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Actively experience the wonders of South Africa and Botswana. Hike by Cape Town's Table Mountain and gaze upon the coastline Sir Francis Drake heralded as the "fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth." Walk to the Cape of Good Hope, then bike on the Cape Peninsula, past rare mountain zebras, breaching whales and unique flora. Hike and mountain bike through the Cederberg Mountains, famed for their ancient Bushman rock art. Experience an unforgettable mountain biking safari in Botswana's Mashatu Game Reserve. In the Drakensburg Mountains, hike along the edges of the Great Escarpment, part of a tremendous plateau that stretches through much of southern Africa. Safari on foot or in open-topped Land Rovers at Londolozi, one of the world's finest game reserves. Every night brings a feast of superlative cuisine and pampering in hotels and game lodges that must be experienced to be believed.

**DAY 1**

Meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks wearing Backroads T-shirts) at 9 a.m. at the Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa. The hotel is located at 76 Orange Street. See "Arriving & Departing" for additional logistics information.

**KIRSTENBOSCH HIKE** 5 MILES (1,200-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

SHORTER OPTION: NEWLANDS 2 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

**KIRSTENBOSCH TO CONSTANTIA HIKE** 3 MILES (164-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

SHORTER OPTION: CECILIA FOREST WALK 2.1 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (164-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

Welcome to South Africa! After meeting we shuttle to the northern side of Table Mountain and the Rhodes Memorial, surrounded by beautiful pine forest on the slopes of Devil's Peak. The monument honors Sir John Cecil Rhodes, a colorful South African personality. Rhodes, born in England, served as Prime Minister of the Cape Colony from 1890 to 1896 after amassing a fortune in the Cape's diamond rush. Enjoy wonderful views of Cape Town and the Helderberg and Hottentots Holland Mountains before walking along the Contour Path to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden. This world-renowned garden, which grows an incredible variety of South African plants, is a perfect setting for our picnic lunch. Afterward explore the magnificent flora and relax with a hot brew at its Tea Room.

Hop in the shuttle or walk along forested trails to Constantia and The Cellars-Hohenort, our hotel the next two nights. This luxurious Relais & Châteaux-member estate, nestled against the base of Table Mountain, welcomes us with 9 acres of exquisitely landscaped grounds, a small vineyard, a spa, two swimming pools and a tennis court. Guest rooms are elegantly decorated and provide stunning views of Table Mountain. We gather this evening for a trip orientation and wine reception followed by dinner at The Greenhouse Restaurant, featuring fresh seafood and game. *Lodging: The Cellars-Hohenort*

**Please note:** Though our trip does not go to the top of Table Mountain, it is well worth a visit. High winds and fog often close the cableway, which allows hikers to avoid a 3,000-foot climb. To optimize your chance to stand atop Table Mountain, we recommend that

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**THE CELLARS-HOHNORT**

(2 nights) This luxurious winelands manor house and Relais & Châteaux member features elegantly decorated guest rooms, two swimming pools, a tennis court, spa and stunning countryside views.

Constantia, South Africa  
phone: 27-(0)21-794-2137  
www.cellars-hohenort.com

**BUSHMANS KLOOF WILDERNESS RESERVE AND RETREAT**

(2 nights) This Relais & Châteaux member, winner of the coveted Grand Award from Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report, has a spa, swimming pools, sauna, delectable cuisine and magnificent surroundings.

Cederberg Mountains,  
South Africa  
phone: 27-(0)27-482-8200  
www.bushmanskloof.co.za

**MASHATU MAIN CAMP**

(2 nights) Built around a waterhole amid one of southern Africa's largest elephant herds, this spectacularly-situated luxury camp offers authentically-decorated suites, a swimming pool and atmospheric open-air dining.

Mashatu Game Reserve,  
Botswana  
phone: 267-264-5321  
www.mashatu.com/  
maincamp.htm

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3 OUT OF 4 OF OUR  
GUESTS HAVE  
PREVIOUSLY  
TRAVELED WITH US OR  
BEEN REFERRED BY  
SOMEONE WHO HAS**

you arrive in Cape Town a few days prior to your trip. Before heading up the cableway, be sure to grab a jacket, as temperatures above tend to be cooler.

