

ARRIVE

LUXURY TRAVEL

South Africa

SEPTEMBER 13-25, 2019

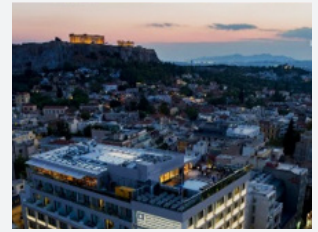
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# SOUTH AFRICA

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

## DAY 1, ARRIVE CAPE TOWN

Arrive in sophisticated Cape Town, where you are met by your representative and transferred to your hotel. The One&Only Cape Town is an oasis of elegance amid the vibrant playground of one of the world's most charming cities. With stunning views of Table Mountain and Signal Hill, the chic island design and contemporary African flair of this urban resort finds a natural home in the heart of Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.



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### ACCOMMODATIONS

One&Only Cape Town, Dock Road, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001, South Africa

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

## DAY 2, CAPE TOWN, MOUNTAIN IN THE SEA

Spend the morning exploring Cape Town. Enjoy a drive through Tamboerskloof ("Drummers' Ravine") to Table Mountain where, weather permitting, you ascend to the top by cable car. Continue through the streets of old Cape Town and view notable buildings that include Groote Kerk (the oldest church in southern Africa), City Hall and the Grand Parade. Take an easy walk through the tranquil, lush Company Gardens, where you discover the Houses of Parliament and National Art Gallery. Later, explore the Castle of Good Hope, the oldest surviving colonial building in South Africa. Return to your hotel to enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure.



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

## DAY 3, CAPE TOWN, VIEWS FROM CAPE POINT

Spend a full day discovering mountainous Cape Point at the edge of the continent. Journey past the "bikini beaches" before the towering Twelve Apostles Mountains, cruising over famous Chapman's Peak Drive. Explore the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, with its rare endemic plant species and animals that include the bontebok and Cape mountain zebra. At Cape Peninsula, ride the "Flying

Dutchman” funicular to the great pinnacle at Cape Point, which presides over treacherous reefs, sandy beaches and numerous shipwrecks below. From July to November, you may also see Southern right whales. En route to lunch, discover the endangered African penguins that thrive in the shelter of Boulders Beach.

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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

## DAY 4, HERMANUS

Drive 1.5 hours from Cape Town to Birkenhead House in Hermanus, your base for Shark Cage Diving. Birkenhead House sets the standard for luxury hotels in Hermanus. With its exhilarating cliff-top position overlooking the whale watching paradise of Walker Bay, Birkenhead House provides luxury accommodation for those seeking an extraordinary coastal experience. Watch surfers carving through the waves and, for several months each year, witness Southern Right and Humpback Whales breaching just metres from the shore.

The hotel’s contemporary décor is an artful mix of beach-house and quirky opulence. The all-inclusive rate means that guests never need to leave the comfort of Birkenhead House, where all meals and drinks are included.

For the more adventurous, Hermanus offers activities aplenty including shark cage diving.

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#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Birkenhead House, 119 11th St, Hermanus, 7200, South Africa  
<https://www.theroyalportfolio.com/birkenhead-house/overview/>



### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

## DAY 5, HERMANUS

The team at Birkenhead House will arrange a shark cage diving expedition for you today in nearby Gansbaai. They use a company called Marine Dynamics whose primary focus is on marine conservation and research ensuring that your shark cage diving experience will be undertaken responsibly and with minimum impact on the environment.

At Marine Dynamics HQ, your dive master will give you a full briefing about the day’s procedures. You will learn all about these fascinating Apex predators as well as the rest of the Marine 5 which includes Sharks, Whales, Seals, Penguins and Dolphins.

You’ll then take a 20-minute boat trip out to sea and anchor off Dyer Island and Geyser Rock, which boasts a large Cape Fur Seal colony, the staple diet of the Great White Shark. After slipping into your wetsuit, the crew will lower you into the cage which is attached to the side of the boat in the water. This is an incredible opportunity to get up close and personal with these amazing animals, from the safety of a cage.

Enjoy a picnic lunch on board, while waiting for the sharks or between dives, taking in the beautiful scenery. Even if you are not keen to dive, the shark viewing from the boat is still exhilarating providing some fantastic photo.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18–SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

## DAY 6–9, KRUGER

After breakfast, depart Hermanus for your bush plane flight to Kruger National Park.

Singita means “the miracle” in the local Shangaan dialect, and once you arrive at your elegant home in the bush the translation becomes abundantly clear. One cannot heap enough praise on Singita—the game viewing, the rangers’ knowledge and the service are all fantastic, and yet it is the inspired design that renders guests speechless. If there’s heaven on earth, then this surely must be it. Singita has been the #1 World’s Best Hotel twice... and counting.

Twelve enormous suites line the wild banks of the Sand River, well-spaced for complete seclusion while splashing in your plunge pool or lounging on your private veranda. Each is decorated with contemporary tranquility—lofty design and earthy colors—and kitted out with every amenity, including double-sided fireplaces and outdoor showers. The main lounge houses a library, gym, spa and an extensive wine cellar, situated beneath the eponymous boulder.

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### ACCOMMODATIONS

Singita Boulders Lodge, Sabi Sands Game Reserve, Kruger National Park, Hazyview, 1242, South Africa  
<https://singita.com/lodge/singita-boulders-lodge/>



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22–TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

## DAY 10–12, KRUGER

The thirteen suites and single villa of this one-of-a-kind lodge are perched like eagles’ nests on the mountainside over one of Africa’s most dramatic landscapes: sweeping wilderness and a winding river below, indigenous lebombo euphorbia trees all around. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls ensure that you have the most breath-taking view possible, whether you’re curled up with a book under the roof of woven branches, swimming in your private lap pool, or sipping a cocktail on the deck.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

## DAY 13, DEPART JOHANNESBURG

Fly to Johannesburg where you connect with your international flight. Upon arrival in Johannesburg, enjoy access to the Premier Lounge before boarding your homebound flight.