



# THE RICHES OF SOUTH AFRICA

Cape to KwaZulu-Natal & Johannesburg

*a Signature Tour*

*where luxury meets adventure!*

September 18- October 4, 2023

16 nights/17 days

Explore The Rainbow Nation with us and enjoy an insider's foray into South Africa's rich culture, fascinating wildlife and stunning scenery. The San Bushmen have been in sub-Saharan Africa since time immemorial and we'll get a glimpse into their culture and the way it has melded with many others to create a place as singular as Cape Town. From the European settlers and the great Boer and Zulu wars through to Apartheid and now on through the current struggles, we are fortunate to meet characters along our journey to put it into perspective. Our guide, Frank Mbete, grew up during Apartheid in Soweto, worked throughout the world with International Red Cross and is passionate about sharing his country and his wide scope of knowledge. We will visit community upliftment projects and follow in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela while not missing out on the gorgeous views from Table Mountain, seeing the African penguins and spending time in the Winelands sampling some of the best of what the region has to offer.

**History:** San Bushmen, European Settlers, Cape Malay, Apartheid

**Natural World:** Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch Gardens, Garden Route, Big Five

**Personal Stories:** Frank Mbete, James Fernie, Albie Sachs, Lara Mostert

**Giving Back:** Uthando South Africa & Inkanyiso Nursery School

**What's Next... South Africa:** Urban Regeneration Success Stories and Conservation

## What's Included

- 16 nights superior accommodations
- 35 meals (16 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 9 dinners)
- Seated wine-tastings
- Private guide services of Frank Mbete
- Fully Escorted
- Special Guest Speakers
- Air-conditioned transportation
- Entry, park and conservancy fees as noted
- 4 game drives at Kuzuko Lodge
- 6 game drives at Thanda Tented Camp
- **\$300 donation** in your name to the Uthando & Thanda school
- **Tips & gratuities** (Tour Manager, Local guides, drivers)

## ITINERARY

- Day 1**– Fly to Cape Town, SA
- Day 2** – District 6 Museum & Uthando with founder James Fernie.
- Day 3** – Cape Winelands, wine tastings, Franschoek
- Day 4** – Mandela's Cape Town, Robben Island, human rights activist Albie Sachs
- Day 5**– Iconic Cape, Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Day 6** – Hermanus, Garden Route, Khoisan Heritage, whale watching
- Day 7** - Scenic De Hoop Nature Reserve, Knysna, Garden Route
- Day 8** – Birds of Eden and Monkeyland Sanctuary with founder Lara Mosert, Knysna Lagoon Cruise
- Day 9 – 10** Addo Elephant Park, Eastern Cape, 2 safari game drives, San paintings hike
- Day 11**- Fly to Durban, Dolphin Coast, KwaZulu-Natal
- Day 12-14** Thanda Private Game Reserve, Zululand, Safari game drives and walking, visit Inkanyiso Crèche
- Day 15** – Fly to Johannesburg, Melrose Arch, Farewell dinner
- Day 16** – Apartheid History, Soweto, Liliesleaf Farm, Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum, Constitution Court
- Day 17** – Apartheid Museum, Maboneng, Depart for home



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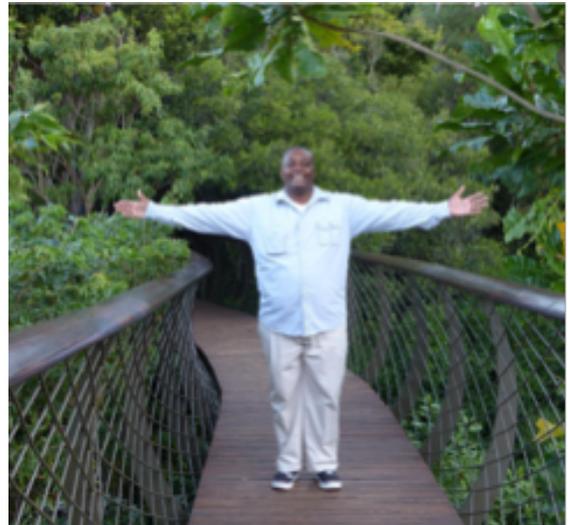
## Day 1: Arrive Cape Town 5 nights The Portswood Hotel

Meet & Greet with our guide Frank Mbete, your Tour Leaders from Champlain Tours and our Cape Town based-consultant, Nicole Perring.



