SIGNATURE JOURNEY

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SOUTH AFRICA: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

Spot and Help Protect Animals Big and Small On this Wildlife Adventure

MOMENTS THAT MATTER:

- Track the Big Five through Kruger National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
- Play a hands-on role in conservation, using camera traps to track leopards
- Get hands-on with an organization that transforms confiscated poaching tools into wearable art
- Visit a local women's empowerment organization
- Experience an up-close-and-personal visit with African elephants at a local sanctuary

TRIP AT A GLANCE

Day 1 - Arrive in Johannesburg and make the scenic drive to Greater Kruger National Park

Day 2 - Set up cameras trips to track leopard's movements

Day 3 - Marvel at the iconic Big 5 on a game drive

Days 4 & 5 - Take a closer look at local wildlife as you spot the "Little Five" and venture through Wild Rivers Preserve

Day 6 - Visit an elephant sanctuary & a local organization benefiting women & children in the community

Day 7 - Visit Down to the Wire and Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Day 8 - Enjoy a day of driving through Kruger National Park

Day 9 - Meet the dogs from Kruger's anti- poaching K-9 unit, collect our camera traps and enjoy a Farewell Dinner

Day 10 - Relaxing morning before flying to Johannesburg

Cape Town (Extension)

Day 10 - Touch down in Cape Town

Day 11 - Tour Robben Island, Cape Town and Table Mountain

Day 12 - Bicycle tour of Masiphymelele township

Day 13 - Whale watching trip or tour Cape Town's vineyards

Day 14 - Return Home

Victoria Falls (Extension)

Day 10 - Relax in Johannesburg

Day 11 - Fly to Victoria Falls National Park

Day 12 - Visit Victoria Falls and have a dinner cruise at night

Day 13 - Free day for excursions

Day 14 - Return Home

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OUR PURPOSE

Live in harmony with nature on an exclusive reserve and become part of the efforts to protect the animals of the Greater Kruger National Park region. Meet conservationists working to protect endangered species and get up close and personal with a variety of wildlife in a way that most travelers never experience. Go beyond the normal safari experience and become part of the wildlife conservation movement.

Kruger National Park is the largest animal reserve in the country, but its inhabitants are facing many different threats. Rhinos are being poached for their horns, lions are suffering from Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), and leopards are being shot by farmers. However, some of the most innovative conservation efforts in the world are taking place in this same area. You'll have the chance to meet inspiring conservationists and help to protect magnificent animals such as lions, rhinos, hippos, and more. When you're not out viewing animals, enjoy relaxing at our camp. Enjoy leisurely nature walks, relax at your lodge in the heart of the bush, or enjoy some of the finest birdwatching in South Africa.

HIGHLIGHTS

GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Greater Kruger National Park and the adjacent private nature reserves comprise the Greater Kruger region, covering more than 7,500 square miles of protected wilderness. This spectacular region has been designated as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, and is home to over 500 species of birds. It also contains more species of large mammal than any other African reserve, including the Big Five. Nearby lies the Blyde River Canyon, the third largest canyon in the world.

SPOT THE BIG FIVE

As much as anything else, the thing that continues to draw travelers to African safaris is the opportunity to spot the so-called Big Five of lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros. All these magnificent beasts live in the Greater Kruger National Park, and we'll have ample opportunity to get a good look at all of them over the course of our stay – from a safe distance, of course. You'll also assist conservationists with tracking and monitoring.

ZINGELA ULWAZI PROJECT

While wildlife-spotting is sure to be a highlight of your time in the Greater Kruger area, you'll also have the chance to interact with local community projects during your stay. The Zingela Ulwelzi Project is dedicated to helping vulnerable women and children from nearby townships to gain independence through self-defense workshops, micro-enterprise programs & food security initiatives. You'll meet with their staff and experience these initiatives firsthand.

ROBBEN ISLAND PRISON (EXTENSION ONLY)

If you choose the optional Cape Town Extension to this trip, you'll have the privilege of visiting the notorious prison on Robben Island. Most famous as the place where Nelson Mandela was confined for 18 years, several South African presidents had previously served as inmates here. The island was initially used as a prison by Dutch settlers in the 17th Century, and became notorious in the 20th Century for the hard labor and extreme conditions which its inmates were subjected to.

