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Journey to Africa

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Of course, it all starts in Cape Town. "The Mother City" as South Africans call it. A sophisticated, cosmopolitan city set amid staggering natural beauty at the very tip of Africa. It is a city, yes. But one that is intimately connected with nature, shaped by the breathtaking beauty that surrounds it. There are amazing views, history, culture and a thriving gay community.

Cape Town as all the elements of a world class city, including, a trendy art scene along the 19th century waterfront, museums, shopping and nightlife. And for wine connoisseurs – you're in luck, as fine restaurants are known for their wine selections and we'll be taking a day trip to the famous wine lands nearby.



After Cape Town, fly directly to Sabi Sand and Lion Sands Game Reserve. You've seen the pictures. Cocktails at dusk overlooking the watering hole. The world's most spectacular setting. The Africa of movies and legends and childhood dreams. Nothing compares to the Sabi Sands Game Reserve. Famous for its lion prides, Sabi Sands is the most richly endowed African game park, filled with impalas, hyenas, leopards, baboons, elephants, herding buffalo, and more who live within Nature's harsh but balanced laws.



Then skip Dr. Livingstone's arduous trek across Africa, and fly straight to the mighty waterfall he discovered and named for Queen Victoria. Words cannot prepare you for the thrill of this thundering mile-wide cascade. As a Royal Livingstone Hotel guest, you will have unlimited access to Victoria Falls from a private walkway. Take a scenic flight over the Falls and savor a relaxing sunset cruise along the upper Zambezi, the perfect venue to enjoy "sundowners" and watch elephants and giraffes drink at the edge of this romantic river. Victoria Falls is an adventure lover's paradise with white water rafting, elephant safaris, bungee jumping, and a variety of excursions available. Experiencing one of the world's great natural wonders is the perfect conclusion to this once-in-a-lifetime gay journey to Africa. You can extend your trip by experiencing Chobe Game Lodge, the only game reserve located in the Chobe National Park.



Itinerary for Source Events Gay Travel Adventure to Africa

Day 1: Monday – July 16, 2018

Non-stop International Flights Depart USA for Johannesburg, South Africa with connecting flight to Cape Town.

Day 2: Tuesday – July 17, 2018 – Arrive in Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town International Airport, you will be met and transferred to the 5 stars Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town's iconic legendary luxury hotel.

Day 3: Wednesday – July 18, 2018 – Cape Town

Cape Town is one of the world's most beautiful cities and a top international destination. Large volumes of tourist flock to Cape Town to enjoy this unique city with its fascinating history, interesting culture, natural beauty, award winning wines and laidback lifestyle. Enjoy a half-day city tour of Cape Town, including the cultural and scenic highlights like Table Mountain, visit Signal Hill with spectacular views, and The V&A Waterfront. In the evening, Source Events will be hosting a welcome dinner.

Included: Breakfast and Welcome Dinner

Day 4: Thursday – July 19, 2018 – Cape Town

Highlights of a trip down to Cape Point include one of the world's most spectacular drives Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak, Noordhoek Beach, curio stalls, the Cape Point Nature Reserve, Africa's SW most lighthouse, the Boulders Penguin Colony, Simonstown, Kalk Bay and the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Depart the hotel and flank the colder Atlantic Ocean en route to Hout Bay. Once a fishing community and now one of the most popular residential areas, the harbor still has the charm of days gone by. You'll join the M.V "Circe" for a half hour cruise to "Seal Island". The tour now continues over the famous Chapman's Peak drive – if open, with a 200 meter drop on one side and a 200 meter rise on the other, as we make our way south, following the Atlantic Ocean until we reach Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope.

Included: Breakfast and Lunch at Seaside Restaurant

Day 5: Friday – July 20, 2018 – Cape Town

A full day tour exploring of the fabled Cape Wine region. From Cape Town make your way out into the picturesque winelands visiting South Africa's most famous wine regions – Franschoek and Stellenbosch. It is easy to understand why Simon van der Stellenbosch decided to settle a village amongst the mountains. The backdrop of the Hottentots Holland Mountains, the white gabled Cape Dutch homesteads and the oak lined streets and lanes all blend in to give this place a charm that will not be quickly forgotten.

Included: Breakfast and Lunch at a private Wine Estate

Day 6: Saturday – July 21, 2018 – Cape Town to Sabi Sands Game Reserve

After breakfast you will be transferred to airport for a flight to Skuzuzza airport at the edge of the Sabi Sands Game Reserve. For 3 nights enjoy spectacular safaris at the exclusive and luxurious Lion Sands River Lodge. River Lodge is situated in the southern section of the Sabi Sands. At River Lodge, you need not move far to appreciate extraordinary wildlife, or to marvel at the spectacular riverside view. The main lounge, bar, wine cellar and library are decorated in a true African Safari style, with some furnishings huddled around the fire place and the rest making full use of the open sided section, which becomes the extensive viewing deck. 20 spacious thatched rooms are connected to the main building by raised wooden walkways. Each Luxury suite is fully air-conditioned with mini bars, personal safes, satellite TV, telephones and DVD players. The en-suite bathrooms have double vanities, showers and large freestanding bathtubs with views of the river. If you would like to upgrade to the Superior Luxury suites, These are larger in size, ample bathrooms and outdoor showers.

