

# 15-DAY "DIAMOND SKIES" SAFARI TO SOUTH AFRICA

Private Game Reserve near Kruger and Tswalu Kalahari Reserve Visit to Cape Town

### FEATURES OF YOUR ITINERARY

## **Program highlights:**

- □ Explore the diverse beauty of South Africa including a private game reserve near Kruger, Cape Town and the unique Tswalu Reserve located on the edge of the Kalahari.
- □ Activities are varied including morning and night game drives, guided walks and at Tswalu you can go horseback riding, archeological exploration and star gazing!
- □ Combine your safari with four nights in Cape Town giving you three full days.
- □ Your 4-night stay at Tswalu includes the special savings of 50% off your 4<sup>th</sup> night (a savings of \$975.00). Enjoy having a private guide and vehicle during your 4-night stay.

## 15-Day "Diamond Skies" Safari to South Africa







Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Fly USA – Johannesburg	Travel
02	Johannesburg	InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport Hotel
03	Fly JNB – Skukuza or Mpumalanga Private Game Reserve Afternoon game activity	MalaMala Rattray's Camp, Lion Sands Ivory Lodge, Singita Boulders Lodge or Singita Ebony Lodge
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06	Fly Game Reserve – Skukuza or Mpumalanga – Cape Town	Cape Grace Hotel, Cape View Clifton or Ellerman House
07	Day at Leisure - Cape Town	Cape Grace Hotel, Cape View Clifton or Ellerman House
08	Day at Leisure - Cape Town	Cape Grace Hotel, Cape View Clifton or Ellerman House
09	Day at Leisure - Cape Town	Cape Grace Hotel, Cape View Clifton or Ellerman House
10	Fly Cape Town – Tswalu Afternoon game activity	Tswalu Motse Lodge
11-13	Game viewing at Tswalu	Tswalu Motse Lodge
14	Fly Tswalu – JNB - USA	
15	USA	





# **2020 LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** Based on MalaMala Rattray's Camp

	Jan 6-31 / Apr-Oct	Feb-Mar / Nov
Per Person Sharing	\$14,295.00	\$14,450.00
Optional Upgrades ~		
Lion Sands	+ \$1,795.00	+ \$1,795.00
Singita Lodges	+ From \$3,550-\$4550	+ \$3,550.00
Cape View Clifton	+ From \$195-\$1325	+ From \$775-\$1195
Ellerman House	+ From \$1550-\$2475	+ From \$1995-\$2375

<sup>\*</sup> All rates are per person sharing a room

SPECIAL – Your 4 night stay at Tswalu reflects 50% off the 4<sup>th</sup> night (a value of \$975.00 per person) (Based on minimum 4 night stay, 2 adults sharing a suite, cannot be combined with other packages).

### **AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** (subject to change until ticketed)

Please note the following sample airfares. Lower promotional airfares are offered throughout the year so please take a moment to contact our "in house" air department for even better pricing options!

### **INTERNATIONAL:**

Economy Class: From \$1,299.00 per person (low-high season)

Business Class: From \$5,399.00 per person (via Europe or on SAA) (low season)

New York/Johannesburg/New York - Please call for add-on fares from your departure city.

INTER-AFRICA: from \$ 525.00 per person (approx)

Johannesburg/Skukuza or Mpumalanga/Cape Town

#### LAND COSTS INCLUDE:

- Accommodations
- Meals as stated breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D)
- Guiding and park fees
- All meals and activities on safari (Full Board)
- Local drinks (house wine, beer, spirits and soda) and laundry in safari camps
- Airport, road and charter flight transfers between the camps
- Your stay at Tswalu includes private vehicle/guide, horseback riding, all beverages and spirits from their award winning wine list, mini-bar and gourmet pantry, laundry and valet service

### **NOT INCLUDED**:

- International economy airfare
- Scheduled flights (inter-Africa)
- Extra meals in Johannesburg and Cape Town
- Optional touring in Cape Town
- Other drinks and laundry services not included above
- Tips to hotel staff and guides:
- Travel insurance

#### **NOTES:**

- 1) Rates quoted are based on a minimum of two travelers.
- 2) Surcharges apply at the Cape Grace from April 1-14, 2020.

#### **TOUR CODE: SA15DIAMOND SKIES**

#### **Trip Reports:**

Tswalu was fantastic... Our guide Kosie and tracker Ben were great, they were both extremely dedicated and would not give up until we found what we were searching for. The Lodge was wonderful and the large wine cellar was a great touch...On the third evening we did the Malori Star-Bed, what an experience. We were taken to the Malori after our evening game drive and a chef came to prepare our meal. After the meal we were left alone to enjoy the wonderful evening and gaze at the stars. We hated to leave Tswalu and would defiantly consider returning on a future visit.

#### Jay Berkowitz

Our flight to Tswalu was wonderful and we were met by Kosie who was our guide for our stay. We had an amazing first day seeing both pangolin and aardvark and that was only the beginning. To follow we had a great sighting of brown hyena and then 2 cheetah brothers who we followed for a few hours. More highlights included another 2 aardvark sightings the last in golden light.

We then set off to look for a cheetah with 2 young cubs...we picked up tracks but prospects to find them before we had to head to the airstrip wasn't very good. Literally as Kosie said unless we run into them on the way we'd have to forgo it he picked up ultra fresh tracks and there on the road they sat...we spent the next 15 minutes following them and getting some really nice photos.. We also followed wild dogs hunting over terrain I'd never done before....mountains. And whilst we didn't see them make a kill, the chase was loads of fun. We also saw more sable, roan and oryx than anywhere I'd ever been....when you drive pass sable because you've seen so many you know it's been extraordinary.

The facility itself was wonderful form service to exceptional food and wine...and a few surprise gifts to both Karen and me to celebrate my retirement and her birthday....quite thoughtful.

# **Eric Gurwin**

Sara and I got home from our South African adventure on Saturday morning and I don't know where to begin except to say, I would not have changed one moment of our trip.

Cape Town was stupendous, especially for new years and our accommodations there were perfect, only steps away from the Water Front and all its excitement, yet still allowing us to get away from the crowds when necessary to relax by the pool. Table Mountain, Boulder Beach, the wine country, all perfect!

What can I say about the safari? Rattray's was decadent. The accommodations again were perfect. The safari itself was unbelievable. We even received certificates for seeing MalaMala's Top 7!

Thank you for helping me put together a trip of a lifetime. Regards, **Diane Plowman**