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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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In Flight

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Johannesburg

Today your flight arrives into Johannesburg. After clearing South African Customs and Immigration formalities, you will be met by a representative of Abercrombie & Kent and transferred to your hotel.

South Africa's first and only luxury hotel at an airport, the InterContinental Airport Sun is situated within walking distance from the terminals at Johannesburg International Airport. This conveniently located 138 room hotel is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of discerning travelers requiring the ultimate comfort and personalized service.

The remainder of the day will be at your leisure.

InterContinental Airport Sun (Standard Rooms)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, where upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

The Stanley and Livingstone is a luxurious hotel, named after the legendary men who explored and charted much of the area. It wasn't until 1855 however, that the presence of this truly spectacular waterfall was made known to the world.



Just minutes from the famous falls, named Victoria by Dr. Livingstone in honor of the Queen of England, you are surrounded by 6,000 acres of lush gardens, shimmering ponds, and natural woodlands. Each of the 10 exquisitely



furnished suites has its own living room. Enjoy your time soaking in the environment poolside, just steps away from the African bush.

Late this afternoon you enjoy a Sundowner Cruise on the Zambezi River above the Falls. The cruise will last approximately 2 hours and light refreshments will be served. (**Note:** You will not be able to see the Falls themselves during the cruise, however, the spray of the Falls can be seen from certain vantage points.)

Glide lazily down the river looking for hippo, elephant or buffalo coming to drink at the water's edge. Bird enthusiasts will want to make certain to bring along their binoculars as the area is teeming with abundant birdlife. Absorb the quietness of the African bush as sunset brings the day to a close, sometimes in a fiery departure, sometimes in a myriad of blended colors.

The cruise boats are the most modern, professionally designed aluminum pontoon boats. They are skippered by professional river guides, who are

qualified boat captains and are ably complimented by well-trained and hospitable stewards.

Stanley & Livingstone Hotel B

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Victoria Falls

This morning you will be taken on a guided, walking tour of the famous Victoria Falls - constituting one of the great natural wonders of the world. (**Note:** It is recommended that you wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the walk, as well as bring along suitable waterproof protection for your camera equipment. Raincoats are provided during high water months.)



The walk is approximately 1½ hours in duration and will cover some 2 miles through the rainforest, stopping at the various viewing points. There are however, 3 exit paths along the way in case you get tired.

In addition to viewing the Falls themselves, keep your eyes peeled for wildlife during your walking tour as you are likely to see abundant bird life in the rainforest, as well as bushbuck, monkeys, baboons and families of mongoose.

However, it is the breathtaking Falls themselves that should prove to be the highlight of your day. Imagine yourself in the place of David Livingstone, the first known European to see the Falls, and the awe he must have experienced at the sight of the thundering, crashing waters. The permanent rainbows that

criss-cross the gorge during sunlight - and even during bright moonlight - produce images that are more like paintings than reality.

The average flow of the Falls is 120 million gallons per minute and the deafening roar of the flowing water makes all conversation virtually impossible. The Falls truly envelop you with their physical presence - they never fail to impress even the most experienced traveller. One can gaze at the mighty Zambezi as it flows; broad and placid to the edge of a basalt lip 5,600 feet wide before taking a headlong plunge into the frothy chasm of the gorge below.

The unique tropical rainforest that veils the edge of the falls, the rising spray and thundering roar as these waters break against the ragged rocks below make a sight and sound never to be forgotten.

This afternoon you are in for an exciting treat as you board your light twin-engine aircraft for the Flight of the Angels. Your pilot will fly you low over the Falls and its gorges for a breathtaking, panoramic view of one of Africa's greatest spectacles. Have your camera ready!

The remainder of the day will be at leisure.

Stanley & Livingstone Hotel B

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Victoria Falls/Kasane, Botswana/Chobe National Park

Today you will be transferred overland to Kasane to meet your vehicles to take you to Chobe National Park and your luxurious lodge Chobe Chilwero. The name Chilwero means "place of high view" in the local Setswana language, and true to this name sake, Chobe Chilwero is positioned high above the Chobe River and offers unparalleled, panoramic views across the islands and floodplains, stretching as far as Namibia.

There is no lodge in the Chobe National Park area that can offer the fantastic comfort, world-class service, and all round game experience that Chobe Chilwero offers its guests. Chobe Chilwero has 15 stone and thatched bungalows.



Each bungalow measures 200 square feet and has its own en-suite bathroom with a modern bath, indoor and outdoor showers, private garden with hammock, "sala" or private balcony, mosquito nets, ceiling fans, air-conditioning, hairdryer, minibar as well as an in-room safe.

