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AFRICAN COLLAGE 2024 CAPE TOWN - PRETORIA · 11 NIGHTS · 3700KM



LEISURE GUESTS		GOLFERS <i>Courses dependent on availability</i>	
DAY 1: CAPE TOWN			
09:30	Depart from Cape Town Station . Guests may freshen up in their suites before joining fellow travellers in the lounge and observation cars. <i>Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport. It will be returned to you before the end of the trip.</i>		
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars. Trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and scenic winelands of the Western Cape.		
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Voorbaai. <i>Dress: Formal</i> <i>Please pack a small overnight bag for the stay at Fancourt tomorrow night. Tog bags have been placed in your suite for your convenience.</i>		
DAY 2: KNYSNA		DAY 2: FANCOURT <i>MONTAGU/OUTENIQUA</i>	
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.	06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
08:00	Disembark in George for the scenic drive (±60 min) to Knysna . Enjoy a lagoon ferry ride with lunch. Check-in and overnight at Fancourt Hotel.		Transfer (±15 min) to Fancourt Golf Estate for tee off (Montagu/Outeniqua) and lunch. Check-in and overnight at the hotel.
18:30	Join the golfers for dinner. <i>Dress: Smart Casual</i>	18:30	Join the leisure guests for dinner at Fancourt.
In the morning, the train travels the Garden Route , a narrow coastal terrace lying between the deep-set coastal cliffs rising sheer out of the sea and the mountains a short distance inland – a topology that facilitates heavy rainfall, hence the name as it is always lush and green. George and Knysna sit between the majestic Outeniqua Mountains to the north and the Indian Ocean to the south. The Knysna Heads – two sandstone cliffs guarding the mouth of the lagoon connecting the estuary with the sea – is a dramatic viewpoint.			
DAY 3: OUDTSHOORN		DAY 3: FANCOURT <i>MONTAGU/OUTENIQUA</i>	
06:00	Enjoy breakfast and check-out.	06:00	Enjoy breakfast. Check-out by 11:00.
07:30	Transfer (±60 min) to the Cango Caves and an ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn for a visit.	07:00	Tee off at Montagu/Outeniqua . Enjoy the scenic drive (±60 min) to Oudtshoorn.
13:30	Lunch is served in the dining cars.	13:30	Lunch is served in the dining cars.
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.	16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Port Elizabeth. <i>Dress: Formal</i>	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Port Elizabeth. <i>Dress: Formal</i>