**DAY 2**

**SHUTTLE TO CAPE POINT 1 HOUR**

**OPTIONAL CAPE OF GOOD HOPE WALK 45 MINUTES**

**CAPE PENINSULA BIKING ROUTE 38 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (2,100-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)**

**SHORTER OPTION: TWO OCEANS 18 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (660-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)**

**LONGER OPTION: THE CELLARS 46 MILES (2,500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)**

We fuel up with breakfast, then shuttle to Cape Point—the distinctive southern tip of the Cape Peninsula and most southwesterly point of Africa. The scenic drive provides opportunities to spot whales and rare African penguins. One of the highest sea cliffs in the world at 816 feet, Cape Point is said to have the freshest air in the world—straight from the Antarctic. It's also home to at least 250 species of birds and more than 1,000 indigenous plant species—some that grow nowhere else in the world.

If you'd like, take a short walk along the tip of Cape Point to the Cape of Good Hope for impressive views of the point, a lighthouse and the sea. Keep an eye out for baboons, mountain zebras, ostriches and penguins. Upon returning, your Backroads Trip Leaders fit your bike and give a brief demonstration of biking techniques and safety. Then you're off for a day of riding through Table Mountain National Park, along the famed Cape Argus bike-race route and on Chapman's Peak—a stunningly beautiful road that hangs onto the mountain as the hillside plunges into the sea. Finally, pass through historic communities tucked next to Table Mountain and take in the views of charming towns such as Hout Bay.

If you're still feeling energetic, ride the longer option all the way to the hotel; otherwise, hop in the shuttle. Perhaps a visit to the on-site Carchele Spa is just what your body needs after a full day of riding (spa treatments aren't included in the trip price). Dinner is in the hotel's Cape Malay dining room, which serves delicious Malaysian-Indian influenced dishes. *Lodging: The Cellars-Hohenort*

**DAY 3**

**SHUTTLE TO BUSHMANS KLOOF 4 HOURS**

**BUSHMANS KLOOF MOUNTAIN BIKING LOOP 2 HOURS**

**AFTERNOON/EVENING GAME DRIVE AT BUSHMANS KLOOF**

This morning we bid farewell to Constantia and drive along Table Bay, then north through rolling expansive farmland to Bushmans Kloof Reserve and Retreat, where we spend the next two nights. This Relais & Châteaux property is a privately-owned wilderness reserve nestled between the majestic Cederberg Mountains and the vast plains of the Great Karoo, and is home to some 130 ancient rock art sites. Guest rooms have private terraces with magnificent views of rolling lawns, the river and dramatic rock formations.

After lunch ride your mountain bike, which makes it easier to maneuver unpaved routes in the game reserve. Today's afternoon ride is relatively short to offset the challenge of biking on sandy trails, and you'll have great opportunities to visit rock art caves and look for wildlife such as the rare black wildebeest, bontebok, cape mountain zebra and ostrich.

Later you'll get a chance to see more animals as we get in open-top Land Rovers (driven by knowledgeable rangers) and explore the reserve, stopping in the bush for refreshments—appropriately called “sundowners.” Tonight you're invited to a private wine tasting in the cellar before dinner. *Lodging: Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve and Retreat*



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#### **CYBELE FOREST LODGE AND HEALTH SPA**

(2 nights) One of the first South African hotels to receive Relais & Châteaux status, this luxurious farmhouse upholds its stellar reputation of providing impeccable service in a beautiful forest setting.

Drakensburg Mountains,  
South Africa  
phone: 27-(0)13-764-9500  
www.cybele.co.za

#### **LONDOLOZI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE**

(2 nights) At this unabashedly elegant Relais & Châteaux member, large and luxurious chalets are beautifully decorated with fine prints and handicrafts, and all have private balconies from which to watch elephants, hippos and other animals below.

