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Lens and Latitude: Big 5 to Cape Coastlines (2027)

\$15,600 per person

An aerial photographic safari from wild reserves to rugged shores with winelands and desert in-between, documenting light, life and landscape from Madikwe, Welgevonden & Pafuri; to Stellenbosch's Vineyards; the coastal village of Paternoster; the stark Tankwa Karoo; and the shores of De Hoop.

Embark on an extraordinary photographic journey by air across South Africa's most visually diverse and captivating regions. A curated flying safari designed specifically for photographers — from seasoned professionals to passionate hobbyists — offering front-row access to a rich tapestry of landscapes, wildlife, light conditions, and textures. From predator-stalked savannas and stark deserts to wind-sculpted coastlines and fynbos-covered dunes, this journey invites you to capture South Africa's natural heritage from both sky and soil. Travel effortlessly in a private aircraft, timed perfectly to chase golden hours, dramatic horizons, and rare wildlife moments across seven handpicked locations.

Madikwe Game Reserve – *Big 5 and Bold Colours of the Kalahari Fringe*

Capture striking wildlife scenes in this malaria-free reserve bordering Botswana, known for its high chances of photographing lions, elephants, and the elusive African wild dog. Madikwe offers deep golden light, red sands, and clear skies — perfect for dynamic wildlife compositions and vivid sunsets.

Welgevonden Game Reserve – *Rolling Hills and Wildlife in Motion*

In the Waterberg biosphere, Welgevonden's undulating terrain, open grasslands, and koppies provide excellent opportunities for photographing animals in expansive landscapes. Morning mists, dramatic ridgelines, and large herds create layered, storytelling images rich in contrast and scale.

Pafuri (Makuleke Region, Kruger National Park) – *Ancient Trees, River Life, and Iconic Scenery*

Photographers are drawn to Pafuri's fever tree forests, giant baobabs, and the life-rich Luvuvhu River. The quality of light through filtered canopies and the chance to capture elephants and nyala amid cathedral-like groves make this a mystical and uniquely photogenic corner of Kruger.

Stellenbosch Winelands – *Textures of Cultivation and Culture*

The structured elegance of vineyards, Cape Dutch architecture, and oak-lined lanes in Stellenbosch present endless opportunities for composition. Shoot golden-hour landscapes with mountains in the backdrop, wine-making in motion, and culinary stories with texture and flair.

Paternoster, West Coast – *Fishermen, Light, and Atlantic Drama*

This charming fishing village is a coastal canvas of whitewashed cottages, colorful boats, and wide beaches under dramatic skies. At sunrise or sunset, capture silhouettes of local fishermen, crashing waves, and the textures of working boats — all bathed in warm, ever-changing coastal light.

Tankwa Karoo – *Desert Solitude, Starfields, and Minimalist Beauty*

In the Tankwa Karoo, less is more. Photograph endless plains, skeletal trees, and rock formations under the clearest skies in Africa. This is a haven for astrophotographers — with crisp Milky Way arcs, star trails, and the silence to create profound visual stillness in every frame.

De Hoop Nature Reserve – *Marine Wildlife and Fynbos Dunes in Soft Light*

From sunrise cruises on the vlei to coastal walks with whale sightings in season, De Hoop offers a rare combination of marine and floral biodiversity. The pastel tones of early morning and dramatic shadows across dunes and cliffs create a gentle, ethereal palette for wildlife and landscape photographers alike.

This is more than a safari — it's a photographic odyssey.

Timed to perfection, designed for creative freedom, and guided by a deep respect for wild places, it offers the rare privilege of seeing and capturing South Africa from above and within. Every flight is a transition between visual worlds. Every stop, a new story waiting to be framed.

Price includes all accommodation, transport, excursions, meals, local drinks and access to areas for photography.

Price per person for quoted above is for 4 passengers.

Price per person for 3 passengers is \$18,600

Price per person for 2 passengers is \$24,600

Trip Summary

Day 1

10:00 Africa Sky Runners - Private Flight Cessna 206/ Cessna 210
 12:00 Check in at Rockfig Lodge Madikwe - Rockfig Lodge Madikwe
 Afternoon game drive

Day 2

Early morning Game walk
 Afternoon game drive

Day 3

Early morning game drive
 10:00 Direct flight from Madikwe to Welgevonden with Africa Sky Runners
 Land in Welgevonden airstrip and Transfer to the Ekuthuleni lodge
 Check in at Ekuthuleni Lodge - Ekuthuleni Lodge
 Evening Game walk

Day 4

Ekuthuleni Lodge - Ekuthuleni Lodge
 Morning game drive
 Evening Game walk and sundowners in the bush

Day 5

Early morning Welgevonden game drive
 10:00 Direct flight from Welgevonden to Kruger Park with Africa Sky Runners
 Land at Pafuri airstrip and Transfer to the Outpost Lodge
 Check in at The Outpost - The Outpost
 Sundowners at Lanner Gorge overlooking Luvuvu River Canyon

