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## The Best of South Africa

ing Fancourt - The Links, Fancourt - The Montagu, Pinnacle Point, Arabella, Pearl Valley, Steenberg &amp;

This epic 16-day journey covers the best of the Cape, Garden Route, Winelands and Kruger National Park Play seven rounds including Leopard Creek, a regular stop on the DP World Tour and situated on the border of Kruger National Park Tee it up at Fancourt - The Links, the #1 ranked course in South Africa Get your cameras ready on safari as you search for the Big 5 on multiple game drives Enjoy 5-star lodging at the Fancourt Manor House, Birkenhead House, La Residence, Cape Grace and Jock Safari Lodge Consider combining this trip with Victoria Falls and Botswana

### Thursday, January 1

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This evening depart the United States.

### Friday, January 2

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On arrival at George Airport, you will be met by our VIP arrival assistant at the exit ramp of your aircraft. They will assist you through Immigration and Luggage Claims to your driver in the arrivals hall. If your schedule requires an additional internal connecting flight, you will be helped with check-in to that flight and you will be met by your driver after luggage claim in the arrivals hall of your second stop.

OVERNIGHT: **Fancourt Manor House** - 2 Homewood Suite

### Saturday, January 3

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Today play **Fancourt - The Montagu (tbc)**. Designed by Gary Player and remodeled in 2004 by David McKay-Kidd (Bandon Dunes), the Montagu is South Africa's best parkland golf course. With the highest levels of conditioning and true championship layout, The Montagu at Fancourt sets the standards by which all other courses in South Africa are measured.

**Sightseeing Suggestion:** The Garden Route and Little Karoo's natural assets will have you question ever wanting to leave this idyllic spot! The Garden Route and Little Karoo spans from Witsands whale birthing haven in the West to Plettenberg Bays beach, polo and party-going pleasures in the East. Then there's the arid geological basin along the interior, wedged between the fynbos-rich Heidelberg in the west and Uniondales eastern sheep farming and rock art treasures. It's all about an abundance of blue skies, white sand beaches, rolling oceans, mountain scenery, indigenous fynbos, ostrich antics and local hospitality. A place where you can travel along routes where you are often alone on the open road or make for the malls and beaches Golden vineyards, sun-drenched orchards, pin-drop-silent forests, sweeping lakes and birds eye view passes add to the mix.

OVERNIGHT: **Fancourt Manor House** - 2 Homewood Suite

### Sunday, January 4

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**Sightseeing Suggestion:** Today tour the Klein Karoo region inland from George, taking in the town of Oudshoorn,

the Ostrich farms, Cango Wildlife Ranch & the Cango Caves. 29km from Oudtshoorn, at the head of the picturesque Cango Valley, lies the spectacular underground wonder of the Klein Karoo - the Cango Caves. Situated in a limestone ridge parallel to the Swartberg Mountains, you will find the finest dripstone caverns in Africa, with vast halls and towering formations. Lost in absolute darkness, a deep stillness, a constant temperature and high humidity, it is a world with its own unique scenery of calcite masterpieces formed by gently dripping water. The tour includes a few natural chambers and takes one (standard) or one-and-a-half hours (adventure) to explore.

OVERNIGHT: **Fancourt Manor House** - 2 Homewood Suite

## Monday, January 5

Today play **Fancourt - The Links (tbc)**. **Ranked #1** in South Africa. Created from a previously flat piece of land, over 700 000 cubic metres of earth was moved in transforming it into a typical Links style. The course presents undulating windswept terrain and dune-style landscape and is the only such course in South Africa. Every hole has received detailed attention to ensure that the overall balance in terms of length, position of hazards and shot values are in harmony. As a result, The Links presents a stern test in all weather conditions. The Links experience includes a mandatory caddie and the option to walk or take a cart.