Included: Overnight at Lion Sands River Lodge. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7: Sunday – July 22, 2018 – Lion Sands River Lodge

Get ready for days filled with luxurious comforts and spectacular game viewing. Waking in the pale light of morning with a cup of coffee in hand...you'll know you've arrived in the heart of old Africa. All guests will congregate in the late afternoon for "high tea" before embarking on your first open vehicle game drive under the guidance of your experienced ranger and tracker team in search of Africa's famous wildlife. At sunset stop for sundowners to toast the end of another day in Africa, before continuing the safari after dark with the aid of powerful spotlights to, hopefully, glimpse some of the elusive nocturnal game.

Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8: Monday – July 23, 2018 – Lion Sands River Lodge

Enjoy the full days on safari. Your twice-daily safaris take place at dawn and dusk, when the bush is at its most active and chances of spotting game the best. Your experience ranger and tracker team will help you make the most of your time on safari through their extensive knowledge of the African savanna. The reserve is home to a wide variety of African game, including the "Big Five", which are Lion, Elephant, Rhino, Leopard and Buffalo.

Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9: Tuesday – July 24, 2018 – Sabi Sands to Livingstone, Zambia

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Nelspruit for flight to Livingstone, Zambia. The Royal Livingstone at the Victoria Falls in Zambia is perfect for the discerning travelers in search of luxury, extravagance and indulgence. This iconic hotel is spectacularly set in a lush riverine environment and maintains an air of sophistication often associated with a bygone era. You'll enjoy a spectacular sunset Zambezi River Cruise

Included: Overnight at The Royal Livingstone. Breakfast, Zambezi River Cruise

Day 10: Wednesday – July 25, 2018 – Royal Livingstone

After breakfast, you will be met by a local guide for a walking tour of the Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe side. A view of the Victoria Falls is something you will never forget and the best way to see them is on a guided tour. Discover how the Falls were formed and what local customs and traditions surround them. These tours are extremely informative and end with a visit to the local art and crafts center. In the afternoon enjoy an optional elephant back safari.

Included: Breakfast

Day 11: Thursday – July 26, 2018 – Royal Livingstone

A day to enjoy everything that Victoria Falls and the Royal Livingstone has to offer. If you're feeling adventurous participate in optional excursions such as Micro Light flight, White Water rafting, Helicopter ride, a Lion encounter, or simply get a massage or just relax by the pool.

Included: Breakfast

Day 12: Friday – July 27, 2018 – Livingstone, Zambia to Johannesburg or Optional Botswana Extension (Chobe Game Lodge)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Livingstone Airport for flight to Johannesburg connecting to USA or optional extension to Botswana.

Included: Breakfast

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel – Cape Town, South Africa

The Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel is Cape Town's iconic legendary luxury resort. Nestling in a garden estate of tall palms and flowering trees, Mount Nelson Hotel is an oasis of elegance at the vibrant city's heart. Conveniently located within the city's cultural centre, the hotel is ideally situated for guests to explore the city, the V & A Waterfront and the best beaches. Despite its resort-style atmosphere, the hotel is on Cape Town's contemporary beat, with lively cafes, boutiques and restaurants nearby. It is a major venue for local residents to host special events while Planet Restaurant is the place for celebrations. Cape Town is one of the most popular gay travel destinations in the world and South Africa has protected gay marriage in its constitution.

Lion Sands River Lodge – Sabi Sand

Lion Sands has been family owned and managed since 1932. At River Lodge, you need not move far to appreciate **extraordinary wildlife**, or to marvel at the **spectacular riverside view**. We have tried to capture the entrancing spirit of the Sabi River, and always smile at that moment when we see our guests forging their own connection with that special energy that cannot be seen, but can definitely be felt. Guests are encouraged to make River Lodge their **very own private safari home**, ensuring that the time spent on safari remains the **highlight of their visit to South Africa**. The main lounge, bar, wine cellar and library are decorated in a true African Safari style, with some furnishings huddled around the fire place and the rest making full use of the open sided section, which becomes the extensive viewing deck. Each room is fully air-conditioned with mini bars, personal safes, satellite TV, telephones and DVD players. Staying at Lion Sands gives you the perfect opportunity to spot the Big Five in the Sabi Sand. Lion Sands Sabi Sand is one of the most popular places to go on safari, and with good reason: the rangers, who will join you during your safari adventure, are passionate, well trained and experienced. Due to considerate game viewing practices, the trackers and game rangers of the various Lodges are able to offer exceptional game viewing of all the general game species, as well as the high profile animals. The success of viewing leopards within this area is legendary. Elephants, lion, rhino, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra and a vast variety of antelope and other species can be closely observed within their own ranges.

