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23 days OCTOBER 04 - 26 2020: \$ 8960 pp + Airfare Singles Add \$ 1790
With Greg & Gaye of the Finesse Holidays



Overview:

- Commencing our holiday near Joburg, enjoying an African experience.
- Go wild on Safari at Bayala Safari Lodge for 6 nights.
- Wine country stay in excellent rooms in Franschhoek.
- Capetown is full of appealing attractions which will dazzle the eyes and intrigue the mind. We will stay in an all-suite hotel at Bantry Bay.
- Durban for our Zimbali experience, visiting iSimangaliso Wetland Park, Cultural Dancing and enjoying the magnificent coastline.

Bridge Program:

All bridge sessions are at (B4Red). All singles are welcome and you will be matched with another single. All workshops come with literature.

Included in this Holiday:

- 2 nights near Joburg at Lanseri The Moon & Sixpence.
- 3 nights in the Wine district at Ivy Apts.
- 5 nights in Capetown at the 5* Bantry Bay Suites.
- 5 nights in Zimbali near Durban at Zimbali Estate.
- 6 nights on Safari at Bayala Game Reserve.
- 1 night to break our return drive in Elmo.
- All tours & Safaris.
- All dinners, breakfasts & 5 lunches.
- All transfers from/to Airports & Internal flights.
- All bridge fees & Workshops



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Inclusions: JOHANNESBURG - JOHANNESBURG

- All tipping & gratuities
- Numerous tours at each town
- Numerous safari tours with guides
- Welcome drinks
- All transfers including 2 short flights
- All bridge fees
- 22 nights finest accommodation
- Exceptional Native Tour guide
- Fully escorted tour
- All dinners, all breakfasts
- 6 light lunches during Safari
- Workshops & Lesson Material

2 INTERNAL FLIGHTS: Included.

Oct 06	10:30	JoBurg	Capetown	Arrive	12:30	2 hrs
Oct 14	11:15	Capetown	Durban	Arrive	13:10	1 hr 55 min

3: HOTEL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS for EMERGENCIES:

Greg's Contact Phone Number +61 0415 816 919

JOBURG – The Moon and Sixpence Garden Guest House Oct 04 - 06

Address: Plot 23, Beyers Naude Extension, Zwartkop

Muldersdrift, South-Africa, 1739

Phone: +27(0) 11 659 7030

BANTRY BAY - CAPETOWN – BANTRY BAY SUITES - Oct 06 – Oct 11

Address: 8 Alexander Rd, Bantry Bay, Cape Town, 8001, South Africa

Phone: +27 21 434 8448

FRANSCHHOEK – IVY APRTMENTS

Oct 11 - 14

Address: 1 Kruger St, Franschhoek, 7690, South Africa

Phone: +27 21 876 295**KWAZULU NATAL - FAIRMONT ZIMBALI BEACHFRONT RESORT Oct 14 – 19**

P.O. Box 17 Zimbali South Africa 4422

TEL + 27 (0) 32 538 5000 www.fairmont.com/zimbali-resort

ZULULAND - BAYALA GAME LODGE

Oct 19 – 25

Address: D463 District Road, Bayala, Hluhluwe 3966

Phone: +27 35 562 0498

PIET RETIEF - B at Home Guesthouse Piet Retief

Oct 25 – 26

Address: 13 De Jager Street, Piet Retief, Mpumalanga, 2380, South Africa

Phone: +27 17 826 4584

4: ITINERARY – **You can have dinner; at any time you desire**

OPTIONS:

Your hosts will be travelling from Sydney to Perth and having a 3 night stopover in Fremantle. The advantages of this is that it breaks up the flight and makes the International flight a little cheaper, to go towards your stay in Fremantle.

GUIDES & COACHES:

When in South Africa with our Bridge Group in 2017 we found an excellent native guide (Kenny) who new 7 languages fluently and was lots of fun and extremely knowledgeable. This guide will travel with us the entire journey except for the Safari. The coach is at our disposal for the 15 nights we are in South Africa, so during some downtime, if you want to travel somewhere the driver (Sodi) will take you but a reasonable tip is expected. Say \$ 20/hr plus petrol. This is to be divided by the no. going.

