

# The Best of **South Africa** Escorted 2019 Golf, Kruger Safari, Cape Town, the Winelands & Garden Route

14 Nights, 4 at Jock Safari Lodge | 5 Rounds | February 23 - March 9 Victoria Falls and Botswana Extensions Available

# Tour **Pricing** Per Guest

Golfer: \$11,750 | Non Golfer: \$10,600 | Single Supplement: \$4,860

This escorted itinerary begins in **Cape Town** at the exceptional **Cape Grace Hotel** for four nights. We'll explore this iconic city from the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront to the top of Table Mountain before transferring to the **Lanzerac Estate Hotel**, a private 300 year old working wine estate in the Jonkershoek Valley, less than an hour away in the Cape Winelands. The Garden Route is next for four nights at **Fancourt** in their 5-star boutique hotel within a resort – **The Manor House** – whose eighteen suites are pampered with 24 hour butler service. This region is so named because of the ecologically diverse vegetation found here among the numerous lagoons and lakes that follow the coast. You'll want to visit **Knysna**, **Mossel Bay**, **Oudtshoorn** and nearby **Cango Caves**, **Plettenberg Bay** and **Nature's Valley**. The tour will conclude in one of the most thrilling places on Earth, **Kruger National Park**. We will be four nights under a canopy of sparkling African stars in luxury suites at **Jock Safari Lodge** for seven game drives expecting to see the Big Five on multiple occasions.

The golf is equally exotic. All five clubs are among the country's Top 40 including **Pearl Valley**, **Pinnacle Point** and **#1 Fancourt - The Links**. All cart/caddie costs are included as are the wine and sightseeing tours, all four intercountry flights plus a number of lunches and dinners.

# **Detailed** Itinerary

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23: CAPE TOWN

**Sightseeing Inclusion - Cape Town**. 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. Nearly 3,400 ft above sea level, it affords birds-eye views of both the city and Peninsula as you walk its summit. Return to the city via the old Cape Malay Quarter for a walk through the Company Gardens, a park and heritage site originally created in the 1650s by the region's first European settlers. Today it is home to the SA Museum, Cultural History Museum, Houses of Parliament, National Gallery and St George's Cathedral.

Drive to the Castle of Good Hope, the oldest building in South Africa with its collection of Old Cape paintings and take in the Grand Parade where Nelson Mandela addressed the nation on his release in 1990. At the District Six Museum you'll see a moving collection of stories, pictures and memorabilia highlighting the colorful life of this suburb which now stands empty, thanks to the destruction of homes and forced removal of residents during the height of the Apartheid era.



**Sightseeing Suggestion - The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.** Situated between Robben Island and Table Mountain in the heart of Cape Town's working harbor, The Waterfront has become South Africa's most visited destination. Set against a backdrop of magnificent sea and mountain views, exciting shopping and entertainment venues are intermingled with imaginative office locations, world-class hotels and luxury apartments in the residential marina.

Overnight: Cape Grace Hotel. Table Mountain Luxury Room with breakfast included

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24: CAPE TOWN

GOLF: Today play **Fancourt - The Montagu** . Designed by Gary Player and remodelled in 2004 by David McLay-Kidd (Bandon Dunes, Machrihanish Dunes), the Montagu is regarded as 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.

Caddies / Carts are included

OVERNIGHT: Fancourt Manor House - Homewood Suite , breakfast included.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25: CAPE TOWN

Play today at **Steenberg**, an 18 hole championship course designed by Peter Matkovich. A backdrop of vineyards, gardens, forests and mountains provides the setting for this beautiful and 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.

Enjoy Tapas after golf at BISTO 1682 found in the Steenberg Winery.

Overnight: Cape Grace Hotel. Table Mountain Luxury Room with breakfast included.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26: CAPE TOWN

**Sightseeing Inclusion - Cape Peninsula Tour**. Depart the city along the spectacular Atlantic Seaboard en route to the fishing village of Hout Bay where (as an optional extra) take a half-hour cruise to see Cape Fur Seals, or explore the harbour, visiting its fish markets and shops. Continue over the 1,200 ft heights of Chapman's Peak Drive, one of the world's most breath-taking passes and past the Cape's longest beach where Southern Right Whales can be spotted offshore from June to November.

Our visit to the **Cape of Good Hope National Park** includes 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. Next we'll 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 Cape Point \* Visit to Penguins at Boulders Beach \* Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens \* All admission fees are included as



is lunch.

Final tour cocktails and dinner this evening at The Cape Grace Hotel.

Overnight: Cape Grace Hotel. Table Mountain Luxury Room with breakfast included

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27: STELLENBOSCH

Transfer from Cape Grace to Stellenbosch and the Lanzerac Hotel. (1 hr)

Today play **Pearl Valley**. Set in the famous Franschhoek Wine region, this Jack Nicklaus Signature Course is consistently one of the top conditioned courses 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 in the Winelands with high quality golf to compliment the food and wine. *Cart included*.