### Frank Mbete: Champlain Tours' Guide

Frank grew up in Soweto, Johannesburg during the period of apartheid. He was educated in South Africa and abroad. He has worked with International Red Cross all over the world. Frank knows the tourism industry inside out. He's worked in tourism for well over a decade, as a tour guide, travel agent, logistics consultant and all-round Mr. Fixit. He knows the inbound foreign market as well as he knows the domestic market. Frank is based in Cape Town but regularly crosses the length and breadth of Southern Africa, sharing with visitors a country he is obviously passionate about. South Africa is a fascinating and complex country. He adds, "We have amazing natural beauty and fascinating people who represent diverse cultures, religions and races". Frank believes that tourism is about empowering not just the few but spreading the benefits as widely as possible. "We identify people in the community who need work; we train them to become drivers and many of them go on to become guides. Several of the people we've brought into the business have gone on to work overseas." He is passionate about education, the environment, and human development.



Frank looks forward to welcoming us at the airport and sharing his country with us!

## Day 2: District 6 Museum & Unhand



Uthando Township Projects hosted by Uthando founder James Fernie followed by our Welcome Dinner.

## James Fernie: Founding Director at Uthando



James Fernie is a passionate social entrepreneur and founding director of the Responsible Tourism Initiative and unique model of travelling philanthropy Uthando (Love) South Africa, established by James in 2007.

A law graduate from The University of Port Elizabeth (UPE), James started his career as a paralegal at Clifford Chance, a very large corporate law firm in London. James returned to South Africa in 1997 and qualified as an attorney at Cape Town law firm Francis Thompson and Aspden. However, with a restless desire to travel coupled with a deep passion for

South Africa, James changed paths and pursued a career in international sales and marketing in the tourism industry.

In 2006 James recognized the enormous potential of the tourism industry to contribute in a meaningful and substantial way to community/environmental development and charitable causes. Uthando was thus born with the goal of creating a vital bridge between these sectors. Consequently, Uthando has won numerous local and international awards recognizing the unique and innovative model of travelling philanthropy, whilst also becoming a powerful brand in the tourism industry globally. James has a deep sense of compassion and a strong intuition regarding the urgency of profound and dramatic change in the paradigm of our human society.

### Day 3: Winelands

Lunch with wine pairings, explore Franschoek & tastings at Leeu Estate



### Day 4, September 21: Mandela's Cape Town

Robben Island, walking in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela and meeting Albie Sachs



## Albie Sachs: Humanitarian Activist

A distinguished lawyer, judge, anti-apartheid political activist and one of the architects of the new, post-apartheid, South African Constitution, Albie has made it his mission to travel the world, spreading understanding of the path the New South Africa is forging.

His career in human rights activism started at the age of seventeen, when as a second year law student at the University of Cape Town, he took part in the Defiance of Unjust Laws Campaign. Three years later he attended the Congress of the People at Kliptown where the Freedom Charter was adopted.



At the age of 21, he started practice as an advocate at the Cape Bar. The bulk of his work involved defending people charged under racist statutes and repressive security laws. He himself was raided by the security police, subjected to banning orders restricting his movement and eventually placed in solitary confinement without trial for two prolonged spells of detention. After the first democratic election in 1994 he was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to serve on the newly established Constitutional Court.

In addition to his work on the Court, he has travelled to many countries sharing South African experience in healing divided societies. He has also been engaged in the sphere of art and architecture and played an active role in the development of the Constitutional Court building and its art collection on the site of the Old Fort Prison in Johannesburg.

## Day 5: Iconic Cape

Cape Town, Table Mountain & Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens



## Day 6: Hermanus, Garden Route



Khoisan Community, “Whale Watching Capital of the World”, boat excursion



1 night at Harbour House Hotel.

## Day 7: Garden Route, Hermanus to Knysna, De Hoop Nature Reserve, Knysna, Garden Route

Scenic drive via De Hoop Nature Reserve



Few other reserves offer as complete an outdoor experience as De Hoop – sea, sand dunes, the vlei, a floral sensation of rare fynbos plants, diverse antelope and the Potberg Mountains.





2 nights at Belvidere Manor.

## Day 8: Bird Sanctuary

Birds of Eden's unique two hectare dome (the world's largest) spans over a gorge of indigenous forest; currently it is home to over 3,500 birds from over 220 species.