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DAY 1: Arrive in Johannesburg and Travel to Kruger National Park

Arriving in Johannesburg, you'll meet your group and begin the journey to our new home in Greater Kruger National Park area. En route, you'll view an array of natural wonders unique to the region. We'll arrive to the camp in time for a relaxing welcome dinner. (L,D)

DAY 2: Track Leopards Through the National Park

Awake to the sound of singing birds before embarking on a game drive through Greater Kruger National Park where we'll learn all about leopards with the Ingwe Leopard Research Project. We'll learn how to track leopards and wild cats by identifying paw marks and set up camera traps to gather data about animal movements. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Marvel at the Iconic Big Five on a Game Drive

After breakfast, we'll embark on a morning game drive through the park in search of the Big Five and learn more about the problem of poaching. We will spend the afternoon back at the camp, relaxing and enjoying the natural beauty of our surroundings before an afternoon session on the history, culture, and community you'll visit. (B,L,D)

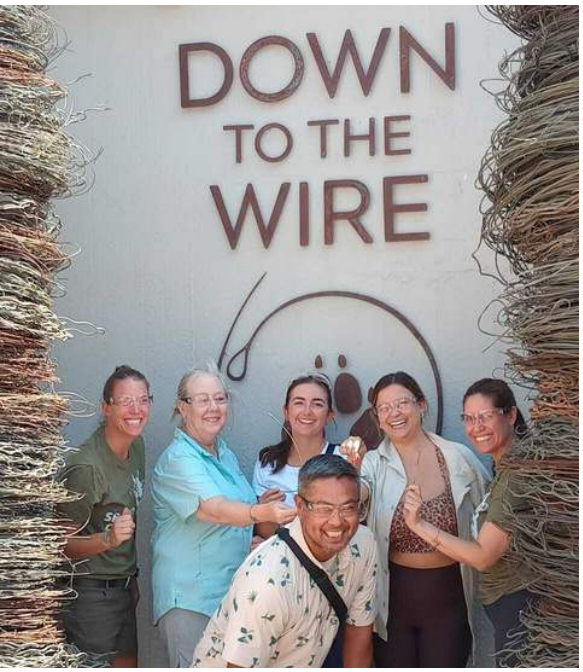
DAYS 4 & 5: Spot the Little Five on a Bush Walk & Venture through Wild Rivers

After breakfast, we'll embark on a morning game drive. We'll also take a nature walk into the bush with an expert naturalist guide, to learn about the local flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled for the Little Five: the elephant shrew, buffalo weaver, leopard tortoise, antlion, and rhino beetle.

The following day we'll have a full morning of wildlife exploration as well time to relax back at the lodge. In the afternoon, uncover Wild Rivers. Part of the Blyde Olifants Conservancy, the 6,523-acre reserve is prime Lowveld territory just outside the greater Kruger National Park area and hosts an array of wildlife including giraffes, warthogs, zebras and impallas. Get ready for a day of premier wildlife viewing! (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Get Up Close and Personal with African Elephants. Visit Zingela Ulwazi

We'll spend the morning at an inspiring sanctuary for elephants. Here, you'll have a chance to talk with conservationists about the threats the African elephants face, what is being done to combat these threats, and of course, visit with the sanctuaries elephants! In the afternoon, visit the Zingela Ulwazi Project, which helps women and children from nearby townships. Meet the staff and see how their permaculture programs and self-defense workshops are igniting change in the community. (B,L,D)



DAY 7: Visit Down to the Wire and a Wildlife Rehabilitation Project

After breakfast, we'll head out for one of the most exciting visits of the journey. Meet with a pioneering organization called Down to the Wire that is working to raise awareness around poaching by creating jewelry from snares. Meet with the staff, learn a bit about some of the issues facing wildlife in the region and craft your own jewelry. In the afternoon, visit Moholoholo, a rehabilitation haven for abandoned and injured animals. Learn about the issues they're tackling and get up close to some of the rare species they are caring for. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Full-Day Game Drive Through Kruger National Park

Today sees us enjoying a full-day epic game drive through the heart of Greater Kruger National Park, home to 147 species of large mammals. Along the way, we'll meet with park staff to learn more about their conservation techniques. Return to the lodge in the evening for a relaxing dinner together. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Meet with Kruger's Anti-Poaching Unit

After breakfast, we'll embark on a truly behind-the-scenes visit to Kruger's anti-poaching K-9 unit. A visit that is not typically open to tourists, we'll meet with the rangers and learn all about the issue of poaching. We'll then meet the dogs that have been specially trained to fend off poachers in the area. This interactive experience will help piece together the various issues at play which lead to the unfortunate existence of poaching in not just Kruger, but throughout Africa.