This semi-desert region is situated at the foot of the majestic Swartberg mountain range where many rivers, streams and falls have their origins. The great natural wonder of the Cango Caves has colourful underground chambers with breathtaking limestone formations. Oudtshoorn is regarded as the centre of the Klein Karoo and is famous for feathering the world in the time of the boa and grand hats. The ostrich boom of the early 20th century turned out many millionaires who, in turn, created elaborate lifestyles in this remote part of Africa.			
DAY 4: ADDO ELEPHANT PARK		DAY 4: HUMEWOOD	
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:00.	06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
10:00	Enjoy a tour of Port Elizabeth .		Transfer (±15 min) to Humewood Golf Course for tee off and lunch.
12:30	Depart for Coerney. The observation car will be at the front of the train until tomorrow evening – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.		
		15:30	Enjoy the scenic drive (±75 min) over the Zuurberg Mountains to Coerney to rejoin the train.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.		The observation car will be at the front of the train until tomorrow evening – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.
14:30	Game drive in Addo Elephant Park , South Africa's third largest national reserve stretching from the semi-arid Karoo, over the Zuurberg Mountains and down through the Sundays River valley to the coast. The park is home to one of the densest African Elephant populations on earth – roughly 600.	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Noupoot. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
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DAY 5: BLOEMFONTEIN			
06:30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 09:30.		
12:00	Early lunch is served in the dining cars.		
	Afternoon tour of Bloemfontein including the Women's Memorial and Anglo Boer War Museum.		
15:00	Traverse the Karoo , a vast and beautiful semi-desert stretching across the great South African plateau inland from the Cape coast with scattered towns and villages. Ascend the Great Escarpment and cross the dry southeastern region with its variety of grasses, hardy shrubs, tumbleweeds and succulents.		
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars en route to Kroonstad where the train is turned.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Bethlehem. <i>Dress: "Africa" Theme or Smart Casual</i>		
	Bloemfontein is the seat of the South African judicial system. At the end of the 19th century it was also the capital of the old Boer Republic of The Orange Free State. Bloemfontein is capital of the Free State Province and also known as the Rose City. Loch Logan Waterfront is next to the city's newly renovated stadium, which was one of the venues during the 2010 Soccer World Cup. The Women's Memorial at the Anglo Boer War Museum is a reminder of life in the concentration camps and commemorates the 27 000 women and children who died in these camps. The Museum itself is a graphic depiction of the hardship endured by all during the war and relates the history of South Africa from 1652.		
DAY 6: CLARENS & GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARK			
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.		
08:00	Transfer (±75 min) to the Sandstone Heritage Trust , a large agricultural estate that houses an impressive collection of heritage trains, tractors, busses, cars and military vehicles.		
12:00	Transfer (±60 min) to the the small and picturesque town of Clarens situated in the foothills of the Maluti Mountains . Enjoy lunch (own account).		
15:00	Take a drive through the Golden Gate Highlands National Park . The park's most notable features are its golden ochre and orange-hued deeply eroded sandstone cliffs and outcrops, especially the Brandwag Rock.		
18:00	Return to the train at Harrismith and depart for Ladysmith.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
	The Drakensberg Mountains were first named by the Voortrekkers who thought the unbroken chain of heavily weathered peaks reminded them of the spines on a dragon's back, hence the name 'Dragon Mountain' or <i>Drakensberg</i> in Afrikaans.		
DAY 7: SPIONKOP		DAY 7: CHAMPAGNE SPORTS RESORT	
06:00	Breakfast is served until departure.	06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
09:00	Transfer (±30 min) to Spionkop Lodge to hear the historic tale of the Battle of Spionkop and walk in the footsteps of Churchill and Gandhi.		Transfer (±75 min) to Champagne Sports Resort for tee off and lunch.
12:45	Enjoy lunch at the lodge.	16:15	Return (±45 min) to the train at Estcourt.
14:00	Afternoon game drive in the 11 000-acre reserve OR relax at the lodge.		Shortly after Chieveley, on the right of the track, stands a memorial to Winston Churchill who was captured here in November 1899 while trying to free an armoured train trapped by a Boer ambush.
16:00	Return to the train. Depart for Estcourt.	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Durban. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		