JOHANNESBURG: **October 04 – 06**

Oct 04 *Arrival at Airport and transfer to our hotel 40 minutes away. Light dinner and before bedtime. Bridge the following morning (late am) before getting a taste of Africa with the Lion Safari. Welcome drinks and dinner at our hotel.*

CAPETOWN: **October 06 - 11**

Oct 06 *We get the 16:30 flight from Windhoek to Capetown, arriving for dinner & bed. Lots to see and do in Capetown. There will be a tour each day here and still bridge. Tours include on the 1st day a visit to Stellenbosch Gardens and in the late afternoon a bay cruise to see the sites and elephant seals in the bay. On other days we will visit Cape Point, Robben Island and a private city tour.*

FRANSCHHOEK: **October 11 - 14**

Oct 11 *We take the 1 hr 20 minute transfer from our hotel in Capetown to the wine district of Franschhoek. The wine tour here are lovely not to mention the quality of wines. If you desire you can get the Wine Tram (Hop on Hop Off) one afternoon. Excellent accommodation here with 2 Bedroom Apts, Breakfast will be at an adjacent café and if there are 2 couples wishing to share a large apartment (150+m2) a discount will apply.*

DURBAN – ZIMBALI **October 14 – 19**

Oct 14 *After taking the flight from Capetown (< 2 hrs) we arrive at Durban for our 40 minute transfer to Zimbali Estate. We will be staying in Luxury rooms. You may also stay in Luxury 3, 4 and 5 bedroom houses with some friends. If you choose this option you will receive a golf cart here to travel around the property. There will be a long day tour here including Hluhluwe Game Reserve & a St Lucia Hippo & Croc tour. We will also have a Durban city tour and a game of bridge in Durban at a Bridge club. Lots of free time as well to chill out.*

ZULULAND: **October 19-25**

Oct 19 *We get the 12:00 flight from Joburg to Windhoek and take a 2.5 hour drive to our Safari Lodge where we spend 7 nights of excitement. 8 Safaris are offered here, plus a lion feed and a river cruise. Excellent food at this camp*

ELMO **October 25-26** *Sightseeing stopover @ Elmo to break our trip home.*

5: JOHANNESBURG – THE MOON & SIXPENCE October 04 -06



The luxury rooms are situated in a village setting amongst beautiful gardens and fountains. The rooms have separate bath and shower facilities, mini bar fridge, and some offer heated towel rails and roaring fireplaces.

The two bridal suites have a large King size bed with a white netting canopy and their own private garden and lounge area.

After settling in on the 1st evening with dinner, we will enjoy a game of bridge the following day late morning before travelling a short distance to the Lion Safari Park.

On returning we will enjoy our welcome drinks together following by a wonderful meal prepared by the guesthouse owners.

The following morning after our scrumptious breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Windhoek for our exciting Safari.



Tours Included: Lion Safari Park:



October 06

10:30

Johannesburg

Arrive

12:30

Capetown



Bantry Bay is an affluent suburb of Cape Town situated on the slopes of Lion's Head and overlooking a rocky coastline, Western Cape Province, South Africa. Its neighboring suburbs are Sea Point and Clifton. It was originally called Botany Bay after a botanical garden that was planted here for the cultivation of medicinal herbs. The name was changed during World War I.

It is overlooked by Lion's Head, which is an eroded outlier of sandstone. There is a plaque on the seashore that commemorates a visit by Charles Darwin, who made important geological observations here relating to the nature and origin of granite.

Bantry Bay is known to be the most wind-free area in Cape Town. Secluded & protected, this area gets about 290 wind free days per year



Capetown Harbour



Robben Island

Tours Include:



1. Check out the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens – The stunning garden has been named 2015's 'International Garden of the Year' (by the International Garden Tourism Awards Body). There's also a great treetop canopy walkway called the 'Boomslang' that has recently been declared the Most Beautiful Object in South Africa at the 2015 Design Indaba.



