








GWEN'S ELITE TRAVEL & SALUTE AFRICA PRESENTS

The Ultimate Heritage Tour : *Celebrating Mandela's "Long Walk to Freedom"*

Cape Town (4n) – Pilanesberg National Park and the glitz and glamour of the Sun City Resort (2n) - Johannesburg (3n)

Travel dates: September 15th – 26th, 2019 - Cost: \$3379 (AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED)

DAY	ITINERARY (Subject to slight changes)
September 15 th Day 1	<p>Depart US</p> <p>Arrive Cape Town and transfer to the hotel Visa requirements: Visa to enter South Africa is not required (subject to change without prior notice) <i>The world was transfixed when Nelson Mandela was finally released to freedom in 1990 after 27 years in jail for his role in the struggle to overcome apartheid. We begin the journey in Cape Town where Nelson Mandela walked from prisoner to presidency. Cape Town is a great city to visit, to live in, to work in, to play in and to invest in and is one of the World's 10 Most Loved Cities according to CNNGO, the travel wing of CNN International. During 2011, Cape Town was named Trip Advisor Traveler's Choice Best Destination, as well as the 2014 World Design Capital, while Table Mountain was listed as a New 7th Wonder of Nature.</i></p> <p>SOUTHERN SUN CULLINAN HOTEL 4+* or similar – 4 nights Accommodation in standard rooms, including breakfast</p>  <p><i>Note: standard room configuration allows for a twin room with two double beds or with one queen size bed. King bedded rooms are offered in the suites of the hotel and are offered at an additional cost stated as an additional optional supplement</i></p> <p><i>The Cullinan Hotel is situated at the entrance to the famous Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, with a stunning view of Table Mountain, the sea and the bustling harbour. Majestic columns, modern elegance and intricate metalwork create a warm, beautiful ambience within the hotel. The well-appointed rooms, offering spectacular views are a luxurious haven for guests and include all comforts ensuring a relaxing stay. This hotel is ideal for both business and leisure travellers, and provides a full range of services - from the elegant breakfast room and a la carte restaurant, to the ladies' cocktail bar.</i></p> <p>Tonight, a welcome dinner to a truly African experience – MAMA AFRICA restaurant</p>  <p><i>Mama Africa offers a vibrant and authentic African experience that is made all the more magical through music. A live Marimba band takes to the stage and rocks the restaurant with a variety of musical styling. You will be pleased with the charming, friendly and attentive staff. From Amos, the host who greets you to the gregarious servers and energetic band members, you'll get that welcome feeling.</i></p> <p>Welcome dinner inclusive of 3 course set menu. All drinks are for client own account</p>
September 16 th Day 2 Cape Town SOUTH AFRICA	
September 17 th Day 3 Cape Town SOUTH AFRICA	<p>Breakfast at the hotel Full day Robben Island, City & Table Mountain Tour with an African English speaking guide</p>   <p><i>Robben Island, the unique symbol of "the triumph of the human spirit over adversity, suffering and injustice", is visited every year by thousands of people eager to understand and honour the important aspects of South Africa's history that the Island represents. The Tour guides inside the prison are former political prisoners. They are fully conversant and knowledgeable about the Island's multi-layered 500 year old history. The tour route includes the Maximum Security Prison where thousands of South Africa's freedom fighters were incarcerated for years. The tour culminates with a viewing of Nelson Mandela's cell.</i></p>

