YOUR *Holiday*

DAY

1 **ARRIVE CAPE TOWN (4 NIGHTS)** South Africa's 'Mother City' and her iconic Table Mountain extend a warm welcome as you embark on a journey that will reveal the highlights of South Africa. Spend the day delving into Cape Town's cosmopolitan surrounds before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)**
Hotel: Southern Sun Waterfront

2 **TABLE MOUNTAIN AND CAPE TOWN CITY TOUR** This morning, we encounter Table Mountain first-hand, ascending via aerial cableway to its vast flat top – a rocky wonderland of rich Cape *fynbos* and curious *dassies* (hyraxes). Peer over the bustling City Bowl and Atlantic Seaboard keeping a keen eye out for the landmarks your Travel Director will show you during this morning's city tour, including Company Gardens, Bo-Kaap and the Castle of Good Hope. The rest of the day is yours to explore Cape Town at leisure. Ramble up Bree Street to sample the city's vibrant coffee culture or take a stroll along the Sea Point promenade with the fellow outdoor enthusiasts. **(B)**

3 **CAPE PENINSULA TOUR** Circumnavigate the Cape Peninsula, from trendy Camps Bay to Cape Point and back. The crashing waves of the Atlantic to your right, the rocky 12 Apostles to your left, wind your way along one of the world's most magnificent coastal roads towards the outcrop that is Africa's most extreme south-western tip. Say a quiet hello to the shy penguins of Boulders Beach, see the Cape of Good Hope and travel through charming coastal towns along the way. **(B)**

4 **CAPE WINELANDS EXCURSION AND CAPE TOWN FREE TIME** Venture to the town of Franschhoek and see during your orientation why it is proclaimed as one of the most beautiful wine valleys in the world. In nearby Stellenbosch, you'll '*Connect With Locals*' over a '*Be My Guest*' experience with host Nocawe. Learn how to make the local dish of pumpkin fritters, then be treated to a traditional Xhosa meal including *Amagwinya* (fried bread), *Umphokogo* (crumbled maize meal served with sour milk) and homemade ginger beer. Return to Cape Town for an evening at leisure. **(B, BMG,**)

5 **CAPE TOWN – GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA (3 NIGHTS)** This morning you'll bid farewell to the 'Mother City' and fly to Hoedspruit (flight purchased separately) where a private game reserve near South Africa's great Kruger National Park beckons. Then kick back, relax and settle in to one of Trafalgar's '*Stays With Stories*', Becks Safari Lodge, your home in the bush for the next three nights. **(B, L, D,**) **Hotel: Becks Safari Lodge**

6 **KARONGWE PRIVATE RESERVE SAFARI GAME DRIVES** The action begins as we embark on an early morning game drive through Karongwe Private Reserve with a *Local Specialist* game ranger and Shangaan tracker-guide. The rising sun awakens the birds and insects that share your journey into the bush, as you scour the dense brush for signs of the Big 5. After lunch, and time for a siesta and a swim, return to the bush for an afternoon safari drive. **(B, L, D)**

7 **KARONGWE PRIVATE RESERVE SAFARI GAME DRIVES** Today enjoy another full day of game drives through Karongwe Private Reserve. Continue to scour the dense brush with your *Local Specialist* for incredible encounters with Africa's iconic wildlife. End the day with a traditional sundowner drink overlooking the Game Reserve, keeping your eyes peeled for signs of wildlife that emerge from their cover of darkness. **(B, L, D)**

8 **GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA – JOHANNESBURG (2 NIGHTS)** Our time in the South African bushveld comes to a close with a '*Dive Into Culture*' visit to a local Shangaan village. Learn about the traditions and customs of the Shangaan people and how the Eco Academy there provides eco and wildlife education. Fly to Johannesburg (flight purchased separately) and check into your hotel, which is located in the restaurant and entertainment hub of Melrose Arch. **(B, L,**) **Hotel: Protea Fire and Ice**

9 **JOHANNESBURG SIGHTSEEING** Unlock the secrets of the 'city of gold' on a full-day tour to view several iconic sites including the Regina Mundi Church and Mandela's house in Soweto. '*Dive Into Culture*' during a visit to the Hector Pieterson Museum and the Apartheid Museum, which chronicles South Africa's tumultuous Apartheid years. **(B, FD,**)

10 **DEPART JOHANNESBURG** Our epic encounter with South Africa's iconic sites comes to an end today. Transfer to Johannesburg International Airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

MORE ABOUT YOUR *Trip*

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Air: Airfares are not included in the prices above. Land Only price requires the following intra-trip flights to be purchased separately in order to fulfil the trip itinerary: Day 5 from Cape Town to Hoedspruit – SA8657; Day 8 Hoedspruit to Johannesburg – SA1228. Trafalgar guarantees to quote you the lowest possible airfare available to us on the day that you book.

