



## “THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY”

**The Incredible Journey** – *an adventure of contrasts!* For the traveller searching for an unforgettable experience with a personal touch.

Travellers looking for something different are in for a real treat, as they venture into the heartland of South Africa. This journey offers a variety of unique experiences, from the mode of travel (air, water, large mammal, land vehicle, foot) to the terrain and environments that surround each property. The common denominator is the very personal touch that each property brings to the journey and guests will take that away with them as an intangible memory that will always stand out in their scrap books.

### DAY 1

#### **Cape Town > Prince Albert**

Depart Cape Town, making your way to Prince Albert via the following transport options:-

#### **Option 1 (Road transfer from Cape Town to Prince Albert – for guests' own arrangements)**

Drive to Prince Albert via the scenic Route 62, passing through a number of charming country towns' en-route. The final leg of this journey is via the awe-inspiring Swartberg Pass. Allow for approximately 8 hours travelling time, including stops.

A more direct but less interesting route is along the N1 national highway and through the Little & Great Karoo via Laingsburg. The travelling time is approximately 4 hours.

#### **Option 2 (Fly from Cape Town to George – for guests' own arrangements)**

Transfer to Cape Town International Airport and board a scheduled flight to George.

Fly Cape Town > George (for guests' own arrangements)

On arrival in George, you will be met at the Airport by a representative from African Ramble Private Air Charter





Enjoy a scenic flight transfer over the Outeniqua Mountains, and the majestic Swartberg Mountain range en-route to Prince Albert. The flying time is approximately 20 minutes, and strictly weather permitting.

Should the conditions be unfavourable for flying, you will be transferred by road via Meiringspoort.

Upon arrival in Prince Albert, make your way to African Relish, a recreational cooking school with Karoo chic-style accommodation, which is located on the main street that runs through the centre of town. Check-in at the reception area, and enjoy a refreshing drink before being shown to your overnight accommodation.

Relax and freshen-up before returning to African Relish for a delectable dinner in their restaurant.

Retire for the evening, and enjoy a restful night's sleep in this quiet, peaceful country town.

### **O/N AFRICAN RELISH (DBB)**

#### **DAY 2**

#### **Prince Albert & African Relish “Gastronomical” Cookery Experience**

For early birds who are keen on cycling or walking, meet at African Relish for coffee and some home-baked treats, before transferring to the base of the Swartberg Pass. Enjoy an energizing walk or cycle through these magnificent surroundings, before returning to African Relish for a hearty Karoo breakfast.

After breakfast, you will have time at leisure to return to your accommodation to freshen up – or alternatively, you may wish to take a refreshing dip in the swimming pool at African Relish. You may also wish to browse through some of the local arts and crafts shops lining the Main Street.

Thereafter, meet Executive Chef, Vanie Padayachee for a hands-on, interactive cookery course in the culinary hall. Before embarking on this gastronomic journey, accompany Vanie into her fruit and vegetable garden to gather a selection of fresh produce. You may also pay a visit to one of the local farms or to the Farmer's Market (on Saturday mornings only) to source some additional ingredients. The Farmer's Market is also the perfect opportunity to meet the “locals”.

Spend the remainder of the morning getting creative in the kitchen, and learning some secret tips from Vanie, who was recently voted one of the top 10 hottest young chefs in South Africa.



Take a short lunch break, and enjoy a light meal lovingly prepared by Vanie and her team.

Thereafter, continue preparing a variety of different dishes, some of which may be enjoyed during the evening meal.

Enjoy a short siesta, before meeting later in the afternoon for a visit to Gay's Guernsey Dairy for a cheese-tasting.

Meet at African Relish for another delicious meal, and sample some of the dishes that you have helped to create.

Following dinner, retire for a good night's rest after a busy day ...

### **O/N AFRICAN RELISH (LDBB)**

### **DAY 3**

#### **Prince Albert > Mount Camdeboo**

Meet at African Relish for another early morning activity. This is also a good opportunity to walk off all those extra kilojoules that you are sure to have consumed the previous day!

Join Dr Sue Milton for a botanical walk in the Karoo bushveld, and learn more about the large variety of wondrous plants that survive in this harsh climate.