Dinner at Lanzerac in the Governors Hall - including wine.

Overnight: Lanzerac Hotel. Classic Room with breakfast included.

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28: STELLENBOSCH

**Sightseeing Inclusion - Cape Winelands**. Depart the city for a scenic drive towards the Boland Mountains and Cape Wine Country. Here, we'll visit our first vineyard for a cellar tour and a chance to taste some of the exceptional wines of this world famous wine region. Continue to Stellenbosch, South Africa's second oldest town, with its classic 17-18th Century Cape Dutch architecture set amidst oak-lined avenues, and pause a while to browse this beautiful university town. Proceed to Boschendal Wine Estate visiting its impressively restored manor house, en route to Franschhoek, where French Huguenots settled in 1688. Explore the town's shops and galleries before returning to Cape Town via Paarl, birthplace of the Afrikaans language.

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: Lanzerac Hotel. Classic Room with breakfast included.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 1: STELLENBOSCH & GEORGE

This morning fly to George. Luggage will travel by road.

Today play **The Montagu Course** at **Fancourt**. Designed by Gary Player and remodeled in 2004 by David McLay Kidd (Bandon Dunes, The Castle Course St Andrews), The Montagu is South Africa's #6 and its 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. *Carts are included along with 1 caddie per cart*.

Overnight: The Fancourt Manor House. Luxury Suite with breakfast included



### SATURDAY, MARCH 2: GEORGE

Today play **Fancourt - The Links** in the morning. Created on a flat piece of land, South African's #1 had over 700,000 cubic metres of earth moved to transform it into a links style layout. The course presents undulating terrain and a dunescape that 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 solid test for every club in your bag. The Links has hosted the 2003 Presidents Cup, 2005 Women's World Cup and 2006 South African Open.

The Links is walking only and the cost of a caddie is included. If you wish to add an extra tip for an outstanding experience, please feel free to do so in cash directly.

**Dining Suggestion - Serendipity.** Here you will find a five-course table d'hote menu designed by award-winning chef Lizelle Stolze along with her husband Rudolf's wine cellar, one of most impressive in South African. The restaurant is situated on the Touw River Lagoon adjacent to the Wilderness National Park just 20 minutes from Fancourt. Your butler will be pleased to arrange you reservation.

Overnight: The Fancourt Manor House. Luxury Suite with breakfast included

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3: GEORGE

Today is for touring the **Garden Route**.

We will depart Fancourt at 9:30AM and drive along the coast to Knysna who's most famed attraction is the Knysna Heads, the treacherous entry into the lagoon where many an ancient sailing vessel met its doom. Today on the Western Head is the privately owned Featherbed Nature Reserve dedicated to preserving the richness of local fauna and flora. Visitors are permitted only in the presence of one of the reserve's guides.

We will visit the Knysna Elephant Park which is home to relocated jumbo families, while the Monkeyland primate sanctuary nearby does the same for tree-loving species.

A dolphin-spotting boat tour can be arranged to include a stop at the Robberg Peninsula near Plettenberg Bay to visit a noisy seal colony.

Additional golf can be arranged at Fancourt, George or Oubaai depending on availability.

Overnight: The Fancourt Manor House. Luxury Suite with breakfast included

## MONDAY, MARCH 4: GEORGE

Relax this morning before departing Fancourt at 10.15AM for the 45 minute drive to the Indian Ocean where you will play Pinnacle Point at noon.

**Pinnacle Point** is spectacularly perched atop staggering cliffs. It ranks comfortably among the Old Heads, Cape Kidnappers and Cabot Cliffs of the golf world for astounding places to build a golf course. Six of the holes play across deep chasms to greens that seem to float in the 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. *Cart included*.

Overnight: The Fancourt Manor House. Luxury Suite with breakfast included

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 5: GEORGE & KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

This morning we will fly from George to Johannesburg and from Johannesburg to Skukuza.

Transfer to Jock Safari Lodge in Kruger National Park (45 min).

On arrival to Kruger, you will be met by Jock Safari Lodge Transport and driven to the lodge. Jock is located in the heart of Southern Kruger, one of the finest game viewing regions in all of Africa. Big Five sightings are routine, with the area being particularly good for leopard, lion, elephant and rhino.

The afternoon safari activities start at 4PM and dinner is served at 8PM.

Your stay at Jock includes all meals, snacks along with drinks on your safari drives. Drinks in camp are billed to your room.

Overnight: Jock Safari Lodge Suite with all meals included

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Two Game Drives today.