Royal Livingstone Hotel – Livingstone, Zambia

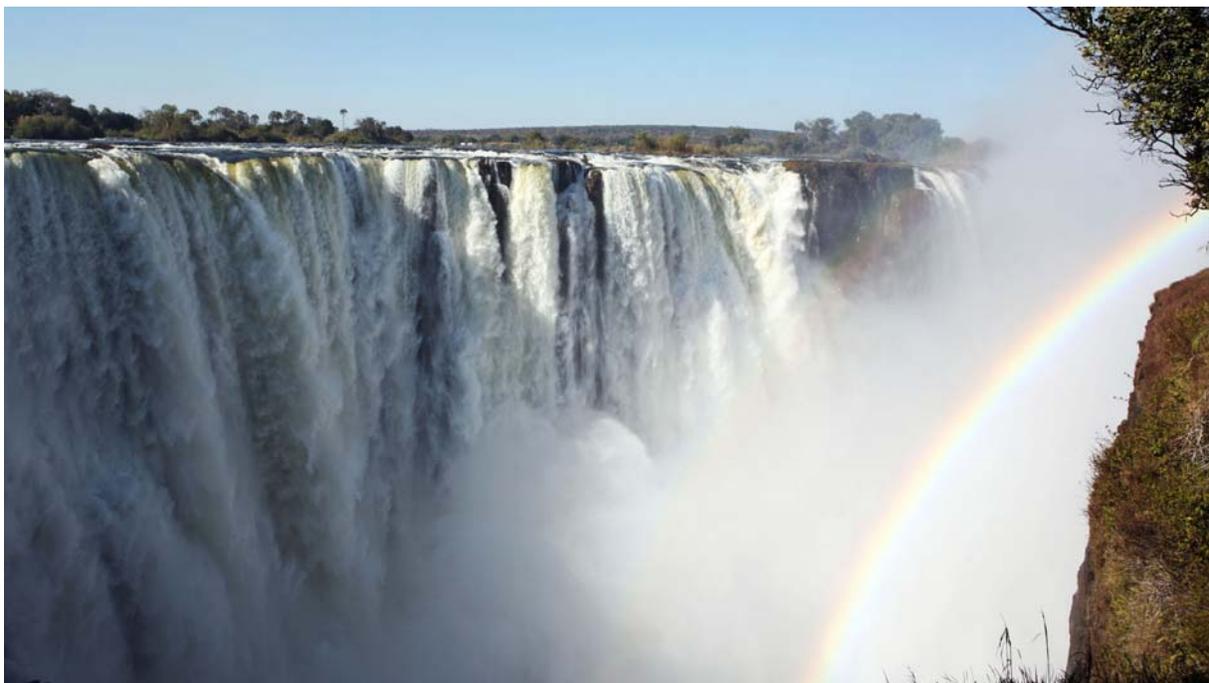
The Royal Livingstone Hotel is situated on the Zambian banks of the Zambezi River, close to Victoria Falls. Indeed, so close is it that the waterfall's spray can be viewed right from the hotel verandah, the edge of the falls can be seen from the Sun Deck and there is direct access to the world wonder from the hotel grounds. And don't be surprised to encounter zebra or impala grazing on the hotel's manicured lawns – The Royal Livingstone is located in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park. The hotel's wide, deep verandahs and colonial décor are reminiscent of more elegant and less hurried time. The excellent service at Royal Livingstone reflects this: staff at The Royal Livingstone have undergone a high level of training to ensure

world-class, professional and personalized service during your stay. There are countless activities – from scenic flights to elephant-back safaris – to be enjoyed in the area and the hotel staff will be happy to make recommendations and arrange bookings for you.

Chobe Game Lodge – Botswana – Optional Extension

Chobe Game Lodge is the only lodge in the Chobe National Park situated on the magnificent Chobe River. This alone makes it a first-choice destination for that once-in-a-lifetime safari experience. Built in the early 1970's, the luxury 5-star lodge was designed to make the most of the river frontage. The wide front veranda offers views of the river from comfortable and elegantly appointed seating areas – and every room has a balcony that faces the river.

Overnight on a full board basis, at Chobe Game Lodge, including scheduled activities, game drives, all meals, refreshments, local spirits and wines, complimentary mini bar.



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