## Day 8: Monkey Sanctuary

Monkeyland is the world's first free roaming multi-specie primate sanctuary. It's mission is to educate and foster greater understanding of our primate cousins and the threats and challenges they are facing.



## Lara Mostert: Co-Founder of Monkeyland, Knysna Lagoon



Lara studied advertising in Cape Town for 4 years, followed by a short course in tourism. She went to work at Inyati Game Lodge in Sabi Sands Mpumalanga 1995 and this is where she met up with partner Tony Blignaut (the sanctuary group CEO). Lara and her partner Tony started Monkeyland April 1998, which was followed by Birds of Eden December 2005, the Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary August 2012 and Monkeyland KZN April 2019. It is a dream of Lara and her partner to provide safe havens for wild animals and to encourage responsible wildlife tourism which shuns wildlife interaction. Lara will speak and

lead a discussion for us about what responsible wildlife tourism is and why it's important.

Dinner on Paddle Cruiser in Knysna Lagoon



## Day 9 & 10: Addo Elephant National Park, Eastern Cape



Addo Elephant National Park currently ranks third in size after Kruger National Park and the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

In addition to elephants, the park is home to Cape Buffalo, lions, cheetah, spotted hyenas, red hartebeest, eland, kudu, bushbuck, Burchell's zebra, warthog and more, including a diverse array of bird species.



2 nights at Kuzoko Lodge

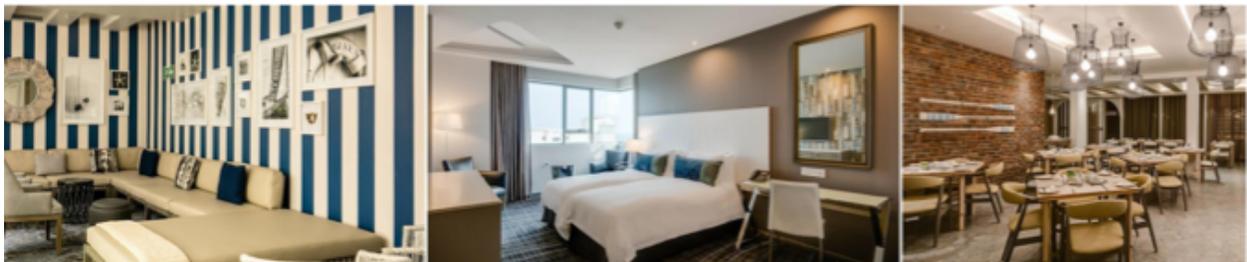
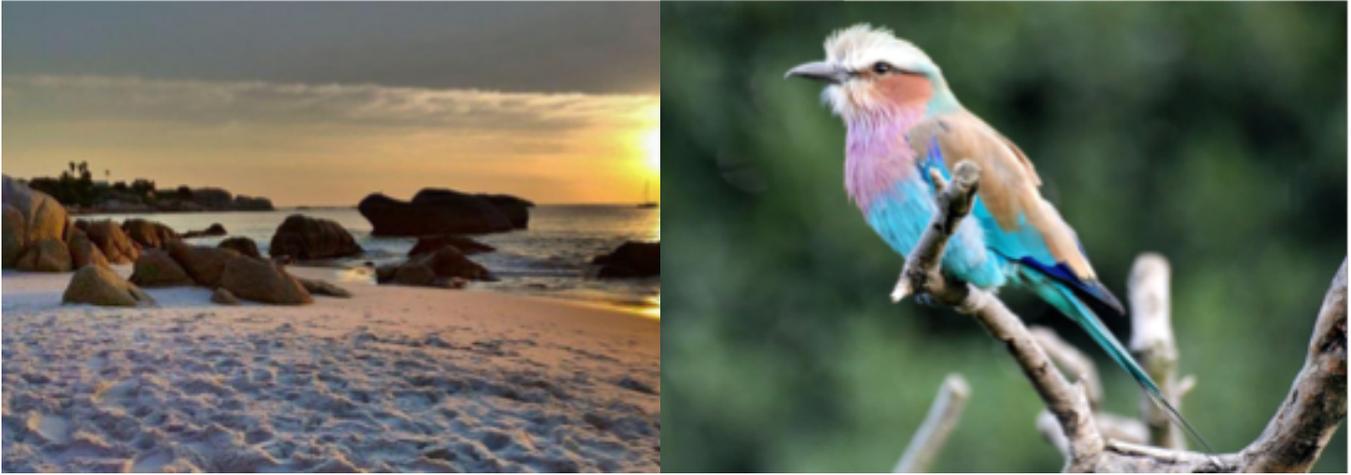
## Day 9 & 10: Activities