The main public area includes a lounge and dining room, which are linked to outdoor viewing patios. The wine cellar is temperature controlled and houses a large variety of the finest South African and European wines. The lodge also boasts a split-level swimming pool, library, curio shop and an e-communications center, which offers telephone, fax and internet access.

The newly opened Spa offers a range of spa and hydrotherapy treatments from both the Thalgo and Africology ranges. The spa features an arch shower, plunge pool, relaxation area, male and female changing rooms with lockers, as well as two treatment rooms.

Your camp manager will brief you on the lodge and the surrounding area prior to your afternoon game drive. At meals you experience fine dining here in the very heart of the African bush.

Chobe Chilwero (Thatched Bungalow) B, L, D

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Chobe National Park

Today you have a full day of game viewing activities, beginning with a game drive shortly after sunrise. When it comes to game activities, Chobe National Park is hard to surpass.

The park covers a diversity of landscapes ranging from riverine forests to floodplains and periodic marshlands. The area is home to one of the largest concentration of elephants in Africa (the population is estimated to be a staggering 60,000), as well as an abundance of hippopotamus, buffalo, impala, puku, and a large variety of bird species. The area also supports a large population of lion.



Game drives at Chobe Chilwero are conducted by highly qualified, professional guides in custom 4x4 game viewing vehicles. You can also see the game from a different perspective by boarding one of the small boats to see the elephant, hippos and other water-loving game up close and personal.

Chobe Chilwero B, L, D

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Chobe National Park/Kasane/ Moremi Game Reserve

Today you fly to the Moremi Game Reserve and on to your next accommodation. Chief's Camp is situated on the previous hunting grounds of the Batawana Tribe on Chief's Island, deep in the Botswana's Okavango Delta and overlooks the seasonal Pijajo Channel. The camp is situated within the Mombo Medium Density

Tourism Zone, an area renowned for its abundant wildlife and large variety of bird life.

The camp, constructed on a green-field site, comprises of 12 luxury bush pavilions. Each pavilion boasts a spacious seating area and private game viewing deck with hammock. En-suite facilities include an indoor and outdoor shower. Each room is equipped with a hairdryer, ceiling fan, in-room safe, emergency intercom and minibar.

The main lodge complex houses the dining area, bar, curio shop, library and reception area. This structure was built into the existing landscape, under a heavy canopy of mature Jackalberry, Sausage and Rain trees. The main deck area is split-level and offers expansive views over the floodplain to the north. The lower level of the deck houses the swimming pool. There is also a treatment room at the camp where a wide range of spa treatments are offered, using Thalgo and Africology products.

On arrival the camp manager will give you a talk on the lodge and the surrounding area. Enjoy a swim in the pool or take part in a variety of activities including game drives and, in season, water safaris in "*mokoros*" (subject to water levels). At day's end, return to your camp for a wonderfully prepared and presented meal.

Chief's Camp (Permanent Safari Tent) B, L, D

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Moremi Game Reserve

Game-viewing in the Mombo area is nothing short of spectacular at any given time. This area is renowned for its large concentrations of elephant, buffalo, red lechwe, giraffe and impala.



Ostrich, antelope, crocodile, wildebeest, kudu and hippo are all also common here; as of course are the predators. In fact, this area has been dubbed the "predator capital" of Botswana, boasting leopard, cheetah, painted wild dog, spotted hyena and a large resident pride of lion. Add to that the 400 species of bird life and you

have the best gaming experience that Botswana can offer.

Apart from its predators, the Mombo area is also renowned for its large concentrations of plains-game, elephant and buffalo. Both white & black rhino were introduced in the early part of the 21st century.

Game drives are conducted in open 4-WD vehicles that offer an ideal viewing vantage point. These vehicles have been custom-built for Chief's specifications and offer individual seating. The drives take place in the early morning and late afternoon, and your professional guides are among the best in Botswana.

Chief's Camp B, L, D

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Moremi Game Reserve/Okavango Delta

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to Stanley's Camp. Set in an amphitheatre of ebony and sausage trees on the southern tip of Chief's Island, Stanley's Camp borders the southern section of the Moremi Game Reserve. This private concession is located by definition in seasonal delta. The floodwaters arrive around June, though there is often navigable water all year round due to the presence of the Boro River.

The area is home to a wide variety of big game including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, hippo, lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog.

The luxurious accommodations at Stanley's Camp consist of 8 classic styled safari tents raised on wooden decking. The decks are complemented with hammocks and Morris chairs. Each unit offers ensuite facilities equipped with hairdryer, a ceiling fan and a private deck.