Day 6

The Outpost - The Outpost
 Experience a walk in the ethereal Pafuri Fever Tree forest
 Experience a might ancient baobab tree up close
 Afternoon game drive

Day 7

Picnic breakfast in the Fever tree forest
 10:00 Direct flight back to Johannesburg
 14:05 Safair flight - Lanseria to Cape Town
 17:30 Check in at Mount Vernon Manor | Luxury Accommodation Stellenbosch - Mount Vernon Manor | Luxury Accommodation Franschhoek | Stellenbosch | Klapmuts
 Catered diner at the Manor / Dinner in Stellenbosch town

Day 8

Breakfast at Manor

- 11:00 Wine tasting at Rust en Vrede and lunch
- 14:00 Board at Stellenbosch airfield for the next part of your flying Adventure
See the Cape from an Aerial perspective - Scenic Flight around the Cape Peninsula
- 15:00 Transfer from Saldanha airport to Paternoster
- 15:00 Check in at Paternoster Dunes Boutique Guest House - Paternoster Dunes Boutique Guest House
Experience Golden hour with Incredible West Coast Sunsets
- 19:30 Unique Dining experience at the award winning Wolfgat Restaurant

Day 9

- 6:00 Sunrise photographs in Swartland and the West Coast
- 9:30 Breakfast at Paternoster Dunes hotel Checkout and transfer to Saldanha
- 12:00 Fly from the West Coast to the Tankwa Karoo
Arrival and Welcome drink at the Airstrip
Your exclusive desert camp
- 17:30 Desert Landscape - Serene sundowners and photographs
Dinner and drinks at the Tankwa Tented Camp "Onverklaar bar"
- 22:00 The desert by night and Star photography

Day 10

- 5:30 Desert Sunrise photographs and Explore the landscape
Breakfast at camp
- 10:00 Fly from Karoo highlands to De Hoop nature reserve
Land at de Hoop Nature reserve
Check in at De Hoop Collection - De Hoop Collection
- 12:30 Lunch at De Hoop Fig Tree restaurant
- 14:30 De Hoop Nature Marine walk
- 19:30 Dinner at De Hoop Fig Tree restaurant

Day 11

Morning sunrise photographic cruise at De Hoop
Breakfast at Hotel and checkout
Return flight to Stellebosch over the Overberg

Day 1



DEPARTURE 10:00 - 1 hr 30 min - South Africa Standard Time

Africa Sky Runners - Private Flight Cessna 206/ Cessna 210

Start your incredible adventure with Africa Sky Runners and board your flight at Lanseria (or Wonderboom regional) airport for a direct flight into your bush adventure at Madikwe game reserve

Flights are conducted in a Cessna 206 single engine piston, 6 seater, CAA Type-Certified aircraft by a qualified and type-rated pilot



CHECK-IN 12:00 - South Africa Standard Time

Check in at Rockfig Lodge Madikwe

Rockfig is a small and intimate lodge nestled in the unspoilt wilderness of Madikwe Game reserve.

Each villa is set apart from the rest, giving you a sense of complete immersion in the African wilderness. Unwind in luxury in our modern villas which are as comfortable as they are contemporary, and complete with all the amenities you need.

Delight your senses; the luxurious comfort of your villa, refreshing dips in your private plunge pool, amazing sunsets, delicious dining, beautiful bird calls and the exciting sounds of the African wildlife.

The beautiful hilltop setting and our luxurious accommodation combine to ensure a truly memorable African safari. Our experienced team work around the clock to indulge your comfort and curiosity, and to exceed your expectations.

Madikwe is known for its large herds of elephants, lions and the re-introduction of wild dogs. Early morning and late afternoon safaris are designed to take advantage of the best game viewing times in the day.



Rockfig Lodge Madikwe

Madikwe, North West, ZA, 2840



Afternoon game drive

Get closer to thrilling wildlife interactions and see creatures big and small on morning and afternoon game drives in open 4 wheel drive safari vehicles

A wildlife sighting is always unpredictable and that's what makes a game drive so exciting. Look out for tracks. Listening for alarm calls and be on the alert for nearby predators. There's so much to see, and being the first to spot something brings a whole new level of satisfaction to your day.



Day 2



Early morning Game walk

Experience wild Africa on foot:

Embark on a captivating adventure through the heart of the wild with a guided bush walk in the renowned Madikwe game reserve.

As the golden sun rises, casting its golden light over the veld, you'll be led by experienced and knowledgeable guides who will point out secrets of the wild. The earthy scent of the bush, the distant calls of exotic birds, and the rustling of unseen creatures will heighten your senses, connecting you intimately with nature. Your journey unfolds along winding trails, each step revealing tracks of elusive animals and stories etched in the soil. With the expert guidance of your hosts, you'll witness the intricate web of life that thrives in this remarkable ecosystem – from the intricate insects that thrive beneath the leaves to the majestic predators that rule the land. This immersive encounter grants you a deeper appreciation for the delicate balance of nature



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DEPARTURE 10:00 - 1 hr - South Africa Standard Time

Direct flight from Madikwe to Welgevonden with Africa Sky Runners

Continue your adventure and enjoy the freedom flexibility and exclusivity of your dedicated aircraft and pilot ready to take you to your next "Best of the Bush" destination

Your private flight will take you from Madikwe directly to the our next Bush destination - the wonderful Welgevonden Game reserve in the Waterberg.