DAY 8: DURBAN		DAY 8: DURBAN/BEACHWOOD/ZIMBALI	
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.	05:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
09:00	Enjoy a Durban city tour, a visit to the botanical gardens and lunch at Umhlanga's beachfront with an afternoon at leisure. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port.		Transfer to Durban Country Club (±15 min) <u>OR</u> Beachwood (±15 min) <u>OR</u> Zimbali (±60 min) for tee off and lunch. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port.
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars. Travel north along the Indian Ocean coastline.	16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars. Travel north along the Indian Ocean coastline.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
DAY 9: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK			
05:00	Continental breakfast is served until departure.		
06:00	Transfer (±30 min) to Hluhluwe for a game drive . As the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe encompasses 960km ² of hilly topography in central Zululand and is known for its rich wildlife and conservation efforts. It is the only state-run park in KwaZulu-Natal with all the Big Five game animals and is also a prime birding destination.		
12:00	Early lunch is served in the dining cars. The train travels towards eSwatini. Border formalities take place.		
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars en route to Mpaka.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
DAY 10: ESWATINI		DAY 10: NKONYENI/ROYAL SWAZI	
06:30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.	06:30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
08:30	Transfer (±90 min) to Swazi Candles and Mantenga Cultural Village for a visit with lunch.		Transfer (±75 min) to Nkonyeni <u>OR</u> Royal Swazi for tee off and lunch.
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.	16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i> Border formalities take place.	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i> Border formalities take place.
<p>The tiny Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) covers only 17 000km², most of which is mountainous. For such a small country, it is surprising that it sustains two capital cities: Mbabane is the administrative capital and Lobamba is the royal and legislative capital. In April 2018, Swaziland changed its name to the Kingdom of eSwatini (meaning "place of the Swazi") and is an absolute monarchy. It is landlocked and borders South Africa and Mozambique. At Swazi Candles, guests are invited to interact with the artisans as they make a variety of candles. Woodcarvings, colourful textiles and superb basketwork are also on display. Mantenga Lodge is nestled in the mountains overlooking 'Execution Rock'. The village is a living museum of old traditions that represents a classic Swazi lifestyle during the 1800s.</p> <p>BORDER: KOMATIPOORT, SOUTH AFRICA</p>			
DAY 11: KRUGER PARK		DAY 11: LEOPARD CREEK/WHITE RIVER/MBOMBELA	
05:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.	05:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
06:30	Game drive in the Kruger National Park with tea, lunch and an opportunity for curio shopping.		Transfer to Leopard Creek (±15 min) <u>OR</u> White River Country Club (±75 min) <u>OR</u> Mbombela (±60 min) for tee off and lunch.
15:00	Return to the train.	15:00	Return to the train.
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars. The train travels west across the Drakensberg Mountains .	16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.
19:30	Dinner is served. <i>Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual</i>	19:30	Dinner is served. <i>Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual</i>
<p>The famous Kruger Park (2-million hectares) is a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and home to an impressive number of species, e.g. 336 species of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 species of amphibians, 114 species of reptiles, 507 species of birds and 147 species of mammals including the Big Five.</p>			
DAY 12: PRETORIA			
	Please ensure luggage is ready for collection 15 minutes before arrival and that you have your passport.		
07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00.		
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.		
17:00	Arrive at journey's end at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria.		

Please dress accordingly for excursions/game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, comfortable shoes, hats and sun protection are advised. Rain capes are available. See Golf Course Information for the dress code at the golf courses.

Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.
The golfers' itinerary is prebooked so non-golfer additions are not accepted. Please consult with the Golf Pro.

INCLUDED: Accommodation; all meals; all beverages on board; room service; limited laundry; excursions with a qualified guide (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; government tax; golf activities (green fees, carts, halfway house meals and tea/coffee and bottled water). **EXCLUDED:** All other off-train beverages; international sparkling wine; gratuities; personal expenses; visas; travel insurance; pre- and post-tour transfers, accommodation and flights.
MEALS ON BOARD (unless adjusted) Breakfast 07:00-10:00 • Lunch 13:00 • Tea 16:30 • Dinner 19:30



COURSE INFORMATION

Course selection is dependent on availability

LEOPARD CREEK

Kruger Park Malelane • Parklands • 6 631m • Carts compulsory • www.leopardcreek.co.za

This ultra-exclusive world-class facility is the brainchild of magnate Johan Rupert and, as can be expected, no expense was spared. Bordered to the north and the west by the picturesque Crocodile River and the Kruger National Park, the course represents African golf at its best with indigenous bushveld bordering the immaculate fairways and greens. Innovative architectural and landscaping techniques ensure the course is naturally protected from animals, while lakes and small streams divert through the development to create scenic vistas and interesting golf strategies. Hazards take a new dimension for much of the water is home to the magnificent creatures for which the river is named...crocodiles.

Signature hole: 13th - par 5 - 505m Here the green is right on the edge of the river but 32m above the water level offering magnificent views into the Kruger Park.

WHITE RIVER

Nelspruit • Parklands • 6 036m • Carts available • www.whiterivercountryclub.co.za

Naturally adapted to the valley floor upon which it lies, White River is located at the feet of several private nature reserves. Such is the beauty of the course that holes 7 and 11 have been compared to the likes of Augusta. Opened in 1924, it was designed by Gary Player and Reg Taylor. The long, snaking river that runs through the course is the defining feature and is home to an astounding array of flora and fauna.

