Trendsetter Travel & Cruise Centre

2021 Luxury South African Golf Tour

Luxury 5 star accommodation 3 Nights Jock's Safari Lodge 2 Nights Rovos Rail journey 8 Games of Golf

20 days - 7 to 26 February 2021 AUD 17,475 per person twin share

You are invited to join Trendsetter Travel's South African luxury golf tour, showcasing several bucket list golf courses alongside superlative wildlife experiences at the boutique Jock's Safari Lodge, and a journey on the iconic and luxury Rovos Rail. Stay and play in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Sun City and along the Garden Route, all the while enjoying the exclusivity of this small group experience, strictly limited to just 30 participants including your hosts David and Adrienne.

Anytime is a great time to visit South Africa but February is particularly ideal time. You are assured the best chance of perfect weather for golf, and great sunsets best enjoyed alongside some wonderful South African wines.

This tour is now full with further interest on Wait List.



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Sunday 7 February – Johannesburg

Welcome to South Africa! Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer independently to your five star hotel accommodation for a 2 night stay. Tonight meet your fellow tour companions over drinks and dinner. (D) **Accommodation (2 nights)** – *Hotel To Be Advised*

Monday 8 February – Johannesburg – Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club

Following a leisurely breakfast we depart for play at the championship East Course at **Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club**. Rated as the number 1 course in Johannesburg and 6th in all of South Africa, this club has hosted 9 South African Open Championships and 11 Johannesburg Opens. It also serves as Headquarters for the PGA of SA. (B)



Tuesday 9 February –Sun City

Late morning coach approximately 2 ½ hours to Sun City, the famous South African golf resort, located alongside Pilanesberg National Game Park and home to two wonderful golf courses. Enjoy luxury accommodation at the recently renovated Palace of the Lost City, the leading 5 star hotel within this resort, and your first sundowner game drive. (B)

Accommodation (3 Nights) – Palace of the Lost City



Wednesday 10 February – Sun City - The Lost City Golf Course

Today we golf at **The Lost City Golf Course.** Built as a desert style golf course, the layout includes numerous water hazards, the most famous being the 13th hole which is home to 39 large crocodiles at last count. Hit them straight since golf ball recovery is not an option! (B)

Thursday 11 February – Sun City - Gary Player Golf Course

We golf today at the **Gary Player Golf Course**, long regarded one of South Africa's leading golf courses. Designed by Gary Player himself and built in 1979, this course is the venue for the annual Nedbank Golf Challenge, a favourite tournament of many of the world's leading golfers. The course winds through the South African bush and is strictly a walking only course. (For those unable or unwilling to walk, a 2nd round at The Lost City Golf Course will be arranged.) (B)

Friday 12 February – Rovos Rail' The Pride of Africa

After a leisurely start to the day, we coach less than 2 hours to Pretoria to join Rovos Rail on its journey to Cape Town. **The Pride of Africa** offers luxury all the way on this 3 day/2 night trip departing at 3 pm. Onboard, you'll enjoy accommodation in a Deluxe suite (unless downgrade option taken to a Pullman or upgrade to a Royal) with private bathroom, morning and afternoon tea daily and delicious meals with included beverages



(excludes champagne). Along the way, enjoy scenic views of the South African countryside from the privacy of your compartment or the elegant saloon cars, which feature comfy seating and open air spaces perfect for those special photographs. (BD) (For more details please *Click* here.)