A short 1 hour hop in our Cessna will have you immersed in your next Bush adventure destination with comfort and ease.



- 30 min - South Africa Standard Time

Land in Welgevonden airstrip and Transfer to the Ekuthuleni lodge

Land directly in the Welgevonden game reserve and be met by your personal Safari guide who will be your professional guide for the next 2 nights and transfer to Ekuthuleni - your home for the next 2 nights.



Check in at Ekuthuleni Lodge

Welgevonden Game Reserve is set in the shadow of the ancient Waterberg mountains, and is home to more than 65 mammal species, including the Big Five. The density of wildlife in the reserve, its easy accessibility and its status as a malaria-free destination make it the perfect location for an escape from the city surrounded by the beauty and tranquillity of a pristine wilderness.

Welgevonden Game Reserve is incredibly diverse, offering sightings of hundreds of other species of mammals, reptiles, frogs, birds and insects.

- High wildlife density with exceptional Big 5 sightings
- Abundant resident and migratory birdlife
- Diverse and breathtaking landscapes
- Malaria-free reserve

Standing sentinel over the savanna at the foot of a rocky ridge in the centre of Welgevonden Game Reserve, Ekuthuleni Lodge offers guests a classic Big 5 safari experience. This elegant property has five standalone suites complemented by generous indoor and outdoor living spaces and expansive views of a bustling waterhole – providing exclusivity and intimacy - a perfect getaway.

Translated as “Place of Peace”, Ekuthuleni Lodge is a soothing and idyllic home-away-from-home; an African bush escape that offers guests contemporary comfort and quiet serenity.



Ekuthuleni Lodge

Welgevonden Game Reserve 0530, Welgevonden Game Reserve, South Africa



Evening Game walk

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Day 4



Ekuthuleni Lodge



Ekuthuleni Lodge

Welgevonden Game Reserve 0530, Welgevonden Game Reserve, South Africa



Morning game drive

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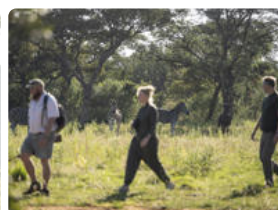
Evening Game walk and sundowners in the bush

Experience wild Africa on foot:

Embark on a captivating adventure through the heart of the wild with a guided bush walk in the renowned Welgevonden game reserve.

As the golden sun slowly sets, casting its golden light over the veld, you'll be led by experienced and knowledgeable guides who will point out secrets of the wild.

Finish the experience with an amazing sundowner in a bush setting.



Day 5



Early morning Welgevonden game drive

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DEPARTURE 10:00 - 1 hr - South Africa Standard Time

Direct flight from Welgevonden to Kruger Park with Africa Sky Runners

Continue your adventure and enjoy the freedom flexibility and exclusivity of your dedicated aircraft and pilot ready to take you to your next "Best of the Bush" destination

Your private flight will take you from Welgevonden directly to the our next Bush destination - the world famous Kruger National Park - and the Northern Makuleki concession - or Pafuri region.

A short 1 hour and 15 minute flight in our Cessna will have you immersed in your next Bush adventure destination with comfort and ease.



- 30 min - South Africa Standard Time

Land at Pafuri airstrip and Transfer to the Outpost Lodge

Land at Pafuri airstrip inside the Makuleke concession of the Kruger National Park. Be met by your personal Safari guide who will be your professional guide for the next 2 nights and transfer to the outpost lodge





Check in at The Outpost

Pafuri is arguably one of the most scenically beautiful and diverse wilderness areas in the Kruger National Park. This 26,500ha private concession, belonging to the Makuleke people, boasts nearly 80% of the Kruger Park's biodiversity. Immerse yourself in the beauty, splendour and stillness.

In the heart of the untamed Pafuri region, the Outpost Lodge stands as an oasis of luxury and tranquility amidst the wilderness. Surrounded by the lush landscapes of Kruger National Park, this architectural marvel seamlessly blends into its surroundings, offering an unparalleled connection to nature. As you step inside, the lodge's elegant design welcomes you with open arms – minimalist yet sophisticated, allowing the breathtaking views to take center stage. The expansive suites, perched on a hill, provide panoramic vistas of the Luvuvhu River below and the abundant wildlife that frequents its banks. Whether indulging in gourmet dining, lounging by the infinity pool, or simply gazing at the African sunset from your private deck, every moment at the Outpost Lodge is a harmonious blend of luxury and the untamed beauty of Pafuri.