Signature hole: 5th - par 3 - 138m: This hole calls for an accurate tee shot over the river onto a gently sloping green.

MBOMBELA GOLF CLUB

Mbombela • Parklands • 5 700m • Carts available • www.nelspruitgolfclub.co.za

Nelspruit lies in the fertile valley of the Crocodile River in the hot and humid Lowveld. It has a very important place on the tourist map due to its close proximity to the Kruger National Park. Founded in November 1928 and moved to its present location in 1939, Nelspruit Golf Club is one of Mpumalanga's top courses. The bushveld course is a Bob Grimsdell design built among rocky outcrops. It was a nine-holer for nearly 30 years before Grimsdell returned to complete a second nine in 1967. It was left largely untouched until 1998 when Peter Matcovich upgraded it. The course is lined with indigenous lowveld trees and bent grass greens and cynoden/kikuyu fairways complement the landscape. Nelspruit Golf Club is famous for hosting the annual Jock of the Bushveld Festival of Golf, considered the biggest amateur tournament of its kind in the world. Started in 1968, it now receives some 800 amateurs from far and wide who play more than 2 000 rounds during a week in May.

NKONYENI

Eswatini • Bushveld • 5 810m • Carts available • www.nkonyenigroup.co.za

Nkonyeni Golf Estate is situated in 1200 hectares of gorgeous bushveld overlooking the Great Usuthu River and surrounding mountains. Built in 2007, the championship course was designed by Phil Jacobs (previously associated with the Gary Player Group and responsible for a total of 40 golf courses in France, Hong Kong, China, Philippines, Indonesia and South Africa) and further constructed by Robert Richardson. The bushveld course meanders through the private game reserve providing a unique experience at the 18th hole with a shot across the Usuthu River onto an island surrounded by rocks.

ROYAL SWAZI

Eswatini • Parklands • 6 166m • Carts available • www.suninternational.com

This spectacular championship course is one of the most scenic locations found in the world. Opened in 1966, it has been laid out on the slopes of the Lebombo Range that curve gently down into the valley. The first nine holes are comparatively level but the second nine fully exploits the mountainous terrain. Challenging features include lakes, gullies thick with vegetation, out-of-bound areas running close to fairways, swirling breezes, clusters of magnificent trees and indigenous plants and wickedly sited bunkers – one is so steep it requires steps to facilitate access.

DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB

Durban • Semi-links • 6 157m • Carts available • www.dcclub.co.za

Built by George Waterman and fellow professional golfer Laurie Waters, the Durban Country Club was established in 1922 and has a proud history. The difficulties these men faced were immense as all earth-moving had to be done manually, giant sand dunes were flattened and dense bush and trees chopped down and carted away. Renowned for its classic Cape Dutch architecture, lush vegetation, undulating fairways, sand dunes and beautiful setting overlooking the Indian Ocean, the club has been the venue of choice for many an important celebration in its rich history.

Signature Hole: 3rd - par 5 - 468m A tee shot from the highest point on the course into a valley below, completely exposing the drive to the ocean gusts. Trees on the right of the straightaway hole need to be avoided as well as the large fairway bunker on the landing area to the left.

DURBAN BEACHWOOD

Durban • Semi-links • 6 016m • Carts available • www.dcclub.co.za

The seaside layout of Beachwood has deservedly received accolades for its immaculate conditioning. Originally designed by Sid & Jack Brews in 1930, it has always been famed for its narrow fairways and indigenous trees. When Beachwood amalgamated with Durban Country Club in the late 1990s, Gary Player's design team was asked to upgrade and redesign some of the holes while introducing additional hazards. The results are to be savoured as one plays a course with clever bunkering and water features with superb greens. The land follows rolling and undulating contours allowing fairways to follow natural valleys between high grassy banks, requiring precision shots and lay-ups.