**Sightseeing Suggestion:** Plettenberg Bay is a very popular holiday resort about 32km (half hour drive) from Knysna. Take a very pleasant day trip to Plett stopping off to take a relaxing forest walk through the Garden of Eden. The walk is also suitable for people in wheelchairs. A few kilometres further on is the turnoff to Harkerville and Kranshoek which has one of the most spectacular views of the rugged coastline. Plett, as it is affectionately called, has sparkling white beaches and some of the best swimming and surfing in the Garden Route. There are two lagoons with lots of hermit crabs and inquisitive seagulls. The lovely long walks along the edge of the azure sea are often rewarded with whale and dolphin sightings. Plett has lots of places to eat and interesting shops,

OVERNIGHT: **Fancourt Manor House** - 2 Homewood Suite

## Tuesday, January 6

Today play **Pinnacle Point (tbc)**. Magnificently perched atop staggering cliffs, this windswept course three hours east of Cape Town and a half hour south of George marks a major addition to South Africa's already world-class golf scene. Six of the holes play across deep chasms to greens that seem to float in the Indian Ocean. The yawning ravines and distant horizons can make 150-yard shots look like twice that length. On the par-four eighth, tee and green sit on opposing bluffs; big hitters can attempt an all-or-nothing carry with the hope of having an easy wedge in, or play it safe by bailing out left and facing a much longer approach. Throughout the layout, the architects wisely designed large, fairly flat greens that yield plenty of sensible pin placements and give golfers who have run a gauntlet just to get to the green a bit of a break. (cart fee included)

OVERNIGHT: **Birkenhead House** - 2 Luxury Room

## Wednesday, January 7

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## Thursday, January 8

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Today is a free day to enjoy the area. Your travel expert will assist in planning additional activities that meet your interests and level of adventure.

Today play **Arabella (tbc)**. Ranked no. 5 in South Africa in 2005, Arabella is perfectly designed to exploit its unique position alongside the largest natural lagoon in Southern Africa. The 8th, 9th, 17th and 18th holes run parallel to the lagoon, proving a truly memorable experience. Choosing a signature hole proves to be an extremely difficult task as all of the holes are well designed with spectacular views. The course is the host course to the Nelson Mandela Invitational, Africa's premier Pro-am Charity Event. (cart fee included)

OVERNIGHT: **La Residence** - 2 Luxury Suite

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## Friday, January 9

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**Sightseeing Inclusion:** Full day wine touring in the Cape Winelands. Exact touring routes will be decided by the guide based on the specific interests in the group and the hotel starting point.

**Regular Tour Highlights include:** Cellar tour \* Wine Tasting (at least 2 wineries) \* Stellenbosch, town of oaks \* Boschendal historic manor house \* Franschhoek Valley \* Paarl. A lunch stop will be made en route and is included in the cost.

OVERNIGHT: **La Residence** - 2 Luxury Suite

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## Saturday, January 10

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Play today at **Pearl Valley (tbc)**. Set in the famous Franschhoek Wine region, this new Jack Nicklaus Signature Course is a treat to play. Pearl Valley is probably in the top conditioned course in South Africa. As with many Nicklaus courses, water on the right with plenty of sand, will keep the golfers mind off the wide landing areas provided. Also a new development, the course and its geographical location allow for guests to enjoy a day outing in the Winelands with high quality golf to compliment the food and wine. A second course, 'Bears Best' will be built shortly on the same property. (cart fee included)

**Sightseeing Suggestion:** Cape Town is considered as the Mother City of South Africa. Since 1652 it has been ruled by the Dutch (twice) the French and the English. Add to that the Eastern and African cultures introduced by slaves and migrants and you have one of the most diverse local populations that you could wish to find. Whilst the people are friendly and interesting, the scenery is spectacular. With Table Mountain framing the city and white beaches surrounding it, Cape Town has long been a summer vacation playground for South Africans and International folk looking for something unique. Culturally Cape Town is at its most active during the months from June to September when the silly season is over and people get down to doing what they do best, relaxing and enjoying the Cape Town lifestyle.

OVERNIGHT: **Cape Grace by Fairmont** - 2 Table Mountain Luxury Room

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## Sunday, January 11

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### **Sightseeing Inclusion:** Historic Cape Town & Table Mountain.

Depart the city for the Lower Cableway Station to board the revolving cable car for a 5-minute ride to the top of Table Mountain. 1036 meters above sea level, it affords bird's-eye views of both city and Peninsula as you walk its summit (weather permitting). Return to the city via the old Cape Malay Quarter, for a walk through the Company Gardens, the fresh produce gardens for ships and locals from the mid 17th Century and today, home to the SA Museum, Cultural History Museum, Houses of Parliament, National Gallery and St George's Cathedral. Stroll through the city to Greenmarket Square to browse African mementos at its bustling market stalls.

Explore other areas of personal interest such as art galleries, restaurants or enjoy added R&R time in Camps Bay or on the beach at Clifton. Your guide will discuss finer items directly with you.