Enjoy your evening meals under the stars alongside a crackling campfire. Unwind with a luxurious spa treatment in the privacy of your room. Experience the wilderness on morning and late afternoon game drives, taking in the astonishing biodiversity of the concession and its spectacular landscapes.

Check out more details of the lodge [here](#)



The Outpost

Makuleke Contractual Park, Makuleke Contractual Park, South Africa



Sundowners at Lanner Gorge overlooking Luvuvhu River Canyon

A view that rivals the Grand Canyon but in Africa's sublime wilderness:

Experience a gin and tonic overlooking as the sun dips toward the horizon, casting its golden light over the sprawling landscape, you'll find yourself perched atop the rugged cliffs of Lanner Gorge, a vantage point that offers a breathtaking panorama of untamed beauty. The tranquil sounds of the wilderness serenade you as you raise a glass to toast the day's end, the warm colors of the sunset reflecting in the crystal-clear waters of the Luvuvhu River below. It's a moment of serenity and reflection, a chance to connect intimately with nature and bask in the sheer magnitude of the African wilderness. With the company of knowledgeable guides, fellow adventurers, and the rustling leaves of the ancient trees, this experience etches an indelible memory that captures the very essence of Africa's wild heart.



Day 6



The Outpost



The Outpost

Makuleke Contractual Park, Makuleke Contractual Park, South Africa



Experience a walk in the ethereal Pafuri Fever Tree forest

The Pafuri Fever Tree Forest, located in the Makuleke part of the Kruger National Park in South Africa, is a unique and captivating natural phenomenon. The forest's formation is primarily attributed to the specific ecological conditions of the area. Fever trees (*Vachellia xanthophloea*), known for their distinctive yellow-green bark, thrive in wetland and marshy environments, and they are particularly drawn to soils with a high water table. The forest has formed along the banks of the Luvuvhu River, where these conditions are met.

Through a unique set of conditions a many of these trees grew close together creating the dense and enchanting forest that visitors can experience today.

The Pafuri Fever Tree Forest is not only a visual spectacle but also a testament to the complex interactions between the landscape, water, and plant life in this remarkable ecosystem.

As you step into this enchanting realm, you are surrounded by a multitude of slender, pale trunks rising from the earth like sentinels. The unique, luminescent yellow-green bark of the fever trees creates an ethereal ambiance, particularly when bathed in the golden light of sunrise or sunset. The forest floor is dappled with sunlight that filters through the branches, casting intricate patterns on the ground below. The air is infused with a sense of tranquility, as the rustling leaves and occasional bird call create a delicate symphony that underscores the forest's beauty.



Experience a might ancient baobab tree up close

Estimated to be over 2500 years old, the mighty giant aged baobab tree in Pafuri stands as a timeless sentinel, a living testament to the passage of centuries and the stories whispered within its gnarled bark. Its immense trunk, weathered by the elements and adorned with deep crevices, seems to hold the secrets of generations past.

Touch its bark and feel its massive presence - both awe-inspiring and humbling. Its shaded refuge that has for centuries allowed weary travelers to seek solace under its ancient embrace. As the sun sets, the baobab's outline transforms into a dark silhouette against the colorful horizon, embodying the essence of Africa's untamed beauty. This iconic tree is not merely a botanical wonder but a living monument, a custodian of history and a symbol of the enduring spirit of Pafuri's wilderness.



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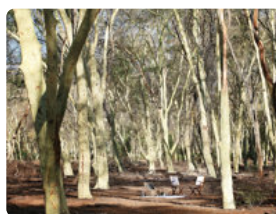


Day 7



Picnic breakfast in the Fever tree forest

Imagine a tranquil picnic amidst the enchanting Pafuri Fever Tree Forest, a place of ethereal beauty and captivating serenity. Beneath the shade of the feathery foliage, a gentle breeze rustles the leaves, creating a soothing melody that accompanies the symphony of nature around you. The golden sunlight filters through the branches, casting dappled patterns on the forest floor. Your picnic spread, a delightful array of local delicacies and fresh fruits, blends seamlessly with the enchanting surroundings. With each sip of your drink, you're not just enjoying a picnic; you're becoming a part of the forest's timeless tale, connecting with the land and its secrets. The Pafuri Fever Tree Forest transforms your meal into a meditative escape, where every bite carries the essence of the wild and every moment is an ode to the enchantment of the African wilderness.



DEPARTURE 10:00 - 2 hr - South Africa Standard Time

Direct flight back to Johannesburg

All to soon your Bush experience is over:

However with the ease and comfort of your dedicated aircraft and pilot, your flight back from Pafuri to Lanseria in your Cessna is quick and easy.

A short 2 hour flight has you back in time for lunch.



DEPARTURE 14:05 - 2 hr 15 min - South Africa Standard Time

Safair flight - Lanseria to Cape Town

FLIGHT NUMBER

FA305

Board a commercial flight on South Africa's most On Time Airline direct to Cape Town



CHECK-IN 17:30 - South Africa Standard Time

Check in at Mount Vernon Manor | Luxury Accommodation Stellenbosch

Experience the magic of the winelands in a luxurious self-catering villa.

