

FSB's Connect Club *presents...*

Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

with Optional 3-Night Dubai Pre Tour Extension

October 6 – 21, 2022



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

16 Days €80 Meals: 14 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 10 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Pilanesberg National Park, Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, 8 Wildlife Safaris, Choice on Tour, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Southern Sun O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 4 – 6	Shepherd's Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg Game Reserve
Days 7, 8	The Wallow, Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls
Days 9, 10	Chobe Marina Lodge, Chobe
Days 11, 12	Spier Hotel, Stellenbosch
Days 13 – 15	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

Explorations: These small group tours give travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersive journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small, allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.

Day 1: Thursday, October 6, 2022 Overnight Flight You're on your way to southern Africa, where incredible landscapes lead the way to a blend of cultural diversity, an abundance of wildlife, and a remarkable history. From urban centers to wild safaris, Africa takes you by surprise, delighting you again and again until its unique spirit claims you, heart and soul.

Day 2: Friday, October 7, 2022 Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa Your adventure starts today in Johannesburg – a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions.

Day 3: Saturday, October 8, 2022 Johannesburg Enjoy time on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild. (B)

Day 4: Sunday, October 9, 2022 Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park Leave the city behind and head to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater and where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of – now laid out before you just waiting to be discovered. Venture out in a 4x4 in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes. Enjoy a drink at a traditional African sundowner and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. (B, D)

Day 5: Monday, October 10, 2022 Pilanesberg National Park Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in your 4x4 on a search for the elusive "Big 5." Enjoy coffee and tea amongst the wildlife prior to your return. In the afternoon, drive past the big cats preparing for the hunt before you indulge in a bush dinner under the stars. Allow your mind to wander as you stare up at the sky in awe, marveling at the parade of stars and constellations only seen in the Southern Hemisphere. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Pilanesberg National Park Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the

"Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Pilanesberg National Park - Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Fly to Victoria Falls* today – an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge – an authentic African tent camp with all of the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when rainbows are at their best, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. As the sun sets and the animals gather around the watering hole, toast the stunning African landscape with a sundowner. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, D)

Day 8: Thursday, October 13, 2022 Victoria Falls Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and learn some of their unique behaviors. After you've worked up an appetite, join a local family for a home-hosted lunch. This evening, you might decide to join an optional sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Friday, October 14, 2022 Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe – an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Saturday, October 15, 2022 Chobe National Park On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Tonight, gather by the river for an unforgettable dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional braai, complete with some local favorites and delicacies. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Sunday, October 16, 2022 Chobe - Cape Town, South Africa - Stellenbosch The winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Head to Victoria Falls and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the idyllic town of Stellenbosch – one of South Africa's most famous wine regions. Settle in for a two-night stay among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

Day 12: Monday, October 17, 2022 Stellenbosch - Franschhoek - Stellenbosch Sip the South African specialties with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the local favorite, Pinotage, which is a Pinot Noir blend known to produce both fruit and oak undertones. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 Stellenbosch - Cape Town Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates you at every turn. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain,** taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Return to the city via Table Bay. Pass through the Moorish Malay Quarter and pause at Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

Day 14: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 Cape Town Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright



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blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honored guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 15: Thursday, October 20, 2022 Cape Town Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner to taste the country's beloved flavors at dinner, starring a host of South African specialties and delicacies. (B, D)

Day 16: Friday, October 21, 2022 Cape Town - Tour Ends Today you bid farewell to your fellow travelers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 08, 2022, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our guests traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective immediately and until further notice, all guests will be required to bring one of the following: **proof of vaccination** (official vaccination certificate in paper or electronic form), **proof of recovery from COVID-19** or a **negative test result** (FDA

Approved diagnostic) for a test performed 72-hours or less from the start date of the tour with you on tour to verify information you will be providing to Collette when filling out the Wellness Declaration upon arrival.

Important Passport Information: You must have at least 4 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamps issued for South Africa and Botswana as well as the visa for Zimbabwe. The 2 pages for South Africa MUST be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. If you have questions please see your travel professional or call us.

*A valid multiple entry visa is required for Zimbabwe. Multiple entry visa cost is approx. \$45 USD for US citizens. Canadian citizens are required to purchase two single entry visas at a cost of \$75 USD for each visa (total of \$150 USD). The visa may be purchased upon arrival, in cash only. Payments at Ports of Entry for visa can be done in USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Park fees (approximately \$89 USD) are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Triple accommodations are not available.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Travel with no more than 19 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

Maximum Elevation: 5,535 feet / 1816 meters.

**Table Mountain Cableway is subject to weather conditions.

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1043541#extensions>

Due to economic difficulty in Zimbabwe, local shops only accept payment in local currency or credit card. US dollars, Canadian dollars, British pounds, Australian dollars and South African rand are no longer accepted for local payment. Foreign credit cards continue to be accepted at hotels, shops, and restaurants. For tipping, US dollars are acceptable, and we advise all our guests to carry smaller denominations, as change is not always available.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. When traveling in Africa you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be traveling by custom built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and travel on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all guests be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, passengers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour.

Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

If you are traveling with children under the age of 18, South Africa requires that those children must have proper documentation and/or consent when traveling into or out of the Republic. Please refer to [www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/621-advisory-new-requirements-for-children-travelling-through-south-african-ports-of-](http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/621-advisory-new-requirements-for-children-travelling-through-south-african-ports-of-entry-effective-1-june-2015)

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Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <http://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/services/Pages/361.aspx> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

For guests transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request.

The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately, through us, if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your tour if you purchase air through us.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 01, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 08, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until March 08, 2022.

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