



SAMPLE: The Real South Africa 13 day Experience

What is included

This itinerary presented by The Real South Africa and allows you to experience South Africa with a perfect mix of culture, leisure and exploration.

- Our services **include** the following but not limited to:
- All ground transportation
- concierge pick up and drop off at the airports
- professional guides
- drivers in upscale vehicles
- top accommodations at hotels in exclusive locations
- executive level dining and luxury dining options,
- most meals included with your activities as noted
- breakfast daily depending on your accommodation type
- full day safari at the most sought after game reserve in South Africa with a knowledgeable guide
- the opportunity to meet local South Africans and immerse yourself in the cultures here
- opportunity to experience top level shopping at two of South Africa's world renown malls for authentic African clothes and gifts.

Using our services means that we are on ground to assist for anything you may need while in country which is an added bonus to you while in the country of South Africa.

Day 1



Private transfer from JNB O.R. Tambo International Airport

Sawubona! A warm South African welcome to you. Upon your arrival at the beautiful O.R. Tambo International Airport following your long international flight, you will be privately transported to your luxury accommodations. Your driver will be eagerly awaiting your arrival, holding a sign with your name on it, making them easy to locate. Do not exit the terminal as they will be waiting for you just as you exit international arrival.



14:00

Executive level accommodations 4/5 Star in The City of Gold

Breakfast included daily, which consists of a beautiful buffet prepared by the hotel chef with your choice of hot or cold breakfast, as well as, made to order dishes just for you.

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Day 2



Your time to get out there and explore what South Africa has to offer

You are nestled in one of the most exciting and growing areas in South Africa. All of locations are designed to give you the opportunity to experience South Africa and its daily life. These hip locations have everything you want from food to beauty bars as well amazing spots to mingle and engage with the locals.

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Johannesburg - The City of Gold

Cosmopolitan Johannesburg (also known as Jo'burg or Jozi) sprawls for miles, sprouting upper-income suburbs like satellite towns – one of them, sophisticated Sandton, is the business and economic capital of South Africa. Soweto, home to most of Johannesburg's black population, lies to the southwest, a 20 square km conglomeration of townships with homes that range from millionaire mansions and neat middle-income housing to the tin shacks of squatter camps.

The city built on gold has seen its landmark yellow mine dumps recycled and replaced by skyrise buildings and glitzy shopping malls, and its recent apartheid history remembered in superb new museums. Soaring chrome and glass buildings, housing opulent international hotels and corporate giants, pepper the leafy streets of a string of exclusive northern suburbs – among them, rich Rosebank, elite Sandhurst, bohemian Melrose Village and foody Greenside. Across a canopy of green, the horizon is spiked by the outline of downtown Johannesburg, slowly stirring from its no-go dilapidation. Six-lane highways and swirling freeways indicate the importance of the car.

[Things to do in Johannesburg](#)

Day 3



9:00 - South Africa Standard Time

Private Tour of the Famous Soweto Township

Private Soweto Township Tour

This tour takes you through the streets of So-we-to (South Western Townships) and its adjoining suburbs. **The largest and still fastest growing Township in South Africa.** Experience all the turmoil of this city during the “apartheid” years. The early house of Mr. Mandela (which is now the Mandela Family Museum), will be visited, as well as a shebeen (typical tavern) and the Regina Mundi Catholic Church the largest Catholic Cathedral in the Southern Hemisphere (1 600 square meters). Here one of the few Black Madonna’s in the world can be seen. This was also the venue for many illegal meetings in the “old” South Africa.

[Soweto Township Experience](#)



Lunch at 1947 on Vilakazi Street Restaurant *R300/pp towards meal*

This exciting new restaurant on Vilakazi Street - the only street in the world where two Noble Peace Prize winners lived! Today it's a social hub, constantly abuzz in Soweto.

This restaurant is owned by a black female who was born and bred in Soweto. The restaurant is named after the year her parents were born. Find out more about this amazing establishment and its trailblazing female owner, [Lele - 1947 on Vilakazi Street Owner](#)

Day 4



9:30 - South Africa Standard Time

Apartheid Museum

[Apartheid Museum](#)

The Apartheid Museum, the first of its kind, illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid.

An architectural consortium, comprising several leading architectural firms, conceptualised the design of the building on a seven-hectare stand. The museum is a superb example of design, space and landscape offering the international community a unique South African experience.

The exhibits have been assembled and organised by a multi-disciplinary team of curators, film-makers, historians and designers. They include provocative film footage, photographs, text panels and artefacts illustrating the events and human stories that are part of the horrific period in our history, known as apartheid.



19:00 - South Africa Standard Time - 2 hr 30 min

Black Owned 5 Star Dining Experience at Signature Restaurant *included meal*

wine or bottle service on your own account

You will then be transported back to the hotel so that can prepare for a night of luxury.

Dinner at Signature Restaurant in Morningside. Where you will enjoy live music, an extravagant atmosphere and food that will make your tastebuds happy.

[Signature Restaurant Morningside](#)

Day 5



9:00

Lion and Safari Park

The Lion Park is a truly unique venue. Play and have your photo taken with various cubs (if available) in an enclosed area – definitely a memorable experience. The park is not intended to be a game reserve, nor does it fall within the definition of a zoo. The idea is to have indigenous animals moving around as freely as possible in a natural environment, with visitors being able to come as close to them as possible, affording one the opportunity to view and photograph them at close quarters from the comfort of an enclosed game viewing vehicle.

