing Tsitsikamma Mountains and in the south by the Indian Ocean.

The area is covered in large tracts of indigenous forest, commercial plantation and Fynbos. Deep river gorges cleft the

plateau as they make their way down to the sea, creating spectacular waterfalls and deep kloofs (ravines). The water in the rivers is a characteristic dark brown (Coca Cola Water) due to its high tannin content leached from the surrounding vegetation. Stop at the seaside town of Plettenberg Bay, before traveling to Knysna. Check in at The 4* Protea Knysna Quays Hotel.

DAY 12 - KNYSNA

After breakfast, depart on your Featherbed Eco tour. The Featherbed Nature Reserve, situated on the Western Head in Knysna, is the premier eco-experience on the Garden Route. Enjoy a ferry trip on the Knysna Lagoon to the Western Head, then in a 4x4 vehicle & trailer drive up the headland onto the Reserve, stopping at spectacular viewpoints. A specialist guide will provide information on history, fauna & flora, then take an optional guided 2.2km walk through coastal forest and fynbos into ancient sea caves. Enjoy a world renowned buffet lunch at an outdoor restaurant setting under a canopy of Milkwood trees before taking the ferry back to Knysna.

DAY 13 - KNYSNA - HERMANUS

Breakfast and this morning early departure to Oudtshoorn - visit the Cango Caves, situated in a limestone ridge parallel to the well known Swartberg Mountains, you will find the finest dripstone caverns, with their vast halls and towering formations. Depart to the Safari Show Ostrich Farm and enjoy a one hour tour, followed by lunch. Travel to Hermanus and check in at The 4* Marine Hotel.

DAY 14 - HERMANUS - CAPE TOWN

Breakfast and today we have a day of magnificent vistas. Enjoy the ever-changing passing canvas as we travel to Cape Town. Travel via the seaside village of Hermanus in the hopes of catching a glimpse of the southern right whales, which frolic offshore (July to November) Hermanus has been recognized by the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) as one of the 12 best whale watching destinations in the world. The best time to enjoy whale watching in Hermanus is between July and November either from land, by boat or from the air via a scenic flight. The whale viewing during the months of July and August vary from year to year with regards to how many whales are present in Walker Bay and along the coast; however you are almost guaranteed of seeing whales in September, October and November. Travel on to Cape Town, stopping at the cableway and take the cable car up Table Mountain, to enjoy spectacular views of the city and surrounds. Check in at The 4* Protea President Hotel.

DAY 15 – CAPE TOWN

After breakfast join us on the ultimate ‘Mother City’ experience, designed to orientate and give you a full-colour insight into the extraordinary magic of Cape Town. We’ve chosen iconic buildings, snatches of its history, and experiences unique to this City. We visit the country’s oldest building, The Castle (closed Sundays), and a short distance away, the Company Gardens, both historically fascinating and well conserved. Our drive continues past Parliament Buildings, City Hall and the Slave Lodge, and you’ll sense the depth of history via their distinctive architecture. Colonial then changes to colourful, as we move up the cobblestoned hills to the Malay Quarter, and marvel at the ice-cream colours of the quaint Bo-Kaap homes. Our day ends on a sparkling note, as we trace the moves of a professional diamond cutter, as he creates every girl’s dream stone. Perhaps you’ll be taking one home.

DAY 16 – CAPE TOWN

Breakfast and today depart on a full day tour of the Cape Peninsula. Drive along Millionaire’s Paradise from Clifton to Camps Bay and on to Llandudno, before an up-close-and-personal Seal Island cruise. Wind along Chapman’s Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope section of the Table Mountain National Park, then travel to Simon’s Town where you will stop for lunch (own account). Visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, then travel back to Cape Town, stopping at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens en route.

DAY 17 – CAPE TOWN

Breakfast and proceed to a superb day dedicated to celebrating the glorious grape, the exceptional winelands region, and the heavenly scenery! The area’s rich with history, and we can’t help but feel it as we move through the region to experience a wine cellar tour and tasting, where you’ll learn all about the process of winemaking, from grape to goblet. We visit the Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. Stop at Fairview Wine estate for wine and cheese tasting, then at Neethlingshof for a cellar tour and wine tasting.

DAY 18 – CAPE TOWN

Breakfast and time at leisure for personal sightseeing and shopping. Transfer from your hotel to Cape Town International Airport, for your flight to Malta

DAY 19 - MALTA

Arrival in Malta.



PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON

BOOK	BEFORE 31 ST MAR	AFTER 31 ST MAR
TRIPLE SHARING	€ 3469	€ 3669
TWIN SHARING	€ 3469	€ 3669
SINGLE	€ 3989	€ 4189

OUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✓ RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS MALTA/ JOHANNESBERG/ CAPE TOWN/MALTA
- ✓ ONE WAY FLIGHT FROM DURBAN TO PORT ELIZABETH
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND FUEL CHARGES
- ✓ 14 NIGHTS IN 4*ACCOMMODATION
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS SOUTH AFRICAN KRUGER EXPERIENCE
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ ALL EXCURSIONS AS PER ITINERARY
- ✓ 25 MEALS - 14 BREAKFASTS, 5 LUNCHESS, 6 DINNERS
- ✓ LOCAL ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE
- ✓ COMPREHENSIVE GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
- ✓ ACTIVE ITINERARY WITH UNIQUE CULTURAL FEATURES
- ✓ SERVICES OF AN EXPERIENCED ROGS TRAVEL TOUR MANAGER

VISA REQUIRED