The main building is raised on decking and offers expansive views over the surrounding floodplains. The structure was built into the existing tree line, its main support being a large sausage tree. There is also a swimming pool.

While at Stanley's Camp you have the opportunity to partake of a variety of activities that can be enjoyed, from dug out canoes known as "mokoros" (subject to water levels), day and night game drives as well as bush walks.

This evening you enjoy your dinner in the bush. The atmosphere is provided by an orchestra of frogs and perhaps the distant roar of a lion as you sit at a table set with white linen and enjoy fine wine and great food.

Stanley's Camp (Permanent Safari Tent) B, L, D

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OKAVANGO DELTA

Today you have a full day to explore the numerous wildlife viewing opportunities the Okavango Delta has to offer. Game viewing in the area is extremely good with excellent numbers of predators and plains-game on offer - including the rare and elusive wild dog.

The area houses one of the largest buffalo populations in the Okavango Delta, which, in the dry season, can concentrate into a herd in excess of 2000 head. Bird watching is also excellent in this area. Local guides paddle you past reed beds tangled with bulrushes and water lilies where you may glimpse lechwe and the high-flying eagle.

Game-drives are conducted in custom built, open 4 X 4 vehicles in the early morning and late afternoon or as otherwise requested (subject to availability). The accompanying professional guides are among the best in Botswana.

Walking Safaris are available to explore on foot with skilled, armed professional guides and mokoro safaris are offered to explore water based game viewing possibilities (subject to water levels).



A unique feature at Stanley's is an educational experience with a group of semi-habituated African elephants. The unending African sky and the beauty of the Delta, provide a breathtaking setting as you enjoy a leisurely picnic under the shade of the sausage trees, overlooking the lagoon, while the elephants are playfully bathing among the water lilies.

After lunch, you bid farewell to the elephants and continue on with the day's activities. At day's end you return to your camp for a hot shower and delicious dinner.

Stanley's Camp B, L, D

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Okavango Delta/Maun/Johannesburg/Cape Town

This morning fly from Stanley's Camp to Maun and connect to your flight to Cape Town via Johannesburg. Upon arrival you will be transferred from the airport to your hotel.

With a classically inspired exterior and graceful elegance within, Cape Grace offers the ultimate experience for discerning travellers. Set on its own private quay on Cape Town's vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, the hotel is a destination in itself. Cape Grace's charm lies in its intimate atmosphere, stylish décor and personalized hospitality. You will find the staff warm and flexible with a spirit of unrivalled generosity. All of the hotel's rooms have views of the V&A Harbour or yacht marina with Table Mountain providing the backdrop.

Cape Town's name originated from the term 'Cape of Good Hope' when Bartholomew Diaz and other seafarers looked forward to the sight of Table Mountain, like an inn that promised hospitality and prosperity. To generations of explorers and adventurers, Cape Town became known as the "Tavern of the Seas" – a place of scenic wonder, where seafarers could rest, replenish their stocks and marvel at the luxuriant beauty around them.

The remainder of the day will be at leisure.

Cape Grace (Luxury Room) B

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Cape Town/Cape Point/Cape Town

This morning today's sightseeing begins when you drive through the Cape Town suburb of Tamboerskloof ("Drummers' Ravine") to the lower cableway station on Table Mountain where, weather permitting, you ascend to the top of the mountain by cable car. The panoramic view of the sea and city from the summit is magnificent. Looking south from the summit of Table Mountain view the stately peaks of the Twelve Apostles brooding high above the ragged shore. To the south, the Cape Peninsula snakes out into the southern seas, shearing off into the Atlantic Ocean at Cape Point.

Your journey continues to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve at the end of the Cape Peninsula. The reserve, which covers 22000 acres of land, converges in the south at Cape Point, a great pinnacle of rock. You can climb the steps or ride a funicular railway - the "Flying Dutchman" - to the top from where you may see southern right whales in spring and early summer, dolphins and a variety of



seabirds. The original lighthouse at Cape Point was built in 1860. The present lighthouse, one of the most powerful in the southern hemisphere, is closer to the point itself than the original.

Travel back through the reserve looking out for some of the animals that live here, including the rare Bontebok, Eland and Cape Mountain Zebra.

En route visit Boulders, a lovely beach sheltered from the wind and famous for its colony of endangered African Penguins on the coast of False Bay near Simon's Town. Boulders, had just two breeding pairs in 1982 but thanks to careful management the population has grown to about 3000 in recent years. This is a rare and rewarding experience.