OVERNIGHT: **Cape Grace by Fairmont** - 2 Table Mountain Luxury Room

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## Monday, January 12

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Play today at **Steenberg (tbc)**. An 18 hole championship course designed by Peter Matkovich; a backdrop of vineyards, gardens, forests and mountains provides the setting for this beautiful exclusive course. The course is always in excellent condition with bent grass greens and lush fairways. Steenberg offers you the opportunity of excellent golf within the historic setting of one of the Cape's oldest wine farms. Dating back to 1682 the vineyards have been replanted and 140 acres are now under vines.

OVERNIGHT: **Cape Grace by Fairmont** - 2 Table Mountain Luxury Room

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## Tuesday, January 13

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### **Sightseeing Inclusion:** Cape Peninsula Tour.

Depart the city along the spectacular Atlantic Seaboard, en route to the fishing village of Hout Bay to explore the harbour, visiting its fish markets and shops. Continue over the 600m heights of Chapman's Peak Drive, one of the world's most breath-taking passes and past the Cape's longest beach, with a chance to spot Southern Right Whales just offshore from June to November.

Enter the Cape of Good Hope National Park for a walk (or optional funicular ride) up to the Cape Point Lighthouse, to take in magical ocean vistas at this, the south westernmost point of Africa. Head along the False Bay coast to Boulders Beach near Simonstown to see a colony of African Penguins and then continue past the seaside resorts of False Bay, towards the city. The last stop of the day is Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, for a walk through one of the largest collections of indigenous plants in the world.

**Tour Highlights include:** Hout Bay Harbour \* Chapman's Peak Drive \* Cape of Good Hope National Park and

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Cape Point \* Visit to Penguins at Boulders Beach \* Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens \* A lunch stop will be made en route and is included in the cost.

OVERNIGHT: **Cape Grace by Fairmont** - 2 Table Mountain Luxury Room

### Wednesday, January 14

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Today is a travel day between regions. The exact route, timing, transport options and additional touring ideas will be planned with your PerryGolf Travel Expert.

Today fly to Skukuza Airport. (The cost of this flight will be quoted separately)

OVERNIGHT: **Jock Safari Lodge** - 2 Main Jock

### Thursday, January 15

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Enjoy a full day on safari in the care of your safari lodge rangers.

The average summer schedule is:

5:00 am: Wake up call & early morning coffee.

5:30 am: Morning Safari Drive commences.

9:00 am: Breakfast back at the lodge.

10:00 am: Bush walk (if available) / spa treatments.

1:00 am: Lunch is served.

2:00 am: R&R / Siesta or spa time.

3.30 am: Afternoon tea.

4:00 am: Evening Safari Drive commences.

7:30 am: Return for drinks around the campfire.

8:00 am: Dinner is served.

OVERNIGHT: **Jock Safari Lodge** - 2 Main Jock

### Friday, January 16

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Today play **Leopard Creek (tbc)**. Situated near Malelane in the heart of Mpumalanga, on the southern border of the Kruger National Park, Leopard Creek presents a rare opportunity to play an outstanding bushveld golf course. The 360 hectare development is bordered to the north and west by the picturesque Crocodile River and the Kruger National Park. Typical bushveld koppies overlook the course from the east, providing an ideal backdrop for a magnificent Gary Player designed course. Ranked #1 in South Africa in 2005 \* 2023, Leopard Creek is everything you would expect from one of the most exclusive and unique golf experiences in the World.

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OVERNIGHT: **Jock Safari Lodge** - 2 Main Jock

**Saturday, January 17**

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Enjoy a full day of safari activities in the care of your lodge rangers.

OVERNIGHT: **Jock Safari Lodge** - 2 Main Jock

**Sunday, January 18**

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Depart South Africa from the Skukuza Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### Fancourt Manor House

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Blanco House, the 150 year-old original Manor House and National Monument set on the 613 hectare Fancourt Estate was meticulously remodelled to create a boutique hotel that offers old-world, new-world and out of this world beauty and elegance. The Manor House offers a unique combination of classic opulence and the indulgent sophistication of a 21st century boutique hotel.