Sabi Sand Game Reserve  
phone: 27-(0)11-809-4300  
www.londolozi.co.za

### **DAY 4**

#### **BUSHMAN ROCK ART WALK 3 MILES**

#### **OPTIONAL AFTERNOON RAVINE HIKE 4.3 MILES**

#### **AFTERNOON/EVENING GAME DRIVE AT BUSHMANS KLOOF**

Today begins with a walk through the reserve's unique landscape to see more wonderful wildlife and amazing Bushman art. As temperatures peak in the early afternoon, consider taking a dip in the swimming pool or treating yourself to one of many spa treatments available (spa services are not included in the trip price).

If you're not in the mood to lay low, a gorgeous hike to a ravine may be just the antidote. This hike offers tremendous views of the reserve but isn't for the faint of heart! Looking for something more relaxing? Head down to the lake for canoeing or try your hand at fly fishing. Later in the day, we travel by Land Rover and walk along bush paths for more exploration and animal sightings. *Lodging: Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve and Retreat*

### **DAY 5**

#### **FLIGHT TO MASHATU GAME RESERVE, BOTSWANA 4 HOURS**

#### **SHUTTLE TO MASHATU MAIN CAMP 1 HOUR**

#### **MASHATU GAME WALK 1 HOUR**

#### **EVENING GAME DRIVE AT MASHATU 2 HOURS**

After breakfast, we board a private plane to the Mashatu Game Reserve in eastern Botswana. (Traveling on land between South Africa's Cederberg Mountains and Botswana takes multiple days; our charter flight makes it much faster and also provides the convenience of avoiding a long commercial flight.)

The Mashatu Reserve is located at the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe Rivers, in an area known historically as the Tuli enclave—a diverse wilderness of savanna, riverine forests, marshland, open plains and sandstone outcrops. Game viewing is outstanding here thanks to active conservation efforts, which have helped most of the country's indigenous species thrive. Mashatu not only provides occasional refuge for the largest single population of elephants (more than 500) on privately owned land in Africa, but it's also home to hundreds of bird species, cheetahs and lions. Along the river, huge Mashatu trees provide shade for the eland, impala, wildebeest, giraffe and zebra; at night, the bat-eared fox, African wildcat and the leopard search for prey.

Arriving at the reserve, we shuttle to the luxurious Mashatu Main Camp, which provides large air-conditioned suites, a swimming pool and open-air dining. There's time to relax and take advantage of the camp's amenities before today's guided game walk, where we'll track classic animals, such as the giraffe. Later in the afternoon, open-top Land Rovers ("Landies") meet us out in the bush for animal viewing over a larger area. Dinner is served under a palm-enclosed *boma* (outdoor dining area). *Lodging: Mashatu Main Camp*

### **DAY 6**

#### **EARLY-MORNING MASHATU GAME DRIVE WITH OPTIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKING SAFARI 3½ HOURS**

#### **FREE TIME AT MASHATU MAIN CAMP AND OPTIONAL 1 HOUR MASHATU WALK**

#### **OPTIONAL EVENING GAME DRIVE**

You can never spend too much time looking at magnificent animals, so today starts very early with a "pre-breakfast" of tea, toast and fruit before another venture into the reserve. This morning take a unique biking safari, showing you the area and its inhabitants from a



### Top Reasons Why *you should take this trip*

We provide a variety of route options so you can do as much or as little activity as you like each day.

■ You'll stay in the area's finest hotels, each carefully selected based on our rigorous quality standards.

■ You'll enjoy the best of the region's cuisine, as well as Backroads' trademark grand picnics.

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completely different perspective. Mashatu is one of few game reserves in the world that allow mountain biking with access to big game! Rangers accompany us as we pedal slowly along ancient elephant paths with views of amazing creatures. Mountain biking on these trails requires some basic bike handling skills and, ideally, a familiarity with cycling off road. It's sure to be the experience of a lifetime! Mashatu, with its rugged unspoiled African landscape, is a place of exceptional beauty. In addition to the game-watching experience, it offers a view of Africa that's unchanged since the days of early visitors such as Kipling and artist/explorer Thomas Baines. After a game drive back to camp and a full breakfast, there's time to rest in your room or go for a swim to beat the bush heat.

