

South Africa

Prepared Exclusively for: The Jones Family

TUESDAY, JULY 24

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Early this morning you are transferred to your 4:05 am flight to Johannesburg where you arrive at 10:15 am and transfer to your 11:25 am flight to Victoria Falls.

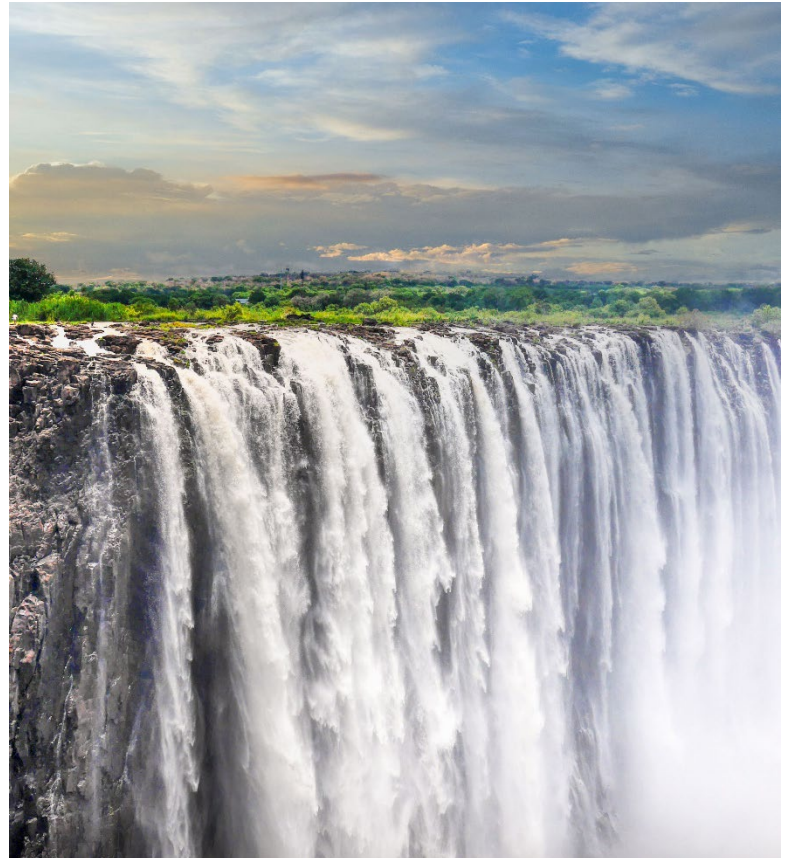
For two million years, Victoria Falls (actually five separate waterfalls) has roared with a force of 150 million gallons of water per minute into the frothy chasm of the gorge below. In 1855, famed Scottish explorer David Livingstone, the first European to see the breathtaking spectacle, named it in honor of his queen. But its unrestrained mist gave rise to the older Kololo name of Mosi-oa-Tunya, (The Smoke that Thunders).

A lush forest is sustained all around the falls because of the constant spray. In order to inhibit overdevelopment of this World Heritage Site, Victoria Falls is surrounded by a 140,000-acre national park containing a number of animals and birds, including bushbacks, monkeys, baboons and mongooses, and is known for its herds of sable antelope. In the late 19th century, Victoria Falls was the ultimate travel destination; today, travellers are still amazed at this awe-inspiring natural wonder.

Upon arrival at 1:05 pm, you are transferred to your accommodation.

This afternoon enjoy a thrilling canopy tour zipline adventure .The network of slides, trails and rope bridge walkways within the canopy of the hardwood forest of the Zambezi gorges offers amazing views of the turbulent rapids, the Victoria Falls Bridge and spray of the Falls.

In the evening you enjoy the Sundowner Cruise on the Zambezi River above the falls. You glide lazily down the river looking for hippo, elephant, and buffalo coming to drink at the water's edge, and you absorb the quietness of the African bush as sunset brings the day to a close, sometimes in a fiery departure and sometimes in a myriad of blended colors.



