

SOUTH AFRICA & VICTORIA FALLS

October 2026

WELLS GRAY TOURS
a world to experience



Cape Town

With 4 wildlife safaris

The sheer beauty of South Africa's landscape, the unsurpassed flora and fauna, and the diversity of its people and culture is bewitching. Embark on a journey of discovery to the land of colourful contrasts – from wildlife safaris in Knysna Nature Reserve and Kapama Game Reserve to the great cities of Cape Town and Johannesburg. South Africa is known as the Rainbow Nation because of its magnificent natural beauty and amazing diversity. Cape Town introduces us to the historic lessons of colonization. Johannesburg offers an international flavour, plus the pivotal history of the Nelson Mandela era. The four safaris are certainly highlights with wonderful opportunities to view the Big Five – lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, and leopard. Victoria Falls is one of the world's mightiest cataracts and we spend a day exploring its awesome viewpoints. Join Wells Gray Tours on this remarkable itinerary to South Africa and Victoria Falls!



INTERNATIONAL



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ① **BC Interior:** October 17, 2026 – 22 days
- ② **Vancouver Island:** October 17, 2026 – 22 days
- ③ **Lower Mainland:** October 17, 2026 – 22 days

► Fares per person

- ④ from **\$20,045** double/twin, **\$23,245** single*
- *Pricing is anticipated to change and will be updated.*

► Earn 310 Experience Points



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DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Your departure point will be discussed at the time of booking.

I BC Interior: We depart on Saturday, October 17, flying from Kelowna to Frankfurt. We arrive in Cape Town on Tuesday, October 20, after spending one night in Frankfurt. On our return, we fly from Johannesburg to Frankfurt on Thursday, November 5 and stay one night before flying home on Saturday, November 7. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure, and back again when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Saturday, October 17, flying from Victoria to Frankfurt. We arrive in Cape Town on Tuesday, October 20, after spending one night in Frankfurt. On our return, we fly from Johannesburg to Frankfurt on Thursday, November 5 and stay one night before flying home on Saturday, November 7.

Departure from Victoria: For passengers in the Greater Victoria Area, transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return. Home pickup may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area depending on the number of people booked and coach size. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

Departure from Up-Island: There is an additional cost for passengers who wish to fly from/to Nanaimo or Comox Airport on this tour. Transportation to/from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. Please note that while we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox at the time of booking.

L Lower Mainland: We depart on Saturday, October 17, flying from Vancouver to Frankfurt. We arrive in Cape Town on Tuesday, October 20, after spending one night in Frankfurt. On our return, we fly from Johannesburg to Frankfurt on Thursday, November 5 and stay one night before flying home on Saturday, November 7.

Departure from Vancouver: Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Langley, Abbotsford, or Chilliwack: No transportation is provided to/from Vancouver Airport.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$20,195 double/twin \$23,395 single	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This tour is exempt from GST.• There is an additional cost to fly from/to Nanaimo or Comox to join this tour.
V	Vancouver Island	\$20,345 double/twin \$23,545 single	
L	Lower Mainland	\$20,045 double/twin \$23,245 single	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- **47 total:** 19 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 15 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transfers between the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas & the Kelowna, Victoria, or Vancouver Airport
- Flights from Kelowna, Vancouver, or Victoria to Frankfurt & return
- Transfers as needed in Frankfurt
- Flights from Frankfurt to Cape Town
- Current air taxes, fuel surcharges, & security fees
- Transfer from Cape Town Airport to hotel
- 13 days coach transportation in South Africa
- Flight from Gqeberha to Johannesburg
- Transfer from Johannesburg hotel to airport
- Flight from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls & return
- Transfer from Falls Airport to hotel & return
- Flight from Johannesburg to Frankfurt

▶ Accommodation

- 2 nights accommodation & taxes in Frankfurt
- 14 nights accommodation & taxes in South Africa
- 2 nights accommodation & taxes at Victoria Falls
- Luggage handling at most hotels

▶ Guides & Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guides, game reserve drivers & coach drivers in South Africa
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers & boat crew in Germany