Following lunch you may want to spend time in the camp's Discovery Room: relax in comfortable surroundings with books, displays and posters explaining more about local mammals, insects, birds and trees. Or join a ranger for a guided walk from the camp. Before sitting down to another hearty dinner savored under the African sky, we drive into the dark to catch sight of some nocturnal animals. *Lodging: Mashatu Main Camp*

#### **DAY 7**

**EARLY-MORNING MASHATU GAME DRIVE WITH OPTIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKING SAFARI 3½ HOURS**

**SHUTTLE TO AIRSTRIP 45 MINUTES**

**FLIGHT TO KRUGER MPUMALANGA AIRPORT 1½ HOURS**

**SHUTTLE TO CYBELE FOREST LODGE 45 MINUTES**

Today is a big travel day, but early risers can take advantage of one last trip into the reserve by bike or "Landie." After breakfast, we take to the air in a private plane, landing in the South African province of Mpumalanga, which means "place where the sun rises" in Siswati and Zulu. One of South Africa's most diverse provinces, Mpumalanga is described as more wild, rural and "African" than the Cape.

Our journey continues via the road to the Drakensburg Mountains and the Cybele Forest Lodge and Health Spa—a beautiful farmhouse set amid 300 acres of lush forest, meadows and gardens. If you'd like to stretch your legs at the lodge, there's a short walk on the grounds that should do the trick. The casual stroll passes areas where hippos sometimes congregate and provides the chance to see some wildlife on the fringe of the forest. Don't be surprised if you see vervet monkeys sneaking off with fruit and nuts. This evening we enjoy a fine dinner at the hotel, lauded for its classic French- and English-inspired cuisine. *Lodging: Cybele Forest Lodge and Health Spa*

#### **DAY 8**

**OPTIONAL CYBELE WATERFALL HIKE/RUN 1 HOUR**

**SHUTTLE TO GRASKOP 2 HOURS ROUND-TRIP**

**GREAT ESCARPMENT WALK 4.3 MILES**

**FREE TIME IN GRASKOP OR OPTIONAL SCENIC SHUTTLE TO BLYDE RIVER CANYON 1 HOUR**

After breakfast, decide between spending the day at the hotel and shopping in town. If you choose to stay, there's a tranquil walk into the surrounding forest, passing the White River en route to a sparkling waterfall. Upon returning, feel free to sip a cool drink poolside or get pampered at the health spa, featuring a wide array of massage, hydrotherapy and exfoliation treatments (spa treatments are not included in the trip price)

If a hike and some small-town exploration and shopping sound like fun, hop in the van to Graskop ("Grassy Hill"), a vibrant artist community featuring African crafts. On our way, we skirt the Great Escarpment, the eastern edge of a tremendous plateau that stretches

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**LEVEL 1**

10–20 miles/day (biking)  
2–5 miles/day (walking)  
2–3 hours/day

**LEVEL 2**

21–30 miles/day (biking)  
5–7 miles/day (walking)  
2–4 hours/day

**LEVEL 3**

31–40 miles/day (biking)  
7–9 miles/day (walking)  
3–5 hours/day

across much of southern Africa. Brimming with magnificent scenery, the Escarpment boasts indigenous forests, pine plantations, streams and waterfalls. From the Escarpment's edge, look below to the lowveld's acacia scrub and wildlife. A hike leading past unique outcroppings and several waterfalls builds your appetite for today's picnic lunch.