2. We will have a city tour on our own private coach with the same Private guide for the entire holiday. We will visit Camps Bay for lunch (own expense). The coach is yours so if anything in particular you wish to see the driver will take you there.



3. Take a trip to the historic Robben Island. The island's function has changed over the past few years, but is most commonly known as its past use of being a political prison during South Africa's apartheid. (One of the most famous prisoners being former president Nelson Mandela).



4: Cape Point is a promontory at the southeast corner of the Cape Peninsula, which is a mountainous and scenic landform that runs north-south for about thirty kilometres at the extreme southwestern tip of the African continent in the Republic of South Africa. Did you know there are 26 recorded shipwrecks around Cape Point

We will also be hiring a private boat to tour around the harbour.

We now take the 1 and a bit hour drive north to the wine district.

7: FRANSCHHOEK – IVY APARTMENTS Oct 11 – 14



The Ivy Apartments is a collection of award winning, one and two bedroom, luxury self-catering apartments in the village of Franschhoek. Conveniently situated on the gorgeous main strip of Franschhoek Village. They have stunning views of the majestic mountain ranges. Our stylish collection of luxury holiday apartments is within walking distance of numerous restaurants and shops, just close enough to the vibrant buzzing energy of Franschhoek but far enough away to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet that our wonderful little town has to offer.



Included: Two afternoon wine tours to some of our favourite wineries including Holden Manz Wine Estate, Grand Provence Heritage Estate and more.

Bridge will be played on 2 mornings here in the wine country.

October 14

11:15

Capetown

Arrive

13:10

Durban

8: KWA-ZULU NATAL – FAIRMONT ZIMBALI BEACHFRONT RESORT Oct 14-19

Fairmont Zimbali Resort, situated inside the exclusive Zimbali Coastal Estate, is a tranquil retreat offering the utmost in stylish comfort and unrivalled service. Located 5 minutes from the bustling holiday town of Ballito, 20 minutes from Umhlanga and 30 minutes from Durban, this beachfront North Coast hotel provides easy access to the province's attractions. Situated 16km from King Shaka International Airport, the Fairmont Zimbali Resort is easily accessible. If you choose to stay in one of the luxury houses you will receive a 4 Berth Golf Cart here to take you around the entire property. You will get your own large bedroom with Ensuite and beautiful views from most areas.



iSimangaliso Wetland Park: Your St Lucia trip can never be complete without a Hippo & Croc Boat Cruise along the St Lucia Estuary. This cruise, operated by Shoreline Boat Cruises, offers you an incredible up close and personal Safari Tour.

Gaze at the splendid Wildlife and picturesque views, thus, experiencing St Lucia from a whole new perspective as you sail through the very heart of this glorious area. Pass the sights, which make this one of the most magical areas in South Africa. On board audio commentary is available to ensure you get the most from your experience.

Hluhluwe Game Reserve



Included: St Lucia Hippo & Croc Cruise with Hluhluwe Game Reserve, Durban City tour & Bridge at a Club.

9: BAYALA GAME RESERVE – OCT 19 - 25



Bayala Private Safari Lodge and Camp is a newly renovated family oriented lodge situated 3 hours' drive north of Durban's King Shaka airport. Bayala is nestled within a non-malaria, Big 5 private conservancy of close to 30,000 ha of unspoiled wilderness. View lion, elephant, leopard, buffalo and rhino amongst beautiful zebra, giraffe and various other plains game with one of our experienced rangers on an open safari vehicle. Bayala Safari Lodge and Camp are a short distance from each other. Safari Lodge and Camp each have 24 newly renovated thatch-roofed en-suite rooms decorated with neutral bushveld colours throughout. Both lodges boast beautiful and restful lounges, bars and relaxed, informal dining inside or outside.



