

# AFRICAN SAFARI SOUTH AFRICA , BOTSWANA , ZAMBIA

where adventure awaits SEPTEMBER 07 – 30 2024:

24 Days \$ 11240 pp + Airfare Singles Add \$ 2790



**OVERVIEW:** Our Holiday is packed with Safaris, natural beauty and the warmth of the local people. True Happiness awaits. After flying in to Joburg for 2 days we then fly into Botswana to our own Chobe Safari Lodge to see the highest concentration of elephants in Africa. Daily Boat Safaris are right on our doorstep. A short drive will take us to the cascades of The Victoria Falls (the jewel of Africa). Our luxurious hotel is closest to the falls with wildlife surrounding us. Next is Capetown (arguably the most natural beautiful city in the world) great tours of TableTop mountain, Robben Island and Cape Point plus a wine/cheese day tour to Franschhoek. Finally the Garden Route tour you'll find picturesque towns, cave settings, beach & lagoons and ancient forests. All included

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**Inclusions: JOHANNESBURG - JOHANNESBURG**

- Permanent Coach & Driver
- Numerous tours at each town
- Numerous safari tours with guides
- Welcome drinks & some Pre-Dinner
- All transfers including 3 short flights
- All bridge fees
- 23 nights finest accommodation
- Native Tour guide
- Fully escorted tour
- All dinners, all breakfasts
- Lagoon Lunch cruise in Knysna
- Workshops & Lesson Material

**2 INTERNAL FLIGHTS: Included.**

<b>Sept 09</b>	<b>11:35</b>	<b>JoBurg</b>	<b>Victoria Falls</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>13:20</b>	<b>1.8 hrs</b>
<b>Sept 19</b>	<b>13:15</b>	<b>Victoria Falls</b>	<b>Capetown</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>16:20</b>	<b>2.9 hrs</b>
<b>Sept 30</b>	<b>10:10</b>	<b>George</b>	<b>Joburg</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>12:05</b>	<b>1.9 hrs</b>

The 3 flights total around \$ 1000. These are included in your holiday. If you plan to go elsewhere after Knysna the flight to Joburg will be subtracted from the flight you take. Others flights are available on Sept 30 to coincide with your flight if not doing Qantas back to Sydney.

**3: HOTEL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS for EMERGENCIES:**

**Greg's Contact Phone Number +61 415 816 919**

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**JOBURG – VILLA SIMMONE Sept 07 - 09**

**Address: 16 West Street, Lower Houghton, Houghton, 2198 Johannesburg**

**Phone: +27 11 728 2001**  
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**BOTSWANA SAFARI - CHOBE SAFARI LODGE Sept 09 – 15**

**Address: Airport Road, President Ave, Kasane, Botswana**

**Phone: +267 625 0336**  
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**VICTORIA FALLS - AVANI VICTORIA FALLS RESORT Sept 15 - 19**

**Address: Mosi-oa-Tunya Road, Livingstone 20100, Zambia**

**Phone: +260 213 321 122**  
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**BANTRY BAY - CAPETOWN – PENINSULA ALL SUITE HOTEL - Sept 19 – 24**

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

**Phone: +27 21 434 8448**  
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**SWELLENDAM – SCHOONE OORDT GUEST HOUSE - Sept 24 - 25**

**Address: 1 Swellengrebel St, Swellendam, 6740, South Africa**

**Phone: +27 28 514 1248**  
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**KNYSNA – GARDEN ROUTE – HOLLOW COUNTRY ESTATE Sept 25 – 30**

**Address: 5 Welbedacht Ln, Kanonkop, Knysna, 6570, South Africa**

**Phone: +27 44 382 5401**  
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## **4: ITINERARY – You can have dinner; at any time you desire**

### **OPTIONS:**

Your hosts will be travelling from Sydney on Sept 05. For our South African section there will be a private coach with driver & guide

### **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 12 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: September 07 – 09**

*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: September 19 - 24**

*We get the 13:15 flight from Victoria Falls 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Tabletop Mountain and a private winery tour.*

### **SWELLENDENEM: September 24 - 25**

*We take the 2 hr 30 minute drive from our hotel in Capetown to the half way point of Swellendem. There are 2 beautiful Guest houses here to choose from with Schoone Oordt slightly more expensive. We will enjoy pre-dinner drinks and an exquisite dinner at Schoone Oordt and those not staying there will be driven the half mile back to Aan De Oever in our private coach.*

