SOUTH AFRICA AND VICTORIA FALLS

17 DAY SOLO TOUR: MAY 2020

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There’s a reason that people who visit South Africa want to go back. The sights, sounds and spectacular scenery will leave you with memories you will never forget, and what better way to explore this stunning country than with a group of like-minded travellers on our dedicated solo adventure? Our journey begins in fabulous Cape Town.

Here we can experience the incredible views from the top of Table Mountain, sample some delicious wines when we visit the local vineyards, and explore the scenic Cape Peninsula. We also get to experience the thrill of driving through the famous wineries and quaint villages between Cape Town and George, visiting the remarkable Cango Caves and delving in to the wealthy history of ostrich feathers and farming! Next up on this epic adventure is the Game Parks.

We go to Kruger National Park... here you will have endless opportunities to see many animals- including the Big 5! Hluhluwe-Mfoloi Reserve is the oldest game reserve in Africa and home to the largest population of black and white rhino. Motswari Private Game Reserve is on the agenda- where you will relish in luxury and also learn so much about the animals from the highly experienced safari hosts.

Next on the itinerary is Victoria Falls. The Falls are one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and offer breath-taking views that are almost too spectacular and majestic to describe. The Zambezi river has carved a tortuous route through the soft areas within the basalt rock, forming a deep gorge in a tight zigzag course for kilometres- a process that has taken about 100,000 years. The result is truly spectacular!

After the mighty Falls, we head to the nearby Hwange National Park where there will be plentiful animal sightings. The Park is home to large herds of elephants and lions, and all of the resident wildlife is free to roam. We will enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, dinner under the African stars, go animal spotting at sunrise and sunset, indulge in 5 star lodge luxury and come face-to-face with an array of wildlife.

17 days of exploring and experiencing one of the most breathtaking, vastly different and ever-changing landscapes in the World.

Will you join us?
Day 1 - Friday 1st May 2020
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA (D)
On arrival in Cape Town, you will be met and transferred to your central hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure to explore the famous V&A Waterfront area which is within walking distance of your hotel. This evening, meet your Two’s a Crowd Host, local English-speaking guide and your fellow travelers for a tour briefing followed by a welcome group dinner.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Commodore Hotel’ (4 star)

Day 2 - Saturday 2nd May 2020
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA (B)
Today we explore the Cape Peninsula. Travel along the scenic Atlantic Seaboard via Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay. Stop at Maiden Cove look-out point for a photo stop before continuing to Hout Bay. Here you have the option (not included) to take a boat trip to Seal Island (seasonal). Continue over Chapman’s Peak, one of the world’s most breath-taking coastal drives, to Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve. In the afternoon visit the charming Victorian style village of Simon’s Town, home to the South African navy. A highlight today will be a visit to the large penguin colony at the beautiful Boulders Beach.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Commodore Hotel’ (4 star)

Day 3 - Sunday 3rd May 2020
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA (B)
Time to visit South Africa’s most famous wine regions – Paarl, Franschoek and Stellenbosch. Aside from the excellent wines and food the area is renowned for, it is also steeped in history. Visit the Taal (meaning ‘language’) monument and various museums depicting the contribution of the French Huguenots. Continue to Swellendam for your overnight accommodation.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Roosje van der Kaap,’ guesthouse in Swellendam
Day 4 - Monday 4th May 2020  
SWELLENDAM- OUDTSHOORN, SOUTH AFRICA (B)

After breakfast we will depart Swellendam and take the very scenic drive to Outshoorn. We will be stopping to visit small picturesque towns along the route, stretch our legs and take lots of photos.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘De Zeekoe Guest Farm,’ in Oudtshoorn (4 star)

Day 5 - Tuesday 5th May 2020  
OUDTSHOORN - GEORGE, SOUTH AFRICA (B)

This morning we will visit the Cango Caves. Extending over an area of two kilometres into the Swartberg Mountains, the Caves are famous for their magnificent stalactite and stalagmite rock formations. Visitors can take guided tours which wind through narrow passageways and steep stairways linking the massive caverns. Next stop is an ostrich farm for a guided tour. The ostrich feather industry was a massive one at the turn of the 20th century and evidence of this remains in the magnificent feather baron mansions still dotted around Oudtshoorn. Departing Oudtshoorn, head to George, the sixth oldest town in the country. Although it started out as a remote woodcutters outpost, it is now the business centre of the Garden Route. Nestled between the majestic Outeniqua Mountains and Indian Ocean, it’s a picturesque town with a rich and varied history.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Oubaai Hotel,’ in George (5 star)

