

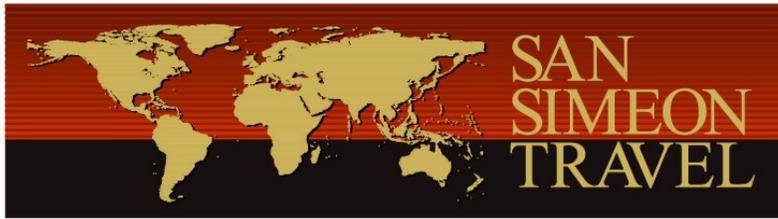


South African Wine and Safari Odyssey

May 7th ~ 18th, 2019

Escorted by John O'Regan





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Itinerary in detail...

May 7 ~ 8, 2019

Travel days from North America to South Africa.

Please contact us for air specials for Coach, Premium Economy and Business Class.

May 9, 2019

Upon arrival into Cape Town you will be met and brought to the 5-Star Lanzerac Hotel & Spa in the Heart of South Africa's Premier Wine Region.

Experience 3 nights at Lanzerac Hotel & Spa. Located just outside the historic wine-farming town of Stellenbosch and nestled in the foothills of the Jonkershoek Mountains. Steeped in a history dating back to 1692, the Estate offers dramatic mountain views, endless rows of lush vineyards and hectares of landscaped gardens shaded by giant oak trees. This iconic five-star hotel provides an unparalleled experience of luxury in the Western Cape winelands.

This afternoon, relax at the hotel, take a walk through the vineyards, indulge in the Spa's hydro facilities, or enjoy a complimentary wine tasting of five Lanzerac Estate wines at the Lanzerac Tasting Room. The hotel has a stunning restaurant - the Governor's Hall - and we suggest making a reservation here for dinner tonight. Otherwise, the hotel offers a shuttle into the town of Stellenbosch, where restaurants aplenty can be found.

Lanzerac Hotel and Spa

May 10, 2019

After a leisurely breakfast, depart for a full day exploring the magnificent wine region. We head through to the Franschhoek Valley for our first stop at one of the oldest wine estates in the country, *La Motte* - with superb examples of Cape Dutch architecture dating back to the early 18th century. (www.la-motte.com). La Motte boasts four national monuments - the Manor House, Jonkershuis, Historic Cellar and Water Mill. All the structures have been fully restored following the purchase of La Motte by Dr. Anton Rupert in 1970. Enjoy a sampling of the wines produced on the estate, and a look at the La Motte heritage collection of art works by perhaps South Africa's most acclaimed landscape artist, *J.H. Pierneef*.

Lunch today will be on the *La Petite Ferme* wine farm, with unrivalled views down on the Franschhoek Valley. (www.lapetiteferme.co.za). After lunch, a stroll around the Franschhoek village is a must - historic buildings, art galleries, boutique stores offer something of interest to everyone.

On our return drive to Stellenbosch, we stop in at the Marianne Wine Estate, a boutique winery with a limited production of between 80 000 and 100 000 bottles per vintage. (www.mariannewines.com). Enjoy a unique South African phenomenon - a biltong and wine pairing! ("Biltong" is a South African culinary and cultural icon - dried beef - and, paired with award-winning red wines, is a tasting experience second-to-none!) Return to your hotel late-afternoon for an evening at leisure.

Lanzerac Hotel and Spa

Meals Included (Breakfast and Lunch)

May 11, 2019

Again depart after breakfast for another unforgettable vineyard day. First we get acquainted with the historic heart of the town of *Stellenbosch*, the second-oldest town in the country, dating back to 1679. A visit to the Village Museum complex shows us four original houses from different periods, restored and furnished as in the day. Schreuder House and Bletterman House are outstanding examples of Cape Dutch architecture; while Grosvenor House and Bergh House reflect the Neo-Classical Cape Georgian style.

