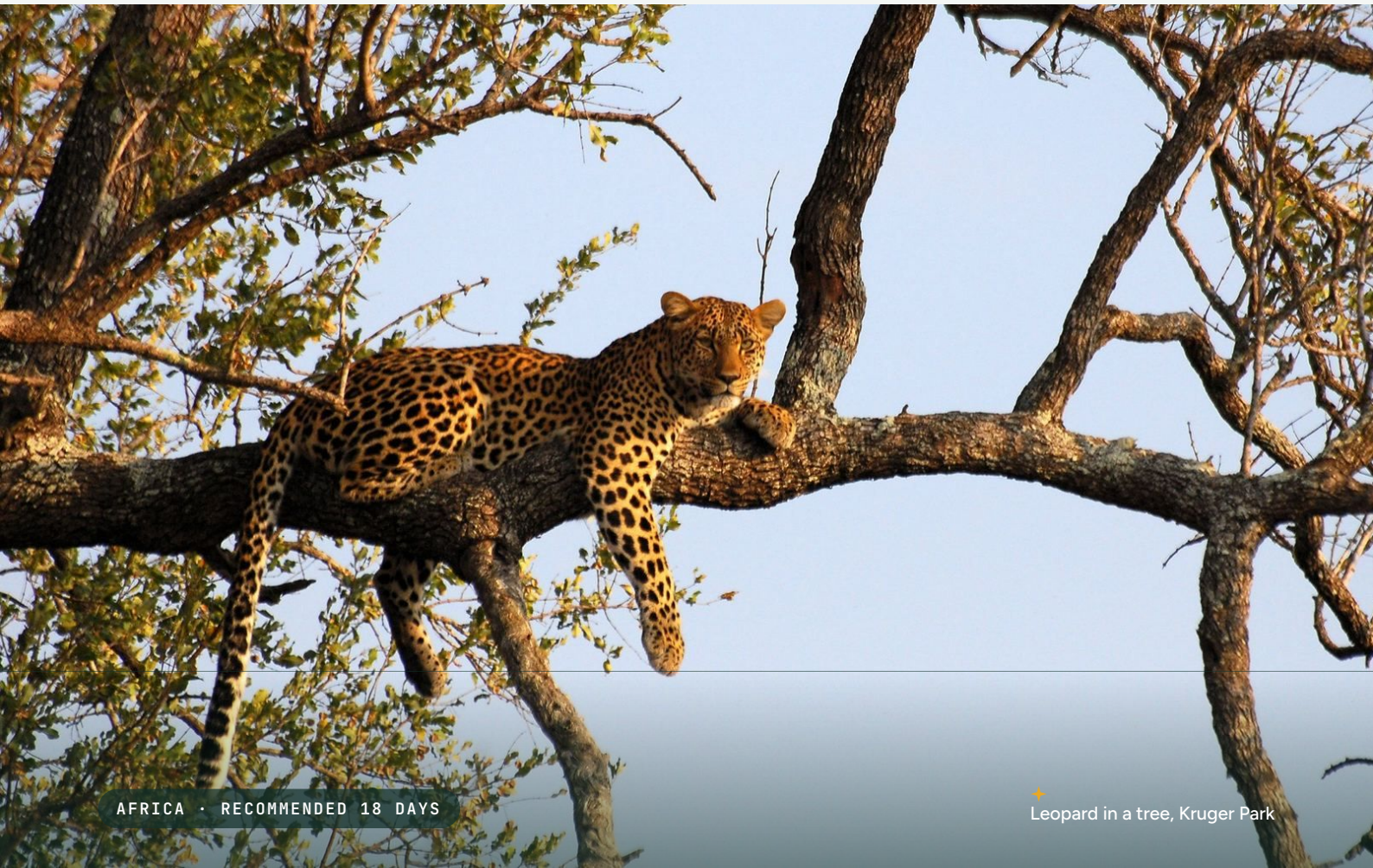




AFRICA · RECOMMENDED 18 DAYS

+ Leopard in a tree, Kruger Park

South Africa

Table Mountain, the Winelands, the Garden Route and the Big Five in a private reserve near Kruger

RECOMMENDED LENGTH

18 days

DEPARTURE

Any day

you pick the dates

TRANSPORT

Self-drive

or private driver

ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL.
FLIGHT**€2,470** p.p.

