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South Africa Ag & Sightseeing Tour
January 19th - Feb 4th, 2024



Agricultural & Tour Highlights

Guest speaker on meat industry from Agri SA, Inyoni Crocodile Estate, Visit to Embryo Plus Centre, Beefmaster Alliance, Scientific Bonsmara crossbreeding programme & Eragrostis Pastures, Voortrekker Monument, visit a 210,000 head feedlot, Meet with a Sheep/Cattle/Corn/Soy Bean Operation, Private Game Reserve, Traditional Boma Dinner, Talk from expert on game farming, Blyde River Canyon, Mango Sub-Tropical Farm, Game Drives, Open Land Rover Safaris, Visit to Kruger National Park, Boulders Penguin Colony, House of J.C le Roux, Boschendal Wine Estate, Abalone Tour, Table Mountain, V & A Waterfront, Farewell dinner at Gold Restaurant

DAY 1: January 19th, 2024 DEPART CANADA

Depart Canada with one layover in Amsterdam - Johannesburg

Day 2: January 20th, 2024, JOHANNESBURG - PRETORIA

We will arrive at 22:00 at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. Our guide will meet us at the airport.

We will be transferred to our hotel in Pretoria.

OVERNIGHT: IRENE COUNTRY LODGE—www.irenecountrylodge.co.za

DAY 3: January 21st, 2024, PRETORIA (B,L,D)

Breakfast we will visit the **Voortrekker Monument**. It is a 41-m-high granite bulk and is a lasting memorial to the fortitude and perseverance of the doughty pioneers who avoided British rule in the Cape Colony by trekking into the unknown interior between 1834 and 1840.

From here we will travel to the town of Brits; we will visit **Inyoni Crocodile Estate**. It is a commercial farm and at present there are more than 12 000 crocodiles. All the crocodiles on the farm are Nile crocodiles (*Crocodylus Niloticus*). We will enjoy lunch on the farm.

Return to Pretoria.

Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel

OVERNIGHT: IRENE COUNTRY LODGE—www.irenecountrylodge.co.za

DAY 4: January 22nd, 2024, PRETORIA - BRITS (B,D)

After breakfast a guest speaker will address us about the meat industry in South Africa. A representative from **Agri SA** will also address us. Agri SA promotes the development, profitability, stability of commercial agriculture in South Africa by means of its involvement and input on national and international level.

After our meeting we will travel to the town of Brits.

We will also visit **Embryo Plus Centre**. The centre specialises in embryo transfers and has established a worldwide reputation. In recent years it has exported approximately 12000 embryos to places such as Canada, the USA, Brazil, Argentina, Australia and many African countries. Breeds like the Brahman, Simmentaler, Bonsmara, Sentrapol, Boran, Brangus, Redpole, Simbra, Angus and South Devon can be seen. At the centre Futhi, the first animal to be cloned in Africa, was cloned.

Return to Pretoria.

OVERNIGHT: IRENE COUNTRY LODGE—www.irenecountrylodge.co.za

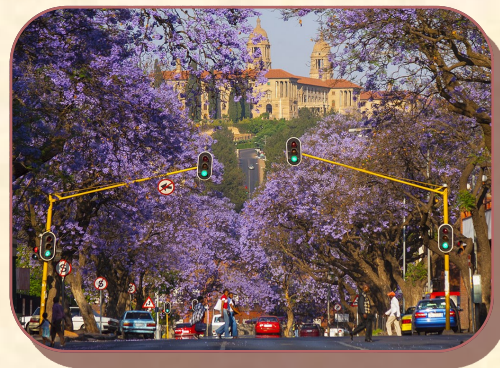
DAY 5: January 23rd, 2024, BALFOUR - HEIDELBERG - PRETORIA (BD)

After breakfast we will travel to town of **Balfour**; here we will visit the **abattoir of Karan Beef**. We will also visit their feedlot near the town of Heidelberg. They can accommodate up to **210,000 head of cattle at the feedlot**.

Return to Pretoria.

Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: IRENE COUNTRY LODGE—www.irenecountrylodge.co.za





DAY 6: January 24th, 2024, SETTLERS – PRETORIA (BLD)

After breakfast we will travel to the small village of **Settlers**; here we will visit the **Bonsmara farm** of Willem van der Walt. The Bonsmara is a proudly South African beef breed developed through a scientific crossbreeding programme. The Bonsmara is an early maturing, medium-framed, smooth-coated, heat- and tick-resistant breed with a good temperament. **Bonsmara farms 1200 Pinzgauer cattle & 300 Tuli cattle.**

We will also visit the **tractor museum** at Settlers and enjoy lunch at the museum.

Return to Pretoria.

Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: IRENE COUNTRY LODGE - www.irenecountrylodge.co.za

DAY 7: January 25th, 2024, PRETORIA – BEFAST – PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (BLD)

After breakfast we will travel to the town of **Belfast**. Here we will visit the farm of **Gerrit Roos, called “Leeubank”**. He farms with approximately **4000 German merino sheep, Tuli and Pinzgauer** (A dual purpose breed) cattle breeds, corn and soy bean. We will enjoy lunch at the farm.