▶ Key Highlights

- Guided tour of Frankfurt
- Guided tour of Heidelberg's Old Town with visit to castle
- Guided tour of the Cape Peninsula with Chapmans Peake scenic drive
- Cape of Good Hope
- Boulders Beach penguin colony
- Cable car to the top of Table Mountain
- Guided tour of Cape Town with Bo-Kaap
- Diamond cutting workshop
- Long March to Freedom Memorial
- 2 winery visits with tastings and 1 cellar tour in the Cape Winelands
- Featherbed Nature Reserve
- Garden of Eden
- Tsitsikamma National Park
- 2 safaris in Addo Elephant National Park
- Guided tour of Soweto
- Apartheid Museum
- 2 wildlife watching drives in Kapama Reserve
- Blyde River Canyon & Bourke's Luck Potholes
- God's Window & Lisbon Falls
- Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River
- Guided tour of Victoria Falls viewpoints
- Rudesheim Excursion & Rhine River Cruise

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

▶ Wells Gray tour director throughout tour



ITINERARY

Saturday, October 17

We fly to Vancouver from departure cities. Our overnight flight to Frankfurt leaves Vancouver in late afternoon.

Sunday, October 18

Welcome to Frankfurt! We enjoy a comfortable two-hour city tour and settle in for the night.

Accommodation: Steigenberger Airport Hotel

Meals included: Dinner

Monday, October 19

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed excursion to Heidelberg, including a short guided Old Town walk and a visit to the famous hilltop castle. Later in the afternoon, we return to Frankfurt Airport for an early dinner before checking in for the overnight flight to South Africa.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Tuesday, October 20

Our flight arrives in Cape Town. **Welcome to South Africa!** Our guide and coach meet us at the airport and take us to the Commodore Hotel for four nights. This 4-star hotel is situated close to the waterfront and the Victoria & Alfred shopping centre.

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel

Wednesday, October 21

With its unrivalled natural beauty, **Cape Town** is certainly a highlight of Africa. Originally intended as a supply station for Dutch ships en route to India and the Far East, by 1652 Cape Town had become the first permanent European settlement in South Africa. As time passed other communities started, yet the Cape Colony looked to Cape Town as its economic and cultural hub. We drive along Millionaires' Paradise from Clifton to Ilandudno, heading towards the charming working harbour of Hout Bay. Following the famed Chapman's Peake Drive, hugging the cliffs, we reach the **Cape of Good Hope**, southernmost point of Africa where the Atlantic and Indian

Oceans clash. On the return, we meander back along the coast and stop in Simon's Town to watch the **penguin colony** at Boulders Beach.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel

Thursday, October 22

First, we ride the aerial cable car to the summit of legendary **Table Mountain** and admire the panoramic view of Cape Town and the ocean below. Our city tour passes the Parliament, City Hall, and Slave Lodge. Visit the colourful Malay Quarter to marvel at the ice-cream colours of the quaint Bo-Kaap homes. A diamond cutting workshop is included. Dinner is at the Gold Restaurant featuring an 18-course Pan-African meal with drumming and dancing. This may sound excessive, but it is actually a large, diverse feast showcasing dishes from across the continent.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel

Friday, October 23

The **Long March to Freedom** consists of 100 life-size bronze sculptures of South Africa's liberation heroes and tells the story of its 350-year journey to freedom and democracy. Next are the **Cape Winelands**, renowned for crisp white and classic French-style red wines, but the region also has a stunning natural beauty with vast estates shaded from the African sunshine by giant oak trees and towering mountains overlooking lush valleys. Franschhoek is a town with centuries-old vineyards and Cape Dutch architecture. Tours and tastings are included at two different wineries. One visit includes a tour of the wine cellar and the other includes dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel

Saturday, October 24

Leaving Cape Town, we drive east along the famous **Garden Route** through quaint towns such as Swellendam and George. A long table lunch is served at the Joubert Family Farm near Tradouw Pass. We stay two nights at **Pezula Nature Retreat** near Knysna, a delightful lodge with beautiful rooms, superb spa facilities, and fine dining spread out in a forested enclave.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Pezula Nature Retreat