### **KNYSNA September 25 – 29**

*We take the 2 hrs drive to Knysna, probably the most beautiful section of the Garden Route. We will visit the Elephant Sanctuary & The Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary. A lunch cruise on the lagoon at Featherbed Nature Reserve will be undertaken. Most or all of our dinners will be of a Boma style.*

## 5: JOHANNESBURG – VILLA SIMMONE Sept 07 - 09



Set in expansive gardens in the historic suburb of Houghton, Villa Simone offers a completely unique experience.

Intricately themed in line with bygone eras and the most enchanting destinations around the world, this inimitably sumptuous venue is a temple devoted to comfort, indulgence, and escapism.

The Avant Guard boutique hotel's offers luxury accommodation as well as an inspirational venue for relaxing, socialising, conducting business, and celebrating the wonder of life.

This all-suite hotel has themed suites pay interior tribute to quintessential eras such as Olympia, Great Gatsby, and Moulin Rouge, whilst the various thought-inspiring entertainment and event venues conjure up vintage images of Casablanca, and come to life like the pages of a Hemingway



**Tour Included: Lion Safari Park with lunch: 2 hour Guided tour with lunch and feeding the giraffes from our seat at lunch.**



**Sept 09**

**11:35**

**Johannesburg**

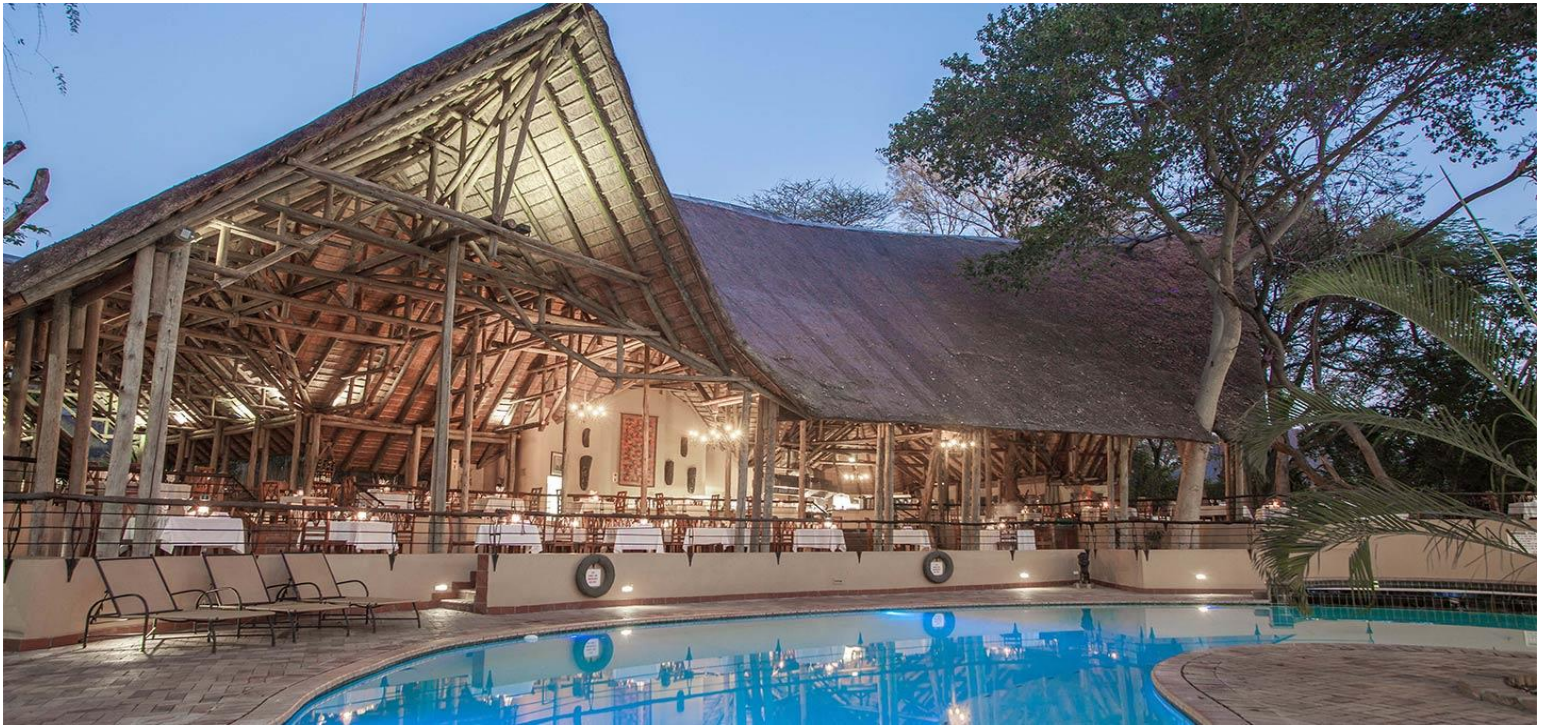
**Arrive**

**13:20**

**Victoria Falls**

## 6: CHOBE SAFARI MARINA LODGE – Sept 09 – 15

**Situated in Kasane**, on the beautiful banks of the Chobe River in Botswana, lies Chobe Safari Lodge & Chobe Marina Lodge (adjacent). Its location provides an excellent opportunity to see elephants, hippos and other wildlife in abundance, or to make exhilarating trips to Victoria Falls and Caprivi. This quite large, but intimate hotel shares borders with the Chobe National Park, as well as practically having the borders of four countries - Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana - on its doorstep. Also on your doorstep, are amazing views of the Chobe River, a great restaurant and bar, spa services (the foot- and-leg massage is a must after a long day) and dinners on the riverboat under star-studded African skies. The town of Kasana is only five minutes away, and it is a fifteen-minute drive to Chobe National Park. Complete with comfortable rooms, an activity center, game drives in the morning and afternoon, half and full day safari excursions, sunset boat cruises, photographic river cruises, scenic flights, Namibian village walks and, not forgetting, a flawless staff, the Chobe Safari Lodge offers an all-round safari escape and great value for money.



