African Travel: In The Footsteps Of Mandela

Day 1 Arrive Cape Town, South Africa

With a warm South African welcome you'll be transferred to your hotel in the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront.

The Portswood Hotel

Meals:

Day 2 Cape Town

Today's Cape Peninsula sightseeing will immerse you in spectacular ocean vistas. Keep your camera on hand to photograph the scenic coastline as you wind along the legendary Chapman's Peak Drive and explore the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. View the colony of penguins at Boulders Beach.

The Portswood Hotel

Meals: (B)

Day 3 Cape Town

Visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years. This historic landmark and UNESCO site pays tribute to the triumph of freedom and human dignity. The Portswood Hotel

Meals: (B)

Day 4 Cape Town

Today's township excursion offers insight into South Africa's abundance of hope and creative energy. Meet the people empowering their local communities through grassroots development programs. Spend time with children at a preschool or seniors at a retirement home. Visit an urban garden or a literacy workshop and be touched by the wonderful raw energy of the "Rainbow Nation" in one unforgettable morning. Later tonight, enjoy a vibrant and authentic African culinary experience.

The Portswood Hotel

Meals: (BD)

Day 5 Cape Town / Johannesburg

Leave the "Mother City" for your flight north to Johannesburg and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Davinci Hotel And Suites

Meals: (B)

Day 6 Johannesburg

Delve deeper into South Africa's turbulent past with a trip to Soweto, a sprawling multicultural metropolis of more than 3.5 million people on the outskirts of Johannesburg. Visit Freedom Square, the Hector Pieterson Memorial and Vilakazi Street, formerly home to both Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Visit the Apartheid Museum for a deeper look at the humbling and ultimately inspiring journey from the dark days of segregation to Mandela's release from prison, and his policy of reconciliation rather than retribution. Davinci Hotel And Suites

Meals: (B)

Day 7 Johannesburg / Kruger Private Reserve

Your journey continues as you fly off to your safari adventure. After a short road transfer you will find yourself in a wildlife haven. Meet your game ranger and hop aboard an open vehicle for an afternoon game drive. Look out for the Big Five and an abundance of bird life. Kapama River Lodge

Meals: (BLD)

Day 8 Kruger Private Reserve

Awaken with the soft light of sunrise when the animals are most lively. Join your ranger for a game drive or try a bushwalk to focus on smaller wildlife and plants. Return to your lodge for some leisure time at the pool or relax with a book. In the afternoon set off in search of the regal kudu, or the waterbuck with its distinctive white circle around the tail. After an exhilarating day, join your companions for refreshing drinks and a hearty dinner. Spend your last evening, watching the Southern constellations illuminate the sky. Kapama River Lodge

Meals: (BLD)

Day 9 Kruger Private Reserve / Depart

After an early morning game drive and substantial breakfast, bid farewell to your new found safari friends as you transfer to the airport for your return flight to Johannesburg and your onward arrangements.

Meals: (B)