Inclusions: All Meals, 7 Safaris in 4 x 4, 1 River Cruise

BAYALA meaning “**never give in or give up**” ... originally a cattle and hunting farm, is now under new ownership and in the process of restoring the land to what it once was. In 2017 Bayala was integrated into the Mun-ya-wana Game Reserve (+-30 000ha) making it part of a Big 5 Conservancy (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, and rhinoceros). In the last 25 years the Mun-ya-wana Game Reserve has expanded the green frontier enabling free roaming of wild animals and focusing on the conservation of flora and fauna.

Bayala is centrally situated within easy access to Lake St Lucia, Sodwana Bay, Hluhluwe / Imfolozi / Mkuze Game Reserve as well as Bayete Zulu Elephant Sanctuary/Interaction, Ndumu Game Reserve and Kozi Bay. Many species of animals occur within this haven. The area has rich diversity and an abundance of bird life. Bayala is an accredited member of The Big 5 Municipality, the Tourism Grading Council, Elephant Coast Tourism and Hluhluwe Big 5 CTO. Bayala Game Lodge is in a **non Malaria** area.





Situated in the heart of the small town of Piet Retief now also known as Mkhondo, Mpumalanga and roughly 30km from the border of Swaziland lays a quiet, homely guesthouse well situated for all - the weary bridge player, looking for that home away from home, group travelers seeking refuge after hours of travelling and even those young at heart. Bridge will be played on arrival followed by dinner.



Pieter Mauritz Retief was a Voortrekker leader. Settling in 1814 in the frontier region of the Cape Colony, he assumed command of punitive expeditions in response to raiding parties from the adjacent Xhosa territory. Zulu history records show that on 6 Feb 1838 Zulu King Dingane clubbed to death Reteif, 69 compatriots and 30 coloured attendants as they didn't want the threat.



In the southeastern corner of Mpumalanga lays the picturesque town of Mkhondo, once called *Piet Retief*, surrounded by beautiful plantations of Bluegum and wattle trees. The town was established in 1883 but was destroyed during the SA war. The town was re-established and named after Voortrekker leader Piet Retief. In 2010 the town was re-named Mkhondo.

11: UPGRADES:

The upgraded amount is for the entire stay for that leg of the holiday.

JOBURG - MOON & SIXPENSE

Standard Room		Double	Single	Wifi
Standard Room	50 m2	0	0	Free
Executive Room	75 m2	100 pp	165 pp	Free
Family Room	175 m2	100 pp	N/A	Free
Family Room 4 pax	175 m2	Subtract 50 pp	N/A	Free

CAPETOWN – BANTRY BAY SUITES

		Double (approx)	Single (approx)	Wifi
Deluxe Suite	40 m2	0	0	Free
Luxury Suite (1) Suite	60 m2	60 pp	115	Free
Luxury Duplex Suite	74 m2	130 pp	220 pp	Free
Family Suite	77 m2	220 pp	N/A	Free

FRANSCHHOEK – IVY APRTMENTS

		Double	Singles & Twin Share	Wifi
Standard Suite	90 m2 approx	0	0	Free
Superior Suite	150 m2 approx	80	160	Free
4 pax share Superior	150 m2 approx	Subtract 200 pp	N/A	Free

DURBAN – FAIRMONT ZIMBALI BEACHFRONT RESORT

Not all Bedrooms in use		Double	Singles & Twin Share	Wifi
3, 4 or 5 Bedroom Home	>350 m2 (shared)	0 pp	0 pp	Free
Resort Room		0 pp	0 pp	Free
				Free

SAFARI - BAYALA GAME LODGE

		Double	Single	Wifi
Luxury Room		0	0	Free
Suite		200 pp	300 pp	Free

PIET RETIEF - GUEST HOUSE

		Double	Single	Wifi
Standard Room		0	0	Free
Family Room		0	0	Free

12: BRIDGE WORKSHOPS & TUTORIALS:

Topics to be covered: Gaye will give Improver Lessons. Greg will give the more Advanced ones

Please contact us for any material you wish to discuss.

Some of the topics that will be covered include Bergen Raises, Jacoby, View to your opening lead, Declarer play, The Real Losing Trick Count. Additional lessons will be conducted at request of clients.