

# South Africa Stellenbosch & Cape Town Featuring VIP Access to the Cape Town Art Fair

with Susan M. Taylor, the Montine McDaniel Freeman Director, and Dr. Amanda M. Maples, the Françoise Billion Richardson Curator of African Art

February 14 - 24, 2025



Dear Friends of the New Orleans Museum of Art,

A country of amazing wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, and a complex history of struggle and triumph, **South Africa** has another remarkable facet that demands your attention: its thriving art scene. As NOMA further strengthens our dedication to celebrating and exhibiting African art, we invite you to join us on a transformative journey to South Africa, featuring **three days of VIP access to the Cape Town Art Fair**, the continent's most prestigious art event. You'll be inspired by the leading voices reshaping the narrative around African art through fresh perspectives and boundary-pushing creativity.

In February 2025, travel with us to the picturesque towns of Stellenbosch and Cape Town, where renowned wine estates and stunning scenery offer a spectacular backdrop to the art you'll witness. Led by **Dr. Amanda M. Maples**, the Françoise Billion Richardson Curator of African Art, this carefully curated program grants you unparalleled access to some of the country's most groundbreaking artists, private collections, galleries, and cultural institutions. Amanda's deep connections in these cities will open exclusive doors to hidden wonders.

One of those highlights is the Cape Town Art Fair, where you'll join collectors, curators, and gallerists from all over the world. With your insider access, be among the first to witness fascinating new work across diverse mediums by both established and emerging talent from Africa and its diaspora—and hear their stories. Unforgettable behind-the-scenes experiences await throughout the program. Internationally acclaimed local artists like **Igshaan Adams** as well as **Berni Seale**, whose works will be featured in NOMA's collection, will exclusively show us works in progress in their private studios.

Owners of splendid wine estates will invite us for up-close viewings of their cherished art collections. Enjoy privately guided tours of innovative sculpture gardens and museums like Cape Town's Norval Foundation, where contemporary art is seamlessly integrated into a protected wetland. You'll be moved by a visit to Robben Island, led by an ex-political prisoner, as you stand in **Nelson Mandela**'s tiny prison cell, gaining a profound understanding of his resilience and unwavering spirit.

Throughout this program, indulge in gourmet meals at esteemed restaurants, enjoy excursions to natural wonders like Table Mountain, sample the region's finest wines, and unwind in elegant accommodations. For those seeking additional adventures, you may join **an optional art prelude in Johannesburg** and **an exciting optional safari postlude**.

To reserve your place on this behind-the-scenes journey into South Africa's art world, please contact Arrangements Abroad at 800-221-1944 or <a href="mailto:trips@arrangementsabroad.com">trips@arrangementsabroad.com</a>. Join us on this extraordinary exploration of South Africa's art, culture, and history.