- Morning, sundowner and night game drives
- Nature walks
- 2 hour challenging hike to Khoisan Cave to view San rock art
- Fly Fishing is also available at additional cost; must be pre-booked
- The lodge offers stargazing and has a boma, spa and pool



## Day 11: Port Elizabeth to Durban

Morning game drive, scheduled flight from Port Elizabeth to Durban, transfer to Umhlanga Rocks suburb for evening on own and overnight.



1 night at Protea Hotel Durban Umhlanga

## Day 12: Zululand & Thanda Reserve

Morning drive through Zululand, arrive at Thanda Tented Camp for lunch and afternoon game drive.



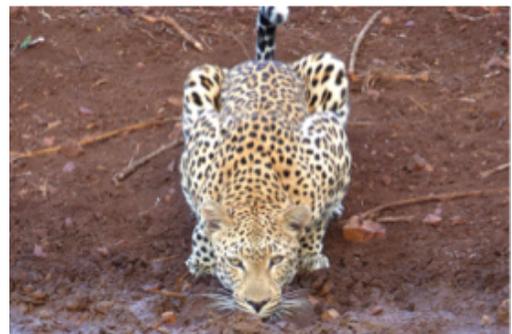
## Day 12-14: Thanda Private Game Reserve



3 nights at Thanda Tented Camp

## Day 12-14: Thanda

- Morning, late afternoon/night game drives
- Nature walks
- The lodge offers talks by the Conservation Ranger and has a boma, spa and pool



## Day 14: Inkanyiso Crèche Visit

Thanda Safari is committed to supporting the youngest members of one of its neighbouring Zulu communities through the Inkanyiso Crèche, situated in the Esibhojeni area, close to the reserve. Assisted by donations from guests, including Educational Travel Service, Thanda recently built the new crèche and provided a water tank and fencing for the playground. The crèche currently has 30 children aged between two and four years.



## Day 15: Thanda to Johannesburg

Morning game drive, road transfer to Richards Bay for scheduled flight to Johannesburg, transfer to Fire & Ice Melrose Arch and farewell group dinner.