<p>September 17th Day 3 <i>continued</i></p> <p>Cape Town</p> <p>SOUTH AFRICA</p>	<p><i>Time at leisure for lunch (own account) at a bustling Waterfront restaurant, we explore the city of Cape Town. Your city tour will include a visit to the front of City Hall, where from the balcony on February 11, 1990, only hours after his release from prison, Nelson Mandela made his first public speech. Also close by are the Parliament Buildings and Gardens. The tour will end with a visit to Table Mountain (weather permitting), and then you will be taken to your hotel.</i></p> <p>Early evening , transfer to The Gold restaurant for dinner</p>  <p><i>Africa is home to hundreds of tribes, ethnic and social groups. This diversity is reflected in the cuisine at this restaurant. As you enjoy the cuisine, you also enjoy 3 unique performances during your dinner, starting with a praise singer who welcomes you to GOLD and introduces you to the singers, dancers, puppets and musicians. The second performance showcases the vibrant dancing and elaborations in Africa and the third performance is in honour of our royal African queens. The queen will scatter 24 carat gold dust on the guest to say thank you for visiting.</i></p> <p><i>This is a unique African restaurant in the heart of Cape Town. It is a set 14 course Cape Malay and African menu often referred to as a taste safari that will transport you from Table Mountain to Timbuktu.</i></p> <p>Dinner & entertainment included, drinks are for client own account</p> <p>Return to the hotel for overnight rest</p>
<p>September 18th Day 4</p> <p>Cape Town</p> <p>SOUTH AFRICA</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p>Full day Cape Point Tour and the wine country tour with an African English speaking guide – <i>lunch included (meals only)</i></p>    <p><i>Cape Point is a world heritage site and a romantic meeting place of the Indian and the Atlantic Oceans. We travel through the picturesque Hout Bay, along the breathtaking Chapman's Peak Drive towards a spectacular, narrow finger of land, covered in endemic fynbos and home to picturesque bays, beaches, rolling green hills and valleys.</i></p> <p><i>We continue onto The Cape Winelands region, visiting one of the leading wine estates in South Africa where we get a chance to walk through a typical wine cellar and enjoy a wine tasting.</i></p>  
<p>September 19th Day 5</p> <p>Cape Town</p> <p>SOUTH AFRICA</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p><i>Day at leisure to explore the City of Cape Town and its treasures. Arts and crafts markets, coffee shops, nature walks, Botanical gardens are among the few things which are sure to be enjoyable</i></p> <p><i>Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is just minutes away from the hotel with complimentary shuttle running regularly for your convenience. It is one of Africa's most luxury and most visited malls with 24 million visitors annually. It is situated in the oldest working harbour in the southern hemisphere, with the iconic Table Mountain as its backdrop.</i></p>
<p>September 20th Day 6</p> <p>Pilanesberg National Park</p> <p>SOUTH AFRICA</p>	<p>Following breakfast, transfer to the airport and flight to Johannesburg – economy class (2 hrs in flight)</p> <p>Arrive and transfer to Pilanesberg National Park– home to virtually every mammal of southern Africa and is also home to the Big Five.</p> <p>BAKUBUNG LODGE or similar – 2 nights</p> <p>Accommodation in standard room, including breakfast and dinner</p>  <p><i>Tucked in the expanses of the malaria-free Pilanesberg National Park, Bakubung, or the People of the Hippo, provides guests with the peace and tranquillity of a true bush experience coupled with the luxury and service. All thatched roof rooms /chalets curve into a horse-shoe around the outside entertainment areas, huddling visitors in cozy intimacy. Bakubung Bush Lodge is a luxury game lodge offering the utmost comfort and tranquillity in “Big Five” territory.</i></p> <p><i>Note: standard room configuration allows for a twin room with two double beds or with one king size bed.</i></p> <p><i>Rooms are situated in blocks with 3-4 minutes walking distance to the main restaurant area. Golf carts will be made available to take guests with mobility constraints to and from their rooms</i></p>

September 20th
Day 6
continued

**Pilanesberg
National Park
SOUTH
AFRICA**

On check in, time at leisure to enjoy the surroundings, take advantage of the accredited SPA.

Note: spa treatments are for client own account



Take advantage of the return shuttle service into The Sun City resort - African Las Vegas – a world-class resort and gaming center, situated only 10 minutes away .

Experience the legendary glitz and glamour of the Sun City Casino. Opened in 1979, Sun City Casino has evolved with the times and the latest technology and popular games combine in a spectacle of round-the-clock thrills for both experienced and first-time gamers. Recently refurbished, the Sun City Casino features hundreds of exciting slot machines and over 40 popular table games. Cash desk facilities and ATMs are available at the Sun City Casino and the Bureau de Change accepts all major currencies. **Important:** passports are required for any foreign exchange transactions



Dinner at the lodge

September 21st
Day 7

**Pilanesberg
National Park**

Early morning (5:30AM) safari game drive experience in the Pilanesberg National Park

Set in the crater of a long extinct volcano, the Pilanesberg National Park, which is home to Bakubung Bush Lodge, ranks amongst the largest of the parks in South Africa and covers an area of some 55 000 hectares. The Park offers guests sightings of a wide diversity of animal and plant life. This includes 360 species of birds, the Big Five and many other South African animals.



Return to the hotel for breakfast, and time at leisure to enjoy the lodge facilities, SPA treatments or a visit to the neighbouring Sun City resort

Early afternoon depart on an **afternoon (3:30PM) game drive safari** , followed by a traditional barbeque **African dinner under the stars** in the Boma area within the park , around a roaring fire .