**The big predators dominating Chobe National Park** are cheetah, wild dog, lion, leopard and hyena. Large herds of elephant and buffalo also roam the area, seeking water and refreshment. Unfortunately, the rhino population has been decimated, but is slowly – and successfully - being reintroduced into private areas of Chobe National Park.

**As fans probably already noticed, the Big Five** (lion, cheetah, elephant, buffalo, and the rare rhino) can all be seen roaming Chobe. Imagine spotting these impressive animals without any boundaries or fences: this will leave an everlasting memory. But where does this name, Big Five, come from? It is not because these animals are particularly big. They got their nickname because it was so difficult to hunt these animals in, luckily, bygone days. Thus, the name, ‘Big Five’ is a result of their great defense strategy.



Included here is 8 Safaries ( land & boat ). The junkies may purchase more. Bridge will be played in the middle of the day during the high temperature. Often it will commence at 13:00. There will be a tutorial here before each game.

**10: VICTORIA FALLS – AVANI VICTORIA FALLS LODGE Sept 15 – 19**

Set out on the adventure of a lifetime with Avani. We're as close as it gets to the Victoria Falls, one of the world's top wonders. And the daily encounters in the magical hideaway are incredible, with zebras grazing the lawn and giraffes ambling by.

Take in the majesty of the falls your way – on foot, in a helicopter or microlight. At sunset, float down the Zambezi River past hungry hippos and the occasional elephant. Welcome to wonderful.



This magnificent resort is so strategically positioned to be only a few minutes walk to to one of the 7 natural wonders of the world. The 8<sup>th</sup> wonder is Gaye continues to put up with Greg.

**Sept 19**

**13:15**

**Victoria Falls**

**Arrive**

**16:20**

**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. **OPTIONAL**



2. We will take the harbour cruise on the 1<sup>st</sup> twilight (private cruise) to visit all the cute elephant seals. We will supply a glass of wine here to settle the nerves. We will also have dinner here on the waterfront.



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



Taking the 1 hour or so drive to Stellenbosch to visit a couple of unique wineries. Plenty of time here to taste and purchase some of their lovely wines. Also some nice walks around the properties. Two afternoon wine tours to some of our favourite wineries including Holden Manz Wine Estate, Grand Provence Heritage Estate and more.