You can also join one of your Trip Leaders for a scenic drive to Blyde River Canyon, one of Africa's most spectacular geographical wonders. Sheer jagged cliffs rise over 6,500 feet on either side of the canyon, forming rounded columns of rock clothed in vegetation and cut with tremendous waterfalls. You'll have the chance to frame the perfect shot and stretch your legs before we return to Graskop. Late in the afternoon, we shuttle back to the hotel, where you have a few hours to kick back before sitting down to another spectacular meal. *Lodging: Cybele Forest Lodge and Health Spa*

**DAY 9**

**SHUTTLE TO HUNTINGTON 1 HOUR**

**SHANGAAN COMMUNITY VISIT**

**SHUTTLE TO LONDOLOZI 1 HOUR**

**AFTERNOON/EVENING GAME DRIVE AT SABI SAND RESERVE**

After our early mornings in Botswana, enjoy the chance to sleep in and savor a relaxed breakfast. Later we shuttle from the Escarpment down into the veld, meeting our friend Lotus, who represents a foundation that helps communities benefit from and work together with private game reserves. Lotus, a resident here, strolls with us through his Shangaan tribal communities, each with an interesting pre- and post-apartheid history. Then we continue on to the Londolozi Private Game Reserve, a nearly 35,000-acre exclusive safari destination, situated in the heart of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve on the western border of Kruger National Park. The wildlife haven is home to the "Big Five" (leopards, lions, elephants, rhinos and buffalos) plus cheetahs, spotted hyenas, giraffes, zebras, hippos, wildebeests, impalas and baboons. Meaning "protector of all living things" in Zulu, Londolozi is part of the Conservation Corporation Africa, a privately-funded project that strives to protect wilderness while involving local communities in ecotourism business.

For the last two nights of the trip, you'll be pampered at Londolozi's camps, where all guest rooms feature decks with expansive river views. The main deck is the perfect setting for delicious meals, and it's here that we sit down for lunch. Game rangers and trackers take us on a thrilling ride through the bush in Landies later in the afternoon. Their wealth of knowledge and familiarity with the park's animals ensure unforgettable wildlife-viewing opportunities. This evening back at camp, we dine on Pan-African cuisine in the dramatic *boma* illuminated by dozens of lanterns. *Lodging: Londolozi Private Game Reserve*

**DAY 10**

**EARLY-MORNING GAME DRIVE AT LONDOLOZI**

**OPTIONAL GAME WALK 1½ HOURS**

**LONDOLOZOI VILLAGE VISIT 1 HOUR**

**EVENING GAME DRIVE**

Today is dedicated to wildlife, stunning vistas, wonderful feasts and relaxation. Rise early and head into the bush for a game drive, which will most likely bring sightings of elephants, rhinos, buffalos, lions and leopards. Then a ranger leads us on a walk focusing on native plants and their uses, with chances to see big game too. To escape the midday heat, retreat to the shade of our camp and relax by the pool. Or join your Backroads

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### Note

While the information presented here details this trip's planned routes, activities, accommodations, meeting and departing times, we are constantly seeking new opportunities to enhance this itinerary and your experience. Naturally, we will keep you up to date on any changes that may affect your arrival, departure or lodging.

Leaders for a tour of the nearby Londolozi staff village—built to provide its mostly Shangaan inhabitants a familiar and comfortable living environment.

Later, take Land Rovers to search for animals into the twilight before celebrating our African adventures with a fantastic farewell dinner. *Lodging: Londolozi Private Game Reserve*

### DAY 11

#### OPTIONAL MORNING GAME DRIVE AND GAME WALK AT LONDOLOZI

#### FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG 1 HOUR

This morning you have a chance to spot big game one last time before gathering for breakfast. You can then look for souvenirs at the gift shop and relax before lunch. We take a nonstop charter flight from Londolozi to Johannesburg, where our trip ends. Please see “Arriving & Departing” for end-of-trip logistics.

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## ARRIVING & DEPARTING

Please note that meeting and departing times provided here were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change. **PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS UNTIL YOU ARE CONFIRMED ON YOUR VACATION AND HAVE VERIFIED THE DETAILS OF ARRIVING & DEPARTING WITH YOUR TRIP CONSULTANT.**

#### MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

On the first day of the trip, meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks wearing the Backroads T-shirts) at 9 a.m. at the Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa. The hotel is located at 76 Orange Street. (See “Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip” for more information on the hotel.)

We recommend you arrive in Cape Town at least one day before the trip starts in order to give yourself time to rest and recover from the long flight.