There are 3 categories of room on the Rovos coach (the image above is Deluxe suite category) and details (including pricing) on each can be found using the following links:

Pullman (7 sqm) - AUD 2,425 pp - <u>https://www.rovos.com/trains/pullman-suites</u> Deluxe (10 sqm) – AUD 3,650 pp - <u>https://www.rovos.com/trains/deluxe-suites</u> Royal (14 sqm) – AUD 4,890 pp <u>https://www.rovos.com/trains/royal-suites</u>

Saturday 13 February – The Pride of Africa

Our journey from Pretoria to Cape Town features a stop at Kimberley with an included tour of the city, Diamond Mine Museum and the not to be missed "Big Hole". (BLD)





Sunday 14 February – The Pride of Africa – Cape Town

This morning enjoy another stop along the way at the historic township of Matjiesfontein, before lunch and a relaxed afternoon on-board as we wend our way into Cape Town to arrive at approximately 6.00 pm. Upon arrival transfer by coach to our hotel for a 3 night stay. (BL) **Accommodation (4 nights)** - *Hotel To Be Advised*

Monday 15 February – Cape Town – Pearl Valley Golf Club

Today we venture through the famous scenic Stellenbosch wine growing region to play at the Jack Nicklaus designed **Pearl Valley Golf Club**. This course is consistently ranked among the top 10 golf courses in South Africa and is renowned for its magnificent conditioning. (B)



Tuesday 16 February - Cape Town

Sit back and relax today as we enjoy a full day guided tour of all the key sites in and around Cape Town including Robben Island and Table Mountain. This is a city which never fails to impress. (BL)



Wednesday 17 February – Erinvale Golf Club

Today we play the highly rated Gary Player designed **Erinvale Golf Club** (laid out in 1995). Since then it has hosted the World Cup of Golf and is currently ranked 21st among South African golf courses. (B)



Thursday 18 February – Drive The Garden Route to George - Fancourt

This morning bid farewell to Cape Town as we drive the famous Garden Route to George – and the luxurious Fancourt Resort, which features 3 golf courses, including the famous Links Course, regularly rated number 1 in South Africa. It was the venue in 2003 for the Presidents Cup, where the overall event ended famously ended with a tie. (B)



Accommodation (4 nights) – Fancourt

Friday 19 February - Fancourt – Montague Golf Course

Today we play early morning golf at the **Montague Course** to allow a free afternoon to enjoy the pleasures of this luxury resort. (B)



Saturday 20 February – Fancourt – Pinnacle Point Golf Course

Today we play **Pinnacle Point Golf Course**, located 45 minutes from Fancourt, regularly competes for the number 1 ranked golf course in South Africa. Its special claim to fame is the series of 7 majestic holes that line the Indian Ocean rock cliffs, four of which are played over ocean and cliff. (B)



Sunday 21 February 2021 - Fancourt – Golf – Outenique or The Links (Option)

Today we play the **Outeniqua Course**. However, there is an option to upgrade* to play **The Links Golf Course** which is walking only with compulsory caddies. (B)

* surcharge of approximately AUD260 pp applies





Monday 22 February – Fancourt to Johannesburg

Relax this morning – or perhaps enjoy an extra game of golf (optional, not included in tour price) before a late afternoon flight from George to Johannesburg, where we'll overnight at a luxury airport hotel. Our golf clubs will be left in storage at Johannesburg airport to be picked up in 4 days time. (B) **Accommodation - 1 night**: Johannesburg Airport Hotel

Tuesday 23 February – Jocks Safari Lodge, Kruger National Park Concession

After breakfast we transfer back to Johannesburg airport for a short flight to Skukuza, located just inside Kruger National Park. We will be met on arrival and transferred the 38 km (about 1 hour) to Jocks Safari Lodge which will be exclusive to our Trendsetter Travel Golf Group for the duration of our stay.

The very intimate Jocks Safari Lodge reopened in July 2018 after an extensive refurbishment and now offers just 12 individually screened lodge suites, each with both indoor and outdoor bathrooms.



Here we will enjoy the benefits of 6000 hectares of exclusive traversing rights in an area famous for its Big Five game viewing. Rise early each day for a morning game drive before returning to Jocks for a late breakfast, lunch and a siesta. Then late afternoon re-join your guide and driver to return to the wilds for sunset viewing.