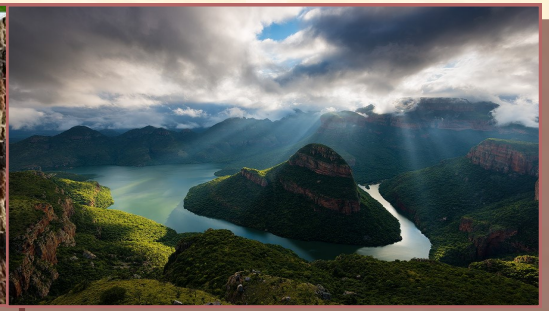
In the afternoon we will travel to Nigel. Here we will visit **Beefmaster Alliance**. Beefmaster Alliance has the largest registered Beefmaster herd in South Africa, currently comprising 1 865 females and 54 bulls. Grazing consists of 3 400 ha, of which 1 800 ha are dryland pastures planted to Smuts fingergrass (*Digitaria eriantha*) and Eragrostis.

From here we will travel to a **private game reserve**. This beautiful private game reserve embraces more than **8000 hectares of Malaria-free, unspoiled African bushveld**.

Tonight we will enjoy a special **“boma” dinner**. After dinner a wildlife expert will address us about game farming in South Africa.

OVERNIGHT: HANNAH LODGE—www.hannahlodge.co.za





DAY 8: January 26th, 2024, HOEDSPRUIT - HAZYVIEW (B,D)

Before breakfast we will enjoy our a **game drive**.

After breakfast we will visit a **mango farm**.

From here we will travel to the town of Hazyview.

Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Hazyview: Kruger Gate Hotel (www.krugergatehotel.com)

DAY 9: January 27th, 2024, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (BLD)

At 05:15 our guides from Kurt Safari will pick us up at the hotel. We will spend the whole day in the **Kruger National Park and will travel with 4x4 vehicles**. The Kruger National Park was the first national park to be proclaimed (1926) in South Africa. The park covers an area of 21 497km² and extends over approximately 380 km from the Limpopo River, South Africa's northern frontier, to the Crocodile River in the south.

We will enjoy lunch at **Skukuza Rest Camp**.

We will return to our hotel at approximately 15:30.

Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Hazyview: Kruger Gate Hotel (www.krugergatehotel.com)

DAY 10: January 28th, 2024, BLYDE RIVER CANYON - PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (BLD)

After breakfast we will visit the **Three Rondavels at the Blyde River Canyon**. The Blyde River Canyon, a gigantic gorge, is one of the natural wonders of Africa. This canyon is the largest green canyon in South Africa.

From here to the town of **Hoedspruit, where our private game reserve is situated**. These 13 000 hectares of unspoilt wilderness is home to the **"Big Five": lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo**. We will arrive in time for lunch.

This afternoon we will enjoy a game drive. **Qualified and enthusiastic rangers will lead us through close and unrestricted encounters with Africa's big game**.

Tonight we will enjoy dinner at the lodge.

OVERNIGHT: Shiduli Private Game Lodge (www.karongweportfolio.com)





DAY 11: January 29th, 2024 PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (BLD)

Today we can experience all the splendour of the African bush. In addition to two open **Land Rover safaris** (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) and guided walks, there are numerous additional activities; these include elephant back safaris, hot air ballooning, to mention but a few (Additional activities are for own account). All meals will be enjoyed at the lodge.

OVERNIGHT: Shiduli Private Game Lodge (www.karongweportfolio.com)

DAY 12: January 30th, 2024 HOEDSPRUIT – CAPE TOWN (B,D)

We will enjoy a game drive before breakfast.

This afternoon we will fly to Cape Town.

Cape Town is South Africa's oldest and arguably most attractive city. Known affectionately as the "Mother City", it was here that Jan van Riebeeck, a Dutchman, developed a victualling station in 1652.

Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Commodore Hotel (www.legacyhotels.co.za)

DAY 13: January 31st, 2024, CAPE PENINSULA (BD)

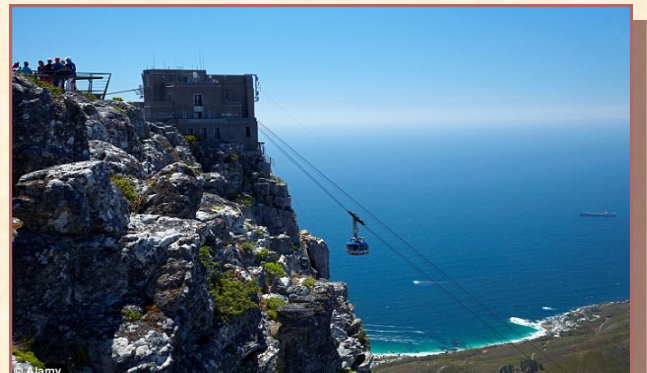
Today we will experience the splendour of the **Cape Peninsula**. We will travel along the Atlantic coast to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Nearly 8 000 hectares of indigenous fynbos (fine bush) cover the reserve and about 1 200 plant species have been recorded in the area.