Dinner included. All drinks for client own account

September 22nd
Day 8

Johannesburg
SOUTH
AFRICA

Early morning wake up and depart to Johannesburg with a complimentary boxed breakfast
09h00 service at the local church – a chance to worship with the local community

Following the service, we depart on a **Soweto city tour** with an African English speaking guide – *lunch included*
South Africa's biggest city, started as a 19th-century gold-mining settlement. It's known for Soweto township, a sprawling jumble of African workers' houses. This township was once home to Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

Following a traditional African lunch, we tour the town. On the one hand there is abject poverty and on the other hand there is extraordinary wealth in the upper class suburbs. Soweto is essentially a Labour Reservoir for the City of Johannesburg and major towns on the reef. We visit World famous Landmarks such as the Baragwanath Precinct, the Hector Pietersen Museum and the Mandela House Museum...



Following the tour, arrive at the hotel just after 16h00

MICHELANGELO HOTEL – 3 nights

Accommodation in superior room including breakfast



Michelangelo Hotel is a proud member of the "Leading Hotels of the World" and remains one of the most exclusive hotels in Johannesburg.

This renaissance styled hotel offers unsurpassed luxury and attention to detail.

Located in a tranquil area suitable for business and pleasure, it overlooks the heart of Nelson Mandela Square and is attached to Sandton City, one of Africa's leading and most prestigious shopping malls. With more than 300 leading local and international retailers, Sandton City is a one-of-a-kind premier fashion and leisure destination. It's an energetic hub of Afro-cosmopolitan glamour - international shopping with South African flair.

Note: superior room configuration allows for a twin room with two single beds or with one king size bed.

Check in at the hotel and evening at leisure to explore the attached Nelson Mandela square with various restaurant choices and shopping experience

September 23rd
Day 9

Johannesburg
SOUTH
AFRICA




Following breakfast, depart on a Full day **Lesedi Cultural village tour** and **Johannesburg city tour** with an African English speaking guide – *lunch included*



A visit to this cultural village will introduce you to various cultural groups of South Africa - the Northern Pedi, Zulu, Southern Sotho and Xhosa. This is the Rainbow Nation of today's South Africa. The song and dance of the different tribes followed by a traditional African lunch - an experience of a lifetime. After lunch we continue on to Johannesburg - The City of Gold. We travel through districts of Downtown Hillbrow and Braamfontein to the business city area. Visit the George Harrison Park, dedicated to the first founder of gold in 1886, touching on the gold rush and the establishment of the city, which ultimately connected our activists, shaping their ideologies and their struggle to end the regime of discrimination.



Evening at leisure

<p>September 24th Day 10 <i>Johannesburg</i> SOUTH AFRICA</p>	<p>Following breakfast, depart on a full day Long Walk to Freedom tour – lunch included</p> <div data-bbox="279 244 855 454">  </div> <div data-bbox="874 244 1513 454">  </div> <p>We head to the Apartheid Museum and spend a couple of hours exploring the museum, discovering the history of the Apartheid era. Following a delicious lunch, visit the Liliesleaf Heritage Site. Once known as Liliesleaf Farm this fascinating heritage site is closely linked to the Rivonia Treason Trial that lead to Nelson Mandela's incarceration. In the early 1960's Liliesleaf was a sanctuary where most prominent leaders of South Africa's struggle against Apartheid sought shelter, attended secret meetings and engaged in key debates on political and military policy and strategy. Many of these individuals, including Nelson Mandela, were discovered in the 1963 police raid on Liliesleaf Farm, and tried in the subsequent treason trail. You will learn in great detail what happened during those days and the ultimate arrest of Nelson Mandela.</p> <p>In the course of the day, we visit a local arts and crafts market and a wholesale undercover market</p> <p>Return to the hotel for some time to freshen up</p> <p>Farewell dinner at a well renowned Maximillien Restaurant (or similar) situated within 5 minutes walking distance from the hotel. Tonight, enjoy a 3 course set menu dinner (with 3 options for starters, 4 for mains and 2 for desert) to the sound of African jazz music performed by the resident pianist as you conclude your African cultural tour.</p> <p>All drinks are for client own account</p> <div data-bbox="279 992 1490 1357">  </div> <p><i>Note: transportation to take guests to and from the farewell dinner will be available for guests with mobility issues</i></p>
<p>September 25th Day 11 <i>Departure day</i></p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel Time at leisure for additional shopping Transfer to the airport and connect to your outbound flight home BON VOYAGE!!!</p>
<p>September 26^h Day 12</p>	<p>Arrive US</p>