ACCOMMODATION: Victoria Falls River Lodge

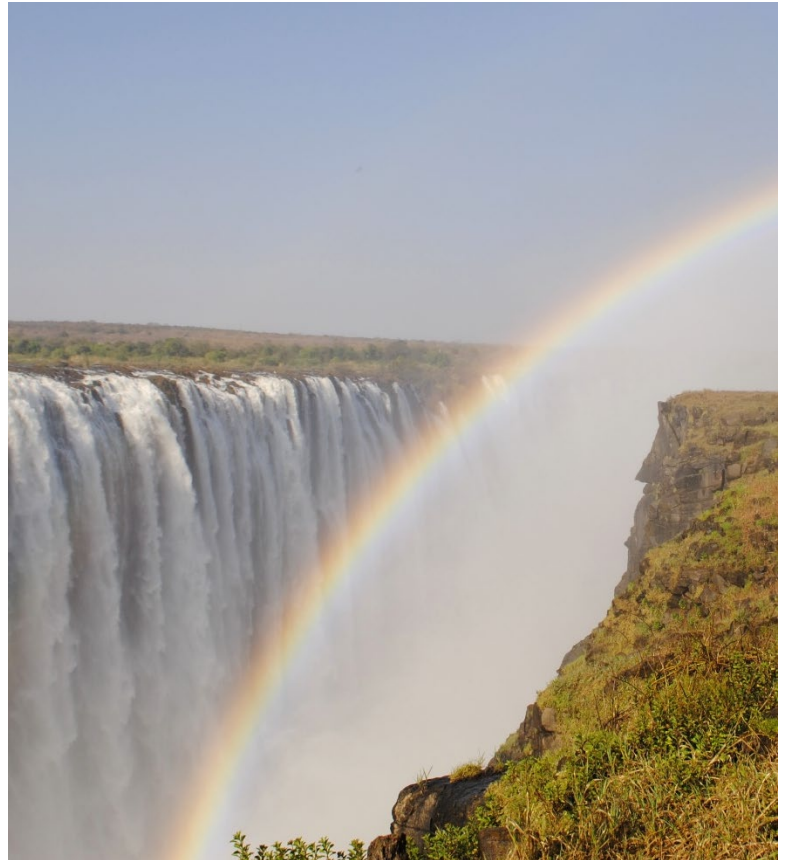
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 VICTORIA FALLS

This morning, enjoy the breathtaking Flight of the Angels, a scenic flight over Victoria Falls by helicopter. From the air the Zambezi River is laid out like a map, immense in its width. As the helicopter turns you can see the water plunge into the shrouded abyss of Mosi-oa-tunya, (The Smoke that Thunders). Such is the stormy fury of the cloud hurled into the air that little can be seen from the ground except mist. But from up here you can see the green Zambezi, sweep over the cliff, plunging and shattering into the wild white foam. As you turn back to the powerful African sun there are rainbows, one inside the next, brilliantly projected onto the pure white spray, moving and fading again as you circle. The excursion is a must for avid photographers.

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Victoria Falls, one of the great natural wonders of the world. In addition to viewing the falls themselves, keep your eyes peeled for the abundant wildlife the rainforest. It is the breathtaking falls themselves, however, that should prove to be the highlight of your day.

Imagine yourself in the place of David Livingstone, the first known European to see the falls, and the awe he must have experienced at the sight of the thundering, crashing waters. The permanent rainbows that crisscross the gorge during sunlight, and even during bright moonlight, produce images that are more like paintings than reality.

Then, step off the Victoria Falls Bridge into the Batoka Gorge over the mighty Zambezi River in an upright position for an 270 meter freefall then become a human pendulum as you swing in a huge arc with the cascading waterfall rumbling by your side. The Swing provides a bonus chance to absorb the beautiful scenery of the Batoka Gorge while you slowly get brought back to the platform.



ACCOMMODATION: Victoria Falls River Lodge

SOUTH AFRICA

THURSDAY, JULY 26 VICTORIA FALLS | CAPE TOWN

This morning you are transferred to your 11:45 am flight to Cape Town.

Perched on the southwestern tip of the African continent, Cape Town boasts stunning natural wonders, cutting-edge architecture and a cosmopolitan atmosphere all wrapped up in one extraordinary package. The towering plateau of Table Mountain National Park defines the skyline, with lush gardens, the city's bustling bowl and the rugged coastline lying below. Afro-chic decor graces the city's trendy restaurants and bars, while art and design studios imbue the atmosphere with a hip, creative vibe.

Upon arrival at 2:30 pm, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

This afternoon enjoy a private tour and cooking class based in the Bo-Kaap area of Cape Town, situated strategically at the foot of signal hill in the heart of Cape Town, and home to several historic and Islamic sites. Bo-Kaap with its cobbled roads and colourful houses has preserved a people and culture through community, the practice of religion, and tradition. This cooking tour takes you on a voyage into the life, food and culture of the Cape Malay people in Bo-Kaap while offering you a hands-on, practical lesson on how to cook like a real Cape Malay.