We will also visit **Boulders Penguin Colony** in Simons Town. It is home to a unique and endangered land-based colony of African Penguins. This colony is one of only a few in the world.

From here to **Table Mountain and Signal Hill** (weather permitting), to enjoy the spectacular views over Table Bay. Table Mountain (1 134m) is arguably the best-known mountain in the southern hemisphere.

Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the V & A Waterfront.

OVERNIGHT: Commodore Hotel (www.legacyhotels.co.za)





DAY 14: Feb 1st, 2024 HERMANUS – CALEDON – CAPE TOWN (B,L)

After breakfast we will travel to the town of Hermanus.

Here we will visit **Abagold** and enjoy an **abalone tour**. We will learn more about South African abalone, its biology, life cycle, history in the wild and the farming industry. After the tour we will enjoy an abalone tasting.

From here we will travel to the town of Caledon; we will visit “**Rouxwil Farm**”. The owners, Thys & O’nel Roux, will be our hosts. They farm with sheep, wheat, alfalfa, and canola.

We will enjoy lunch on the farm / Return to Cape Town dinner on your own tonight

OVERNIGHT: Commodore Hotel (www.legacyhotels.co.za)

DAY 15: Feb 2nd, 2024 FRANSCHHOEK – STELLENBOSCH – CAPE TOWN (B,L)

After breakfast we will have time to explore **Stellenbosch**. Stellenbosch is the second oldest town in South Africa and was founded in 1679. This town is renowned for its Cape Dutch buildings, university, and wine.

From here we will travel to the town of **Franschhoek**. Between 1688 and 1690 land was apportioned to 200 Huguenots fleeing persecution in France. Finding the climate like that of France, the settlers planted vines. The Franschhoek area has no more than 22 wine estates, several of world renown. We will have time to explore this beautiful town.

We will visit **Boschendal Wine Estate**; here we will enjoy a wine tasting & lunch / Return to Cape Town dinner on your own tonight.

OVERNIGHT: Commodore Hotel (www.legacyhotels.co.za)

DAY 16: Feb 3rd, 2024 CAPE TOWN (B,D)

After breakfast we will enjoy a city tour of Cape Town.

After the city tour, we will travel to the village of Philadelphia; here we will visit Cape Town **Ostrich Ranch** and learn more about ostriches.

We will also visit Bloubergstrand and enjoy the scenic views of Cape Town and Table Mountain.

Return to Cape Town.

Tonight, we will enjoy a special dinner at Gold Restaurant.

Before dinner we will enjoy an interactive djembe drumming session at 18:30. We will enjoy a taste safari with a set 14 course menu, experiencing African cuisine. During dinner Mali Puppets will dance around the tables with drummers and singers.

OVERNIGHT: Commodore Hotel (www.legacyhotels.co.za)

DAY 17: Feb 4th, 2024 CAPE TOWN – JOHANNESBURG – FLIGHT BACK HOME (B)

We will spend a relaxing morning at the hotel (Or visit the V & A Waterfront for last minute shopping).
This afternoon we will fly to Johannesburg / Tonight, we will fly back home.

Please Note: Optional extension on request: If you wish to extend your stay & visit Victoria Falls - Livingstone in Zambia & Botswana please let Leader Tours know & we will discuss options for extending your stay.

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Package Pricing includes: Land arrangements & International flights

Pricing based on group of 30 - 35 people:

Land & International flights: Twin Share Room: \$8,742.00 per person twin share room
Single Travelers: Please add \$1,256.00 to the Twin Rate

Pricing based on group of 25 - 29 people:

Land & International flights: Twin Share Room: \$8,998.00 per person twin share room
Single Travelers: Please add \$1,256.00 to the Twin Rate

Pricing based on group of 20 - 24 people:

Land & International flights: Twin Share Room: \$9,473.00 per person twin share room
Single Travelers: Please add \$1,256.00 to the Twin Rate

***Please note: we are still waiting on confirmation of domestic flights - Joburg to Cape Town return (approximate cost is \$168 per person)**

Package includes:

All land arrangements, International flights, Coach & Driver, full time local tour guide, 4* Hotel Accommodation, Airport transfers, all sightseeing per itinerary, all farm visits per itinerary, game drives, 37 Meals: 16 Breakfast, 8 lunch, 13 Dinners, Welcome and Farewell dinners

Seats are on first come basis!

Deposit: To secure your seat please send in your booking form & deposit of \$750 per person on or before **July 17th, 2023**

Final payment is due on or before **October 2nd, 2023**
(Leader Tours will send final invoice)

Please note: Canadians don't need a tourist visa to enter South Africa. However, upon arrival, immigration officials will issue a temporary residents visa (TRV) for up to 90 days.



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