We'll be back in time for pre-dinner drinks at 8 pm, followed by a gourmet dinner lovingly prepared and served by the excellent Jock's lodge team. (BLD)

Accommodation: Jock's Lodge (3 nights)

Wednesday 24 February and Thursday 25 February Jocks Safari Lodge

Life at the Lodge works to a predictable rhythm. Each morning we'll be woken predawn for a brief cuppa before heading out to track the wildlife as the Park comes alive.

Then it's back to camp for a hearty late breakfast and time to relax until the late afternoon drive, usually around 4.00 followed by drinks and dinner. If a siesta, a dip in the pool, or a relaxing massage is not your thing, you might like to walk out with a ranger guide, gun at the ready, for a more in-depth look at animal tracks and bush ecology.

The guides take different safari routes on each drive to maximise our chances of seeing the



Big Five, and to ensure a comprehensive view of the varied wildlife and birdlife. At the end of each day, you'll find there is much to talk about as we compare notes and view photographs of what we've seen. (BLD)

Friday 26 February 2021 – Jocks Safari Lodge - Johannesburg



Today, we enjoy one last dawn safari trip into the bush before returning to the Lodge for breakfast, and a late morning checkout. After sad goodbyes – it's always hard to leave Jock's we transfer back to the Skukuza Airport and onto Johannesburg in time for connecting flights to Australia. (B)

Farewell new found fellow friends and golfers!

Farewell South Africa!

The Finer Details ...

1. Inclusions:

Meals as specified to include breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 6 dinners. Apart from the welcome night and while on-board Rovos and at Jocks, we have left you free to enjoy dinner as you please. South Africa offers plentiful and inexpensive dining experiences for you to enjoy; Golf as specified with green fees and carts (except for walking only courses where caddies and/or electric buggies are included);

Coach transfers as a group to and from golf courses and airports; Secure golf club collection, storage and return at Johannesburg Airport while on safari Services of escorts David Cooper and Adrienne Witteman;

- 2. The full cost of the tour is AUD 17,475 per person on a twin share basis (AUD 34,950 per couple).
- 3. A non-refundable deposit of AUD 5,000 per person is required at time of booking.
- 4. The non-refundable balance of payment will be due in full by **7 October 2020**.
- 5. Payment may be made as follows:
 - by bank transfer to Trendsetter Travel & Cruise Centre Pty Ltd, BSB 012 003, ACC NO. 8334 12763

By credit card with a surcharges of 1% VISA/MC and 2% AX. For any New Zealand resident tour participants we provide an option to pay in NZ\$ based upon the mid-point A\$/NZ\$ rate on 1 October 2020.

- 6. The tour is sold in AUD and based upon an AUD/ZAR exchange rate of 10.0. If the midpoint AUD/ZAR should move outside of the range 9.5 to 10.5 on the date the final payment is required and advised, there will be a pricing adjustment up or down as applicable. For instance, if the exchange rate is 11.0, the tour cost will be reduced by 10% to circa AUD\$31,500/couple and if the exchange rate is 9.0, the final payment would be increased by 10% to circa AUD\$38,500/couple.
- Comprehensive insurance is mandatory and is recommended at the time of deposit to fully
 protect your payments in the unfortunate event of cancellation. Please ensure you are covered for
 any pre-existing illnesses.
- 8. Upgraded rail and accommodation options exist are available at extra cost. Please enquire if you require such.
- 9. While most of the accommodation has been booked (including Jock's Safari Camp and Rovos Rail), accommodation in Johannesburg and Cape Town cannot be booked outside of 12 months prearrival. However, budgetary provision has been made for 5 star hotels unless impossible to do so.
- 10. Similarly with golf courses, we cannot yet confirm all of our tee times but we anticipate no problems in delivering what is proposed. In the unlikely event we are unable to play a particularly course, we expect to book a replacement course of a similar standard.
- 11. Australian passport holders do not require a visa to enter South Africa. New Zealand passport holders do and must present physically at the nearest South African Embassy to obtain such. While the South African government is looking to change this, at the time of writing no advice has been provided as to when this might occur.

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