Day 6 - Wednesday 6th May 2020  
GEORGE- ZULULAND, SOUTH AFRICA (B)

Today we fly from George to Durban. Here we will be met and transferred to the Hluhluwei-Mfolozi Game Reserve region. This Reserve is the oldest game reserve in Africa and home to the largest population of black and white rhino.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Falaza Game Park & Spa,’ in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi (4 star)

Day 7 - Thursday 7th May 2020  
ZULULAND, SOUTH AFRICA (B)

Today we have our first experience of a game spotting in the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve. As we journey around in our open vehicle, our qualified game ranger and tracker will keep a sharp eye out for us to spot the Big Five – exciting! What is going to be the first African animals you’re going to see – will it be an elephant, giraffe, impala or rhino? But don’t just keep a look out for the large animals as there are many interesting little animals to be seen as well. Return to the Lodge for free time to relax around the pool or enjoy the spa facilities.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Falaza Game Park & Spa,’ in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi (4 star)
Day 8 - Friday 8th May 2020
KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND (B)

Today we cross the border into the mountainous Kingdom of Swaziland, one of three remaining monarchies in Africa and led by King Mswati III. You will explore the traditions of the Swazi people and discover the culture of which they are so proud. Visit the Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Swaziland’s pioneer conservation area situated in the “Valley of Heaven”. The Sanctuary, apart from having abundant bird life, is also home to a number of animal species such as hippo, giraffe, zebra and a variety of antelope. In your guided walk this afternoon, you get the chance to hone your skills of game spotting.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Summerfields Resort and Botanical Garden’ (5 star)

Day 9 - Saturday 9th May 2020
KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND (B)

Today you visit the Umphakatsi Chief’s homestead for a great interactive experience. Try your hand at grinding maize and plaiting mountain grass or join the children in Swazi song and dance. An offering of a taste of local food is made but forget cutlery and try eating the Swazi way - with your hands!

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Summerfields Resort and Botanical Garden’ (5 star)

Day 10 - Sunday 10th May 2020
EN ROUTE TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA (B)

Leaving Swaziland behind, we return to South Africa en route to the Kruger Park. Your accommodation this evening will be at Buhala Lodge, situated on the Southern banks of the Crocodile River. Before dinner at the Lodge, enjoy your first game drive in Kruger National Park in your touring vehicle.

- Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Buhala Lodge’ (4 star)
Day 11 - Monday 11th May 2020
PANORAMA ROUTE, SOUTH AFRICA (B)

Your sightseeing this morning will be along one of the most beautiful areas in South Africa - the scenic Panorama Route. The most spectacular stretch is the Blyde River Canyon - the third largest canyon in the world - and filled with lush vegetation and wildlife. (This is the area where the filming of “I'm a Celebrity – Get me out of Here” is done). Make a stop at Bourke's Luck Potholes to view these spectacular rock formations formed eons ago by erosion.

Accommodation: Your own room at ‘Graskop Hotel,’ in Graskop (3 star)

Day 12 - Tuesday 12th May 2020
MOTSWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA (B,L,D)

Continue North to the Timbavati and Umbabat Private Nature Reserve area, to the luxury Motswari Private Game Reserve. Over the next two days, you will feel thoroughly spoilt and indulged with morning and evening games drives and wonderful relaxation opportunities in between. Of great interest will be the safari talks by the guides which are highly informative and interactive giving you the opportunity to ask your own questions. This luxurious all-inclusive lodge lies within the Timbavati Nature Reserve. Offering bush or river views and refined, safari-style decor, the air-conditioned bungalows come with patios, living areas and 4-poster beds. Daily game drives and bush walks are included, as are brunch, high tea and 4-course dinners. A woodsy-chic, open-air lounge overlooks the Sohebele River, and there’s a bar, a library, an art gallery and an outdoor pool.

Accommodation: Your own bungalow at ‘Motswari Private Lodge’ (4 star)

Day 13 - Wednesday 13th May 2020
MOTSWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA (B,L,D)

Today we enjoy morning and evening games drives. There is also the optional activity of a walk with a guide. It’s a great way to feel at one with the bush and to learn about the small fauna and flora of the area.

