

# SOUTH AFRICA HONEYMOON SAFARI



# THE MAGIC OF SOUTHERN AFRICA! A PRIVATE HONEYMOON SAFARI

## Your Honeymoon Safari Itinerary Summary

Day 1: Arrival at OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg, South Africa – VIP arrival assistance with immigration, luggage, customs & departure assistance for onward flight - Fly to Cape Town (flight not included) – VIP arrival assistance with luggage - Transfer to the Cape Cadogan - Overnight accommodations at the Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel

Day 2: Full day private tour of Cape Town, including Table Mountain and Robben Island (weather permitting) – Overnight accommodations at the Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel (B)

Day 3: Early morning shark cage diving with Apex Predators, including transfers – Afternoon tour of the Cape Peninsula, including lunch – Overnight accommodations at the Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel (B/L)

Day 4: Private drive and tour of The Winelands – Overnight accommodations at the Franschoek Country House (B)

Day 5: Private overland transfer to the Cape Town International Airport – VIP departure assistance with check-in & luggage - Scheduled flight to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (flight not included) – VIP arrival assistance with luggage - Overland transfer to the Kapama Private Game Reserve – Safari activities and overnight accommodations at Kapama Buffalo Camp (B/L/D)

Days 6-7: Safari activities and overnight accommodations at Kapama Buffalo Camp (BLD)

Day 8: Private overland transfer to Lion Sands Private Game Reserve, Sabi Sand – Safari activities and overnight accommodations at Lion Sands River Lodge (B/L/D)

Days 9-10: Safari activities and overnight accommodations at Lion Sands River Lodge (B/L/D)

Day 11: Private overland transfer to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport – VIP departure assistance with immigration, luggage and check-in – Scheduled flight to Vilanculos, Mozambique (flight not included) – Scheduled light aircraft flight to Bazaruto Island (flight included) – Non-motorized water activities\* and overnight accommodations at Indigo Bay Island Resort (B/L/D)

Days 12-13: Non-motorized water activities\* and overnight accommodations at Indigo Bay Island Resort (B/L/D)

Day 14; Scheduled light aircraft flight to Vilanculos (flight included) – Scheduled flight to OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg, South Africa (flight not included) – VIP arrival assistance with immigration, luggage, customs & departure assistance for onward flight – Departure for the USA (B)

(B=Breakfast / L=Lunch / D=Dinner)

\* Non-motorized water activities include a scheduled snorkeling trip to Neptune's Nursery and a 15-minute Mystery Spa treatment.



## **Your Honeymoon Safari:**

### **August 18 (Mon) - Arrival at OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg, South Africa and scheduled flight to Cape Town, South Africa**

Your honeymoon safari adventure starts with your arrival at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport. As you step off your aircraft, you are met by a member of the Safari Professionals team, who guides you through immigration, retrieves your luggage and escorts you through customs. Our representative then assists you with re-checking your luggage and escorts you to the domestic departure terminal for your flight to Cape Town.

*To give you maximum flexibility, international air transportation, as well as flights within South Africa are not included. It is easy to combine all these flight in one set of reservations, which, in many cases, may save you money. We will assist you with your flights, if you wish.*



Upon arrival in Cape Town, you are met by another Safari Professionals representative, who helps you retrieve your luggage. They will escort you to your private vehicle and introduce you to your driver, who will take you to your overnight accommodations at the Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel.

The Cape Cadogan is a stately double-storied Georgian and Victorian building that dates back to the beginning of the 19th century, when it began as a farmhouse. Designated as a National Monument, it had become a commercial office building until Aine and Brian Clancy converted it into a 13 room "boutique" hotel. Located in The Gardens, the Cape Cadogan places you in the heart of "Capetonians" Cape Town, offering you a wide variety of shops and restaurants in the neighborhood. Although away from the congestion of the main tourist areas, it is convenient to all the attractions you may wish to explore. For example, the Victoria and Albert Waterfront is just ten minutes away by the Cadogan's private limousine. The staff of the Cape Cadogan has become well-known for helping their guests learn about all the local events and experiences, insuring that they may discover the Cape Town that many tourists miss. Because of its exceptional attention to every detail, this is the hotel many Capetonians suggest to their friends and relatives. Meals at the Cape Cadogan are arranged on a bed & breakfast basis to give you complete flexibility to explore the wide variety of dining opportunities offered by the "Mother City."