Pass through Simon's Town, which was the Royal Navy's main base in the south Atlantic from 1815 until 1957 and has the feel of a small English seaside village with steep narrow streets and cobbled alleyways. You will learn about the famous hound called "Just Nuisance", the most renowned animal in the annals of the Royal Navy.

Continue to Kalk Bay a quaint fishing hamlet on the False Bay coast with a protected little harbour of brightly painted wooden boats. In the afternoon the fishermen offload their catch and it is possible to buy your supper straight from the boat.

Travel back towards Cape Town passing through the attractive, up-market suburb of Constantia, the cradle of the South African wine industry boasting famous estates like Klein Constantia. Return to the hotel passing interesting sites such as the University of Cape Town, Rhodes Memorial and Mostert's Mill, a Dutch windmill dating back to 1797.

Cape Grace Hotel B, L

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Cape Town/Winelands/Cape Town

Leave Cape Town this morning and head towards the famous Cape Winelands set below the dramatic range of mountains known as the "Hottentots Holland". Whitewashed homesteads nestling under avenues of oaks, rolling green hills covered with wild flowers, fertile valleys alive with the sounds of surging streams, restaurants with French names and Dutch flavours... such is the setting of the Winelands, home of some of the world's finest wines and Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa after Cape Town.

In Stellenbosch, the famous university town, founded in 1679, by Governor Simon van der Stel, you will have the chance to explore the

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town with a specialised guide, whose local knowledge is intimate. Walk through the town, hearing about its historic significance and renowned contemporary wine industry. You will see areas of great architectural heritage including examples of Cape Dutch, Georgian and Victorian properties, often set amongst rows of beautiful oak trees. Your walk finishes at the fascinating Village Museum, which chronicles the town's past and incorporates the oldest existing house, which dates back to 1709. Stellenbosch is also the centre of the local wine industry.

The quaint Huguenot village of Franschhoek ("French Corner") is our setting for lunch. The area was originally known as Olifants Hoek ("Elephant's Corner") after elephants took to calving in the sheltered valley with its plentiful supply of food and water. Monneaux restaurant (or similar) has been voted one of the Top 10 restaurants in South Africa. An inventive blend of modern French cuisine spiced with an Eastern influence adds top-rated culinary sophistication to this country venue where (weather dependent) lunch will be served under the elegant branches of a spreading pepper tree.

Time permitting explore Franschhoek's charming high street, which in addition to quaint art and antique shops boasts the distinctive Huguenot Monument, which was erected in 1938 to commemorate the French Huguenots who arrived in South Africa in 1688. The museum next to the monument depicts the rich heritage and history as well as the development of the Franschhoek Valley, including its fynbos flora, fauna and early inhabitants.

We then travel across country to the historic town of Paarl ("Pearl") passing the Victor Verster Prison from where former President Nelson Mandela was released in 1990. Surrounded by fruit and wine farms Paarl nestles in the Berg River Valley beneath the imposing granite rocks of Paarl Mountain. We will drive up a mountain road to visit the unique Taal Monument, the only monument ever built to immortalise a language (the Afrikaans language). Standing proudly on top of Paarl Mountain the vistas over town, vineyards and mountains are magnificent.

From here we will return to Cape Town and our hotel in the late afternoon. There will be a special Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

Cape Grace Hotel B, L, D

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Cape Point/Depart

Today is at leisure until it is time to transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

PRICING

The price per person of all the arrangements in Africa is \$12,995. Features included in the price are:

- Deluxe accommodations in the hotels and game lodges as specified based on two people sharing a double room. Supplement for a single room is \$1,680.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary—B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.
- Fully guided sightseeing and game viewing as outlined by comfortable vehicles.
- All internal air fare within Africa to the value of \$1330 is included.
- Park and entrance fees.
- Arrival and departure transfers including the handling of one bag per person.
- Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Gratuities are included for hotel/restaurant staff and portage. Only the gratuities to local guides/drivers and camp staff/rangers/trackers are left to your discretion.

Air fare from the U.S. to Johannesburg and return from Cape Town is not included. Delta Air Lines is now flying to South Africa, and their air fare from DFW and return is \$1185.40 as of June 8, 2009.

A deposit of \$1,250.00 per person is required to reserve space on the tour. Balance payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Deposit is refundable until 180 days before departure. After that time, in event of cancellation, the following penalties will apply:

- 179 to 150 days prior to departure - \$625.00 per person
- 149 to 120 days prior to departure - \$1,250.00 per person
- 119 to 90 days prior to departure – 25% of the tour price
- 89 to 60 days prior to departure – 50% of the tour price
- 59 days prior to departure – 100% of the tour price

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