### Birkenhead House

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Set on a dramatic rocky bluff, this opulent boutique has views over Walker Bay where southern right whales migrate between May and December and calve during the month of August. The property makes the most of the vantage point, with terraces and an infinity pool (one of three) overlooking the water, and huge windows in all 11 suites. The guest units are decorated with eclectic antiques from France, Russia, and China, and have especially wonderful baths—request Studio 5 for a Zen spa-like sunken tub, or Studio 3 for a claw-foot beauty in the center of the bedroom. The slew of nature-based activities range from the sedate (beach lounging, cheese-and-wine-tasting tours) to the exertive (kayaking, bird-watching hikes on the cliffs) to the heart-racing (cage diving among sharks). Refuel at the end of the day in the guests-only restaurant, which serves fresh-caught seafood, stellar sushi, and homemade focaccia.

### La Residence

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Gracing a 30-acre estate in the heart of the majestic Franschhoek Valley, this private hotel is a considered a work of art, taking luxury to a new level. The property boasts 11 ultra-luxurious suites all decorated with exquisite Persian carpets and an eclectic mix of objects d'art. World class cuisine is on offer in the baronial dining area or on the patio. Personalised service is the order of the day. Each vast and opulently appointed suite is complemented by a plational en-suite bathroom. The private balconies offer panoramic views of the vineyards, mountains and valley. Your stay includes bed, breakfast and all local beverages.

### Cape Grace by Fairmont

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Standing at the heart of the V&A Waterfront is a figure that evokes familiarity, comfort and a sense of adventure â€“ Cape Grace is a timeless presence. With rooms gazing out onto the harbour, marina, or the majestic silhouette of Table Mountain, this grand hotel feels as if it has always been part of the landscape. Every visit, even the first, truly feels like a homecoming.

From the warm and personal check-in process to the convenience of our complimentary chauffeured drives, each step is an opportunity for us to connect with our guests. Our personalized room experience envelops you in warmth, infusing your stay with an abundance of thoughtful amenities and heartfelt gestures. Uniquely situated in the heart of the city, our serene spa and gym spaces and exclusive pool exude an intimate atmosphere akin to a private retreat.

Each one of our culinary expressions take place in exquisite settings that enhance our guestsâ€™ unique dining experiences. Elegantly served alongside a curated wine list, our Restaurant menu pays homage to both classic and

innovative culinary traditions. Whether you seek solace with a compelling book, engaging conversation, or joining us for Afternoon Tea, our enchanting Library Lounge serves a sanctuary for both the connoisseur and the curious.

End your day at Cape Grace™s iconic Bascule Bar; a beloved rendezvous for sundowners, served alongside gorgeous marina views, and its renowned collection of wines and whiskies from around the world.

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## Jock Safari Lodge

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Jock Safari Lodge is the first private lodge set in the heart of Africa's premier wildlife reserve, the Kruger National Park. This luxury lodge incorporates the romance and elegance of the past colonial era, and reflects in its unique style the indigenous Zulu and Shangaan cultures. The Kruger Park offers some of the best game viewing available in Africa and Jock Safari Lodge is situated in one of the best game viewing areas of the park. Sightings of animals including the BIG FIVE can be seen while relaxing around the rock pool or from the comfort and privacy of your own room. Walking safaris, Birding safaris and guided Historical tours will take you along the paths of legend and mystery. Interpret the signs, sounds and scents of wild animals in this unspoilt wilderness. Clients staying at Jock can enjoy golf at Leopard Creek which is 40 minutes drive through the park. Your expectations of comfort and quality will be exceeded at Jock Safari Lodge. 12 Luxury air conditioned suites offer guests the unique opportunity to experience the gracious style of old world elegance surrounded by unspoilt wilderness. Each suite has a private Sala (outdoor lounge) that overlooks the river. The romantic bathrooms and outdoor showers share the same river view and sightings of animals, including the BIG FIVE can be seen from the comfort & privacy of your own room. Each suite has a King size bed surrounded by walk-in mosquito netting, a small lounge and twin basin bathroom. Your private terrace has its own plunge pool and a wooden walkway to a lapa overlooking the riverbed. Further features: -All power is generated on 220volt -Telephones on micro dish -Flatscreen DSTV available – on request -Pool - Private Plunge pools at each suite -Onsite game rangers and fenced security in the camp from predators -Internet access -Spa & Wellness **ACCOMMODATION INCLUDES:** -All meals, teas and coffees & local alcoholic beverages -Two safaris per day in open landrovers -Tourism Marketing levy of R5.00 pppn -Daily walking safaris - only subject to availability