### **Aug 19 (Tue) - June 20 (Fri) – Cape Town, South Africa –Private tour of Cape Town**

At 9 AM, your guide picks you up for your tour. Among other attractions, you travel to the top of Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting). Visits to the Castle of Good Hope, the Bo Kaap Quarter, the Flower Market and Green Market Square are included in your itinerary. In the afternoon, you will board a boat for a cruise to Robben Island, the location of the prison that held Nelson Mandela for 27 years (Weather permitting). Some of the guides are former prisoners who can share their personal experiences with you. Overnight accommodations are at the Cape Cadogan. (B)

### August 20 (Wed) – Sharks! And the Cape Peninsula

The oceans are the dominate feature of the Cape and, this morning, you venture out into False Bay for a private expedition in search of the ultimate ocean predator - the Great White Shark. The shark professionals of Apex Shark Expeditions are the leaders in developing safe shark excursions, while promoting the protection of these often persecuted predators.

The White Pointer II is a 36ft long custom-designed boat with a fully enclosed wrap-around cabin. The curved windscreens offer superb visibility from inside the cabin. She is also completely walk-around friendly allowing for the best viewing and photographic opportunities. Once the sharks are located, you may put on a wet suit and slide into the water – protected by a sturdy cage that remains firmly attached to the boat. This is not a scuba diving exercise and no diving experience is needed. When the shark approaches, you simply take a breath through your snorkel and duck your head under the waves for a view of the passing shark. For those who do not wish to enter the shark cage, viewing from the deck is usually excellent, as well.



Upon your return, your private guide will show you the highlights of the Cape Peninsula, including Seapoint, Bantry Bay, Clifton, Camps Bay, Hout Bay, Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, Cape Point and Boulders Beach (with its black-footed penguin colony). Lunch is included. Overnight accommodations are at the Cape Cadogan. (BL)



## August 21 (Thu) – The Winelands



The Cape Winelands of South Africa have become renowned for producing some of the finest wines in the world. Your private guide will pick you up in the morning for your scenic drive into the Franschhoek Wine Valley.

For the next two days you explore this scenic region, visiting some of South Africa's finest wine estates and tasting their vintages. Your private guide will adapt your itinerary to meet your interests and will assist you with recommendations for dining in some of the best restaurants in the country.



You also visit the regions quaint towns, including Stellenbosch, with its historical Dutch architecture and tree-lined street and Paarl, the home of the Afrikaans language. At the end of the day, you travel to Franschhoek, a village settled by French Huguenots in 1688.

The staff of the Franschhoek Country House welcomes you upon arrival in the heart of the Franschhoek Valley. Located on the outskirts of the village, it is the perfect place to relax after a day of exploring the local wineries. Your accommodations are arranged on a bed & breakfast basis, in order to offer you the greatest flexibility in selecting your dining options. (B)



## August 22-24 (Fri-Sun) – Kapama Private Game Reserve

An early morning road transfer returns you to the Cape Town International Airport for your flight to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (South African Airlink flight SA8663 not included). Upon your arrival at the airport, you will be greeted by your Kapama guide, who will take charge of your luggage and drive you to Kapama Private Game Reserve. The reserve is located in Limpopo Province, an area known for its natural diversity and outstanding wildlife viewing safaris. Located between the northern Drakensberg Mountains and Kruger National Park, it is the largest single-owner game reserve in the region, offering rolling savannah grasslands and riverine forests - perfect locations to seek out the “Big Five” and their fellow bush residents.

When Johann Roode bought the first section of what has become Kapama, he intended to raise cattle on the lush grasslands. However, he soon recognized the potential of the area as a safari destination and began acquiring additional land, eventually building two lodges and two permanent camps, each in their own part of the reserve.



Kapama Buffalo Camp sits on the original land that Johann Roode acquired. Its ten canvas tents invoke the classic era of safari exploration. Perched on a wooden deck built on stilts over a steep-sided riverbank, each tent overlooks a small river that is usually dry at this time of year. The river provides a natural pathway for the antelopes that are seen daily as they walk along the sandy riverbed. The tents have electricity, an en-suite bathroom (with a stand-alone bathtub, shower and flush toilet), low-impact climate control and comfortable beds – all elements that previous generations of explorers could never imagine enjoying on safari.

The communal areas of Buffalo Camp are on the riverbank, where gardens of succulent aloes and euphorbia are tended around the thatched bar, dining room, pool terrace and campfire. But the thick African bush is just a glance away, inhabited by animals like lion, hyena and jackal - whose calls can be heard in the dead of night. Lanterns, rather than electric lights, glow at night under the trees, creating a special intimate ambience particular to Kapama Buffalo Camp.

Your day at Buffalo Camp begins with an early morning wake-up, complete with coffee, tea and biscuits. The wildlife is most active early in the morning and late in the day. Therefore, you venture out at first light in open 4x4 safari vehicles, driven by your personal guide, who follows the directions given to him by your tracker. Perched on a seat on the hood of your vehicle, your professional tracker reads the signs of the previous night’s animal movements and guides you to the locations where you are most likely to find the animals.



