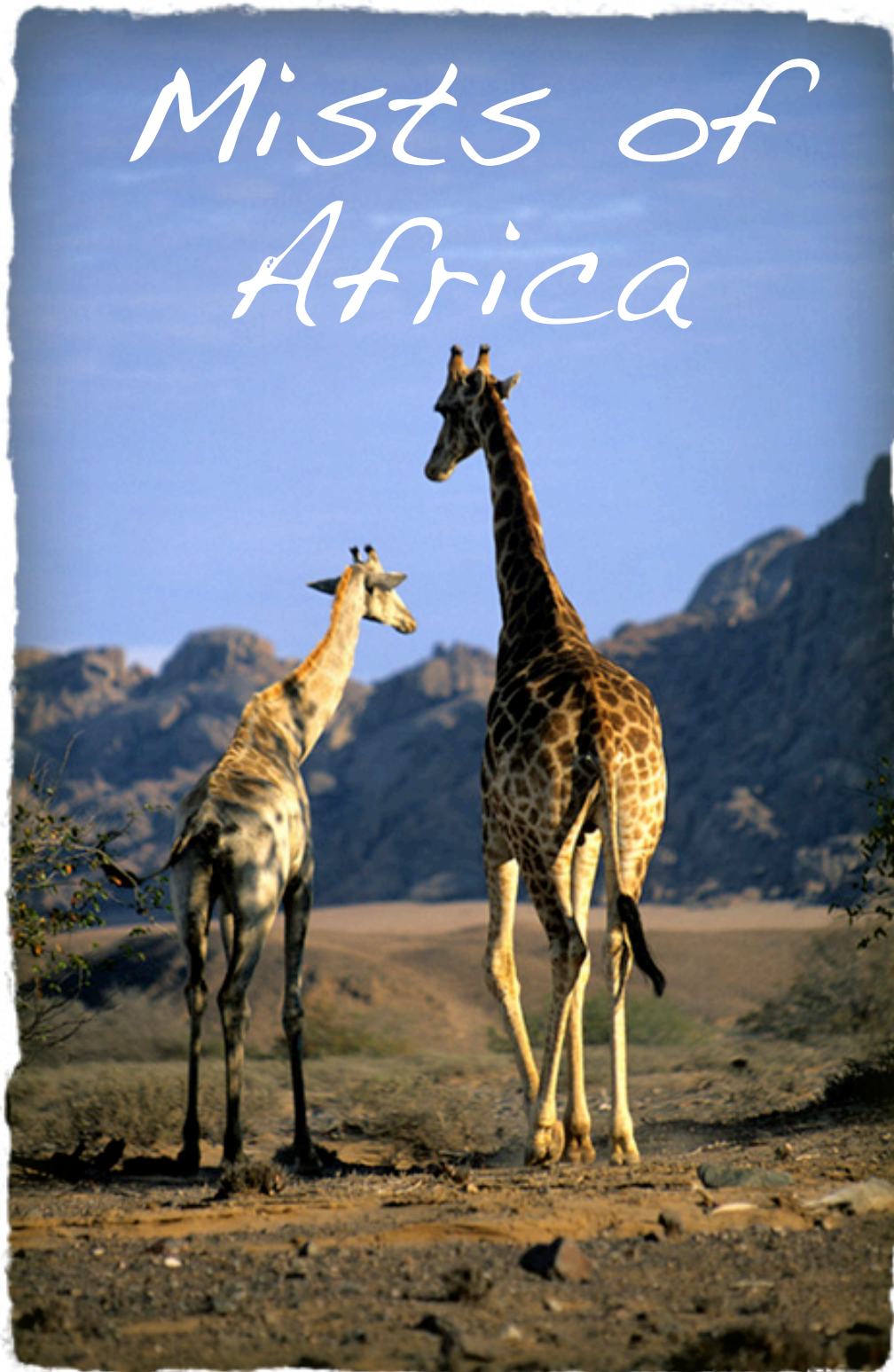


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The Lark Tours Difference

As you have probably already discovered, today's travel industry offers an overwhelming number of options. With so many to pick from, we know just how difficult it can be to select the right travel company. Here are some reasons why we think you should choose Lark Tours:

We are Unique. At Lark Tours we focus solely on offering private luxury vacations and safaris in Africa. Our concept is simple: your vacation in Africa should be just that - it should be **your** vacation.

Personalized & Tailor-Made Itineraries. While most companies present a number of set itineraries with scheduled departure dates, thus forcing you to fit within their framework, we take a very different approach. We offer private vacation itineraries that are personalized and tailor-made to perfectly fit your interests, preferences, and schedule. Whether you are traveling as a couple, a family, a group of friends, an organization, or some combination thereof, we will put together a trip that fits everybody's desires and departs when you want!

Private Groups. There is no denying that Africa is simply spectacular. To truly experience this enchanting continent on an intimate level, in a way that is sure to impact some part of your being, we firmly believe that private journeys are an absolute must. By delving into Africa in a manner that only private travel makes possible, you are able to interact with locals, learn about each region's history and culture at your own pace, and fully delight in all the beauty and wildlife that Africa has to offer. This ensures that you have an authentic experience in Africa and return home feeling enlightened, inspired, and above all else, satisfied.