**We will also be taking a trip to Tabletop Mountain.**

## 7: SWELLENDAM – SCHOONE OORDT & AAN DE OEVER GUESTHOUSE – SEPT 24 - 25



Schoone Oordt Country House is a charming country hotel in Swellendam South Africa, possibly the best of Swellendam accommodation. This family-run property consists of 11 luxury bedrooms set separately from the Manor House around lush gardens and tinkling fountains. An intimate Conservatory restaurant, a sparkling saltwater pool, and a passion for people, family, food, wine and the environment, completes this gorgeous Swellendam accommodation. The emphasis at Schoone Oordt is on unpretentious unaffected luxury, elegance, quality, love and attention to detail.



Nestled between oak trees at the foot of the Langeberg Mountains, Aan de Oever Guesthouse offers accommodation in Swellendam. Offering a private entrance, each room at this Cape Dutch-style guesthouse is elegantly furnished and has an en suite bathroom. Guests can start their day with breakfast and end off with a sundowner from the honesty bar. Aan de Oever features a swimming pool, deck and BBQ area. The guesthouse is within walking distance of the Drosty Museum, restaurants and shops.

After our 2.5 drive from Khysna doing Bridge Problems along the way we will arrive at Swellendam at around 13:30 after stopping for light lunch along the way (not included). There are 2 accommodations here with those selecting Schoone Oordt paying an extra \$ 60 / per room. Bridge will be played at 15:00 at Schoone Oordt followed by a well earned refreshment ( any excuse will do ) followed by a beautiful dinner in a wonderful setting. Our bus driver will collect and return you to Ann De Oever if you are staying there.

The following morning after our delicious breakfast we will continue on to Knysna, arriving around 13:30. After settling in we will enjoy a coastal walk followed by Pre-Dinner Drinks and dinner.

## 6: GARDEN ROUTE - KNYSNA – HOLLOW COUNTRY ESTATE Sept 25 – Oct 30

The modern Cape Country Manor House is the focal point of the Estate and houses all the public areas – restaurant, bar, reception, sun deck and internet library. The casual restaurant, Social Eatery, serves authentic, local food throughout the day and Social Bar is the ideal spot to enjoy an ice-cold Craft Beer on tap or a bespoke Gin & Tonic. The wine list offers a range of unique South African wines from independent estates and our small wine cellar provides the option of choosing a premium, aged wine to enjoy on that special occasion.



Many things to do here in Khysna.