You might first spot the majestic tall outlines of a herd of giraffe or hear the barking of zebra as they move across the grasslands. More likely, your guide will point to a vague shape in the distance. Closing in with your binoculars, you will be amazed to find that your guide and tracker have spotted a pride of lions in the tall grass or a troop of elephants emerging from a forest. Their skill at identifying wildlife from a distance is just one element that will insure great game drives.

You return to camp around 9:00 AM for a hot breakfast, after which you may get some African soil under your feet on a walk into the African bush. Walking through the bush brings you closer to the world you are sharing with the wildlife. Your guide shows you the various plants his community uses to treat various ailments and gives you lessons in identifying animal spoor – the telltales signs left by those creatures who walked by the night before.

At 3:30 PM you gather for high tea before departing for another game drive. As the sun begins to approach the western horizon, we suggest you ask your guide to position your vehicle so you may capture the classic photograph of the dramatic African sun setting behind an iconic tree. Then, as darkness surrounds you, your tracker wields a portable spotlight, searching for the reflected eye-shine of nocturnal creatures seldom seen in the daylight hours. You return to camp in time to shower before you enjoy dinner under the African stars. (BLD)

**August 25-27 (Mon-Wed) – Lion Sand Private Game Reserve, Sabi Sand, South Africa – Lion Sands River Lodge**



After breakfast, an overland drive brings you to perhaps the most famous private wildlife reserve in southern Africa - Sabi Sand. Located just west of the renowned Kruger National Park, Sabi Sand has earned its reputation based on its extraordinary wildlife viewing, the freedom to explore that only private land can give you and the limited number of travelers who are invited to enter. The wildlife diversity and density is among the best in South Africa, with lions and leopards headlining as the wildlife “stars” of the region.

Lion Sands River Lodge lies along the banks of the perennial Sabie River. With the quietly rambling river outside your room, you won’t have to go far to see wildlife or to drink in the surrounding Sabi Sand Reserve, while overlooking the world-famous Kruger National Park, all at one glance. Having only 20 thatched bedrooms, River Lodge’s handpicked staff offers you an exceptionally high level of personal attention to every detail.



Late one afternoon, your guide leads you through rows of magnificent white boulders until, suddenly, you discover a small drawbridge. Looking across, you will be surprised to find a magnificent bedroom, perched on a platform high above the African bush. The Kingston Treehouse is a unique hideaway - constructed entirely from wood and glass. It is the perfect place to enjoy the magnificent African sunset as you toast the beauty of Africa with a glass of your favorite beverage. High above the Lion Sands landscape, you will experience an unforgettable night as you drift off to the sounds of the African night. (BLD)



**August 28-30 (Thu-Sat) – Indigo Bay Island Resort, Bazaruto Island, Mozambique**

This morning your driver returns you to the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport for your scheduled flight to Vilanculos, Mozambique (South African Airlink flight SA8258 not included). Upon arrival, a representative of Indigo Bay Island Resorts will greet you and assist you with immigration and your luggage. You board your light aircraft for your flight to Indigo Bay (flight included).





The Indigo Bay Island Resort and Spa is an exquisite island destination situated on Bazaruto Island, the largest island in the Mozambican archipelago of the same name. It offers visitors the quintessential Indian Ocean island holiday as well as a gateway to the unspoiled beauty of the surrounding area.

The largest of the archipelago islands, Bazaruto is one of Africa's premier scuba diving destinations. Divers are able to see over 100 species of coral, thousands of tropical fish species, five kinds of dolphins, four whale species and sharks, all five marine sea turtle species and the largest population of the rare dugong (African manatee) on the eastern coast of Africa.

With walls that back to the early Portuguese traders, the local restaurants and bars offer exceptional sea food, delectable beverages and stories of the heroes and rogues who have visited the island. The nearby activity center serves at the base for a host of island-based activities, such as diving, fishing, snorkeling and water-skiing. Non-motorized activities, including a scheduled snorkeling trip to Neptune's Nursery, are included. And for the ultimate in relaxation, a 15 minute "mystery" treatment is included at the ultra-luxurious Sanctuary Spa.



The luxurious guest areas and chalets have been constructed of natural materials, such as reed, soft-fringed thatch and wood in order to blend harmoniously with the natural surroundings. We anticipate reserving the private Honeymoon Beach Chalet for you - complete with air-conditioning, mosquito screens, sumptuous en-suite bathroom, mini-bar, 24-hour power, satellite TV and its own private plunge pool. The Indigo Bay Island Resort provides the perfect conclusion to your African honeymoon safari! (BLD)

**August 31 (Sun) – Vilancoulos, Mozambique – Johannesburg, South Africa - Departure**

You return to Vilancoulos via light aircraft (flight included), where you board your scheduled flight to Johannesburg (South African Airlink flight SA8261 not included). Later in the evening, as your flight back home lifts off, you'll bid farewell to southern Africa, having enjoyed the wonder and beauty of this magical land. (B)