Check in at the luxurious farm house on a private wine estate, with 6 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms this manor boasts breathtaking mountain, lake and vineyard views.

Easy access to Stellenbosch and Paarl.



Mount Vernon Manor | Luxury Accommodation Franschhoek | Stellenbosch | Klapmuts

R44, Klapmuts, Western Cape, ZA, 7625



Catered diner at the Manor / Dinner in Stellenbosch town

Option to have dinner at the Manor with catering provided by

Or

Experience the many choices culinary delights in the quaint and charming town of Stellenbosch

Day 8



Breakfast at Manor



11:00 - 2 hr 30 min - South Africa Standard Time

Wine tasting at Rust en Vrede and lunch

Often considered as one of the top Vineyards in Cape, Rust en Vrede is highlighted for its rich history of more than 300 years in winemaking at the Stellenbosch estate as well as for its portfolio of robust reds.

Experience what makes the Cape so famous for its' wines with a tasting of superior wines available for tasting the the Rust en Vrede Tasting Room in their state of the art cellar or under the oaks with views of the vineyards and the Stellenbosch mountains.

Daily tastings are guided by friendly and knowledgeable tasting room staff, who also offer informal tours of the underground cellar.

Follow up the wine tasting with a simple lunch accompanied by a glass of wine in the winelands, surrounded by towering oaks and manicured gardens.





DEPARTURE 14:00 - South Africa Standard Time

Board at Stellenbosch airfield for the next part of your flying Adventure

Continue your flying adventure with Africa Sky Runners from Stellenbosch Airfield - easily one of the most beautiful and scenic airfields in the world.

Nestled between rolling vineyards and majestic mountain ranges, this charming airfield offers the perfect launchpad for an unforgettable aerial adventure.

Enjoy panoramic views of the Stellenbosch mountains and the lawns surrounding the airfield, nestled in one of South Africa's oldest and most picturesque towns of Stellenbosch.

Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Cape Winelands from above!



See the Cape from an Aerial perspective - Scenic Flight around the Cape Peninsula

Experience the Ultimate Scenic Flight Over the Cape Peninsula

Take to the skies for an unforgettable **scenic flight** around the breathtaking **Cape Peninsula**, departing from Stellenbosch. Soar over rolling vineyards before reaching the sparkling coastline of **False Bay**, where the colorful **Muizenberg beach huts** and charming **Kalk Bay** harbor come into view. Glide over the historic **Simon's Town Naval Base** and spot **Boulders Beach** - home to the famous Penguins - before tracing the rugged cliffs of the **Cape Point Nature Reserve**, where the mighty **Cape Point** lighthouse stands at the tip of the peninsula. Witness the unspoiled beauty of **Noordhoek Beach**, curve along the world-famous **Chapman's Peak Drive**, and descend over the lively **Hout Bay Harbour**. From there, fly past a shipwreck, the luxurious coastline of **Camps Bay**, and the iconic **Table Mountain**.

Lasting just under an hour, this aerial adventure offers **unparalleled views and unforgettable sights**, making it the ultimate way to experience Cape Town's natural beauty.



DEPARTURE 15:00 - 30 min - South Africa Standard Time

Transfer from Saldanha airport to Paternoster

Land at Saldanha airport and transfer to the quaint historic fishing village of Paternoster

CHECK-IN 15:00 - South Africa Standard Time



Check in at Paternoster Dunes Boutique Guest House

Experience the **idyllic seaside village of Paternoster** with the perfect blend of luxury and tranquility at the **Paternoster Dunes Boutique Hotel**.

Nestled on the pristine white sands of **Paternoster Beach**, this intimate, oceanfront retreat offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Atlantic, where the sound of crashing waves and fresh sea air create a serene coastal sanctuary. Elegantly designed rooms, each with its own unique charm, provide the perfect balance of comfort and sophistication, with plush furnishings, modern amenities, and private balconies or patios that open to uninterrupted sea views.

Wake up to a gourmet breakfast overlooking the dunes, an explore the quaint village, strolling along the endless beach, or simply unwinding by the pool with a glass of fine local wine.

Enjoy drinks from the hotel's private terrace. Offering a luxurious West Coast escape, Paternoster Dunes Boutique Hotel offers an unforgettable stay in one of South Africa's most charming coastal destinations.



Paternoster Dunes Boutique Guest House

Paternoster, Western Cape, ZA, 7381, WESTERN CAPE



Experience Golden hour with Incredible West Coast Sunsets

A photographers'dream.

Capture the magic of golden hour on the rugged West Coast with a sunset photography experience in Paternoster — one of South Africa's most picturesque fishing villages. As the sun dips into the Atlantic, the sky ignites in hues of gold, crimson, and violet, casting dramatic light over whitewashed cottages, colorful boats, and pristine beaches. A unique opportunity to frame the raw beauty of nature, local culture, and seascapes at their most breathtaking. Let the tranquil charm and wild coastal light of Paternoster elevate your portfolio.