#### CONCLUSION OF THE TRIP

On the last day of the trip we fly from Londolozi to Johannesburg, arriving at approximately 3 p.m. A 15-minute complimentary airport shuttle delivers you to the international terminal. If you're flying out of Johannesburg on the last day of the trip, please schedule your flight for after 7 p.m.

#### FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

This trip starts in Cape Town, South Africa and ends in Johannesburg, South Africa.

We recommend flying into Cape Town International Airport (airport code: CPT; [www.southafrica.info/plan\\_trip/travel\\_tips/arriving/ctairport.htm](http://www.southafrica.info/plan_trip/travel_tips/arriving/ctairport.htm)). Direct flights from the United States to Cape Town stop in European or other African cities, such as Johannesburg. Ideally, you'll want to arrive via a direct flight into Cape Town, then depart on a flight out of Johannesburg (JNB). Another option is to book a round-trip ticket to/from Johannesburg and a one-way ticket from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

Many major airlines fly to South Africa, including Lufthansa, Virgin Atlantic, KLM, British Airways, Delta Air Lines and South African Airways. Direct flights between the eastern United States and South Africa take about 15 hours.

For help arranging air transport to and from your Backroads trip, please work with your

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\$501 and up .....	◆◆◆◆◆

own travel agent, the airline directly or an online travel site. For assistance locating a travel agent, please visit [www.backroads.com/gettingthere](http://www.backroads.com/gettingthere). (Note that most travel agents charge a fee for their consulting services.)

**GETTING FROM THE AIRPORT TO CENTRAL CAPE TOWN**

Cape Town International Airport is 14 miles southeast of the city center. Taxis are available at stands outside the terminal. The trip to central Cape Town takes approximately 20 minutes and costs about \$20–\$25. *Touch Down Taxis* is the officially authorized airport taxi company. For a fee, the Mount Nelson Hotel provides an airport shuttle for its guests upon request. Please arrange in advance upon booking a room at the Mount Nelson Hotel.

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**WHERE TO STAY BEFORE & AFTER YOUR TRIP**

For help arranging pre- or post-trip hotels in conjunction with your Backroads trip, please work with your travel agent or the hotels directly. For assistance locating a travel agent please visit [www.backroads.com/gettingthere](http://www.backroads.com/gettingthere). (Note that most travel agents charge a fee for their consulting services.)

Of course, we also recommend extending your stay at any of the hotels that we visit on this trip; see the sidebar above for details.

Please refer to the Hotel Room Rate Guide in the sidebar for starting double-occupancy rates. Note that the chart reflects the Internet and/or Best Available rates, which were accurate at the time of printing, but **hotel rates are always subject to change.**

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**CAPE TOWN**

**MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (OUR MEETING LOCATION ON DAY 1)**

One of Cape Town’s most distinguished hotels, the Mount Nelson Hotel is situated amid 7 acres of elegantly landscaped gardens at the foot of Table Mountain and within walking distance of museums and shopping. It features elegant and spacious guest rooms, a swimming pool, tennis courts, afternoon tea and al fresco dining. Transfers from the airport to Mount Nelson may be arranged by contacting the hotel's in-house transport desk at (0)21-483-1781 or e-mail ([theafricanoption@mountnelson.co.za](mailto:theafricanoption@mountnelson.co.za)). 76 Orange Street; Phone: 27-(0)21-483-1000; [www.mountnelson.co.za](http://www.mountnelson.co.za); 144 rooms and 57 suites. Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

**CAPE GRACE HOTEL**

A recipient of multiple *Travel+Leisure* World’s Best Awards, this sophisticated contemporary hotel is situated on the West Quay of the waterfront and flanked on three sides by water. Guest rooms feature a lounge area, a walk-in dressing room and French doors, which open onto views of Table Mountain, the yacht basin or the harbor. Guests can cool off with a dip in the outdoor swimming pool, indulge in an African-influenced treatment in The Spa on the top floor and work out at the nearby health club. West Quay Road, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront; [www.capegrace.com](http://www.capegrace.com); Phone: 800-223-6800 or 27-(0)21-410-7100; 122 rooms and suites. Rates : ◆◆◆◆◆