The guided walking tour begins outside the Bo-Kaap Museum, then take a walk through the Masala route and visit a spice shop where your host and instructor Zainie introduces you to the mysteries of eastern spices and teaches you what to shop for. A brief stroll through the historic colorful streets and cobbled roads of Bokaap ends at Zainie's home where a hands-on experience takes place in her kitchen. You discover the secrets of mixing Masala, making Dahltjies (Chilli Bites), preparing and folding Samosas, and making and frying Rootis.

Learn the traditional way to cook a mouth-watering which you enjoy in a sit down meal while Zainie entertains you with local recipes and stories of food, culture and life.



ACCOMMODATION: One&Only Cape Town

SOUTH AFRICA

FRIDAY, JULY 27 CAPE TOWN

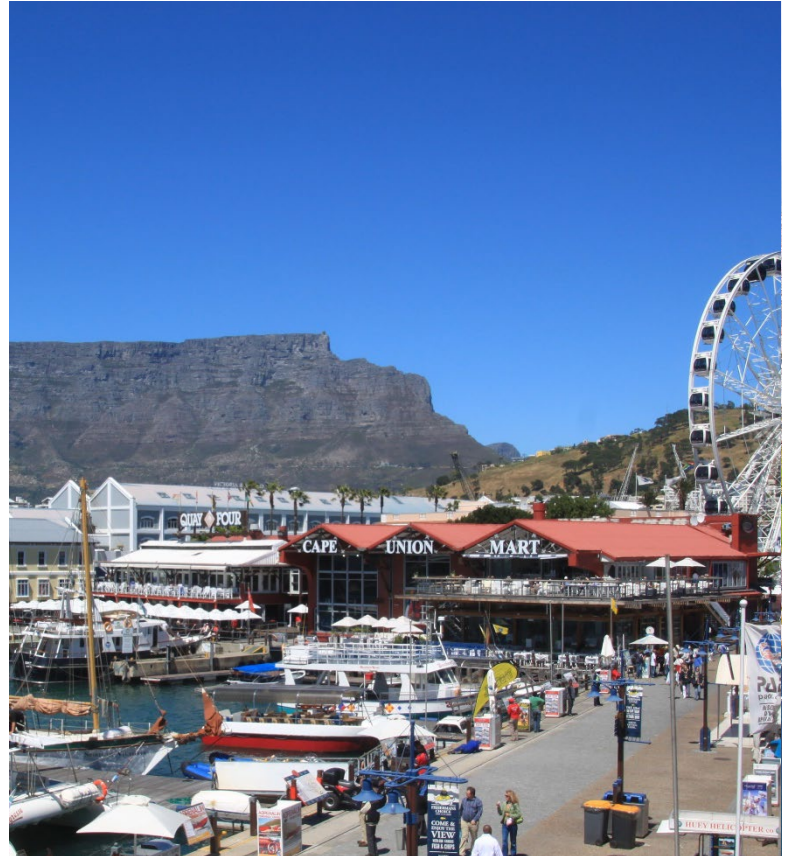
After breakfast, you set off from the hotel to explore Cape Town. You are driven through the historical residential suburb of Tamboerskloof to reach the lower cable-car station of Table Mountain from where, weather permitting, you can travel up the mountain to look out over the magnificent views.

Afterwards explore old Cape Town and the Company's Gardens, originally laid out to provide the colonists with vegetables and now a lovely park and botanical garden.

Continue to the vibrant Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, one of the world's most successful harbor side developments, with eclectic shops and restaurants.

In the afternoon, you have the opportunity to visit Robben Island, a must do for all those that want to delve into the story of modern South Africa and its deliverance from the Apartheid years after the free elections of 1994, when Nelson Mandela came to power and the new 'Rainbow Nation' came to life. During Apartheid, Robben Island was internationally known for its institutional brutality. Those that ran the prison were tasked to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. It was here that Nelson Mandela, was incarcerated for 18 of the 27 years that he spent as a political prisoner of the regime. Your guide brings those years to life and explains to you how the legacy of Robben Island has been one of the most important building blocks of the new South Africa.

After this moving experience, you are returned to Cape Town's city center by ferry.