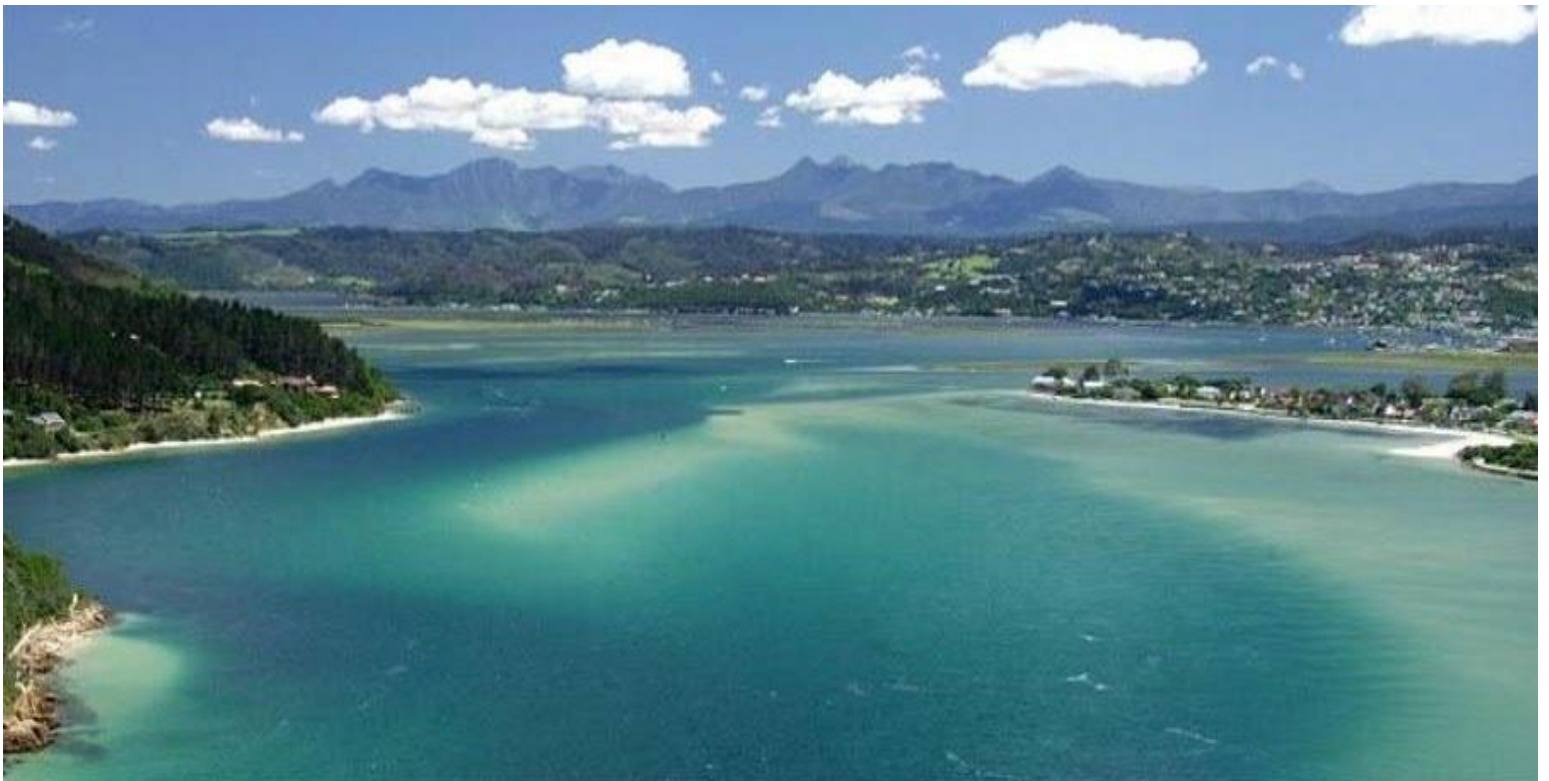
KHYSNA ELEPHANT SANCTUARY



JUKANI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

We will visit the Khysna Elephant Sanctuary & At The Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary we will have a night safari & Boma dinner. A boma is a gathering place where guests meet for candlelit dinners in an open-air atmosphere. Our boma dinners almost always consist of a braai (a South African BBQ).

**Cruise the Lagoon on the MV John Benn with A la Carte Lunch.**



We have a bus at our disposal for the entire holiday. If anything interests you, we have a bus to take you.

**Sept 30**

**10:10**

**GOERGE**

**Arrive**

**12:05**

**JOBURG**

## 11: UPGRADES:

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

### JOBURG - VILLA SIMMONE

		Double	Single	Wifi
Superior Room	50 m2	0	0	Free
Deluxe Room	36 m2	40 pp	80 pp	Free
Suite	80 m2	180 pp	360 pp	Free

### SAFARI – CHOBE MARINA LODGE

		Double	Single	Wifi
King Room	50 m2	0	0	Free

### VICTORIA FALLS - AVANI VF RESORT

		Double	Single	Wifi
Avani Garden View Room	24 m2	0	0	Free
Avani Superior Room	24 m2	150 pp	285	Free
Avani Suite	60 m2	790 pp	1525	Free

### CAPETOWN – PENINSULA ALL SUITE - HOTEL

		Double (approx )	Single ( approx )	Wifi
Studio with Seaview	42 m2	0	250	Free
Mini Suite with Seaview	42 m2	0	250	Free
2 Bedroom Suite Seaview(4)	80 m2	(4) Subtract -120 pp	(2) 0	Free
Luxury 2 Bed Suite SeaV(4)	92 m2	(4) Subtract -15 pp	N/A	Free

### SWELLENDEN - SCHOONE OORDT or AAN DE OEVER

		Double	Single	Wifi
Aan de Oever (Singles)	27 m2	0	0	Free
Schoone Oordt (Doubles)	30 m2 av	0	100	Free

### KNYSNA – HOLLOW COUNTRY ESTATE

		Double	Singles & Twin Share	Wifi
Superior Suite with Terr	50 m2	0	0	Free
Superior Suite with Balc	50 m2	65	130	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. Card Play , Defence , Bidding