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Welcome esteemed delegates to the International Astronomical Union Conference in Cape Town in August. As you embark on this celestial journey, Tourvest extends a warm invitation to experience our professional services from 3-star to 5-star accommodation, cost effective flight bookings with seamless transfers, to captivating half-day, full-day, pre and post tours. At Tourvest we will cater to your travel needs with precision and care. Our dedicated delegate liaison is committed to ensuring your comfort and convenience throughout your stay.

Cape Town is a modern, cosmopolitan city surrounded by nature. Centred around Table Mountain, one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, the Mother City is known for its beautiful beaches, stunning biodiversity, award-winning food and wine, and sheer variety of experiences on offer. Visit the official guide to Cape Town at www.capetown.travel.

Embrace the wonders of Cape Town with Tourvest, your trusted partner in exploration and hospitality.

We are excited to be able to offer you a one-stop solution for all your travel requirements!
South Africa as a “world in one country” offers a rich diversity - beautiful cosmopolitan cities, a pristine coastline, fertile winelands and outstanding game viewing. As a long-haul destination for most international delegates, it makes sense to combine a trip to South Africa with a visit to one or more of the magnificent destinations that are on offer - the elegance and historicity of the Cape winelands to the cross-country romance of steam-train travel and the wilderness of safari – to the bushland adventures beyond South Africa’s borders, the options are many and varied.

There are several safari trip options available nearby Cape Town, as well as the Kruger National Park and other areas in South Africa.

Take advantage of your trip to South Africa to explore this beautiful country.

**DATES FOR HALF-DAY AND FULL DAY-TOURS:**

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The following tours are available.
South Africa’s soul is represented through her people – a long lineage of courageous explorers, fearless warriors, selfless clerics, ‘never say die’ freedom fighters and enigmatic peacekeepers. Since the Cape was first unwittingly discovered in 1488, battles have been fought, new frontiers discovered, unspeakable human suffering endured and the ultimate victory won in democracy. Guests walk with their tour guide, back to a time long past of the ‘Cape of Storms’ which linked the infamous spice and trade routes of the world. Guests learn more about what it took to be a pioneer in unchartered terrain at a time when both the weather and people were highly volatile. Acquire a new skill taught by a community led project in Woodstock – one of the oldest suburbs of Cape Town - before exploring the Castle of Good Hope, walk in the Company Gardens, a photo opportunity at Cape Malay Quarter, and discover the secrets of the V&A Waterfront.

**Cost:** 818 ZAR

**Drop off**
Cape Town International Convention Centre, Sea Point, Waterfront and city hotels

**Includes:**
A professional tour guide (English) in a fully air-conditioned vehicle. A visit to the Castle of Good Hope.

**Excludes:**
Meals (Lunch)

**Time:** +/- 07h30 - Collection times vary; are subject to the hotel collection route and will be reconfirmed via the hotel the day prior to departure

**Duration:** 4 hours pick up: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Sea Point, Waterfront and city hotels
HALF DAY TOURS

SIGNAL HILL AND CITY HALF DAY

The highlights of this half-day tour include a visit to Signal Hill to view South Africa’s prominent landmark, Table Mountain. Other stops include the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens, the Castle of Good Hope (time permitting) and Diamond Works at the V&A Waterfront. Discover the history of the diamond and gold trade in South Africa and witness the art of diamond cutting and the careful craftsmanship of jewellery manufacturing by skilled experts during a sparkling tour.

**Time:**
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**Cost:**
818 ZAR

**Drop off**
Cape Town International Convention Centre, Sea Point, Waterfront and city hotels

**Duration:**
4 hours pick up: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Sea Point, Waterfront and city hotels

**Includes:**
A professional tour guide (English) in a fully air-conditioned vehicle. A visit to the Castle of Good Hope.

**Excludes:**
Meals (Lunch)
SIGNAL HILL AND CITY FULL DAY

The highlights of this half-day tour include a visit to Signal Hill to view South Africa’s prominent landmark, Table Mountain. Other stops include the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens, the Castle of Good Hope (time permitting) and Diamond Works at the V&A Waterfront. Discover the history of the diamond and gold trade in South Africa and witness the art of diamond cutting and the careful craftsmanship of jewellery manufacturing by skilled experts during a sparkling tour.

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Excludes: Meals (Lunch)
FULL DAY TOURS
CAPE HIGHLIGHTS FULL DAY TOUR

Experience the highlights and gain an appreciation for the natural beauty of the Cape Peninsula. Travel along the Atlantic seaboard via Hout Bay and the iconic Chapman’s Peak Drive. Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve at the southern tip of the Cape Peninsula; a feature that has captivated travellers and explorers for centuries with its dramatic scenery and fascinating history. Visit the quaint villages of Kalk Bay and St James. Enjoy lunch (own account) and taste award-winning wines at a vineyard nestled in the Constantia Valley. Continue onto the city centre, passing the Castle of Good Hope, visit the Company Gardens and Cape Malay Quarter, with the opportunity to taste traditional

**Time:**
-/+ 07h00 - Collection times vary; are subject to the hotel collection route and will be reconfirmed via the hotel the day prior to departure