#### **Morning Game Drive:**

5:30 AM- Wake up for the morning game drive.

7:45 AM- Enjoy coffee and tea in the bush.

9:00 AM- A full breakfast is served upon your return from the game drive.

11:00 AM - Enjoy an interpretive bush walk.

1:00 PM - Lunch is served.

2:30 PM- Enjoy a massage on the deck of your suite or relax at the pool.

#### **Evening Game Drive:**

4:00 PM- Enjoy high tea before evening game drive.

5:30 PM - Happy Hour in the bush with cocktails and snacks as the sun sets

8:00 PM - The fires are lit in the boma for dinner under the African stars.

Overnight: Jock Safari Lodge with all meals included.

# THURSDAY, MARCH 7: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a second full day on safari at Jock Lodge.

Depending on the wildlife, weather and fitness of the group, a walking safari is possible. This is reviewed on the day.



Overnight: Jock Safari Lodge Suite with all meals included

# FRIDAY, MARCH 8: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a third full day on safari at Jock Lodge.

Overnight: Jock Safari Lodge Suite with all meals included

# SATURDAY, MARCH 9: JOHANNESBURG

Return to Johannesburg for departing flights.

Depart from SKUKUZA or continue on with our Victoria Falls extension.

# **Golf** Schedule

# Steenberg



Steenberg is among a backdrop of vineyards, gardens, forests and mountains provides the setting for this beautiful exclusive course. The course is visually stunning and strategically challenging. It's 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.

# **Pearl Valley**

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## Fancourt - The Montagu



Designed by Gary Player and remodeled in 2004 by David McLay-Kidd (Bandon Dunes), the Montagu is one of South Africa's best parkland golf courses. With the highest levels of conditioning and true championship layout, this tree-lined and challenging course over rolling terrain leaves a positive lasting impression on all who play here. The 8th hole is a delightful par-3 measuring 182 yards,



entirely over water. The Montagu at Fancourt sets the standards by which all other courses in South Africa are measured.

#### Fancourt - The Links

The Links, a privately owned club that sits alongside Fancourt, is the No. 1 ranked course in South Africa and is included in the Top 100 courses outside the USA. Over 700,000 cubic metres of earth were moved to transform the old George Airport into an incredible Links style course. The course presents undulating windswept terrain and dune-style landscape that is always in immaculate condition. The Links presents a stern test in all weather conditions. It is the Host course of the 2003 Presidents Cup, 2005 Women's World Cup and 2006 South African Open along with other European Tour events.



#### Pinnacle Point



The renowned architect Peter Matkovich put it best, describing the property at Pinnacle Point by saying, 'this is the most dramatic golf course site I've ever encountered anywhere in the world.' It's difficult to argue with his assessment. Set high above the Indian Ocean, providing sensational, breathtaking views of the crystal blue water from across the course, this is truly a magnificent and memorable design. In all seven holes run parallel to the ocean shore. The home hole is a fierce risk-reward par-5.

# **Accommodations**

# Cape Grace by Fairmont



Standing at the heart of the V&A Waterfront is a figure that evokes familiarity, comfort and a sense of adventure – 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 guests' 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.

#### Lanzerac Hotel

Situated on the outskirts of the historic town of Stellenbosch, the Lanzerac Estate is a 300 year old private working wine estate in the Jonkershoek Valley. The hotel's rooms, restaurants, bars, lounges and spa facilities are amidst dramatic mountain ranges, endless rows of lush vineyards and hectares of award-winning landscaped gardens. Lanzerac offers unprecedented world-class hospitality and outstanding service. The Lanzerac Hotel is exclusively limited to forty-eight en suite rooms that are individually decorated and all feature a private patio and breathtaking views. Elegant private restaurants featuring open fireplaces and original antiques form part of the estate. On offer is a broad menu of local and international cuisine, accompanied by award-winning wines. Epicureans can indulge in a kaleidoscope of dishes, from local fare to the most delectable international cuisine. The Lanzerac Spa & Wellness Centre offers the perfect retreat, where one can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and take time out to rejuvenate the mind, body and soul.



### **Fancourt Hotel**



A combination of Olde Worlde charm and contemporary luxuries is what makes the Fancourt Hotel so distinctive. Fancourt's central location in the heart of the Garden Route makes it a perfect place from which to explore this most beautiful of regions. At Fancourt, guests can choose between a room in the beautifully restored 19th Century Manor House or one of the stately Garden Suites and Studios. The 3 courses at Fancourt are accessible to Fancourt members and hotel guests only, making it one of the most exclusive golf properties in South Africa.





# Jock Safari Lodge

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 lock 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 alcholic beverages -Two safaris per day in open landrovers -Tourism Marketing levy of R5.00 pppn -Daily walking safaris - only subject to availability

