

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: SOUTH AFRICA

South African Encounters

An Untamed Coastline,
Magnificent Wines, Living History

Shipwrecks, Seafood, and Shoreline: Discover the best of the Western Cape

in this full-day tour of all things oceanic. The adventure includes a sidecar drive, with fully qualified driver, around the 114 dizzying curves of Chapman's Peak Drive and a climb (or funicular ride) to the Cape Point lighthouse; keep your eyes open for southern right whales, Cape baboons, and other creatures. Lunch at the Flagship restaurant offers a fine share of the day's viewing too — enjoy a five-course gourmet lunch while overlooking breathtaking False Bay.

Galaxy Gazing: See the stars the way our ancestors did three million years ago at In the Cradle of Humankind, a World Heritage site in Gauteng Province. Maropeng Visitor Centre's resident astronomer, Vincent Nettmann, gives an illustrated, laser-guided tour of the Milky Way, which is followed by a three-course dinner or a buffet meal. After dinner, stargaze on your own via aperture telescopes.

A Nation, Personified: Join renowned author and guide Robin Bincks for an in-depth look at Soweto, the Apartheid Museum, Alexandra Township, and other Johannesburg-area sites. Visit the Zulu Men's Hostel "Khayaalethu" to better understand the role of hostels in the apartheid era, and Lilliesleaf, the secret hideout of the African National Congress. Bincks, winner of South Africa's Tour Guide of the Year award, is passionate about his country and its complex past, and about sharing it with all who visit.

*Clockwise from top:
Serengeti hot air balloon
ride; Maasai villagers;
playful baby chimps;
leopard in Tanzania.*



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