ACCOMMODATION: One&Only Cape Town

SOUTH AFRICA

SATURDAY, JULY 28 CAPE TOWN

This morning's sightseeing begins as you travel south of Cape Town to the very end of the scenically dramatic Cape Peninsula, passing the bucolic fishing village of Hout Bay and driving along Chapman's Peak Drive, a roadway set high on the mountainside and once considered impossible to build. The Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve converges at Cape Point, a great pinnacle of rock, and where you can climb the steps or ride the funicular to the top. From here, you may spot southern right whales in spring and early summer, as well as dolphins and a variety of seabirds.

Journeying away from the point, travel back through the reserve looking out for animals, including rare breeds of antelope, ostrich and zebra. En route to lunch, you visit Boulders, near historic Simon's Town. This lovely beach is sheltered from the wind and famed for its colony of endangered African penguins.

After this rare and rewarding experience, you pass through Simon's Town. With its steep, narrow streets and cobbled alleyways, Simon's Town has the feel of a small English seaside village and was the Royal Navy's main base in the South Atlantic from 1815 to 1957.

Next, it is on to Kalk Bay, where there is time to browse its famed antique and art shops. You then travel back towards Cape Town, arriving at your hotel in the late afternoon.

ACCOMMODATION: One&Only Cape Town



SOUTH AFRICA

SUNDAY, JULY 29

CAPE TOWN | CAPE WINELANDS

This morning enjoy a visit to the Cheetah Outreach Center.

The Cheetah Outreach assists the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) in their efforts to ensure the survival of the free-ranging cheetah. This is done through education programs that increase the awareness of the diminishing numbers of free-ranging cheetahs in the wild. Funds are raised for CCF to support their efforts in releasing trapped, wild cheetah, and non-lethal predator control methods (i.e. placement of guard dogs in Namibian farmlands). Learn more about these incredible cats from a distance, or get up close and personal and even step inside the enclosure and pet the young cheetah!

Next, travel for about one hour to your accommodation in the Cape Winelands, stopping along the way to enjoy a wine tasting with lunch.

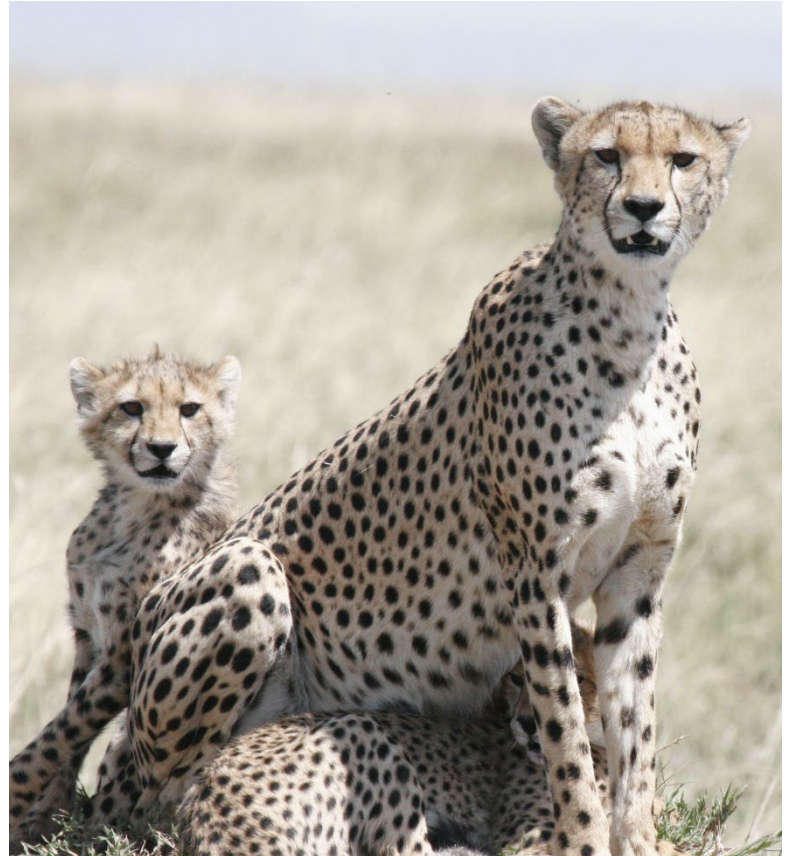
Nestled among the magnificent mountain ranges of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek just a few miles inland from Cape Town, the Cape Winelands produce some of the world's finest chenin blanc, pinotage, shiraz and sparkling whites. The area's colonial wine heritage dates back to the 1600s, when French and Dutch settlers planted their vineyards in these idyllic hills. Today, large estates and boutique producers alike welcome guests to indulge in relaxed tastings set against a majestic mountain backdrop.