Sincerely,

Susan M. Taylor

The Montine McDaniel Freeman Director New Orleans Museum of Art

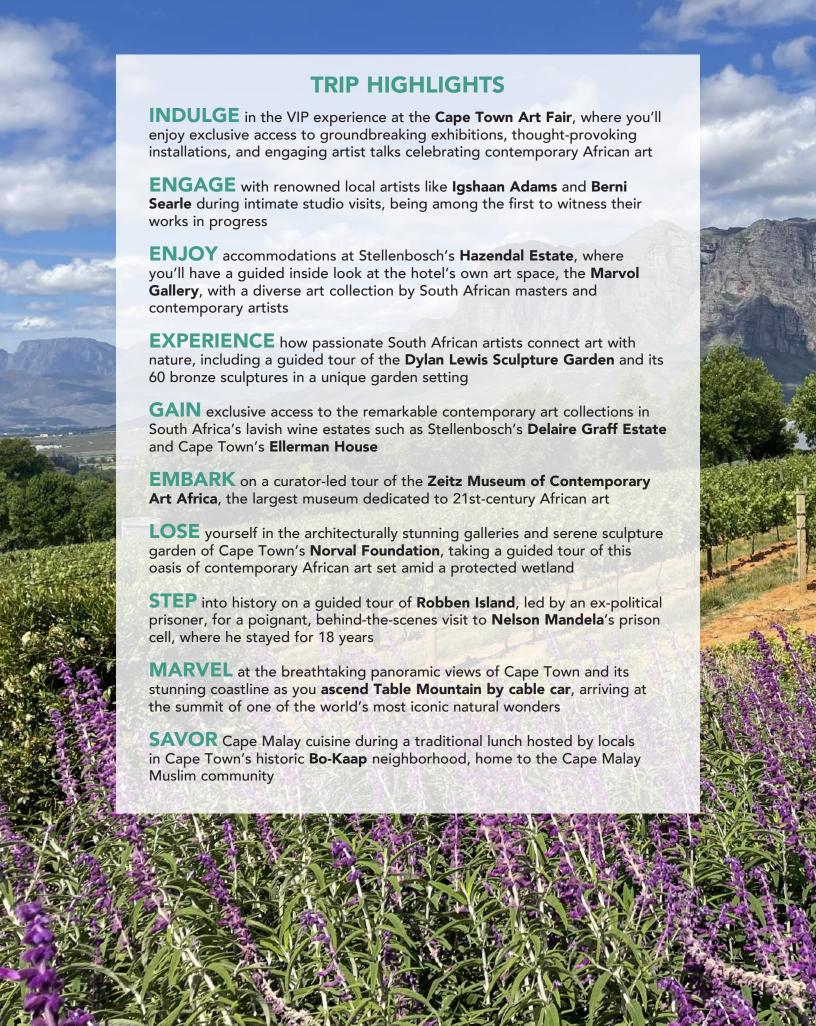
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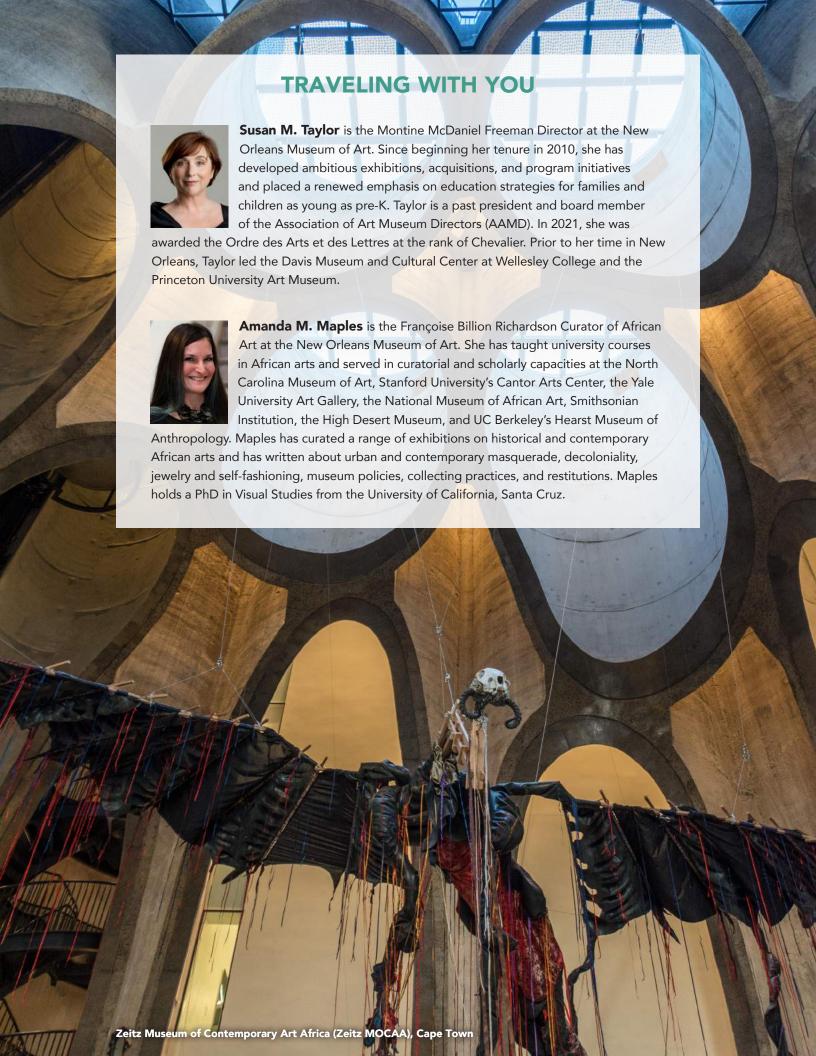
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An optional two-night prelude program in Johannesburg is offered from February 12-15, 2025.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14: DEPARTURE

Depart on a flight to Cape Town, South Africa.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15: CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA / STELLENBOSCH

Welcome to South Africa! Upon arrival at Cape Town's International Airport, transfer to the nearby Stellenbosch wine region. Check into the **Hazendal Hotel**, set within the Hazendal Wine Estate, a property dating back to the late 17th century.