Then it's on to one of the most beautiful valleys in the region - the so-called "Hidden Valley", cut into the foothills of the Helderberg Mountains - for a wine and cheese tasting at the *Uva Mira Estate*. (www.uvamira.com).

Lunch today will be at the *Overture Restaurant* on the Hidden Valley Farm. (www.hiddenvalleywines.co.za). This picturesque winelands restaurant regularly places top ten in South Africa's *Eat Out Awards*.

After lunch, we visit the *Waterford Estate* in the Blaauwklippen Valley for a wine and chocolate tasting. (www.waterfordestate.co.za). A series of dark and milk chocolates are paired with the estate's Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Natural Sweet Wines. Again, return to the hotel in the late-afternoon for an evening at leisure.

Lanzerac Hotel and Spa

Meals Included (Breakfast and Lunch)

May 12~14, 2019

This morning after breakfast and checkout you will be collected from the Lobby and taken to Cape Town Airport for your onward flight to Hoedspruit, South Africa. The gateway for Northern Krueger Park. Upon arrival at Hoedspruit we will be met and brought to Ngala Safari Lodge. Ngala (meaning place of the lions). Ngala is situated in a private concession and offers world class spectacular game experiences.

Enjoy 3 Nights at AndBeyond Ngala Safari Lodge in a cottage with luxury ensuite bathroom and intimate veranda. Your stay includes all meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, laundry, scheduled safari activities, game drives, and nature walks accompanied by experienced armed trackers.

AndBeyond Ngala Safari Lodge at a glance

- 20 thatched cottages
- Swimming pool, outdoor boma, romantic candlelit courtyard and Safari Shop
- Twice-daily Big Five game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles and guided nature walks
- 2009 - Ngala Private Game Reserve listed in Condé Nast Traveler US Gold List of the World's Best Places to Stay (Africa & Middle East category)

Nestled under a canopy of mopane and tamboti trees, AndBeyond Ngala Safari Lodge features 20 classic thatched cottages and the luxurious Safari Suite. Each ensuite cottage, with private veranda, exudes a romantic colonial ambience with nostalgic safari memorabilia throughout. The gracious Safari Suite offers guests a spacious sitting room, private swimming pool, and exclusive use of a safari vehicle. The Lodge's large sparkling swimming pool overlooks natural riverine woodland. Hearty breakfasts and delicious lunches are served in the dappled shade of an enormous weeping Boer bean tree. Upon their return from exhilarating evening game drives, guests are welcomed by Ngala's warm, hospitable staff to a banquet in the elegant candlelit courtyard, or to an African feast around the blazing boma fire. The Lodge's thatched dining, bar and sitting areas are open to the warm breezes of the inviting African bushveld.

May 15~17, 2019

After a final game drive and Brunch, we will travel overland to the Sabi Sands in Southern Krueger Park to AndBeyond Kirkman's Kamp. Ideally located next to Open Krueger and on a huge private concession Kirkman's Kamp offers some of the most exciting game drives in all of Africa.

