



Join Collins Tours for a special opportunity to check off many experiences in one vacation! Experience the welcoming nature of South Africa for our up-close and personal safari expeditions next to the world-famous Kruger National Park to see Africa's "Big Five": Lions, leopards, rhinoceros, elephants, and African buffalos! Continuing our journey of South Africa, we visit Cape Town on the western shores of the country along the Atlantic Ocean known for its quality vineyards, breathtaking views of the sea and Table Mountains at every turn before we visit the striking desert landscapes of central Namibia at Sossusvlei. Next, we experience wildlife in Namibia's Etosha National Park – perhaps you will see a glimpse of the elusive Black Rhino. Your Tour Manager looks forward to meeting you and delivering a

well-managed and enjoyable escape where all you have to do is... sit back, relax, and enjoy!

-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 3 – Home – Overnight Flight to Johannesburg, South Africa

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, make your way to your local area airport for your assigned flight connecting with your overnight to Johannesburg. **NOTE: 1st checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2nd bag is an additional cost and based on weight. Additional fees apply for overweight and over-size bags. Carry-on luggage is free, your bag must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted and the typical weight is maximum 22lbs per carry-on bag.**
- Visit www.aircanada.com for more details on luggage fees. Luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights.

Day 2 – Thursday, March 4 – Johannesburg, South Africa

- Welcome to South Africa!
- Your flight will be landing today. Please proceed to the baggage claim area, clear passport control, and collect luggage where you will meet your tour manager.
- Your deluxe private motor coach will be there to meet us and take us to our nearby hotel allowing you to adjust to time zone changes and prepare for our adventure ahead together.
- Rest up! Dinner and the remainder of the evening is on your own.

Day 3 – Friday, March 5 – Johannesburg – Flight to Hoedspruit, South Africa – 5-Star Thornybush Game Lodge (B, Welcome Reception, Welcome Group D)

- This morning, breakfast (**included**) will be served at our hotel. Your tour manager handles group hotel check-out, part of the signature Collins Tours service you will receive along our journey together.
- This morning is our direct flight to Hoedspruit. We will be travelling from Johannesburg to Hoedspruit on Airlink. This airline only permits 20kg for large piece of luggage at no additional cost because of the plane size. **To avoid disruptions or complications, please limit size of luggage for 20kg.**

- Our private transportation will be there to meet us and take us to the incredible 5-star Thornybush Game Lodge, our home for the next 3 nights. With a note of sophistication in the design and layout, the thatched main area overlooks a waterhole and riverbed frequently visited by elephants, buffalo, and other large game at our luxurious 5-star lodge. Your tour manager will check you in and assist with luggage handling.
- The time for one of the highlights of this trip has come! Make sure you bring your cameras with you and be ready to capture memories of an unforgettable adventure and excitement! Enjoy an evening safari game drive. A local expert will lead us on an exciting expedition in search of the "Big 5" - elephants, African buffalos, lions, leopards, and rhinoceros - providing insight into these fascinating creatures along the way. Be sure to keep an eye out as you may also see a graceful impala, a dazzling zebra, or an elegant giraffe. Relax and take in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park while enjoying a drinks and snacks surrounded by giraffes **(included)**.
- After the safari adventure, please meet your tour manager and join your fellow Collins Tours travellers for a Welcome Cocktail Reception followed by a delicious group Welcome Dinner in our luxurious lodge as we sample some delectable local cuisine with wine and beer included **(included)**. We will share stories together about this unforgettable day.



Day 4 – Saturday, March 6 – Kruger National Park – Safari Expeditions (B, L, Group D)

- Make sure you have enough storage on your phones and cameras! Today, we will enjoy another day of safari expeditions at Kruger National Park. This breathtaking national park, with nearly 2 million hectares of unrivaled diversity of life, offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa **(included)**
- This morning rise early and enjoy your morning game drive with local guide and tracker! Animals rise early in the morning to feed and hunt; this is sometimes the best time to view the precious wildlife of Africa! Morning tea and coffee with rusks will be available before our drive.
- After our morning drive, we will return to the lodge for breakfast **(included)**.
- Take time this afternoon to relax and enjoy your beautiful lodge with an outdoor pool! Lunch is served on the lower deck, another included meal of this amazing adventure!
- Get set for another evening game drive today and experience yet another evening of life-changing moments! After our evening safari, please meet your tour manager and join your fellow Collins Tours group passengers for a delicious another group dinner in our luxurious lodge as we sample some delectable local cuisine with wine and beer included with our meal **(included)**.