You need not leave the estate to enjoy exceptional art: Step into the **Marvol Gallery**, an on-site treasure trove of artistic wonders, where you'll begin an exclusive art walk led by the gallery's expert team. Discover an eclectic mix of works scattered throughout the estate ranging from pieces by South African masters to striking art from Soviet realists.

Later, attend a welcome reception at the hotel.

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16: STELLENBOSCH**

This morning, arrive at a splendid outdoor space blending art and nature. Join a private guided tour of the **Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden**. Lewis, a South African sculptor, is renowned for his bronze feline sculptures, which you'll encounter on this tour. Straddling the boundary between Stellenbosch's manicured suburbs and rugged, mountainous terrain, this garden serves as a canvas for the artist's exploration of the Jungian concept of "the wilderness within."

Next, discover the **Rupert Museum**, a riverside gem, joining an expert guide to explore its impressive collection of 20th-century South African art. Marvel at the paintings, sculptures, and tapestries created by acclaimed artists such as Maggie Laubser, Irma Stern, and Alexis Preller.

Indulge your senses at the idyllic **Lanzerac Wine Estate**, where you'll savor a wine tasting and a delightful lunch at their charming deli. With a history stretching back to 1692, Lanzerac is one of the region's oldest wineries, celebrated for its historic architecture and lush vineyards that yield premium wines.

The afternoon is yours to explore Stellenbosch at your leisure. Wander through its quaint streets, lined with oak trees and Cape Dutch architecture, or visit the **Village Museum**, where four historic houses showcase the town's architectural development through different eras. Gather at one of Stellenbosch's lively restaurants for a memorable dinner this evening.

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17: STELLENBOSCH / CAPE TOWN

Atop the Helshoogte Pass, surrounded by vineyards and breathtaking views of the Banhoek Valley, lies the **Delaire Graff Estate**, a wine destination in a botanical paradise.

This magnificent estate is the backdrop for owner Laurence Graff's personal, meticulously curated contemporary art collection, which you'll explore during an exclusive tour.

Graff, a London-born jeweler, boasts more than 400 pieces by South African and international artists. See the thought-provoking sculptures and paintings of Deborah Bell, a South African painter and sculptor who tackles themes of memory and spirituality. The collection also features works by celebrated artists such as Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Lionel Smit, and William Kentridge.

Afterwards, venture to the **Biscuit Factory** in the Woodstock neighborhood for an included lunch. Choose from diverse food stalls with something for every palate, offering an array of tantalizing local and international delicacies. Continue your artistic journey with a guided tour of the nearby **Stevenson Gallery**, where innovative exhibitions address social, political, and cultural themes. Later, make your way to the **Taj Cape Town** hotel for check-in and an evening at leisure.

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: CAPE TOWN**

On a morning drive, your guide will introduce you to **Cape Town's notable landmarks**, such as the grandiose Edwardian City Hall and the historic Grand Parade. Follow the city's main thoroughfare, Adderley Street, to witness the majestic **St. George's Cathedral**, the Anglican church formerly led by **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

Then step into the world of art and history with a behind-the-scenes tour of **Ellerman House**, an early 20th-century former mansion-turned-upscale hotel. Enjoy your guided look at its extraordinary private art collection spanning more than two centuries, with works exhibited throughout the property and in a dedicated contemporary gallery.





Ascend to the summit of the magnificent **Table Mountain**, one of the Cape region's best-known attractions, via a cable car ride (*weather permitting*). The Table Mountain Aerial Cableway swiftly transports you to the top, where an awe-inspiring panorama of Cape Town's sprawling cityscape and the ocean's vast expanse unfolds before you.

Delight in an expert-led tour of **Bo-Kaap**, the historical neighborhood of the formerly enslaved Cape Malay Muslim community, where you'll be treated to a hosted lunch. Stroll through the cobblestone streets lined with brightly colored homes in the area preserving the legacy of Malaysian, Indonesian, and African enslaved people brought by the Dutch in the 16th and 17th centuries.