**Duration:**
±9hrs from first point of collection and subject to change

**Cost:**
2440 ZAR

**Group Size**
2 - 14 guests per vehicle

**Includes:**
A professional tour guide (English) in a fully air-conditioned vehicle. Cape Point Nature Reserve, 1 wine tasting Entrance Fees: Cape Point Nature Reserve Excursions: 1 wine tasting

**Excludes:**
Meals (Lunch)
CAPE POINT
FULL DAY TOUR

Cape Town is built on a mountainous peninsula. This full day tour is an ideal way to see the highlights of the city. Travel along the Atlantic seaboard with its white beaches and rugged mountains to Hout Bay. If time permits, there is the option of taking a half hour boat trip to Duiker Island to see a Cape Fur Seal colony (for own account). If open, continue on Chapman’s Peak Drive, noted as one of the most stunning roadways in the world. Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve and the tip of the Cape Peninsula that has captivated travelers for centuries. The return journey to Cape Town takes guests along the False Bay coast with the option of visiting the colony of rare African Penguins at Boulders Beach (for own account). Guests will pass through the naval village of Simon’s Town, Fish Hoek, Kalk Bay and Muizenberg.

Cost: 2025 ZAR

Time: +/- 07h30 - Collection times vary; are subject to the hotel collection route and will be reconfirmed via the hotel the day prior to departure

Drop off
Cape Town International Convention Centre, Sea Point, Waterfront and city hotels

Includes:
- A professional tour guide (English) in a fully air-conditioned vehicle.
- Cape Point Nature Reserve

Duration: 8 hours. Pick up: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Sea Point, Waterfront and city hotels

Excludes:
- Meals (Lunch)
The world-renowned Cape Winelands are situated about an hour’s drive from Cape Town. This tour travels through the premier wine-producing regions of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. In addition to the wines, guests can expect breath-taking scenery. Each region is characterized by rugged mountain ranges and picturesque valleys with vineyards dotted along the route. Enjoy a cellar tour, and wine tastings at three top wine estates before embarking on a tour through the historic town of Stellenbosch where much of the original Cape-Dutch architecture has been preserved.

**Time:**
-/+ 08h30 - Collection times vary; are subject to the hotel collection route and will be reconfirmed via the hotel the day prior to departure

**Cost:**
1665 ZAR

**Drop off**
Cape Town International Convention Centre, Sea Point, Waterfront and city hotels

**Duration:**
8 hours Pick up: Cape Town
International Convention Centre, Sea Point, Waterfront and city hotels

**Includes:**
- A professional tour guide (English) in a fully air-conditioned vehicle.
- Cape Point Nature Reserve

**Excludes:**
- Meals (Lunch)
Departing from Cape Town, this guided tour takes in some of the most magnificent scenery in South Africa. The spectacular Garden Route is richly endowed with golden beaches, indigenous forests, lakes, lagoons and meandering rivers. Spend time in Knysna, Plettenberg Bay and surrounding areas. The tour ends with a night in Port Elizabeth and a transfer to the airport the next morning.
PRE AND POST TOURS

SAFARI

Guests would embark on morning and afternoon game drives in open safari vehicles with a ranger which is usually 3 to 4 hours long. On the game drives you will drive through the reserve in search of animals big or small. At Makalali get an early start to the day and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells that accompany the dawning of a new day.

Depending on the time of year, morning and afternoon game drives depart at different times. Kapama offers a variety of ways for you to explore our beautiful landscapes and wildlife. Game drives and educational walks are an essential part of the Kapama experience.

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The Pilanesberg National Park borders on the entertainment complex of Sun City. It is almost perfectly circular because it comprises the area of a 1200 million years old volcano crater with a small lake in the centre. In the Pilanesberg National Park today live virtually all the animal species of southern Africa, including, lions, elephants, white and black rhinos, buffaloes, leopards, zebras, hyenas, giraffes, hippos and crocodiles.

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PRE AND POST TOURS

VICTORIA FALLS

The Victoria Falls (named by locals “Mosi-O-Tunya” – The Smoke that Tunders) is one of the largest and most beautiful waterfalls in the world and is also one of the seven natural wonders of the world. This tour includes guided tour of the falls, a sunset cruise on the magnificent Zambezi River and a visit to a local African village. Other optional tours include game drives into the Zambezi National Park, elephant back safaris and helicopter flights over the falls.

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PRE AND POST TOURS

BOTSWANA

Experience northern Botswana on a unforgettable, fun-filled family adventure of discovery. Engage culturally with local communities and their children. The “Safari Hero”, a dedicated staff member, will plan flexible safari activities specifically focused on the needs of the family.
At Tourvest we have years of experience for sourcing accommodation, sourcing cost effective flight options, managing comfortable and efficient transfers and exciting half-day and full day tours.

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Should you be interested in any of the Pre -Post Tours to the Garden Route, Safari, Pilanesberg, Botswana and Victoria Falls, please contact our sister company Sense of Africa.

Contact: Jasmyn Morgan
E-mail: touring@senseofafrica.co.za

Bring a spirit of adventure, and Cape Town will provide memories to last a lifetime!