Later in the afternoon, we will pick up the camera traps that we set earlier in the trip and have a chance to see if any critical wildlife data was collected during our stay. In the evening, enjoy a final Farewell Dinner together! (B,L,D)

DAY 10: Return Home

We'll have a relaxing morning at the lodge before flying to Johannesburg in time to catch your return flight home or continue your travels on one of our post-trip extensions. (B)

PREMIER LODGING

We work with a portfolio of 4-star lodges in South Africa, all situated amongst the trees where you will feel fully immersed with nature. All rooms include crisp white linens, a plush bed, and full private bathroom with hot and cold water, hairdryer, lockbox, and fan. You'll also be able to enjoy your pool, wi-fi, and an assortment of South African beer and wine for sale.

Please note that the exact properties are subject to change.

Cape Town Extension

The lovely Leeuwenzee Guesthouse, a quaint centrally-located 4-star bed and breakfast, is situated in the vibrant neighborhood of Sea Point along the Atlantic Seaboard. With a charming roof terrace overlooking the city, connect with the natural surroundings of Cape Town within just a short drive to the city center. Amenities include air conditioning, Wi-Fi, pool, and a fresh breakfast each morning.

Victoria Falls Extension

Lokuthula Lodge will be your base during the 3 nights spent in Victoria Falls. Translated as "Place of Peace" in the local Ndebele language, Lokuthula is set amongst tranquil, indigenous gardens where warthogs roam and mow the lush lawns. The lodge borders the Zambezi National park and a nearby waterhole attracts a wide variety of wildlife including buffalo, elephant, hyena and birds. Each house on the property has two rooms with shared bathrooms and a beautifully designed common area. During the first evening in Johannesburg, unwind in between flights at 4-star hotel complete with a pool and set amongst a leafy neighborhood near the airport.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: CAPE TOWN

DAY 10: Arrive in Cape Town and Meet Your Guide

Touch down in Cape Town International Airport where your guide will greet you and take you to your hotel. After a quick orientation about the adventures that await, you'll have a free night to explore the town and try the local cuisine. (D)

DAY 11: Tour Robben Island, Cape Town and Table Mountain

We start today early with a visit to the notorious Robben Island prison. Located on an island just off the coast of Cape Town in Table Bay, this is where former president Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years. Spend the afternoon exploring the breathtaking Table Mountain. Rising over 330ft above sea level, this famous destination serves as a symbol of Cape Town. End the evening with an authentic Cape Malay cooking class. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: Enjoy a Bike Tour Through a Local Township

After breakfast, venture out on a spectacular marine drive along Chapman's Peak, one of Cape Town's most iconic sites, as you marvel at 180-degree views. Afterwards, a local guide escorts us on a socially responsible bike tour through the township of Masiphumelele. We'll meet the locals, learn about Xhosa cultural customs and eat traditional food. End the day taking in the picturesque views of Cape Point, one of the richest areas for plants in the world before meeting the residents of the Boulders Penguin Colony. (B,L,D)

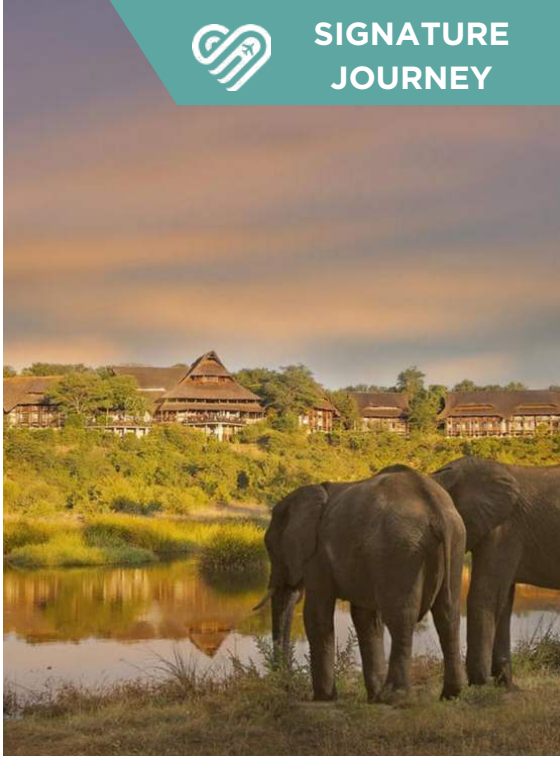
DAY 13: Whale Watching or Tour Through the Winelands