The classic South Africa round trip, fully arranged and entirely private: my recommended 18-day route. Start in Cape Town and on the Cape Peninsula, taste your way through the Cape Winelands, follow the Garden Route past whales, ostriches and coastal forests, then fly to Mpumalanga for the Panorama Route, Kruger National Park and three nights in a private reserve with open safari vehicles. You choose: a rental car waiting for you or a private driver. I arrange the airport pickup, hotels, the domestic flight and the safaris in advance, and you start whenever you like.

✓ Put together personally

✓ No group travel

✓ At your own pace

✓ Leave out or add what you like

✓ Dates completely free

✓ Eat wherever you like

Highlights

- ★ Cable car up Table Mountain and the colourful Bo-Kaap
- ★ The Cape Peninsula: Chapman's Peak, the Cape of Good Hope and the penguins of Boulders Beach
- ★ Wine tastings in Stellenbosch and Franschhoek
- ★ Whale watching from the cliffs of Hermanus (July–November)
- ★ Route 62, the Swartberg Pass and the Cango Caves near Oudtshoorn
- ★ Knysna, Robberg and the coastal forest of Tsitsikamma
- ★ The Panorama Route: God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Blyde River Canyon
- ★ Kruger National Park and three nights of Big Five safari in a private reserve

Best time to travel

JAN FEB **MAR** APR MAY JUN JUL AUG **SEP** OCT NOV DEC

best time to travel: advice only, you travel when you like

TRAVELLERS

Private: only your own party, from 1 traveller. No group travel, no fellow travellers you don't know.

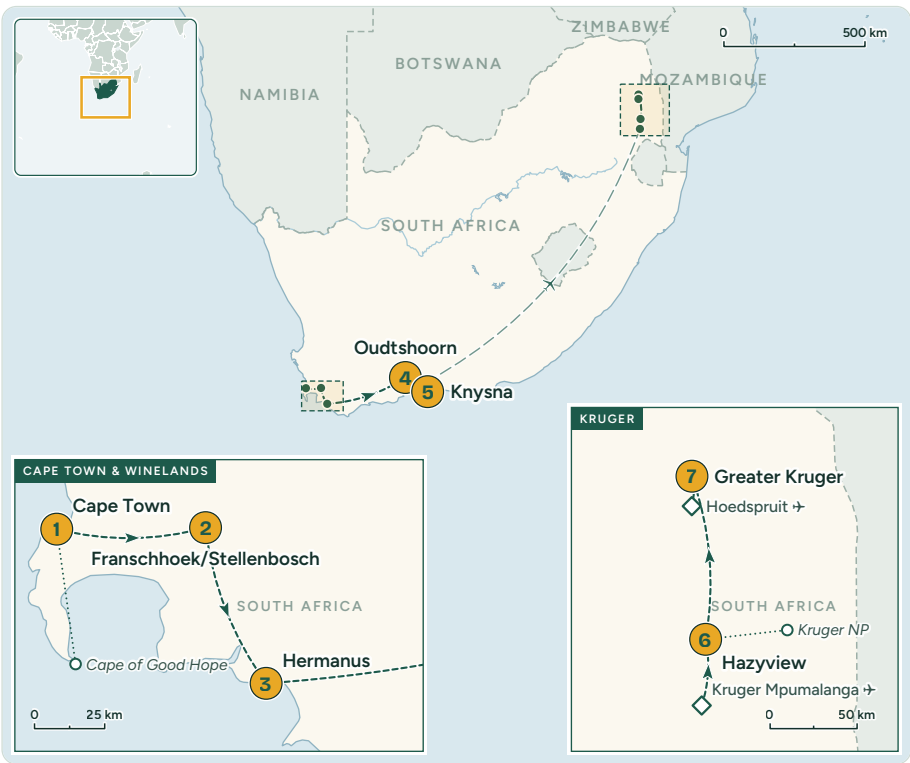
LENGTH

Recommended: 18 days · shorter or longer is always possible

DATES

Completely flexible: you leave on the day that suits you.