[Lion and Safari Park](#)



Lesedi Cultural Village *included meal*

wine, liquor, beer, spirits, alcohol or bottle service on your own account

Lesedi African Lodge and Cultural Village offers two unique day experiences in themselves where guests can share the excitement and warmth of true rural African culture.

The morning program at 11H30 is known as the Monati experience and the late afternoon program at 16H30 is known as the Boma experience.

[Lesedi Cultural Village](#)

Day 6



7:00 - South Africa Standard Time - 7 hr

Full Day Safari with guide at the Pilanesberg Private Game Reserve. *lunch included in the park*

On this day enjoy your own private Safari in Pilanesberg National Park. Pilanesberg National Park, located in the Northwest Province, is short drive away that allows you the opportunity to experience a Safari on a reserve that is home to the Big 5. The Lion, Elephant, Cape Buffalo, Leopard and Rhinoceros.

Enjoy the view of his beautiful land as you sit comfortably to take it all in. Once you arrive at the park, the adventure begins, so keep your eyes open and your head on a swivel, you never know when or what you might see while out in nature in this beautiful private park. After searching and seeing you will have lunch provided at the park. You will continue your game drive for a few more hours before returning to your accommodations to rest and prepare for dinner.

[Pilanesberg National Park](#)

Day 7



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13:00 - South Africa Standard Time

The Famous Sandton City and Mandela Square: Africa's Richest Square Mile

You will be privately transferred to the iconic Mandela Square in the famous Sandton City, **Africa's richest square mile**. Here you can visit stores on Diamond Walk, with the highest luxury brands available in South Africa.

[Sandton City and Mandela Square](#)

Hope all that walking and shopping worked up an appetite as you prepare to continue your day into the evening at your next destination.

Day 8



10:00 - South Africa Standard Time - 3 hr

Visit the largest mall, Mall of Africa, for your exclusive shopping experience

You have heard about the mall built to be the largest mall in Africa, The Mall of Africa! Here you will see grand architecture, experience the leisure lifestyle that is South Africa. Enjoy food, high end shopping and view from the piazza that is unmatched. Relax and breathe as this mall has everything you need and more.

[The Mall of Africa](#)

Private Transfer to Mall of Africa

You can enjoy lunch on the piazza before heading to your next destination.



18:30 - South Africa Standard Time - 2 hr
Luxury Dinner at the Grill House *included meal*
wine or bottle service on your own account

The Grill House is home to some of the best cuts of steak in all of South Africa and is known for its exceptional service. The source of this meat is grown locally at a farm and is specific to this restaurant. If you are not a meat eater, they also have a wonderful selection of vegetarian dishes that are sure to excite the palate.

Enjoy your meal with cocktail or one of their many sophisticated wines that they assist you in pairing based on your meal selection. Enjoy the atmosphere, the food and this full culinary foodie experience.

[The Grill House](#)

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Day 10



Indulgent Half Day at a South African Spa

*****any items suggested/purchased by the Spa staff will be on your own account*****

you can live a tip for your therapist

South Africa is home to some of the most exquisite spas in the world and what they offer is unique and one of kind. Spend the day relaxing and enjoying the sounds of nature as you fully take in what it means to be in the moment here at an authentic South African Spa. Complete with your choice of treatments so that you can customize your experience to meet the desires of your heart.

South African Spas is a True African Spa & Entertainment Destination Experience, Committed to Empowerment and Responsible Tourism.

By marrying Western Cultures with Ancient African Rituals, Guests are Pampered with decadent therapies for Total Relaxation of Body, Mind and Soul.

South African Spas is suitable for couples, groups and individuals of all ages.

Day 11



Your private driver

Use this time to view more of the Gauteng Province and explore with the kids or just to relax

Day 12



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Day 13



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Transfer from hotel accommodations to JNB O.R. Tambo Int'l airport for departure to your next destination, domestic or international

Information & Documents



The Real South Africa: Registration Terms and Conditions 2022-2023.pdf

Please note the terms and conditions and please send back an emergency contact for us to have on record for your file. You can submit via email or text/WhatsApp.

*The 30 min phone consultation and initial custom itinerary is FREE. Changes to the initial custom itinerary will be charged at rate of \$50 USD per change, no more than 3 changes allowed.

If you booked your experience on line, no changes to the itinerary may be made other than changing of your arrival date without any additional charge. Any additional services requested to be added to an itinerary booked on line, will be charged: including, viewing of home and schools and need to paid prior to changing of the itinerary.

DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

PROPOSALS ARE ONLY GOOD FOR 14 DAYS - ONCE APPROVED 20% DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY SECURE YOUR EXPERIENCE.

Please note that in person visit/time with The Real South Africa is not guaranteed and is only subject to their availability and their demographic location while you are in country**



Things to Know Before Traveling to South Africa

This is a list of things to know before you embark on your experience here in South Africa. Do note, that this section will auto update in the app as things change for travel here in South Africa.

Covid Test is no longer required to enter the country Nor is a Covid Test required to Exit the Country for those traveling to the United States.

****Adapter plugs for South Africa** - you may want to consider a universal adapter kit to ensure all your electronic devices can be charged during your stay, make sure they are compatible for South Africa****