19:30 - South Africa Standard Time

Unique Dining experience at the award winning Wolfgat Restaurant

Wolfgat offers a unique dining experience showcasing a selection of indigenous ingredients specific to our coastal location.

Drawing inspiration from the surrounding landscape and its dramatic seasonal transformation, the chef's signature food menu* comprises a series of tasting dishes presented in seven courses. Sustainable seafood, local lamb and venison, and seasonal veldkos is featured, enhanced by wild herbs, seaweeds from the local rock pools, and pickings from the garden.

Some of the elements on the tasting menu take weeks of preparation, while other ingredients are handpicked on the day for the exact number of bookings received.



Day 9



6:00 - 2 hr 30 min -

Sunrise photographs in Swartland and the West Coast

Coffee at the hotel and an early start gives us the opportunity to experience the serene magic of dawn with a sunrise photography session in the heart of the West Coast.

Stunning surrounding scenery in the Swartland, Paternoster or even the West Coast National park provides a haven for photographers seeking unspoiled natural beauty.

Capture magical unforgettable shots of stunning landscapes.



9:30 -

Breakfast at Paternoster Dunes hotel Checkout and transfer to Saldanha



DEPARTURE 12:00 - 45 min -

Fly from the West Coast to the Tankwa Karoo

Relishing the freedom and flexibility of your dedicated aircraft, conclude your West coast experience with a short transfer to Saldanha airfield and a scenic flight back from the west coast to the remoteness of the **Karoo**.

Soaring over the undulating landscapes of the of the west coast, the aircraft then climbs over the rugged beauty of the **Cederberg Mountains**, where ancient rock formations, deep orange cliffs, and hidden valleys create a breathtaking, otherworldly view.

Watch it transform into the stark, mesmerizing expanse of the **Tankwa Karoo**, where the **vast semi-desert plains**, dust-colored ridges, and winding riverbeds paint a picture of untamed isolation. The remote roads of the **Tankwa Karoo National Park** cut like ribbons through the arid landscape, while occasional farmsteads and scattered acacia trees break the monotony of the endless plains.

Touching down on a private airstrip, you step into the heart of the Karoo—a land of **big skies, crisp air, and timeless beauty**.



Arrival and Welcome drink at the Airstrip

Land at the remote Tankwa airstrip and be met by the team on the ground with an ice cold beverage, and celebrate being in the remote, desolate but soul filling part of the Karoo.



Your exclusive desert camp

Stroll from the aircraft and airstrip and settle into your exclusive, private camp.

Our cozy tents, pitched under the reassuring shelter of a Bedouin canopy, offer all the comforts and luxurious amenities you need for a restful night's sleep in a setting that is as remote and private as it gets.

As you arrive, you'll be greeted by the welcoming warmth of a crackling fire, not only providing a delightful atmosphere but also serving as a gathering point for evening festivities.

Rustic shower and ablution facilities provide the full suite of amenities for a basic but comfortable night in the amazing desolation of the Tankwa.





Desert Landscape - Serene sundowners and photographs

Another spectacular sunset to photograph - this time of the remoteness and solitude of the desert.

Don a compulsory tie (a symbolic respect for nature) and board our safari vehicle to take us up a remote hill of the farm. Here, the vast expanse of the arid landscape seems to stretch into infinity, creating a profound sense of isolation from the bustling world beyond.

The silence is nearly absolute, broken only by the whispers of the wind through the sparse vegetation and the occasional call of a solitary bird. The stillness is so complete that you can almost hear the beating of your own heart, a reminder of your connection to the natural world.

The rugged terrain, with its softly rolling formations, amplifies the feeling of seclusion and provides perfect landscapes to capture with horizon lines and breathtaking orange hues.

Sip a cold beverage as you contemplate the world, your own place in it and hear the stories of the farm and of the ancient landscape that we have the privilege to immerse ourselves in.

As the sun touches the horizon, pause in absolute silence for the minutes it takes for the sun to dip below the horizon : a moment of mindful reflection and peace.



Dinner and drinks at the Tankwa Tented Camp "Onverklaar bar"

The Onverklaar Bar, an iconic hub for travelers, bikers, and Afrika Burners, is a living testament to countless unforgettable stories waiting to be shared.

Inside, its walls are adorned with eclectic and rustic memorabilia, each piece with a story of its own, adding a unique character to the place. The soft lighting in the bar creates a cozy and welcoming atmosphere, inviting patrons to settle in and make memories.

Have a basic, but hearty meal in the adjoining restaurant before retiring to the bar for a post dinner drink and celebration of this incredible place.

The central gathering point becomes the roaring fire, around which friends and strangers alike come together to celebrate. Conversations and laughter mix with the clinking of glasses, creating a lively and communal atmosphere. Dancing feet find their rhythm, and the night often transitions into a spontaneous dance floor.