Your route on the map



- 1 Cape Town**
4 nights · day 2–5
- 2 Franschhoek/Stellenbosch**
1 night · day 6
- 3 Hermanus**
1 night · day 7
- 4 Oudtshoorn**
1 night · day 8
- 5 Knysna**
3 nights · day 9–11
- ◇ George airport day 12
- ◇ Kruger Mpumalanga airport day 12
- 6 Hazyview**
2 nights · day 12–13
- 7 Private reserve, Greater Kruger**
3 nights · day 14–16
- ◇ Hoedspruit airport day 17

overland, arrow = direction of travel
flight day trip
◇ airport / connection

Map: Natural Earth (public domain) · the arcs show the order of the route, not the exact road



DAY 6 Vineyards near Franschhoek



DAY 13 Elephant with calf in Kruger National Park

My recommended route

This is the route as I put it together for you. It is a starting point, not a fixed programme: leave out what doesn't appeal to you, add what you would like to do and travel at your own pace. Everything below is arranged for you in advance. Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

DAY 1 **Departure from Brussels** NACHTVLUCHT / OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Overnight flight from Brussels to Cape Town with one connection (e.g. via Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Zurich or a Gulf hub). I can book the flight for you if you wish; you leave on the day that suits you.

DAY 2 **Arrival in Cape Town** KAAPSTAD

A driver waits for you in the arrivals hall of Cape Town International with a name board and takes you in about 25 minutes to your hotel in the city centre or Green Point. The rest of the day is free: stroll through the Bo-Kaap with its colourful houses and Cape Malay cuisine, and spend your first evening at the V&A Waterfront (take an Uber or a hotel taxi after dark).

DAY 3 **Table Mountain and the city** KAAPSTAD ♦ BREAKFAST

Weather permitting, the cable car up Table Mountain: the 'table cloth' often covers it, so check the cable car's live status in the morning and go at the first clear moment. Then the District Six Museum, which tells the story of apartheid, the Company's Garden and the Castle of Good Hope. You get around by Uber or a hotel taxi. Free afternoon.

DAY 4 **The Cape Peninsula** KAAPSTAD ♦ BREAKFAST

Self-drive: your rental car is delivered to your hotel in the morning, with a briefing on driving on the left and the route loaded in your GPS. Private driver: your driver picks you up; he stays with you until George. Along the spectacular Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope nature reserve and Cape Point. On the way back, the African penguins of Boulders Beach in Simon's Town and a stop in the fishing harbour of Kalk Bay.



Penguins on Boulders Beach, Simon's Town

DAY 5 **Langa and Kirstenbosch** KAAPSTAD ♦ BREAKFAST ♦ LUNCH

Morning walk in Langa township with a guide who lives there, including lunch at a local initiative; the meeting point and the safe route there are in your travel plan (or your driver drops you off). Afternoon in Kirstenbosch botanical garden on the slopes of Table Mountain. Optional: the boat to Robben Island.

DAY 6 **The Cape Winelands** FRANSCHHOEK/STELLENBOSCH ♦ BREAKFAST

Short drive (approx. 1 hour) to Stellenbosch with its Cape Dutch gables. Wine tasting at two estates and a stroll through Franschhoek, founded by French Huguenots. If you drive yourself, your hotel is within walking distance of restaurants or you take the wine tram or a shuttle, so nobody drives after tasting.

DAY 7

Along the coast to Hermanus HERMANUS • BREAKFAST

Along the coastal Clarence Drive and the Betty's Bay penguin colony to Hermanus (approx. 2–2.5 hours). From July to November southern right whales can be seen from the cliff path; optional whale-watching boat trip.

DAY 8

Route 62 to Oudtshoorn OUDTSHOORN • BREAKFAST

Via Swellendam and the wine and fruit valleys of Route 62 (Barrydale, Calitzdorp) to Oudtshoorn in the Karoo (approx. 5 hours' driving with stops; good, quiet tarred roads). Visit to an ostrich farm.

