



# *Botanical Treasures of* **SOUTH AFRICA**

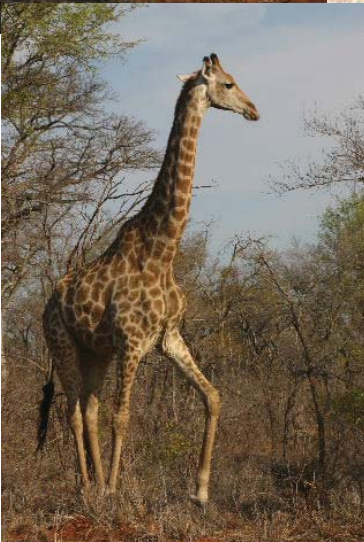
## OPTIONAL EXTENSION

to Mpumalanga & Kruger National Park

EXTENSION PACKAGE PRICE: \$1,350 per person

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\$500 deposit per person holds your reservation. Final payment due by July 9, 2012.



# South Africa — 2012

## The Itinerary

### Friday, September 14

Flights depart the U.S.A *en route* for Johannesburg to arrive the following day.

Meals included: in-flight

### Saturday, September 15

Upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport you will be met by guide Nikki Strassburg. Later that day we transfer by coach to Cullinan, a picturesque little village, famous for the biggest diamond ever discovered in 1905, steeped in history, with quaint buildings, tree lined streets and a variety of good restaurants. Today the mine still produces 5000 carats of diamonds per day and supplies 25% of the world's gem quality diamonds.

Meals included: In-flight

Lodging: Destiny Lodge, Cullinan

### Sunday, September 16

This morning we depart for Mpumalanga. En route we will visit



Dullstroom, a quaint little village that has developed as one of the most popular weekend destination, especially for trout anglers.



We will also stop at Lydenburg, which occupies a special place in the history of the Voortrekkers, the first European settlers, and Pilgrims Rest, a little gold mining town with its galvanized iron houses, where gold was discovered in 1870's, has survived almost intact.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Hulala Lakeside Lodge, White River

### Monday, September 17

Very early this morning (maybe before dawn!) we depart for our day-long drive into the world famous Kruger National Park,

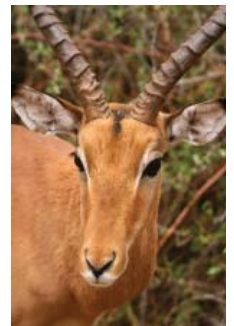


one of the most famous game parks in the world and the oldest in Africa. Its vast area is home to great numbers of amphibians, reptiles, birds and 147 mammal species, including the Big Five. One of the main objectives of the park management is to maintain the ecosystem in its natural state for the enjoyment and enrichment of the visitor. Open vehicle safaris with experienced and qualified guides offers the ultimate experience in exploring the Park

and the interaction between animals and their habitat. In the late afternoon we drive back to the hotel (we must be out of the Park by dark).

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Hulala Lakeside Lodge, White River



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## Tuesday, September 18

Today we enjoy the beautiful drive along the Panorama Route, which leads through the rugged mountain range of the northern Drakensberg.



The most spectacular stretch of the Panorama Route is the Blyde River Canyon, the third largest canyon in the world, with the best overview at the Three Rondavels. We will visit Bourke's Luck

Potholes at the confluence of the Blyde and Treur Rivers, a dramatic landscape of strange pools and cauldrons of rock shaped millions of years ago by erosion. At God's Window there are stunning views of the Lowveld below (on a clear day you can see as far as Mozambique) and an optional hike to see *Clivia* in habitat. This evening we enjoy a traditional dinner and presentation where choirs, actors and dancers gather to tell the story of the Shangana people at Shangana Cultural Village.



Meals included: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Hulala Lakeside Lodge, White River



## Wednesday, September 19

We depart for Cullinan this morning to join the main tour, travelling via Kaapsehoop, a fairytale town with a rich and historical history situated 4,875 feet above sea level. About 160 to 200 feral horses roam wild and free in the 42,000 acres of Kaapsehoop and surrounds. We follow the Elands River where it flows through the Drakensberg escarpment. The Elands River is known for its 230 foot high waterfall close to the NZASM tunnel. The quarter mile long tunnel, now a national monument, was built in 1883 and was internationally considered to be a magnificent feat of engineering for the time. In the vicinity is the historical site called Krugerhof, the last residence of President Paul Kruger.

### TRIP COST AND CONDITIONS

This trip extension has been organized by Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours, L.L.C. and they reserve the right to make necessary changes to the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. This extension is only available in conjunction with the main trip. Additional \$500 deposit required, but will be refunded if trip does not fill. Final payment is on the same schedule as for the main trip.

- Package price: \$1,350  
(based upon double occupancy)
- Single occupancy price: \$120

### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- \* local, English-speaking tour guide throughout

- \* comfortable coaching
- \* meals as indicated on the itinerary, bottled water
- \* entrance fees pertinent to itinerary
- \* 4 nights accomodation as specified above

### TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- \* international flights
- \* meals other than those stated
- \* insurance
- \* tips for the guide and driver
- \* personal expenses
- \* alcoholic beverages
- \* any service or activity not specified above

### REFUND SCHEDULE

The same as for the main trip.