### **THE BAY HOTEL**

Guest rooms at this luxury hotel, located adjacent to the popular Camps Bay Beach, have views of the Atlantic Ocean, Table Mountain or the Twelve Apostles peaks. All rooms offer air conditioning, a separate lobby and living area, an en-suite bathroom with a separate shower and a personal bar. Other amenities include a restaurant, two bars and a swimming pool. 69 Victoria Road, Camps Bay; Phone: 27-(0)21-430-4444; www.thebay.co.za; 76 rooms and 6 suites. Rates: ♦♦♦♦

### **VICTORIA & ALFRED HOTEL**

Set on the harbor and framed by the ocean and Table Mountain, the elegant Victoria & Alfred Hotel offers a relaxed atmosphere and warm personal service. Spacious guest rooms feature ultra-comfortable beds and beautiful views. The hotel's OYO Restaurant specializes in seafood and offers al fresco dining on a quayside terrace. On the Waterfront Pierhead; Phone: 27-(0)21-419-6677; www.vahotel.co.za; 94 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦♦

### **THE WALDEN HOUSE**

This quiet turn-of-the-20th-century guesthouse offers stylish rooms in one of the city's oldest residential areas. Each guest room is equipped with a ceiling fan, mosquito netting, a TV and telephone. To avoid reserving a small room, request the spacious garden suite or the upstairs luxury suite, with a door opening onto the first-floor veranda (with a nice view of Table Mountain). Kloof Street, with its large selection of restaurants, is just a short drive away. 5 Burnside Road, Tamboerskloof, City Bowl; www.walden-house.com; Phone: 27-(0)21-424-4256; 6 rooms. Rates: ♦♦

### **WELGELEGEN GUEST HOUSE**

This guest house lives up to its name, which means "well located" in Dutch. On a quiet cul de sac near the city center, it's near the waterfront and the best restaurants in Cape Town. Each guest room is individually decorated and offers a telephone, TV, mini-bar/refrigerator and ceiling fan. Other features include a swimming pool and an outside patio. 6 Stephen Street Gardens; www.welgelegen.co.za; Phone: 27-(0)21-426-2373/4; 12 rooms. Rates: ♦♦

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## **JOHANNESBURG**

### **THE GRACE IN ROSEBANK**

This intimate boutique hotel is situated in a quiet residential suburb just 16 miles from the Johannesburg airport. The decor is elegant, the ambience is welcoming, and guest rooms are comfortable with all the necessary amenities. Features include a swimming pool, restaurant, gym, spa and rooftop terrace. Shopping, restaurants and theaters are all within easy walking distance. Transportation to and from the airport is available. 54 Bath Avenue; www.grace.co.za; Phone: 27-(0)11-280-7200; 73 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦♦

### **THE WESTCLIFF**

This Orient-Express hotel is located in the peaceful northern suburb of Parktown, set amid lush hillside terraces and beautifully landscaped gardens. The luxurious guest rooms and suites feature large marble bathrooms, and most have balconies with spectacular views over the city's zoological gardens. Amenities include four swimming pools, a fully equipped gym, and a health and beauty center. 67 Jan Smuts Avenue, Westcliff; www.westcliff.co.za; Phone: 800-237-1236 (U.S.) or 27-(0)11-481-6000; 80 rooms and 35 suites. Rates: ♦♦♦♦

**AIRPORT SUN JOHANNESBURG**

Part of the InterContinental chain, this welcoming hotel is a convenient place to end your journey into South Africa's capital city. The airport is less than a half-mile away. The décor blends modern and classic African influences. Features include a first-class restaurant, an indoor pool and fitness center. Golf, tennis and an IMAX cinema are nearby. [www.ichotelsgroup.com](http://www.ichotelsgroup.com); Phone: 27-(0)11-961-5400; 138 guest rooms and 2 suites. Rates:

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