DAY 9

Cango Caves, Swartberg Pass and Knysna KNYSNA • BREAKFAST

Tour of the Cango Caves (they can only be visited with their own guide) and part of the gravel Swartberg Pass (weather permitting; with a normal rental car in dry weather only). Then over the Outeniqua Pass to the coast and Knysna (approx. 2 hours).

DAY 10

Knysna and Robberg KNYSNA • BREAKFAST

Boat trip on the lagoon to the Knysna Heads. Afternoon hike on the Robberg peninsula near Plettenberg Bay, with seals and views over the Indian Ocean.

DAY 11

Tsitsikamma KNYSNA • BREAKFAST

Day trip (approx. 1.5 hours each way) to the Tsitsikamma section of Garden Route National Park: walk through the coastal forest to the suspension bridge over the Storms River mouth. Free evening in Knysna.



Suspension bridge at Storms River Mouth, Tsitsikamma

DAY 12

Flight to Mpumalanga HAZYVIEW • BREAKFAST

To George airport (approx. 1 hour): you return your rental car or say goodbye to your driver. Domestic flight via Johannesburg to Kruger Mpumalanga. There your second rental car is waiting, or a private transfer takes you to Hazyview (approx. 45 min), well before dark.

DAY 13

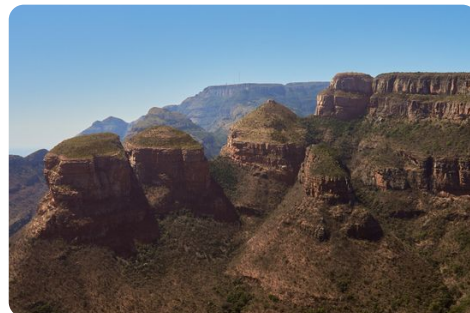
Kruger National Park HAZYVIEW • BREAKFAST

Full-day safari in Kruger National Park in an open safari vehicle with an experienced ranger, who picks you up at the hotel; departure when the Phabeni or Paul Kruger gate opens. Elephants, giraffes, buffalo and with luck lions and leopards. Your own car stays parked today.

DAY 14

Panorama Route and private reserve PRIVÉRESERVAAT GREATER KRUGER • BREAKFAST • DINNER

Early start along God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels above the Blyde River Canyon, in your rental car or with a private driver who takes you all the way to the lodge. Via the Abel Erasmus Pass to a lodge in a private Greater Kruger reserve (Balule/Klaserie, approx. 5 hours incl. stops), in time for the afternoon game drive.



The Three Rondavels above the Blyde River Canyon

DAY 15

Safari in the private**reserve** PRIVÉRESERVAAT GREATER KRUGER • BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

Morning and evening game drives in open vehicles with the lodge's ranger and tracker; private reserves allow off-road driving to follow animals up close. Rest at the lodge waterhole in between.

DAY 16

Bush walk and safari PRIVÉRESERVAAT GREATER KRUGER • BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

Guided walking safari to learn to read tracks, birds and small creatures, followed by a final evening game drive with a sundowner in the bush.

DAY 17

Journey home NACHTVLUCHT / OVERNIGHT FLIGHT • BREAKFAST

Final morning game drive. Then you drive to Hoedspruit airport and return your rental car there, or a private transfer takes you. Flight to Johannesburg for the evening flight to Brussels (with one connection).

DAY 18

Arrival in Brussels

Arrival in Brussels during the day. In the week after you get home I call you for a debrief.

What I arrange for you

1 Airport pickup

A driver waits with a name board in the arrivals hall of Cape Town International and takes you to your hotel in about 25 minutes. You only get your rental car on day 4, when you are rested. On the last day you return the car at Hoedspruit airport or a private transfer takes you there.

2 Hotels

Every night is booked and confirmed in advance, at the level you choose: Budget, Comfort or Premium. Prefer another hotel? I change it.

3 Transport

You choose: self-drive with a rental car waiting for you, or a private driver and private transfers. Domestic flights, trains and boats where they make sense, all booked in advance.

4 Activities, at your pace

The activities and entrance tickets on the route. No guide or group travels with you: you set the pace, and anything you would rather skip, you simply leave out.