Day 5 – Sunday, March 7 – Kruger National Park – Safari Expeditions (B, L, Group D)

- Today's offerings are two more wildlife expeditions (morning and evening, **included**). Prefer to relax and partake in all the offerings at the lodge instead? That's okay. Opt to spend your day at the lodge in the wonderful landscape – truly the heart of Africa and world-class hospitality.
- Dine on-site at the Thornybush Lodge for breakfast and lunch. Gather together for Dinner with wine or beer included with this evening's meal.

Day 6 – Monday, March 8 – Kruger National Park – Safari Expeditions (B, L, Group D)

- Today's offerings are two more wildlife expeditions (morning and evening, **included**). Prefer to relax and partake in all the offerings at the lodge instead? That's okay. Opt to spend your day at the lodge in the wonderful landscape – truly the heart of Africa and world-class hospitality.
- Dine on-site at the Thornybush Lodge for breakfast and lunch. Gather together for Dinner with wine or beer included with this evening's meal.

Day 7 – Tuesday, March 9 – Hoedspruit – Flight to Cape Town – AC Marriott Waterfront Cape Town (B, Group D)

- Enjoy morning tea and coffee with rusks before checking out of your room in time for our last safari expedition at Kruger National Park. This morning game drive will be another early rise to get the very last chance to experience the most magical setting in the world! Make sure you take in all the beauty of the African wilderness our departure to Cape Town.
- After our morning drive, we will return to the lodge for breakfast **(included)**.
- Our deluxe private transportation will take us the Hoedspruit airport in time for our flight to Cape Town.
- We will be travelling from Hoedspruit to Cape Town with Airlink, the airline that permits 20kg for large piece of luggage at no additional cost because of the plane size. **To avoid disruptions or complications, please limit size of luggage to 20kg.**
- Once in Cape Town, we will head to the 5-star centrally located AC Marriott Hotel Waterfront +overlooking the water, our home for the next two nights while enjoying the executive club rooms!
- Tonight, please meet your tour manager and fellow Collins Tours group passengers for a fantastic group dinner with wine and beer **(included)**
- Dinner and the rest of the evening is on your own.

Day 8 – Wednesday, March 10 – Cape Town (B)

- Enjoy another delicious breakfast that is included at the hotel before we continue onto our exciting day in Cape Town!
- After breakfast, meet your tour manager and local guide for a morning tour of Cape Town **(included)**. We will explore this vibrant South African city affectionally called “The Mother City,” known for its natural beauty, creative freedom and incredible spirit with architecture that fuses the traditions of the French, Germans and Dutch. We will ascend to the top of Table Mountain by cablecar for the best vantage point of seeing the city and ocean all in one place!
- After our tour, we return to our hotel for some free time for lunch and to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you can finish your afternoon with a stroll on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront for some shopping and entertainment.
- Dinner and the rest of the evening is on your own.



Day 9 – Thursday, March 11 – Cape Town (B, Group D)

- Enjoy another delicious breakfast at the hotel **(included)**.
- This morning, enjoy our beautiful drive to Boulders Beach **(entrance fee included)**, home to a unique and endangered land-based colony of African Penguins! The Boulders Penguin Colony is one of only a few in the world.
- After our visit to Boulders Beach, we will head to Constantia Valley to experience one of the many local wineries with sampling and learning how world famous South African wines are made! **(winery, wine tasting and cheese platter included)**.
- We have reserved a few tables at the on-site restaurant for the group’s convenience (meal at own expense). You will have the opportunity to choose from the menu and settle the bill individually.
- After our wonderful experience at the winery, we return to our hotel for some free time before our delicious group dinner.
- Tonight, please meet your tour manager and fellow Collins Tours group passengers for another fantastic group dinner with wine and beer at an upscale restaurant close to our hotel **(included)**.