At the Onverklaar Bar, it's a place where stories are shared, friendships are forged, and the magic of the night is experienced through the warmth of camaraderie, the allure of music, and the mesmerizing dance of fire. It's a vibrant, unforgettable space that encapsulates the spirit of the Tankwa Tented Camp.



22:00 -

The desert by night and Star photography

Discover a photographer's paradise under the stars with a night photography experience in the Tankwa Karoo.

The Tankwa Karoo, which is far from any city lights and nestled in one of the darkest skies in South Africa, offers unrivaled opportunities for astrophotography.

Capture the brilliance of the Milky Way arching over rugged plains, ghostly silhouettes of trees, and the raw textures of the Tankwa's dramatic terrain bathed in moonlight.

Whether you're aiming for long exposures, star trails, or compositions of the many interesting artworks or statues at the Tankwa Tented camp, this surreal desert landscape offers a photographers paradise.



Day 10

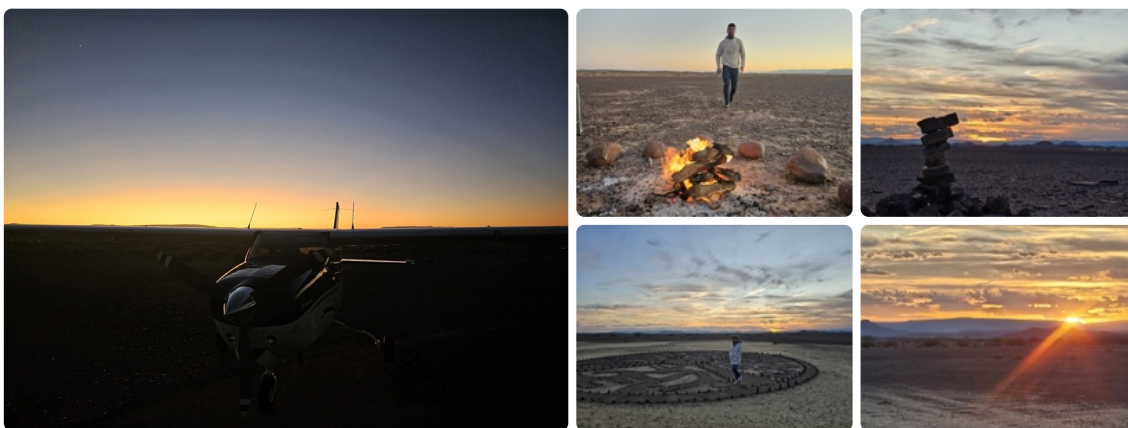
5:30 - 3 hr - South Africa Standard Time

Desert Sunrise photographs and Explore the landscape

The stark beauty and silence of the Tankwa Karoo at sunrise allows another incredible photography experience.

As the first rays of light break over the vast desert plains and ancient hills, the landscape transforms into a canvas of soft pinks, golds, and deep shadows. Capture the raw textures of cracked earth, grasses and bushes silhouetted against the horizon, and the stillness of a wilderness untouched by time.

Take the opportunity to explore this remote and silent landscape in the soft morning light



Breakfast at camp



DEPARTURE 10:00 - 1 hr 15 min - South Africa Standard Time

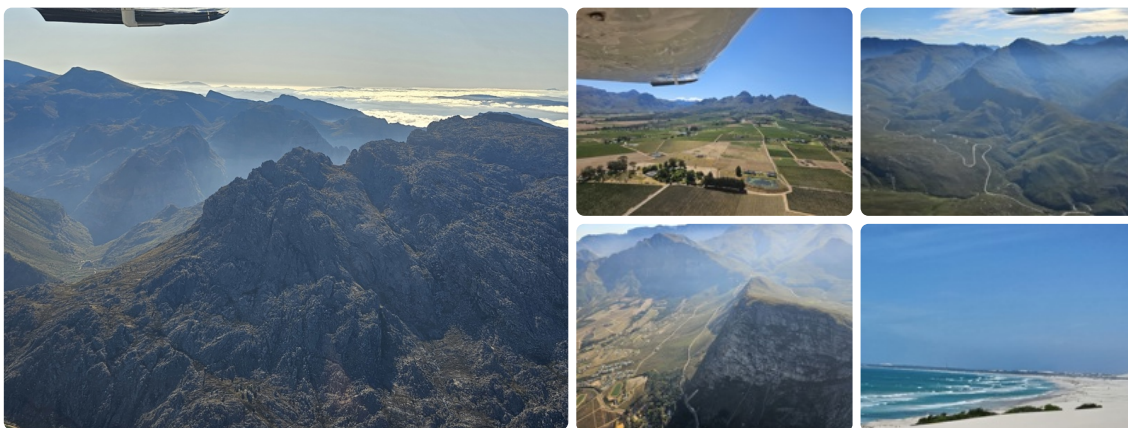
Fly from Karoo highlands to De Hoop nature reserve

Again, relishing the **freedom and flexibility** of your dedicated aircraft, board your dedicated aircraft at the camp in the Karoo to fly direct to our next destination on our photographic experience - this time in the heart of the whale coast at **De Hoop Nature reserve**.

