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South Africa



*Packages of 10 days - 9 nights ■ 7 days - 6 nights ■ 5 days - 4 nights
OR*

Customize your South African **HORSEBACK SAFARI** to realize your dream

\$290 per day all-inclusive

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DAY 1

Guests will be met at Johannesburg International Airport by the host guide and transferred to the Holiday Farm. This destination is a grand amphitheatre of sandstone hills and rugged mountains, which is approximately a 3-hour drive south. Lunch is served upon arrival followed by a two-hour ride to get you acquainted with your horse and saddle, and includes the possibility of seeing Zebra, Blesbuck, Springbuck, Black Wildebeest and Eland. At sunset, join us for champagne, cheese and wine to celebrate your arrival followed by a three-course dinner served at the lodge.

DAY 2

At sunrise we begin our ride, during which elevations of 6,500 feet above sea level will be reached. A light breakfast will be packed into your saddlebags. The elusive Grey Rhebuck and Mountain Reedbuck can be spotted on this trail and the climax is when you reach the highest point at 8,366 feet above sea level with a 360° view of the Witteberg, Rooiberg, Drakensberg, and the Maluti Mountains. At noon, a descent for lunch and nap at a rustic mountain camp. Heading back home through the open plains you will have plenty of opportunities for long canters or just take it slow and enjoy the scenery. This day may tire you out so back at the lodge our friendly staff awaits with ice cold drinks.

DAY 3

Every day starts with an early breakfast. After breakfast, the party will set off to explore the plains and bushman paintings in the area. A visit to the largest cave in the southern hemisphere—the Fertility Cave, which is an authentic cultural experience is next on the itinerary. We will continue driving to the Meulspruit Game Reserve where all will board the White Mischief- a floating restaurant. Over 200 species of birds have been spotted along the banks of the dam and antelope also roam the area. Remember to wear comfortable shoes suitable for walking and bring your binoculars and camera. An entertaining evening around the campfire completes the day.

DAY 4

Today our horses will take us to Rebellie Game Farm- rich in bird and wildlife such as Eland, Springbuck, Zebra, and Wildebeest. A stop for a picnic along the river is planned. Tonight, each guest will cook his or her own dinner in a traditional black pot on an open fire.

DAY 5

We drive through Golden Gate National Park to the Basotho Cultural Center for a tour of the village and then a stop at a scenic spot in the park for lunch. Next stop the Brandwag Hotel for tea and then we will return to the lodge for an optional afternoon horse ride and of course, dinner.

DAY 6

Today, we will ride to Adulam farm for exploration the fossil-rich sandstone banks and a bushman cave close by. Then a hike back to the horses and a ride to Craig Rossi Dam for a picnic. After lunch, we will depart for Clarens to explore this quaint artist village and possibly buy some souvenirs. A return to the farm, following the shopping is planned for a vehicle based game drive to a reserve near Clarens, which will include a tour of their lion-breeding program.

DAY 7

A scenic 2-hour drive takes you to Rolling M Ranch at the foothills of the majestic Drakensberg Mountain Range. Upon arrival at this lovely old colonial farm, we will meet hosts Mike and Lorna. It is a down-to-earth haven and a genuine KwaZulu Natal farm experience- the ranch is packed with livestock, from dogs and cats to guinea fowl, geese, horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, even duikers and warthog! After lunch and a ride on the Appaloosas and Palomino horses, which are bred on the farm is planned. On the outride you will have the opportunity to learn more about the rich history of the region, from the battlefields of the Anglo-Boer War to the ruined kraal of the legendary witchdoctor Mathlalo. A superb dinner and relaxing evening will follow.

DAY 8

Today we may ride alongside the mighty Tugela River. After some relaxation, a return trip back to the farm through the famous Golden Gate National Park with its spectacular sandstone formations. Perhaps this will be the time for a peaceful afternoon with plenty of rest and relaxation.

DAY 9

A relaxing morning will give the rider the chance to slow down and just absorb their whole African experience. After brunch-is an optional horse ride. Afternoon activities: horseback ride, quad bike ride, or short hike. The last night features our famous "Steak On The Rocks"-not just a meal but an adventure-just like the whole trip!

DAY 10

A last morning ride, then pack and start making our way back to the airport. On the way there, we will stop at the Camorhi Game Lodge-home of the white lion. Refreshments will be served on the same deck where the lion cubs romp and play. A vehicle game drive is planned to view the lions and leopards that are kept in separate enclosures. Rhino, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, impala and various other antelope roam these South African plains.

This is an example of a possible itinerary subject to change due to weather or client preferences

**WE HOPE THAT YOU, WHO ARRIVED AS STRANGERS, NOW DEPART AS FRIENDS
AND WILL RETURN AS FAMILY.**

INCLUDED:

- All horseback riding and activities on the above itinerary
- Accommodation for 9, 6, or 4 nights OR per your design
- Transfers to and from the airport and all road transport during the above safari
- All meals, beverages including a fair amount of wine/alcohol

EXCLUDED:

- Airfares
- Gratuities
- Items of personal nature

HORSEBACK HUNTS in South Africa can be arranged, please contact us for details:

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