5 Eat wherever you like

Breakfast is included, as are the meals at remote camps and lodges where there is no alternative. For the rest I give you my restaurant tips, but you are completely free to choose where you eat. I never send you somewhere because it earns me something.

Estimated prices per person

PER PERSON, BASED ON 2 TRAVELLERS, EXCL. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

ACCOMMODATION LEVEL	Self-drive rental car, everything pre-booked	Private driver private transfers and driver
Budget simple, clean and well located	€2,470 p.p.	€3,540 p.p.
Comfort characterful mid-range	€2,850 p.p.	€3,920 p.p.
Premium the best addresses on the ground	€4,070 p.p.	€5,140 p.p.

WITH 4 TRAVELLERS	approx. 12% off per person: you share the car and driver. E.g. Comfort, private driver: approx. €3,450 p.p.
TRAVELLING SOLO	supplement of approx. 56%: you carry the room and transport alone. E.g. Comfort, private driver: approx. €6,115 p.p.
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT	I book your flight as part of your trip; the flight price for your dates is in your personal quote. Flight Brussels–Cape Town, returning from Hoedspruit via Johannesburg, not included: allow about € 700–1,050 p.p. depending on the month (cheapest in March, most expensive in July and December). I find you the best flight with your quote.

SELF-DRIVE

South Africa is one of the most pleasant countries for a self-drive trip: good tarred roads, clear signposting and short stages along the Garden Route. You drive on the left and never after dark. On day 4 your rental car is delivered to your hotel in Cape Town; you return it at George airport. In Mpumalanga a second car is waiting, which you leave in Hoedspruit. Your rental car comes with zero-excess insurance and a road book with driving times, fuel stops and safe parking. Fuel, tolls and parking are paid locally (indicative ± €160 for the whole route).

WITH A PRIVATE DRIVER

Rather not drive on the left? Then from Cape Town to George (days 4–12) you have one dedicated driver with a comfortable vehicle; he speaks English and Afrikaans, which Flemish speakers understand well. In Mpumalanga I use private transfers: from the airport to Hazyview, a day with a driver along the Panorama Route to the lodge, and finally to Hoedspruit airport. Safaris are with the park's and the lodge's rangers.

ESTIMATED PRICES Estimated prices: per person, based on 2 travellers sharing a room, excl. international flight, estimated from desk research (2027 price level). The binding price is the one in your personal proposal and booking confirmation.

Estimated price. In high season the price can be higher, in low season lower; your exact price is in your personal quote.

Three accommodation levels

Budget

Clean, well-reviewed guesthouses and small hotels (approx. €45–60 per room with breakfast). In the private reserve a simple tented camp on half board with two safari activities a day.

Comfort

Characterful guesthouses and mid-range hotels (approx. €75–100 per room), often with a pool, and a comfortable safari lodge on full board with all game drives included.

Premium

Boutique hotels and the best guesthouses (approx. €140–230 per room), a wine estate in Franschhoek and a top-rated lodge in the private reserve on full board with ranger and tracker. True luxury (five-star hotels, Sabi Sand lodges) on request.

Possible guided moments

Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

- ★ Day 3: a local city guide for Table Mountain, District Six and the Company's Garden
- ★ Day 4: a guide for the Cape Peninsula and Cape Point
- ★ Day 6: a wine guide in Stellenbosch and Franschhoek
- ★ Days 10–11: a nature guide for Robberg or Tsitsikamma
- ★ Always included, because it can't be done otherwise: the resident guide in Langa (day 5), the cave guide at the Cango Caves (day 9) and the rangers in Kruger and the private reserve (days 13–17)
- ★ Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

Ideas to adapt the route

- Shorter (12–14 days): skip Oudtshoorn and the Panorama Route, or choose only the Cape and the Garden Route with a malaria-free safari in the Eastern Cape
- Longer (up to 24 days): extra days in the Winelands, the Drakensberg, KwaZulu-Natal or a beach extension in Mozambique
- Mix: self-drive along the Garden Route and a private driver in Mpumalanga, or the other way round
- Whales: if you travel between July and November, I plan two nights in Hermanus
- Every hotel can be swapped: e.g. Budget on the road and Premium in the private reserve