The stark, mesmerizing expanse of the **Tankwa Karoo**, fades as we fly over the beginnings of the rugged Cape Fold mountain ranges..

Experiencing the dramatic transformation of the landscape below. As the aircraft ascends from the stark beauty of the **Tankwa Karoo's desert plains**, the endless, dusty vistas and rugged mountains gradually give way to the fertile, **Wine Valleys** of and lush green vineyards stretch out like a quilted patchwork, nestled between gentle hills and quaint farmhouses.

You'll marvel at the contrast between the arid beauty of the Karoo and the fertile Winelands all the way back to the rugged coastline of the Whale Coast making this flight a truly remarkable journey that highlights the rich diversity of the South African landscape.



Land at de Hoop Nature reserve

Land at the remote airstrip at De Hoop nature reserve, surrounded by pristine nature and tame wildlife, Transported by Game drive vehicle to your accommodation at De Hoop Collection



Check in at De Hoop Collection

Stay in comfort and style at the Opstal Suites, part of the De Hoop Collection, nestled within the heart of the breathtaking De Hoop Nature Reserve.

Elegant, well-appointed suites blend modern luxury with rustic charm, offering spacious interiors, plush furnishings, and private verandas that open onto fynbos-covered landscapes teeming with wildlife. Just a short walk from the vlei and the reserve's restaurant and facilities, the Opstal Suites are the perfect base for De Hoop's rich biodiversity, scenic walking trails, and nearby whale-viewing coastline



De Hoop Collection

De Hoop Nature Reserve 7280, De Hoop Nature Reserve, South Africa



12:30 - 1 hr 30 min - South Africa Standard Time

Lunch at De Hoop Fig Tree restaurant

Indulge in a memorable dining experience at the Fig Tree Restaurant, within the heart of the De Hoop Collection.

This charming eatery offers a menu that celebrates the best of locally-sourced ingredients. Savor dishes that highlight South African flavors, from fresh seafood to hearty game-inspired creations, all expertly prepared to delight your palate. Pair your meal with a glass of fine regional wine as you enjoy the breathtaking views of the vlei and its abundant birdlife. With its warm ambiance and delectable cuisine, the Fig Tree Restaurant is the perfect complement to your flying adventure.



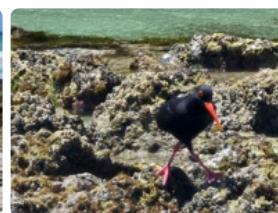
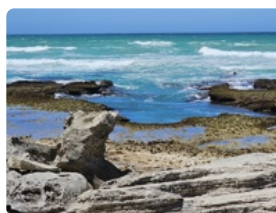
14:30 - 3 hr - South Africa Standard Time

De Hoop Nature Marine walk

Join us for an interpretative marine walk along the photogenic coastline of De Hoop Nature Reserve — a dream location for coastal and nature photographers. Guided by a knowledgeable naturalist, this experience offers unique opportunities to capture the vibrant textures, colors, and patterns of intertidal rock pools, shells, and marine life, all set against the dramatic backdrop of ancient dunes and turquoise waters.

In whale season, frame breathtaking shots of southern right whales breaching just offshore.

With sweeping seascapes, and rich ecological detail, every step presents a chance to compose striking, story-rich images of one of South Africa's most spectacular coastal environments.



19:30 - 1 hr 30 min - South Africa Standard Time

Dinner at De Hoop Fig Tree restaurant





Embark on a magical sunrise cruise on the tranquil vlei at De Hoop Nature Reserve — a must-do experience for photographers seeking golden light and extraordinary wildlife encounters.

As the first light of day reflects off the still waters, the landscape is bathed in soft pastels, creating perfect conditions for capturing ethereal shots of waterbirds, reflections, and misty fynbos-clad hills.

With the peaceful silence broken only by bird calls and the gentle glide of the boat, this early morning outing offers a front-row seat to the reserve's awakening beauty — a dream setting for landscape, wildlife, and nature photographers alike.



Breakfast at Hotel and checkout



Return flight to Stellenbosch over the Overberg

Conclude your De Hoop adventure with a scenic flight back to Stellenbosch, soaring over the rolling landscapes of the Overberg. As you ascend from the pristine reserve, the vast, open plains unfold below, dotted with vibrant farmlands, winding rivers, and picturesque towns. The gentle curves of the coastline give way to the undulating hills and patchwork fields that define this fertile region. Bathed in the soft afternoon light, the Overberg's natural beauty is both tranquil and awe-inspiring. This journey offers a unique perspective of South Africa's countryside, leaving you with unforgettable memories as you touch down in Stellenbosch.