Accommodation: Your own bungalow at ‘Motswari Private Lodge’ (4 star)

Day 14 - Thursday 14th May 2020
HAZYVIEW- NELSPRUIT- LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA- VIC FALLS, ZIMBABWE (B)

After breakfast we continue to Nelspruit Airport to take the short flight to Livingstone in Zambia. Upon arrival we will take a short land transfer to our Victoria Falls accommodation, on the Zimbabwe side of the spectacular Falls. Here we get to continue our incredible African Adventure! The remainder of the day will be at your leisure to relax beside the pool or participate in optional activities. This evening, with a cocktail in hand, enjoy a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi river. You will most likely spot a lot of wildlife along the edge of the river.

Accommodation: Your room at ‘Ilala Lodge,’ Zimbabwe (4 star)
Day 15 - Friday 15th May 2020
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE (B)

In 1855, a Scottish missionary, David Livingstone, is thought to have been the first European to see the Falls. Although an extremely practical man, Livingstone was so moved by the beauty of the natural spectacle that he enthusiastically uttered “On sights as beautiful as this, angels in their flight must have gazed,” and promptly named them after his Queen. Since you are visiting during the high water season, it will immediately become clear how the Falls earned their name ‘The Smoke that Thunders.’

With thousands of litres of water flowing at a metre over the normal level and across an area spanning two kilometres, the thundering waters cause a substantial spray as they cascade down into the valley below. After breakfast this morning, we take a tour of the Falls with our dedicated guide.

Today we also have the afternoon at leisure to simply soak up the views and atmosphere. Or, if you want to experience the Falls from a different angle, how about taking an optional helicopter flight over the Falls to see the myriads of rainbows formed from the spray.

Optional Activity:
- Helicopter flight over Victoria Falls A$270

Accommodation: Your room at ‘Ilala Lodge,’ Zimbabwe (4 star)
Day 16 - Saturday 16th May 2020
VICTORIA FALLS- HWANGE, ZIMABAWE (B,D)

Day visit to Hwange National park for our final game spotting adventure in Africa. We spend the day on a game drive in the Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe and covering an area of approx. 14 650 km². Named after a local chief, Hwange is situated in the northwest corner of the country, and about one hour south of the Victoria Falls. Due to its close proximity to the Falls, Hwange boasts an incredible biodiversity of flora and fauna, and a plethora of African wildlife. There are over 100 species of mammals and nearly 400 bird species recorded here. Specifically, the elephant population in Hwange is considered world famous, as it is one of the largest in the world. Experience parts of this national park on game drives and you will discover a variety of animals, including some predators among them. Farewell dinner this evening will be in a very special outdoor venue.

- Accommodation: Your room at ‘Ilala Lodge,’ Zimbabwe (4 star)

Day 17 - Sunday 17th May 2020
FINAL DAY (B)

Your final breakfast in Africa and there is absolutely no better way to enjoy this than out in the African bush. Transfer after breakfast to the airport for your onward journey. If you wish to immerse yourself in the wonders of Africa a little longer, why not join Two’s a Crowd for another incredible solos journey to Madagascar. The tour follows on from this South Africa adventure.

Thinking of extending your stay?

Two’s a Crowd can book your pre-tour accommodation at ‘Commodore Hotel’ in Cape Town, South Africa from A$250 per night, including breakfast. Or, if you wish to stay longer in Victoria Falls, we can organise your post tour accommodation at ‘Ilala Lodge,’ in Zimbabwe from A$347 per night, including breakfast. Airport transfers can also be arranged on your behalf - just ask our booking team.
Tour Inclusions:
- Accommodation at listed hotels and lodges- in your own room with daily breakfast.
- All transport as detailed in the itinerary by comfortable air-conditioned vehicle.
- All airport transfers with English speaking driver.
- All meals as mentioned in the program (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner).
- All entrance fees and National Park fees, as per itinerary.
- English speaking tour guide throughout.
- Experienced Two's a Crowd Tour Host from Australia.
- Gratuities and tips for drivers.
- Standard CHI (underwritten by Allianz) or NIB (underwritten by Lloyds) Travel Insurance Policy. Additional premium may be payable if over 69 years, have an existing medical condition or wish to extend your travelling dates.

Tour Exclusions:
- Internal airfares & taxes, as detailed in itinerary.
  1. George - Durban (Day 6/ 6th May 2020) *must be booked on SA8514 GRJ-DUR 11:50-13:15
  2. Nelspruit - Livingstone (Day 14/ 14th May 2020) *must be booked on SA8870 MQP-LVI 11:35-13:10
- Visas (KAZA Visa is required for Zambia & Zimbabwe at cost of US$50. Available upon arrival)
- Meals, drinks and touring not specified in the itinerary as ‘included’
- Airport and hotel porterage
- Gratuities and tips for tour guides.
- Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, souvenirs, phone calls, taxis, etc

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