Sunday, October 25

The morning is devoted to the **Featherbed Nature Reserve** which protects coastal forests and fynbos on the Western Head. Wildlife sightings may include bushbuck, steenbok, genets, porcupines, birds of prey, and rich coastal birdlife thriving in this scenic sanctuary. The afternoon is leisure time and a spa treatment is suggested (not included).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Pezula Nature Retreat

Monday, October 26

Continuing along the Garden Route, we stop at the Garden of Eden with its towering Yellowwood trees and **Tsitsikamma National Park** which protects a wild section of the Indian Ocean coastline. We stay two nights at the Courtyard Hotel in Gqeberha, overlooking a beautiful beach.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Courtyard Hotel Gqeberha

Tuesday, October 27

Today is devoted to **Addo Elephant National Park**, set deep within the bushveld of the Eastern Cape. The original Elephant section of the Park was proclaimed in 1931 when just 11 elephants roamed the area. Today, over 550 elephants live here and it is said to be the world's largest concentration of elephants. Two game drives are offered in morning and afternoon. We may also spot the Cape buffalo, black rhino, a variety of

antelope species, and the unique flightless dung beetle, found almost exclusively in Addo.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Courtyard Hotel Gqeberha

Wednesday, October 28

We fly to **Johannesburg**, South Africa's largest city and the financial and commercial capital. Renowned as the City of Gold, Johannesburg is a vibrant city with a vast web of townships. We stay two nights at the luxurious 5-star DaVinci Hotel in the business district of Sandton and adjacent to the famous Nelson Mandela Square.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: DaVinci Hotel Sandton

Thursday, October 29

Soweto is home to over two million people living in crowded and chaotic conditions. South Africans gave much to achieve a truly democratic country and this tour shares some of the pain and struggle of those heroes. We visit the famed **Apartheid Museum** which takes you from the dark days of 'whites only' privilege through to Nelson Mandela's historic release. A series of 22 exhibits presents a dramatic emotional journey that tells a story of a state-sanctioned system based on racial discrimination and the struggle of the majority to overthrow this tyranny. Our tour of Soweto passes Nelson Mandela's house and Regina Mundi Church, site of many underground meetings of banned political parties.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: DaVinci Hotel Sandton

Friday, October 30

From Johannesburg, we follow the **Panorama Route** through Dullstroom, a Dutch settlement. The road winds across Long Tom Pass at an elevation of 2,150 metres, amidst stunning escarpment scenery. Named after a large French cannon used in the Anglo-Boer War, a replica of the "Long Tom" gun is at the summit. We stay

three nights at Kruger Gate Hotel at the entrance to Kruger National Park.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kruger Gate Hotel

Saturday, October 31

Two wildlife viewing safaris are offered in the **Kapama Game Reserve**, accompanied by a skilled ranger and tracker, and you can expect to encounter a diverse range of animal and bird species. Since Kapama is a Big Five reserve, seeing **lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, and buffalo** is likely. About 350 species of birds have been recorded on the reserve. The trip starts at first light and a second game drive is in late afternoon and, as darkness falls, the nocturnal animals appear. There may also be wildlife around the lodge such as nyala antelope and vervet monkeys.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kruger Gate Hotel

Sunday, November 1

We explore further along the stunning scenery of the Panorama Route. Highlights include gigantic **Blyde River Canyon**, the extraordinary rock formations of Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels, the view of the vast Lowveld landscape from the ledge of God's Window, and majestic 94-metre tall Lisbon Falls.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kruger Gate Hotel

Monday, November 2

We return to Johannesburg.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: DaVinci Hotel Sandton

Tuesday, November 3

It's a two-hour flight this morning from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. We stay two nights at the family-owned Ilala Lodge. It borders Victoria Falls National Park, so wildlife may be roaming through the grounds. Enjoy a sunset cruise on the mighty **Zambezi River** which provides a terrific vantage point to watch

animals come to the river's edge to quench their thirst as the sun sets.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ilala Lodge