Signature Hole: 6th - par 4 - 410m One of the most demanding holes, the 6th is set high in the dunes and doglegs left with a stream, bush and water hazard to be negotiated en route to the green.

ZIMBALI

North Coast KwaZulu-Natal • Links Coastal & Parklands • 6 524m • Carts compulsory • www.zimbalicc.co.za

A truly spectacular golf estate offering sweeping panoramas of the surrounding hills, forest and ocean. Former South African PGA and British Open Champion Tom Weiskopf has remained true to his style and designed a course that caters to players of all abilities. Opened in 1998 it has firmly cemented itself as one of the area's favourites. Being an eco-conscious estate, the tee boxes are often situated in slightly tricky positions to avoid environmental disturbances. The first 11 holes take you over rolling hills with ideal vantage points from which to enjoy the magnificent views. Holes 12 to 18 explore the Zimbali indigenous forest.

CHAMPAGNE SPORTS RESORT

Drakensberg • Mountain • 7 400m • Carts available • www.champagnesportsresort.com

Located in the beautiful Drakensberg area, this course has to be rated as one of the most scenically memorable golf layouts in South Africa. Designed by Hugh Baiocchi and Kevin Curren, it successfully blends the natural attributes of the terrain and the surrounding beauty with the modern demands of a quality course. It undulates up and around the contours of a valley that nestles under the dominant peaks of Champagne and Cathkin Peaks and incorporates several holes with blind tee shots. Professional and novice alike will appreciate the 84 well-appointed bunkers that line the fairways and greens. The quality of the greens is accredited to Trevor Livesey whose passion remains unabated. Though the drama of the mighty mountains dominates the eye, the course also enjoys gentle vistas where the lower hills create a kaleidoscope of colour blessed with trees, rivers and dams to add even more of a challenge.

HUMEWOOD

Port Elizabeth • Links • 6 225m • Walking course • www.humewoodgolf.co.za

Situated on the sand dunes on the shores of Algoa Bay, this true links course is characterised by thick coastal bush, swales, humps and hollows. Although the fairways are wide and undulating in order to compensate for the strong winds, the rough that borders them is unforgiving. The holes are simple yet neat, the golf greens are fast and firm, the few bunkers are well positioned with tough, steep faces and there are no water hazards.

Signature hole: 13th - par 4 - 408m This hole runs uphill along a severely sloped fairway with a tough semi-blind approach to a tiny green hidden behind a mound with rough to the right, a bunker to the left and thick bush behind it.

FANCOURT COUNTRY CLUB

George • 2 Parkland • Carts available • www.fancourt.co.za

1. MONTAGU • 6 714m • This course is exquisitely conditioned with a glorious parkland layout covering large tracts of varying terrain on rolling land. Mature trees, flowerbeds, shrubs and water hazards provide a colourful contrast.

Signature hole: 17th - par 3 - 190m This is scary for the average golfer with its long carry over water but the green is large and receptive so ignore it and go for the flag. If conservative, favour the left side of the green.

2. OUTENIQUA • 6 312m • Designed by Gary Player and named after the mountain range overlooking the area, this parklands course is more forgiving than Montagu being more open in appearance, yet it has its share of challenges and risk-and-reward moments.

Signature hole: 14th - par 4 - 421m No surprise this is the toughest hole with its intimidating tee shot over water. If the flag is on the left of the green, play conservatively for the middle as there is water lurking at the back left.

DRESS CODE

Acceptable clothing:

- Shirts with collars and sleeves must be tucked in
- Traditional long or short golf trousers
- Short trousers with knee-length stockings or short white socks
- Ladies skirts or culottes must be knee-length
- Golf hats or peaks worn with peak forward
- Golf shoes with soft spikes (most clubs)

Not acceptable:

- T-shirts, vests or sleeveless shirts
- Denim jeans
- Sweatpants or cargo pants
- Drawstring shorts
- Shoes without socks
- Cross-trainer sports shoes