Return to your respective accommodations to freshen up and pack your belongings, before meeting back at African Relish for a Karoo-style brunch.

Transfer to the Prince Albert airstrip, where you will be met by a representative from African Ramble.

Fly to Mount Camdeboo, a 14 000 hectare private game reserve that lies cupped in the palm of the Sneeuberg Mountains, near Graaff-Reinet in the heart of South Africa's Great Karoo.

It provides guests with a unique game viewing experience due to the combination of four biomes and an altitude range of almost 5 000 feet. From the bush thickets and riverine areas to the plateau grass plains with the backdrop of the majestic mountains, every game drive becomes a breathtakingly beautiful experience.

There are three Cape Dutch homesteads which have been meticulously restored to celebrate a fusion of traditional curves and modern open-plan living spaces. Every one of the 12 rooms has been furnished with the most luxurious textures and materials creating a relaxed elegance that allows guests to feel at home.



Touch down at the Asante Sana airstrip, where you will be met by a specialist field guide from Mount Camdeboo. Enjoy a refreshing drink, before transferring to the Main Reception area in 4x4 open Land Rovers.

You will then be transferred to your allocated Manor House for a light lunch, before being shown to your rooms.

Spend the remainder of the afternoon relaxing at the pool, or taking a siesta to escape the midday heat.

Meet on the verandah for "high tea", before joining your guide for a game drive during which you will hopefully encounter herds of antelope and mountain zebra, as well as giraffe, rhinoceros and buffalo, to name but a few. Cheetah-tracking on foot is another exciting activity offered at this property.

Take in a majestic Karoo sunset, whilst sipping your favourite drink.

Returning to the lodge for an outdoor "boma" dinner (weather permitting)

#### **O/N MOUNT CAMDEBOO (LDBB)**

#### **DAY 4**

##### **The Battle Sites of Mount Camdeboo**

Enjoy a hearty brunch in the dining room, before heading out to the Plains of Mount Camdeboo. Visit the historic Boer War site where the "Battle of Paardefontein" was fought. Commandant Johannes Lötter, the famous Boer Commander who led the Lötter Commando, was captured here and then later executed in Middleburg.

Return to the Manor House during the mid-afternoon, having worked up an appetite for a delectable "high tea" which will be served upon your return.

Dinner will be served in the Manor House.

#### **O/N MOUNT CAMDEBOO (LDBB)**

#### **DAY 5**

##### **Mount Camdeboo > Addo Elephant Back Safaris**

After breakfast, transfer to the airstrip to board your private charter flight to Addo Elephant Back Safaris & Lodge.



This eco-friendly property is located on a 700 hectare fully-fenced game conservancy, high up in the Zuurberg Mountains, bordering the Greater Addo Elephant National Park in the "malaria-free" Eastern Cape.

On arrival at the lodge's airstrip, you will be met by a staff member, who will transfer you to the lodge. Enjoy a light lunch before being shown to your rooms.

10 luxury suites under canvas and wood have been constructed using recycled Brazilian pine sourced from boxwood previously used by Daimler-Chrysler in which to transport their motor parts. These blend discreetly into the yellowwood forest and hillside, and have elevated wooden decks affording guests wonderful views of the surrounding valley and bushveld environment.

The suites are luxuriously decorated to evoke a feeling of Hemingway's Africa of yesteryear. All offer twin or king-bedded accommodation with en-suite bathrooms, indoor & outdoor showers, private spa baths, 220V electricity, safes, overhead fans, hairdryers, a mini-bar and tea- and coffee-making facilities.

In the mid-afternoon, meet at the reception area for your afternoon activity.

Addo Elephant Back Safaris provides you with a once in a lifetime adventure as you share a personal encounter with three bull elephants, Abu, Mukwe & Thaba, whose lives were spared from culling in the Kruger National Park, and relocated to Addo in December 2003.

Enjoy an exhilarating experience as you ride bareback aloft these "gentle giants", accompanied by an experienced elephant handler. You will then walk through the African bush with the elephants, observing and interacting with them in their natural environment, finally feeding them their favourite treats. A highlight is watching these three swim and frolic in their favourite waterhole, before putting them to bed for the night.