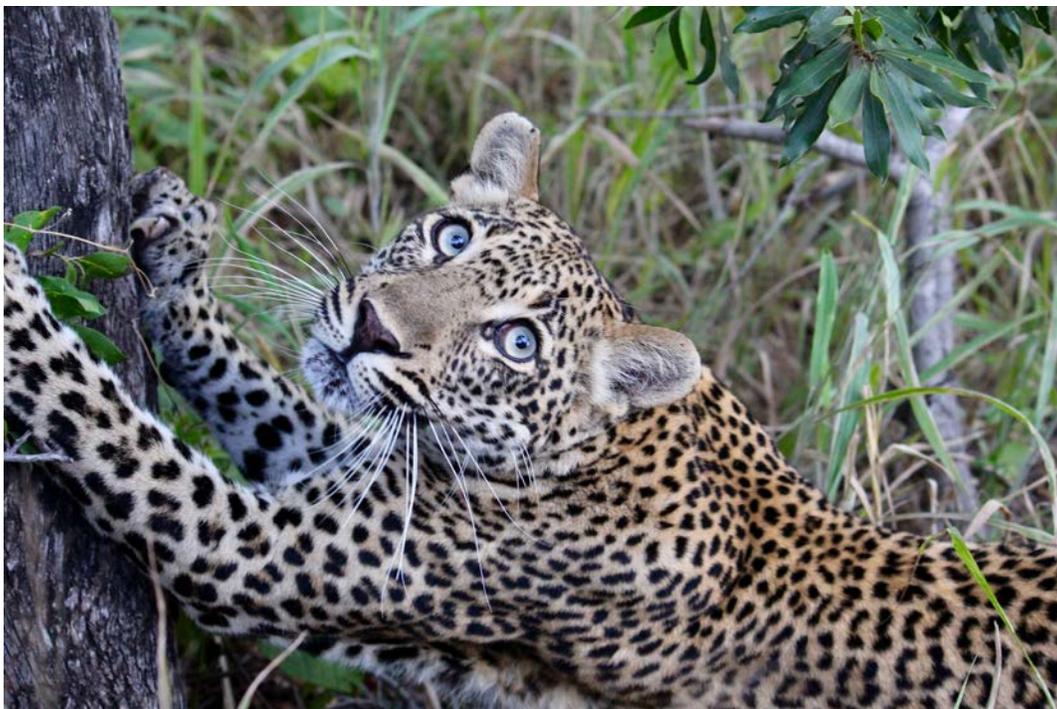
Experience 3 nights at AndBeyond Kirkman's Kamp in a suite with ensuite bathroom with bath and shower. Your stay includes accommodation, three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, refreshments on game drives, laundry, scheduled safari activities, and nature walks accompanied by experienced armed trackers.

Kirkman's Kamp, with its spectacular views of the unspoiled wilderness, is regarded as one of the best loved lodges in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve. It is a well-known historic camp, originally built in the early 1920's, and celebrates the atmosphere of an early South African lowveld homestead. The colonial atmosphere of gracious style and luxury has been retained, and guests step back in time upon entering the original homestead, which now houses the Lodge's sitting, dining and bar areas. Each of the 18 guest cottages has a private veranda and is furnished in the same charming style with ensuite bathrooms. The large sitting room, with a 1920's ambience, leads through double French doors onto rolling lawns that provide a velvety contrast to the wild and tumbling bush surrounding the Lodge. Breakfast and lunch are served on shady verandas, and dinners are shared in the dramatic boma or in romantic lantern lit bush settings.

May 18, 2019

After our final game drive in the Sabi Sands and brunch we depart from the local airstrip - Skukuza for our commercial flight to Johannesburg in plenty of time for check-in for your overnight flight to arrive back in the USA on the 19th

END OF SAFARI



TRIP COST:

\$7980.00 Per Person Double Occupancy

(IF YOU PAY FOR YOUR SAFARI BY CHECK YOU MAY DEDUCT \$200.00 FROM THE TRIP COST)

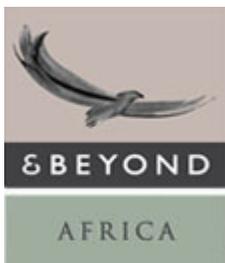
International Air to Cape Town, Cape Town to Hoedspruit and return from Skukuza is additional
Reservations require a non-refundable deposit of \$1500 per person.
Final Payment will be due 120 days prior to Safari.

What's Included?