Day 10 – Friday, March 12 – Flight to Windhoek, Namibia – 5-Star Sossusvlei Desert Lodge (B, Group D)

- After another full breakfast this morning, your tour manager will check you out of the hotel. We will then make our way to the Cape Town airport to visit our second country – Namibia, with its coastal contrasts with desert landscapes to vibrant wildlife at Etosha National Park. Visiting Namibia is sure to be a highlight for all guests!
- We fly to Windhoek, the country's capital city before reaching the Sossusvlei region and checking in to the Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, the area's highest quality accommodations located on the edge of salt plains and sand dunes.
- Make yourself at home at the lodge for 3 nights. We will depart in the late afternoon on a leisurely drive on the Lodge's private reserve. Relax with a sundowner drink and experience the most spectacular sunsets.
- We will gather for dinner **(included)** together at the Lodge.



Day 11 – Saturday, March 13 – Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, Namibia (B, L, Group D)

- Breakfast is included today at the Lodge before our
- This morning, take part in an area nature drive, included.
- Today we have an Optional Sand Dune Experience. join Collins Tours for an exciting half-day optional once-in-a-lifetime excursion highlighting the magical sights in Namibia. Along the way, our local guides will find a suitable place to stop and serve a selection of snacks with sparkling wine, beers and cool drinks **(included)**. This is usually done on top of a high dune overlooking the dunes. The journey also offers glimpses of desert-adapted wildlife and plants, including jackals and the famous !Nara plant. The adventure concludes with thrilling 4x4 dune driving. **(Price \$TBA CAD per person including tax. Reserve by contacting Collins Tours staff by email getaway@collinstours.ca or dial 1-888-636-8080).**
- Enjoy another Sundowner Drive taking in the incredible landscape of the area.
- Group dinner is included this evening.

Day 12 – Sunday, March 14 – Onguma The Fort Lodge – Etosha National Park (B, Group D)

- After breakfast we make our way to the airport to fly north to the Etosha National Park! Home of the Black Rhino. Despite a dramatic decline in the 20th century, conservation efforts have helped the Black Rhino population recover from its historic low of fewer than 2,500 in the mid-1990s. The black rhino is still considered critically endangered at approximately 6,800 in Eastern and Southern Africa.
- Today we reach our luxurious accommodations to stay three nights – Onguma The Fort Lodge! Prepare to be pampered. The Fort is set upon its own game reserve with animals such as giraffes, lions, elephants and leopards.
- Dine together **(included)**, followed by an evening game reserve drive!



Day 13 – Monday, March 15 – Onguma The Fort Lodge – Etosha National Park (B, L, Group D)

- Enjoy breakfast followed by a game reserve drive. Keep your eyes peeled for animal on their early morning prowl, or their leisurely graze among the unique landscape.

- Lunch and dinner are included together today before we set our sights for an evening game reserve drive. Perhaps you'll see all new wildlife or the ones you have become acquainted with? Don't forget that camera!

Day 14 – Tuesday, March 16 – Onguma The Fort Lodge – Etosha National Park (B, L, Group Farewell D)

- Enjoy breakfast once again followed by an early game reserve drive.
- Lunch and our Farewell dinner are once again included together today. Time to reminisce with our wildlife experiences together!



Day 15 – Wednesday, March 17 – Flight to Johannesburg (B, L, Group D)

- Today we fly to Johannesburg to stay one night before our return to Canada.
- Breakfast is included before making our way to the airport.

Day 16 – Thursday, March 18 – Flight to Canada

- We arrive at the Johannesburg Airport for our return to Canada. Farewell to our adventure in Africa with lasting memories on hand.

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- Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
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- REMEMBER, your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest. **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
- **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
 - Collins Tours guide - from \$7.00 - \$10.00 per person, per day
 - Bus driver \$4 -\$5 per person per day
 - Private city tour guides- \$3 per person, per day

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