Dinner will be served at the lodge, after which you may wish to retire to the comfort of your suite. How about some star-gazing whilst soaking in your bubbling spa bath before settling down for the night?

### **O/N ADDO ELEPHANT SAFARI LODGE (LDBB)**



## **DAY 6**

### **Addo Elephant Back Safaris**

After a hearty breakfast, join a guided bush walk – or enjoy some rest and relaxation, taking in the views from the private wooden deck of your suite, overlooking the reserve. Enjoy a light lunch at the lodge.

In the late afternoon, join a 4x4 open vehicle nature drive. The reserve comprises of 5 different biomes including savanna grassland, valley bushveld, fynbos, riverine forest & acacia woodland. Eland, gemsbok, springbok, wildebeest and zebra have recently been introduced to the property and these may be encountered.

Sundowner drinks will be served at a wooden viewing deck, perched high on a cliff overlooking the reserve. Thereafter, make your way to a secluded clearing in the bush, for a candlelit barbecue dinner around a roaring log fire!

Return to the lodge after this exciting "African bush" experience!

### **O/N ADDO ELEPHANT SAFARI LODGE (LDBB)**

## **DAY 7**

### **Addo Elephant Back Safaris > Sibuya Tented Camps**

Breakfast will be served at the lodge, after which you will have the opportunity to say a last goodbye to Abu, Mukwe & Thaba.

Transfer to the airstrip and board the plane for your flight transfer to Port Alfred. The varied landscapes from the air are impressive as you pass over game reserves and farmland.

On arrival at Port Alfred's airstrip, you will be met by a representative from Sibuya Tented Camps.

This stunning malaria free nature reserve lies on the banks of the Kariega River in the Eastern Cape, with access by boat from Kenton-on-Sea. It is in fact the only South African Game Reserve with access solely by river.

Transfer by road to Kenton-on-Sea and board a leisurely 30 minute cruise up the Kariega River, where the game viewing begins as you step aboard. While the boat gently winds its way up the scenic stretch of salt water, from the harbour estuary through wooded thickets, steep banks, wide grassy flats and sandbanks, bird enthusiasts will enjoy fabulous viewing. Over 400 different bird species have been recorded.



Both Forest Camp and River Camp offer luxurious and romantic, en-suite tented accommodation, with private decks and views over the river or thick bush. The camps are nestled in riverine forest and constructed in an environmentally conscious manner with wooden walkways carefully placed to ensure no vegetation is disturbed.

Forest Camp has 8 tents and a fabulous entertainment area, with an outdoor boma and an added day facility for outdoor picnics or an impala on the spit. River Camp has just been rebuilt and is geared for families. It offers 4 luxurious tents plus an entertainment tent for children. As there is no electricity, both camps offer an authentic and romantic experience, with a solar system providing lighting and gas lamps and fireplaces adding to the atmosphere.

Enjoy a delicious lunch on the wooden deck overlooking the river, before being escorted to your luxury tents. Spend some time at leisure before meeting for your afternoon game drive.

Sibuya which means "We shall return" is a sanctuary to an abundance of diverse wildlife including the Big 5 and much more. Otters and blue duikers are a common sight. Conservation efforts on the reserve include a cheetah breeding project and you can experience the thrill of a close-up view of these magnificent predators.

The terrain spreads over nearly 3 200 hectares of vegetation varying from open river plains, through Albany Thicket, to Cape Fynbos and a grassy plateau. It is over 120 years since lion were last heard to roar in the area and more than 100 years since elephants were there. Experienced rangers share their knowledge and passion during the game drive.

Stop at a viewpoint overlooking the river, and watch the sun sink slowly into the horizon as you enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and a selection of tasty snacks.

Return to the lodge for dinner, followed by a good night's rest, listening to the sounds of the African bush.

### **O/N SIBUYA TENTED CAMPS (LDBB)**

#### **DAY 8**

Awaken at sunrise, and enjoy an early morning game drive on the reserve.

Return to the lodge for breakfast, after which you may wish to join one of the many activities available at Sibuya. These include massages, guided walks, river cruises, fishing, canoe trips, birding and horse-back safaris. Deep sea fishing and white sandy beaches, perfect for swimming, are nearby.