- **Accommodation, Meals, drinks and laundry as specified in the itinerary**
- **Scheduled Flights as specified in the itinerary**
- **Domestic/international departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips**
- **Private transfers as specified in the itinerary**
- **Private game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary, and National parks and concession fees**

& what's not

- **Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines, cigars and cigarettes**
- **Gratuities and any items of a personal nature**





Lanzerac Hotel & Spa

This iconic and landmark five-star hotel provides an unparalleled experience of luxury in the Winelands. The hotel is limited to fifty-three en-suite bedrooms and suites creating an air of intimacy and exclusivity. Most rooms have their own patios, which open out onto lush gardens and overlook the stunning backdrop of surrounding mountains and vineyards. Our Winelands rooms and suites provide ample living space and are decorated with genuine antiques and immaculate soft furnishing. All guests of the Lanzerac Hotel & Spa are offered the following complimentary services:

- Breakfast – a full continental and hot breakfast on order, complete with tea & coffee
- Select mini-bar, replenished once daily
- Complimentary use of the Spa's hydro facilities
- A complimentary wine tasting of 5 Lanzerac Estate wines at Lanzerac Tasting Room
- A complimentary cellar tour of the Lanzerac Winery (tours run daily at 11am)

- Complimentary transfer service between the and Stellenbosch Town
- Turn down service daily, including bottled water
- Wireless internet
- Stellenbosch tourism levy



Hotel



ANDBEYOND NGALA SAFARI LODGE

Kruger National Park- South Africa

“A classic and luxurious safari lodge situated in AndBeyond Ngala Private Game Reserve on the western boundary of world renowned Kruger National Park”

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

AndBeyond Ngala Private Game Reserve shares an unfenced boundary with the world-renowned Kruger National Park, South Africa's largest wildlife sanctuary and one of the biggest nature reserves in the world (encompassing 2 million hectares of wilderness). A spectacular diversity of wildlife moves through this immense wilderness - elephant, leopard, spotted hyena, giraffe, buffalo and white rhino. Meaning "lion" in Shangaan, Ngala lives up to its name, supporting several prides of these powerful cats. Cheetah and African wild dog also regularly move through the Reserve. &Beyond Ngala was the first private game reserve to be incorporated into Kruger National Park and has exclusive traversing rights over 14 700 hectares of game-rich wilderness. Ngala offers an intimate African wildlife experience, led by expert ranger and tracker teams. In one of Africa's most innovative conservation partnership agreements, an annual lease, traversing fee and percentage of Ngala's profits are paid to the National Parks Trust to further conservation projects throughout South Africa.



THE SPIRIT OF ANDBEYOND NGALA SAFARI LODGE

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WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ANDBEYOND NGALA SAFARI LODGE

- You have to try the Ranger's omelette at breakfast. Ask for one – even if it's not on the menu.
- Browse through the Safari Shop and afterwards unwind on the veranda to watch the elephants at the lodge waterhole.

ANDBEYOND KIRKMAN'S KAMP

Sabi Sand Game Reserve- South Africa

"A well-known historic camp with spectacular views out over the Sabi Sand Game Reserve"

SABI SAND GAME RESERVE

Adjacent to the world-renowned Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Game Reserve is famed for its intimate wildlife encounters, particularly leopard viewing. Home to a host of animals, including the Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino), the Sabi Sand is part of a conservation area that covers over two million hectares (almost five million acres), an area equivalent to the state of New Jersey. With no boundary fences between the Sabi Sand and the Kruger National Park, this Reserve benefits from the great diversity of wildlife found in one of the richest wilderness areas on the African continent along with the additional benefits experienced on a private game reserve. Game drives traverse an area of 10 000 hectares (24 700 acres) and strict vehicle limits at sightings ensure the exclusivity of your game viewing experience. Off-road driving ensures that you have the best possible view of any exceptional sighting and rangers are constantly in touch with each other to keep track of animal movements.



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WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ANDBEYOND KIRKMAN'S KAMP

- Ask the lodge to create one of its delicious picnic baskets, grab a good book and chill on the lush lawns surrounding the lodge.
- Take time-out after a successful day of game viewing and head to the pool area. It boasts breath taking views and leopard are often seen here too.
- Enjoy a classic cocktail in Harry's Bar and whilst you're there list the day's exciting sightings on the chalk board.