Included

- ✓ 15 nights at your chosen level (Budget, Comfort or Premium): 12 nights in hotels and guesthouses with breakfast and 3 nights at a safari lodge in a private reserve
- ✓ Daily breakfast, the lunch in Langa and all meals in the private reserve, where there is no alternative (Budget: half board)
- ✓ Pickup at Cape Town airport with a name board and private transfer to your hotel
- ✓ Self-drive: two rental cars (Cape Town–George and Kruger Mpumalanga–Hoedspruit) with zero-excess insurance, second driver, one-way fees and a road book (fuel, tolls and parking are paid locally)
- ✓ Private driver: the same English/Afrikaans-speaking driver with vehicle from Cape Town to George (days 4–12) and private transfers in Mpumalanga, fuel and tolls included
- ✓ Domestic flight George – Johannesburg – Kruger Mpumalanga
- ✓ Guides where they are needed: the resident guide for the Langa walk (with lunch) and the Cango Caves tour
- ✓ Table Mountain cable car, Cape Point, Boulders Beach, Kirstenbosch, wine tastings, ostrich farm, Knysna lagoon cruise, Robberg, Tsitsikamma, Panorama Route
- ✓ Full-day Kruger safari in an open vehicle with ranger, incl. park fees
- ✓ Six game drives and a walking safari in the private reserve with ranger and tracker

Not included

- International flights Brussels – Cape Town / Johannesburg – Brussels and the Hoedspruit – Johannesburg flight (optional; together approx. €700–1,050 pp, depending on the month)
- Optional excursions: Robben Island, Hermanus whale-watching boat
- Lunches and dinners outside the private reserve, drinks (indicative approx. €25–40 pp per day)
- Self-drive: fuel, tolls and parking (indicative ± €160 for the whole route; paid locally)
- Self-drive: deposit on your credit card at the rental desk and any traffic fines
- Tips for driver, guides, rangers and trackers (indicative €8–10 pp per day)
- Travel and cancellation insurance

Practical information

VISA (BELGIAN CITIZENS)

No visa required for tourist stays up to 90 days. Passport valid at least 30 days beyond departure from South Africa, with at least 2 blank pages. An Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) exists since 12 August 2026 but is not (yet) mandatory for visa-exempt Europeans. Check before departure. Minors may need extra documents.

HEALTH

No mandatory vaccinations, except a valid yellow fever certificate when arriving from (or transiting more than 12 hours through) a yellow fever country. Malaria: low risk in the Kruger area, higher in the rainy season (October–May); always use mosquito protection, prophylaxis depending on season and person. Consult a travel clinic or wanda.be. Cape Town and the Garden Route are malaria-free.

CURRENCY & PAYMENT

South African rand (ZAR). Cards accepted almost everywhere.

FLIGHT TIME FROM BRUSSELS

Approx. 13–15 hours with one connection (Amsterdam–Cape Town direct approx. 11.5 hours).

TIME DIFFERENCE

South Africa (UTC+2): +1 hour in Belgian winter, no difference in Belgian summer.

LANGUAGE

Eleven official languages, incl. English, Afrikaans (quite understandable for Flemish speakers), isiZulu and isiXhosa.

MEALS

Breakfast is included every day, as are the lunch on the Langa township walk and the meals at the safari lodge in the private reserve, where there is no alternative (full board; half board at Budget level). For the other meals you get my restaurant recommendations, but you are completely free to choose where and when you eat: I never steer you to expensive restaurants in return for a commission.

GUIDES

By default you travel without a guide. Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

As of September 2026 — check diplomatie.belgium.be (travel advice) and wanda.be (health) before you travel.

Travelling responsibly

In Cape Town I opt for a township walk with a guide who lives there and a lunch at a local initiative instead of drive-through 'township tourism'. I work with smaller, family-run guesthouses and a safari lodge that trains local people as rangers and trackers. The private reserve levies fees that support anti-poaching. You travel in one car for your own party and domestic flights are limited to a single routing.



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MY CONTACT ON THE GROUND: [contact name]

ESTIMATED PRICES

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