Lunch will be served at the lodge.



Enjoy an afternoon siesta, before joining another late afternoon game drive.

Return to the lodge for dinner, before retiring for the night.

### **O/N SIBUYA TENTED CAMPS (LDBB)**

#### **DAY 9**

Join an optional early morning game drive, before returning to the lodge for breakfast.

Pack your belongings before boarding the boat for your return boat transfer to Kenton-on-Sea.

From here, you will be transferred back to Port Alfred for your flight transfer to Port Elizabeth. Enjoy a scenic flight down the coast, flying over vegetated dune belts and long stretches of sandy white beaches. You may even get the chance to spot one of the Big 7 as whales can often be seen frolicking in the ocean at certain times of the year!

On arrival in Port Elizabeth, you are to check in for your onward flight.

### **END OF SERVICES**



## **RACK RATES**

**Valid until 31 August 2010 and strictly subject to availability of accommodation & aircraft at the time of booking**

### **Option 1**

**(Road transfer from Cape Town to Prince Albert – for guests' own arrangements)**

06 pax pay ZAR 20 580.00 per person  
05 pax pay ZAR 21 330.00 per person  
04 pax pay ZAR 22 610.00 per person  
03 pax pay ZAR 24 460.00 per person  
02 pax pay ZAR 28 590.00 per person

Single Room Supplement: ZAR 6 885.00 per person

### **INCLUDES**

- 2 nights at African Relish incl. all meals, soft drinks, cooking classes, demonstrations, ingredients, and excursions in & around Prince Albert
- 2 nights at Mount Camdeboo incl. all meals & activities on the property
- 2 nights at Addo Elephant Lodge incl. all meals, selected beverages, elephant back safari, lodge activities and an elephant bedtime encounter
- 2 nights at Sibuya Tented Camps incl. all meals, local beverages, game drives, boat transfers & cruises, and camp activities
- Flight transfers – Prince Albert > Mount Camdeboo > Addo Elephant Back Safaris > Port Alfred > Port Elizabeth (provided by African Ramble Private Air Charter)
- Landing Fees at Asante Sana Airstrip
- Return road transfers – Port Alfred > Kenton-on-Sea > Port Alfred

### **EXCLUDES**

- All other accommodation
- All other meals
- All other drinks & alcoholic beverages
- All other flights
- All other road transport
- All items of a personal nature such as portage; laundry; telephone calls; curio shop purchases; tips for meals; gratuities for accommodation staff, game rangers & drivers
- Any other services not mentioned above

**PLEASE NOTE**

- All flight costs are inclusive of VAT, passenger taxes and navigational fees
- Luggage weight & size restrictions are subject to passenger loads
- Should there be excess luggage, there will be an excess luggage charge
- Smoking is not permitted on the flights
- Delays, diversions and alternative transfer arrangements, due to adverse weather or other factors beyond our control that may affect the safety of the passengers, and the costs thereof, are not included
- Flight costs are subject to fuel price fluctuations and availability of aircraft
- Should the flight be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, African Ramble will make arrangements for the passengers to be transported to their destination in the safest possible way & no refunds will be paid

## **RACK RATES**

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### **Option 2**

**(Fly from Cape Town to George – for guests' own arrangements; flight transfer from George to Prince Albert – included)**

06 pax pay ZAR 21 380.00 per person

05 pax pay ZAR 22 270.00 per person

04 pax pay ZAR 23 790.00 per person

03 pax pay ZAR 25 990.00 per person

02 pax pay ZAR 30 890.00 per person

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## **BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS**

### **Payments**

A 50% deposit is required upon booking to confirm the reservation

Balance of payment is required **30** days prior to arrival

Please note that if the deposit is not received by the required date, your reservation will be regarded as cancelled.

### **Cancellations**

25% of fee if cancelled **30 – 15** days prior to arrival

50% of fee if cancelled **14 – 08** days prior to arrival

100% of fee if cancelled **07 – 0** days prior to arrival

All refunds will be subject to a nominal administration fee

Please note that only written cancellations will be accepted

**For reservations & further information, please contact Jo at African Ramble**

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**Please note that variations on this package can be tailor-made to suit the individual guests' requirements. Quotations are available on request.**