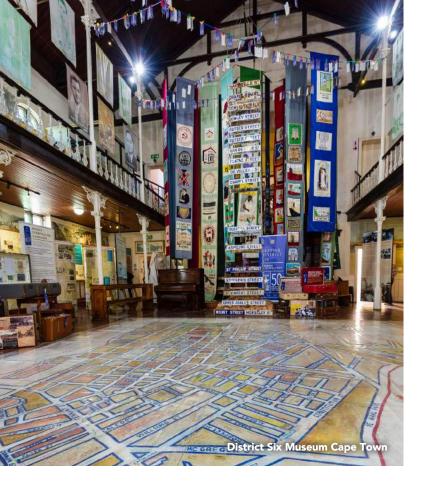
In the afternoon, delve deeper into the community's heritage at the Iziko Bo-Kaap Museum. Then you're invited to the private studio of acclaimed Cape Townbased artist Igshaan Adams. Witness the seamless blend of Cape Malay motifs and modern design elements in Adams's work, which explores themes of identity, race, and spirituality, deeply influenced by his experiences as a queer practicing Muslim in post-apartheid South Africa. Gather for dinner this evening.

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## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19: CAPE TOWN / ROBBEN ISLAND

Feel the power of history, tracing the poignant journey of **Nelson Mandela**, beginning with a boat ride to **Robben Island**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This island is best known as the place where Mandela and countless other courageous anti-apartheid activists were imprisoned for their unwavering commitment to justice and equality. With an ex-political prisoner as your guide, take an eye-opening, deeply moving tour around the maximum-security prison and stand in the very cell where Mandela spent 18 years of his 27-year incarceration.

Upon your return from Robben Island, enjoy lunch at leisure on the Victoria & Albert Waterfront, followed by some free time to explore at your own pace. In the afternoon, delve into the cultural reconstruction of post-apartheid



Cape Town at the **District Six Museum**, housed in five interconnected buildings. The museum is a powerful tribute to the communities displaced during the apartheid era.

Continue your exploration of South Africa's artistic and social landscape with a specially arranged visit to the **Goodman Gallery**, one of the African continent's most influential art galleries since its establishment in 1966. Along with its flagship gallery in Johannesburg, the Goodman has been at the forefront of shaping contemporary South African art and bringing global attention to the nation's artists during apartheid and beyond.

Enjoy dinner tonight in the winelands of the Constantia Valley, savoring exquisite dishes crafted from locally sourced ingredients and paired with excellent regional wines. B,D

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20: CAPE TOWN / CAPE TOWN ART FAIR

Experience one of Africa's most heralded art institutions: Meet a curator for a guided inside look at the **Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (Zeitz MOCAA)**, the continent's largest art museum dedicated to the art of Africa and its diaspora. Housed in a converted grain silo, this groundbreaking institution features an expansive collection of works that will spark conversations.

During your visit, meet photographer **Berni Searle**, an artist currently in residence at Zeitz MOCAA, whose work will soon grace NOMA's collection. Searle's art is deeply rooted in her personal history and South Africa's broader socio-political landscape.

Continue your artistic journey with a visit to the nearby **Southern Guild** in Silo 5, a gallery presenting the best of South African design and art. After lunch at leisure in Cape Town's Steenberg area, join a guided tour of the **Norval Foundation**, a strikingly designed art institution whose campus encompasses an indigenous garden and protected freshwater wetland near Table Mountain National Park.

Return to your hotel to prepare for an exclusive preview event at the Cape Town Art Fair. Mingle with fellow art enthusiasts, collectors, and creators as you get a first glimpse of the incredible works that will be exhibited in the coming days.

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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21: CAPE TOWN ART FAIR

Prepare to be enthralled by the **Cape Town Art Fair 2025**, an unmissable event that brings together art enthusiasts, collectors, and creators from across the globe. Learn the secrets of the creative process and the stories behind the artworks as you participate in intimate workshops, insightful talks, panel discussions, and guided tours led by the artists themselves and renowned experts in the field. Gather for dinner this evening.

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## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22: CAPE TOWN ART FAIR / SIMON'S TOWN

Start your day by visiting the Cape Town Art Fair in the morning for workshops and exhibitions. After lunch, choose between remaining at the fair or heading to **Simon's Town** in the Western Cape for an outdoor adventure. You may have the opportunity to kayak in between granite boulders and view the endangered African penguins on the sheltered Boulders Beach.