2 nights at Fire & Ice Melrose Arch

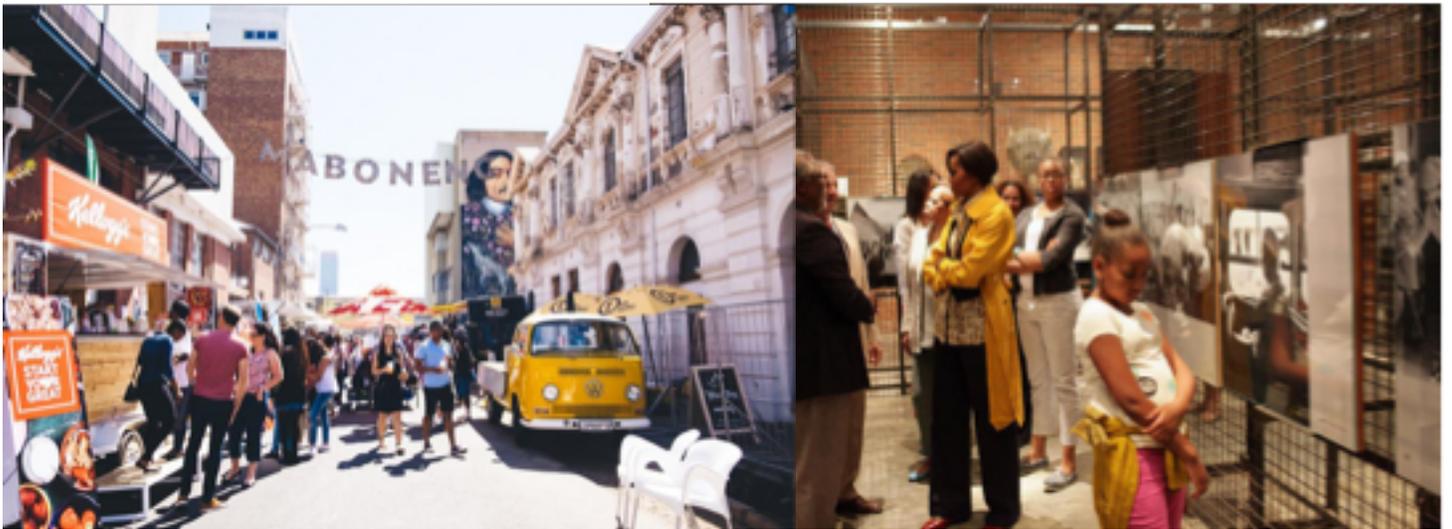
## Day 16: Soweto & Johannesburg

Soweto, Liliesleaf Farm, Constitution Court, The Fort, Number 4 Prison, The Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum



## Day 17: Apartheid Museum, Maboneng & Depart

We'll start our day at the Apartheid Museum and then continue on to visit Maboneng (meaning 'place of light'), which is a fully integrated urban neighborhood, home to several independent retail, restaurants, loft apartments, offices, film studios and creative factory spaces. We will be hosted in Maboneng by a local artist, who will also join us for lunch and talk about their own experience growing up in this neighborhood and their hopes and dreams for the future of Maboneng, Johannesburg and South Africa.



History, Personal Stories, Giving Back, What's Next... South Africa

## Your package includes:

- 16 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 8 dinners (including welcome and farewell dinners)
- **\$300 donation** in your name to the Uthando & Thanda school
- **Tips & gratuities** (Tour Manager, Local guides, drivers)
- **Deposit Protection:** Non-refundable deposits will be transferred to a new date for non-insured circumstances
- Wine & Canapé Meet & Greet on the first night
- Private guide services of Frank Mbetse for entire itinerary Porterage at hotels
- Complimentary Wifi at The President Hotel, Harbour House Hotel, Belvidere Manor and Kuzuko Lodge
- 500 MB per day/per room WiFi access at Protea Hotel Durban Umhlanga and Fire & Ice Melrose Arch Hotel
- Airport transfer Cape Town Airport to The President Hotel
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle with driver and guide in Cape Town and surrounds
- Full day uThando tour including entry fee to the District Six Museum
- Half day Franschhoek/Cape Winelands visit including wine pairings with lunch and one seated wine tasting
- Tickets to Robben Island for guided tour
- Private walking tour “Prisoner to President”
- Excursion to Woodstock Market, Table Mountain and Kirstenbosch Gardens
- Shuttle between The President Hotel and the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront at prearranged times
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle with driver and guide from Cape Town through Garden
- Route to Addo Elephant Park and to Port Elizabeth
- Shared Whale Watching boat excursion in Hermanus
- Lunch and entry fees at De Hoop Nature Reserve
- Entry fees at Birds of Eden and Monkeyland Sanctuaries
- Dinner Paddleboat Cruise on Knysna Lagoon
- Park and conservancy fees for Addo Elephant Park
- Four-course dinner, brunch, early morning tea/coffee, welcome drinks on arrival and high tea at Kuzuko Lodge
- 4 shared game drives at Kuzuko Lodge
- 1 optional nature walk or hike at Kuzuko Lodge
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle from Kuzuko Lodge to Port Elizabeth Airport
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle from Durban King Shaka Airport to Protea Hotel Durban Umhlanga
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle with driver and guide from Protea Hotel Durban Umhlanga to Thanda Reserve
- Park and conservancy fees for Thanda Game Reserve
- Tea, coffee, juice and water with meals and house wine with dinner at Thanda Tented Camp
- Local beverages (soft drinks, house wines, local spirits and beers) on game drives at Thanda Tented Camp
- 6 shared game drives at Thanda Tented Camp
- Laundry services at Thanda Tented Camp, limited to one bag per room
- Airport transfer Thanda Tented Camp to Richards Bay Airport
- Airport transfer ORT Johannesburg International Airport to Fire & Ice Melrose Arch Hotel Soweto & Johannesburg private tour including entry fee to Hector Pieterse Museum
- Entry to Apartheid Museum and Tour of Maboneng
- Airport transfer Fire & Ice Melrose Arch Hotel to ORT Johannesburg International Airport
- Educational Travel Service & African Safari Company consultation and planning services



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