Choose between a whale watching tour or wine country tour. On the former, you'll take to the seas in the hopes of seeing a southern right, humpback, or bryde whale, alongside great white sharks and fur seals. Alternatively, spend the day exploring some of the Cape's finest wine farms in the vast Paarl-Stellenbosch region. You'll get a small taste of what this region has to offer with a tasting, cellar tour, lunch, and a wine and chocolate pairing experience. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: Return Home

Today, say goodbye to beautiful Cape Town, as we transfer you to Cape Town International Airport for your flight home. (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: VICTORIA FALLS



DAY 10: Relax in Johannesburg

After returning back to Johannesburg from Hoedspruit, spend the evening in a 4-star hotel in neighborhood close the airport. Venture into the city or simply relax at the hotel pool during your free evening. (D)

DAY 11: Fly to Zambezi National Park

Enjoy breakfast and then venture off to Victoria Falls on a roughly two hour flight. Upon arrival, transfer to your lodge located on the edge of Zambezi National Park not far from the falls; settle in to your lodging and explore your accommodations. Tonight, we'll have a charming welcome dinner together at the award-winning MaKuwa-Kuwa restaurant, which boasts unrivaled views of elephants and other wildlife as you enjoy your meal. (*B, D - unguided*)

DAY 12: Visit Victoria Falls

The day has come - meet your guide and venture for a full morning tour of Victoria Falls. Take in the awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur of the world's largest sheet of falling water. In fact, the falls are so big that the mist can be seen for over 20 miles away!

Later, we'll return to our lodge to visit the vultures that call the region home, and learn more about these fascinating creatures. Wrap up the day with a visit to a local craft market, complete with a traditional dance performance. This evening, venture out onto the Zambezi on sunset dinner cruise. Be sure to keep your eyes open for wildlife grazing at the banks of the river and birds flying overhead. (*B, D - guided*)

DAY 13: Free Day to Explore

After breakfast at the hotel's Boma Restaurant, enjoy a completely free day to explore the best that Victoria Falls has to offer. A menu of optional activities at an additional charge is available to choose from ranging from canoe safaris to helicopter rides over the falls. For those that want a more relaxing afternoon, opt for high tea overlooking Victoria Falls and wander around the local shops in town. (*B, D - unguided*)

DAY 14: Return Home

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your international flight home.
(*B - unguided*)

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10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

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PRICING

ADULT: $4,395 **CHILD: $4,195**

OPTIONAL CAPE TOWN	ADULT: $1,795	CHILD: $1,695
OPTIONAL VICTORIA FALLS	ADULT: $1,495	CHILD: $1,395

The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements (SRS) are $895 per person, $350 for the Cape Town Extension, and $395 for the Victoria Falls extension (with a shared bathroom). This will guarantee you your own, single occupancy room for the entirety of the trip. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

Note: For the Cape Town Extension, a $100 flight supplement will be added, and for the Victoria Falls Extension, a $350 flight supplement will be added.

All children traveling from South Africa must have proper documentation from parents. Please refer to our pre-departure online document for details, or email us at info@discovercorps.com.

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RECOMMENDED FOR

- Adults & children ages 8+
- Travelers who are comfortable with MODERATE physical activity

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Premier level lodging throughout the trip
- All meals throughout the trip
- Pure drinking water while touring
- English-speaking local guides that are there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- Reliable in-country transportation with experienced drivers
- $50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Turnkey customer support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home
- 24/7 Emergency Hotline

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Tips for the Discover Corps Guide and Driver
- International airfare
- Alcoholic beverages
- Laundry services, room-service, or phone calls
- One-way domestic flight supplement coordinated by Discover Corps ($250)

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RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a $250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

PAYMENT PLANS

Discover Corps offers monthly payment plan options for all of our trips. Contact us anytime, before or after booking, to sign up for a monthly payment plan or with any questions:

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

Our Mission

Discover Corps' mission is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

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- GREECE
- GUATEMALA
- JAMAICA
- JAPAN
- KENYA
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- OAXACA
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