For those wanting to explore Cape Town independently, you have some options near the hotel. You may choose to make a poignant visit to the **Iziko Slave Lodge**, one of Cape Town's oldest buildings, where enslaved people brought to this city were housed in the 17th and 18th centuries. and the **A4 Arts Foundation**, a gallery space in a refurbished three-story warehouse described as a "laboratory" for art. Dinner this evening is at leisure. B,L





## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23: CAPE TOWN ART FAIR**

Continue your in-depth exploration of the Cape Town Art Fair this morning. You may choose to spend the entire day there, with lunch at leisure. Alternatively, take the shuttle bus back to the hotel and spend an afternoon at leisure exploring Cape Town independently. You may experience one of the country's most important art spaces at the **South African National Gallery**, set within South Africa's oldest botanical park, the Company's Garden, established in 1652 by the Dutch East India Company. Inside this historic building dating back to 1679, discover the gallery's wealth of art, including paintings, photography, sculpture, beadwork, textiles, and works on paper from South Africa and abroad.

You may also stop at the University of Cape Town's

Michaelis School of Fine Art, one of the nation's leading
art institutions, which includes a small gallery and local
artists' studios. Celebrate your journey with a festive group
farewell dinner this evening.

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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24: CAPE TOWN / RETURN

After breakfast, depart for the airport for your flights back home with arrival on February 25.

An optional two-night safari postlude at Kapama River Lodge is offered from February 24-26, 2025.

**DISCLAIMER:** This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of New Orleans Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.



## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

### HAZENDAL HOTEL STELLENBOSCH

Amid the tranquil beauty of South Africa's leading wine region, this exceptional retreat combines the Hazendal Wine Estate's 300-year legacy with modern sophistication. Explore the award-winning vineyards and delight in gourmet dining that features local tastes with an international flair. Adding to the estate's appeal is its dynamic cultural center, home to the Marvol Art Gallery and its collection of contemporary works from both renowned and emerging artists.

### **TAJ CAPE TOWN**

This five-star centrally located Taj hotel occupies a splendid historical edifice once housing the South African Reserve Bank. Meticulously restored, its interior exudes stately refinement with marble stonework, fluted columns, Art Deco touches, and breathtaking views of Table Mountain from nearly every room. The culinary offerings, reflecting South Africa's culture, include Bombay Brasserie's classic and contemporary Indian cuisine and the Mint Restaurant's all-day dining options.



## **PROGRAM RATE**

\$10,999 per person, double rate \$13,499 single rate

## **RATE INCLUDES**

- Nine nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at all lunches and dinners including welcome and farewell dinners
- Group airport transfers for participants on the suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; trip insurance; optional Johannesburg prelude; optional safari postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

## OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT JOHANNESBURG PRELUDE FEBRUARY 12 – 15, 2025

Alongside **Dr. Amanda M. Maples**, the Françoise Billion Richardson Curator of African Art, take an extraordinary artistic voyage through South Africa's cultural heartlands with a two-night Johannesburg prelude. Enjoy behind-the-scenes looks at the private studios owned by some of South Africa's leading artists.

A highlight will be meeting the artist **Esther Mahlangu**, with a curator-led tour of the exhibition *Then I Knew I Was Good at Painting: Esther Mahlangu*, A Retrospective.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12: DEPARTURE

Depart by air to Johannesburg.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13: JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Upon arrival at Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport, transfer to the luxurious **Fairlawns Boutique Hotel** & Spa for check-in. Later, gather for a welcome reception at the hotel tonight.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14: JOHANNESBURG

You'll be introduced to some of South Africa's leading innovators and artists, such as **Zanele Muholi**, **William Kentridge**, and **Senzeni Marasela**, who will invite us inside their private galleries and studios. You will also meet other acclaimed artists and friends of the museum.

Take a guided look at the **Goodman Gallery**, one of the most important institutions promoting contemporary African art. Representing artists whose work inspires social change, the Goodman Gallery has been pivotal in bringing South African creators like Lisa Brice, David Goldblatt, William Kentridge, David Koloane, Sam Nhlengethwa, and Sue Williamson to the world's attention.