Wednesday, November 4

Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. The local people call it "Mosi-oa-Tunya" (the smoke that thunders) and there is a magic about it manifested in the towering column of spray, the roar of the falling water, the terrifying abyss, and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippos and crocodiles lurk. The cataract is 1.7 km wide and drops 108 metres into the Zambezi Gorge, and an average of 30,000 cubic metres of water plummet over the edge every minute in November. Victoria Falls is considered the largest curtain of falling water in the world. Remarkably preserved as a national park and a World Heritage Site, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860s. During the morning, we visit the best-known sites: the Main Falls, Horseshoe Falls, Rainbow Falls, the Boiling Pot, and Livingstone Island. November is the dry season here, so there is a lot less water than at peak flow in April. However, the falls are more visible now because a towering column of spray may obscure the falls during high water. The afternoon is free time. A "Farewell to Africa" dinner is arranged.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ilala Lodge

Thursday, November 5

We fly back to Johannesburg. Later this evening, we take an overnight flight to Frankfurt.

Meals included: Breakfast

Friday, November 6

After arriving early in the morning, the group enjoys breakfast and time to refresh before a relaxing excursion through the beautiful **Rhine Valley**, one of Germany's most celebrated landscapes.

From the wine town of **Rüdesheim**, take a **scenic cruise** along one of the loveliest stretches of the Rhine, passing castles, vineyards, charming villages, and the legendary Loreley Rock. The day concludes with a peaceful evening back at the airport hotel before the journey home.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Steigenberger Airport Hotel

Saturday, November 7

We return home, flying from Frankfurt to departure cities today.

Meals included: Breakfast



ACTIVITY LEVEL 3



High Activity: You are an active traveller who wants to explore wherever you go. You don't mind a mix of full days, early morning starts, and some late nights. You can walk longer distances, up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over uneven ground, beaches/shorelines, or at higher elevations; climb in and out of small boats without any assistance; and stand for prolonged periods during walking tours. You can climb three flights of stairs easily and unassisted and can handle your own luggage in airports and at hotels where luggage handling may not be available.

This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. Walking poles are recommended. Additionally, this tour is not appropriate for those who have cognitive impairments such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

Please note: Prior to accepting your booking, you will be required to [sign a declaration](#) that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 3 tour.



This tour is limited to 25 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.

TOUR NOTES

Documentation: A passport is required, valid for 6 months after return date. You must have at least 2 blank pages in your passport for entry and exit stamps. A tourist visa for South Africa is not needed; a tourist visa is issued on arrival for Zimbabwe (information as of January 2026). The ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) may be in operation when this tour is underway; details will be in the Important Tour Information document at final payment.

Currency & Expenses: The currency in South Africa is the Rand and a Canadian dollar is worth 11.8 Rands. US Dollars are widely accepted at Victoria Falls. You should order Rands and USD from your bank 1-2 weeks before departure, or plan to use ATMs. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere. Gratuities are included for all group meals and for guides and drivers.

Flight seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes. The airlines will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the "No Flight" option with a fare reduction and book your own flight which allows seat selection. This reduction is for the flights from BC to Cape Town and from Johannesburg to BC via Frankfurt only. Flights within Africa are not eligible for the No Flights option. Please read our [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information about your responsibilities when taking the "No Flight" option.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights to Cape Town and return from Johannesburg. Premium economy and business class may be available.

Flight delays or cancellations: In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather or other reasons, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for flight delays.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Vaccinations: You may need one for this tour. Please visit a travel clinic two or three months before departure. Bring this itinerary and your personal vaccination record for advice.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due June 15, 2026. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level 3 [Declaration](#), and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 1, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From June 2 to June 15, the cancellation charge is \$500 per person. From June 16 to August 7, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From August 8 to September 8, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After September 8, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes, currency exchange rates, or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage. Please do not travel to these countries without medical insurance as a minimum.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 310 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until June 15, 2026.

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