This evening, enjoy a completely interactive evening with one of La Residence's celebrated chefs. An evening perfectly curated to your preferences and interests.

The experience begins with a leisurely stroll through the La Residence gardens. During the summer months, the abundance of black figs, ripe pomegranates, juicy plums, green artichokes and fragrant herbs will leave you spoiled for choice as you select the freshest seasonal ingredients for your feast.

The four-course meal complete with amuse bouche, palate cleanser and petits fours will be prepared in front of you while the chef talks you through the ingredients, cooking techniques and flavours. All that remains is for you to enjoy your meal accompanied by a perfectly paired selection of wines by the wine steward.

ACCOMMODATION: La Residence



MONDAY, JULY 30 CAPE WINELANDS

Embark on a full day tour of the Winelands. You travel through some breathtaking countryside and vineyards to your first stop: the Seidelberg Wine Estate, located on the Paarl Wine Route on the slopes of Paarl Mountain, the second largest granite outcrop in the world. At Seidelberg you visit the Red Hot Glass studio and gallery where you witness the fascinating process of molten glass being blown and formed into works of art. The gallery has a collection of blown glass in all shapes and forms, from bowls to lamps.

Next to the gallery is the studio where the glass blowing is done and, subject to availability, guests can view the art of glass making. Then enjoy some of the best wines in the Cape area.

While the adults sample wines in either an underground cellar or on the lawn if the weather allows, children enjoy a grape juice tasting with red and white grape juice being served. Then, on a guided cellar tour, you are given an overview of the vineyard, cellar practices and wine-making process.

Next you drive to Moreson where adults once again enjoy some of the finest wines in the Franschhoek Valley while the children make their own bread in the Bread and Wine Restaurant.

Moreson is one of the original farms granted to the French Huguenots in 1695 by Simon van der Stel. It is situated close to Franschhoek, a little town with lots of ambiance, a fascinating history and breathtaking scenery with a definite French character. It is also the culinary capital of South Africa. Following their wine tasting, the adults join the children for lunch at the Bread and Wine Restaurant, set among lemon orchards and vineyards.

After lunch you visit Huguenot Chocolates, a boutique chocolaterie in Franschhoek offering a delicious range of chocolates made from the finest imported Belgian chocolate. Chocolate tasting is followed by a talk on the history of chocolate. The children have an opportunity to make their own chocolate to take home. You also have an opportunity to visit the Huguenot Memorial and Museum which illustrates the life of the Huguenots at the Cape of Good Hope. Leaving Franschhoek, you are driven to Stellenbosch. With its venerable old buildings, this town offers a rich history and architectural heritage. From Stellenbosch, you continue back to your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: La Residence



SOUTH AFRICA

TUESDAY, JULY 31

CAPE WINELANDS | CAPE TOWN | SKUKUZA | LION SANDS PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

This morning you are transferred approximately 55 minutes to the Cape Town Airport for your 10:35 am South African Airways flight #8651 to Skukuza. Upon arrival at 1:05 pm, you are met and transferred about 30 minutes to your safari lodge.

Set in the southern section of the Sabi Sands Game Reserve, Lion Sands Private Game Reserve boasts one of the highest concentrations of game in the world. With exclusive access to the Sabie River and its teeming wildlife, the reserve affords spectacular game viewing of predators, reptiles, insects and all manner of birds.

Established in 1933, the reserve offers a classic safari experience and some of Africa's most thrilling game drives.

ACCOMMODATION: Lion Sands Ivory Lodge



SOUTH AFRICA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 LION SANDS PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Most days in Lion Sands Game Reserve begin with early morning game drives deep into the bush. The reserve's private concession allows your master tracker and custom Land Rover to travel farther afield, tracking the Big Five well away from the main roads. Keep your eyes peeled for giraffe, impala, zebra, hyena and hippo as you return to the lodge. Tuck into a brunch tray delivered to your villa before heading back out to try your hand at a bit of freshwater river fishing.

After a refreshing dip in the pool, wander a short ways from your villa for a lantern-lit bush dinner among the trees. Retire for an evening under the stars in the intimate Tineyleti Treehouse (booked in advance, at an additional cost).

As one exhilarating day follows another, you sample everything the lodge has to offer with spa treatments, walking safaris, birdwatching, wildlife lectures, bush picnics and visits to the local preschool.

ACCOMMODATION: Lion Sands Ivory Lodge



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