Please Note: Guaranteed Room Share and Triple Rooms are not available on this trip.

Children: We are unable to accept children under the age of 12 on this itinerary.

Airport Transfers: Complimentary transfers are available on the first and last day of the trip. See Page 32 for further details.

Table Mountain: The Aerial Cableway closes for annual maintenance usually during late July to early August time. Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden will be the alternative inclusion on departures where it is not possible to visit Table Mountain.

TRIP CODE: AFES

WHY NOT EXPLORE *further?*

VICTORIA FALLS 3-NIGHT MINI STAY

Make most of your trip by choosing our Victoria Falls Experience (Page 16) which follows on seamlessly from the Essence Of South Africa. Guests are responsible for purchasing all fights required to join this trip.

YOUR HOLIDAY *Planner*

Start Cape Town	End Johannesburg	Price PP Twin Share
SU 12 JAN	TU 21 JAN	4325
SU 26 JAN	TU 04 FEB	4250
SU 09 FEB	TU 18 FEB	4250
SU 23 FEB	TU 03 MAR	4250
SU 08 MAR	TU 17 MAR	4250
SU 22 MAR	TU 31 MAR	4250
SU 12 APR	TU 21 APR	4150
SU 26 APR	TU 05 MAY	4150
SU 10 MAY	TU 19 MAY	4150
SU 24 MAY	TU 02 JUN	4095
SU 14 JUN	TU 23 JUN	4095
SU 28 JUN	TU 07 JUL	4095
SU 05 JUL	TU 14 JUL	4095
SU 12 JUL	TU 21 JUL	4095
SU 19 JUL	TU 28 JUL	4095
SU 26 JUL	TU 04 AUG	4095
SU 02 AUG	TU 11 AUG	4095
SU 09 AUG	TU 18 AUG	4150
SU 16 AUG	TU 25 AUG	4150
SU 23 AUG	TU 01 SEP	4150
SU 30 AUG	TU 08 SEP	4150
SU 06 SEP	TU 15 SEP	4150
SU 13 SEP	TU 22 SEP	4150
SU 20 SEP	TU 29 SEP	4150
SU 27 SEP	TU 06 OCT	4150
SU 04 OCT	TU 13 OCT	4250
SU 11 OCT	TU 20 OCT	4250
SU 18 OCT	TU 27 OCT	4250
SU 25 OCT	TU 03 NOV	4250
SU 08 NOV	TU 17 NOV	4250
SU 22 NOV	TU 01 DEC	4250
SU 06 DEC	TU 15 DEC	4250
SU 20 DEC	TU 29 DEC	4250
SU 27 DEC	TU 05 JAN	4325

Single Supplement (add to price above):		US$1450 p.p.
Exceptions	12 Jan 20 to 22 Mar 20:	US$1690 p.p.
	04 Oct 20 to 27 Dec 20:	US$1690 p.p.

Festive Departures: During the safari portion of the trip, the 20 December 2020 will celebrate Christmas and the 27 December 2020 departure will celebrate New Years Eve.

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS — SAVE up to US$216 p.p.

Multiple trip discount: SAVE up to US$108

Past guests: Unlock VIP benefits

TRIP *Highlights*

Here's just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

You'll savour the flavours of traditional dishes enjoyed by Xhosa families, gain insights into their culture and practice your Xhosa 'click'. (**Day 4**)

STAYS WITH STORIES

Your stay at Becks Safari Lodge in Karongwe Private Game Reserve contributes to the area's environmental sustainability and community development. (**Day 5**)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Hear first hand about the traditions and cultures of the Shangaan people and how their village promotes eco and wildlife education. (**Day 8**)

Learn about South Africa's turbulent past on an interactive Johannesburg and Soweto Freedom tour. (**Day 9**)

Connect With Locals — Stays With Stories — Dive Into Culture — Make A Difference

WR Welcome Reception — **L** Lunch — **RD** Regional Dinner — **BMG** Be My Guest

B Breakfast — **D** Dinner — **FD** Farewell Dinner