Lunch will be at leisure in **Nelson Mandela Square**. In the afternoon, visit the **Apartheid Museum**, which presents powerful exhibits that depict the rise and fall of the country's history of legally enforced racial segregation and oppression. Nearby, visit the **Mandela House** in Soweto for an intimate glimpse into the life of the legendary activist and president. Then meet highly regarded South African artist and professor **Karel Nel** as he leads an inside look at his beautiful private collection. Enjoy exclusive visits with other friends of the museum in their galleries or studios. B,D

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15: JOHANNESBURG / MAIN PROGRAM IN CAPE TOWN

After breakfast, depart for the airport for your flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival, transfer to Stellenbosch and the Hazendal Hotel and join your fellow travelers.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

## FAIRLAWNS BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA, JOHANNESBURG (or similar)

This boutique hotel, surrounded by lush gardens, welcomes guests with elegant rooms featuring chic furnishings and plush bedding. Indulge in rejuvenating treatments at the hotel's spa and savor exquisite dishes crafted from locally sourced ingredients at the restaurant.



## **PRELUDE RATE**

## \$1,999 per person, double rate \$2,499 single rate

## **Prelude Rate Inclues:**

Two nights hotel accommodations at the as per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at all lunches and dinners including the welcome reception; one-way, economy-class internal flight (Johannesburg-Cape Town); airport transfers; escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits; group airport transfers for participants on the suggested flights; taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers



## OPTIONAL TWO-NIGHT GAME SAFARI POSTLUDE FEBRUARY 24 – 26, 2025

Join **Susan M. Taylor**, the Montine McDaniel Freeman Director of the New Orleans Museum of Art, for this exciting, once-in-a-lifetime safari experience at a luxurious lodge. Embark on game drives, witnessing South Africa's incredible wildlife in their native habitat, all in the company of experienced trackers and rangers.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24: DEPARTURE FROM CAPE TOWN / HOEDSPRUIT / KAPAMA RIVER LODGE

Depart Cape Town on a direct flight to Hoedspruit. Upon arrival, transfer to **Kruger National Park** and **Kapama River Lodge**, one of South Africa's malaria-free sanctuaries, where skilled rangers and trackers will lead you on drives featuring diverse wildlife, including Africa's Big Five (lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo, and rhinoceroses). After check-in and afternoon tea, depart on **a late-afternoon game drive** before dinner at the lodge. While here, all meals are provided.

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## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25: KAPAMA RIVER LODGE**

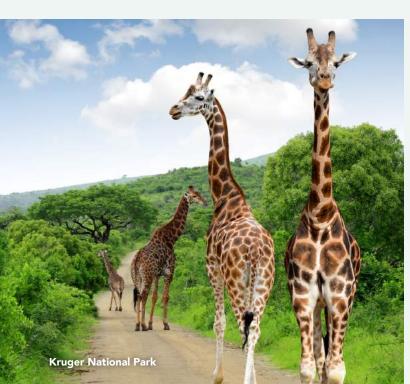
View Africa's most impressive wildlife on **morning and afternoon/evening game drives in open vehicles**. You
will be accompanied by professional rangers and trackers.
Guided bush walks will also offer a unique perspective of
the reserve.

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## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26: KAPAMA RIVER LODGE / HOEDSPRUIT / JOHANNESBURG / RETURN

After a final morning game drive, transfer to Hoedspruit
Eastgate Airport. Board a short flight to Johannesburg to
connect with your return flight back home.

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## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

### KAPAMA RIVER LODGE

At this lodge within the Kapama Private Game Reserve, enjoy a luxurious safari experience surrounded by stunning natural beauty. The lodge features spacious suites with private balconies, offering panoramic views of the African bush. Guests can indulge in a range of amenities, including a lavish spa, a state-of-the-art fitness center, and a large swimming pool. Dining at the lodge is a culinary delight, with gourmet meals served in an open-air *boma* (enclosure) under the stars.



### **POSTLUDE RATE**

\$3,299 per person, double rate \$3,999 single rate

### **Postlude Rate Inclues:**

Two nights hotel accommodations at the Kapama River Lodge; all meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, T=Tea, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; one-way, economy-class internal flights (Cape Town-Hoedspruit / Hoedspruit-Johannesburg); all airport transfers with the group; escorted sightseeing, transportation, entrance fees, and all included safari excursions led by skilled rangers and trackers; taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers.



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