Flexibility. The real beauty of private travel is having flexibility during your vacation. Because you have your own expert guides with private vehicles, you are free to make changes on a whim. When there are moments so captivating that you simply want to linger and soak in the experience, then you have the freedom to do so. There is no bus to catch, no rigid schedule to follow, and no large group with competing demands. This is your vacation with your own private guides who are there each step of the way to ensure you have the perfect experience.

Service is King. Private luxury travel is about receiving the best service available, which includes incredible attention to detail and help with every facet of your vacation. We deliver all this and more. Our staff and guides are some of the best in the industry and we all follow one simple rule: you are the most important priority. We will do absolutely whatever it takes to ensure you have the easiest, most satisfying vacation experience to date.

Expertise: We have delved deep into Africa and emerged with the extensive first-hand knowledge necessary to make sure your vacation is unforgettable. In addition to substantial training and ongoing education, everybody who works for us has extensive personal expertise from having lived and traveled in Africa. By targeting our focus exclusively on Africa, we are able to continually deepen our knowledge of this region and provide you with a plethora of magnificent experiences.

One Call Convenience. It seems like everything these days is becoming more and more convenient. Why should travel be any different? With one phone call we can take care of all your travel arrangements, including complimentary flight bookings, travel insurance, and much more.

We Like to Have Fun! Let's face it – much of the travel industry is far too serious. This is your vacation! This is your time off, your chance to explore a new region of the world and recharge your batteries. So what are you waiting for? Africa beckons!

Mists of Africa Itinerary

Make the lavish 12-day journey from Cape Town to the thundering Victoria Falls, before flying to MalaMala Game Reserve, located adjacent to Kruger National Park

Day 1 - Depart from USA for Cape Town, South Africa

Today we depart for Cape Town, South Africa. This extraordinary city was ranked by *Travel & Leisure* as the world's 2nd best city for 2009. If our flight itinerary routes us through Johannesburg, South Africa, a Lark Tours Representative will be present at the airport to greet us and assist us to our connecting flight to Cape Town.

Day 2 - Arrive in Cape Town

Once we arrive in Cape Town we are met by our Lark Tours guide and escorted to the extravagant, 5-star Cape Grace Hotel. The Cape Grace Hotel has received numerous international awards as one of the best hotels in Africa, the Middle East, and the Indian Ocean. Nestled between a private quay in Cape Town's bustling Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and the serenity of an international yacht marina, Cape Grace is a welcome and gracious sanctuary of traditional sophistication while emanating style and comfort. The spaciousness of the well-appointed rooms, the diversity of amenities, and the unsurpassed standards in service - both proficient and personal - have all ensured Cape Grace is a favorite for many returning guests. An extensive and beautiful library, a heated outdoor swimming pool, in-room workout facilities, health menus, a communication center offering complimentary internet access, and a boardroom, are simply a few of the distinct and personalized services available here. From the locally inspired offerings of the hotel's Signal Restaurant, to the whisky and cocktail treats that await below deck at the popular Bascule Whisky Bar and Wine Cellar, to the African delights that surprise at Cape Grace's Spa, the hotel is dedicated to surpassing expectations and making our stay the most memorable ever.



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That evening we check into our Rooftop Luxury rooms and spend the evening relaxing.

Cape Grace Hotel (dinner included)

Day 3 - The Magnificent Cape Peninsula

After a refreshing sleep and a sumptuous breakfast, we begin our private tour of the Cape Peninsula. This provides us with an overview of the city, its surroundings, and a look at the diversity of this region. The Cape Peninsula represents a large portion of the Cape Floral Kingdom, one of the six floral kingdoms of the world. Here there are over 8,700 plant species, 75% of which are unique and grow nowhere else in the world. One of the most

famous of these species is the Giant Protea, also known as the King Protea, which is South Africa's national flower.

We meander along the coastal routes, stopping along the way to marvel at the spectacular contrast between the rocky mountains and the surrounding ocean that so distinctly defines the Cape Peninsula. We pass through Chapman's Peak Drive, one of South Africa's most famous roads, which has



been the site for the filming of a number of well known commercials and movies. At Simon's Town we watch the Jackass Penguins, which are endemic to South Africa, as they waddle around Boulders Beach. In the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve we take a short walk along the cliffs at Cape Point, the very same spot that Bartholomew Diaz rounded in 1488.

This all-day adventure includes a 35-minute boat ride from Hout Bay Harbor to Duiker Island. Here, beneath the well-known Sentinel Mountain, we find an enormous colony of Cape Fur Seals. That evening we enjoy a communal feast consisting of authentic African cuisine at one of our favorite local restaurants.

Cape Grace Hotel (breakfast, lunch, dinner included)



Day 4 - Delve into Cape Town and the Winelands

We begin the day with a ride to the top of Table Mountain via cable car where we delight in the beautiful panoramic views of Cape Town, the Cape Peninsula, and the mighty Atlantic Ocean. Table Mountain boasts over 1,500 plant species, which are more plant types than exist in all of Great Britain!

After Table Mountain we make our way through the heart of Cape

Town, stopping along the way to visit its highlights, including Greenmarket Square, which is a bustling African

marketplace. During our time in the city we take the opportunity to learn about its vibrant history and to experience its unique atmosphere.

Next we're off to the wine-lands! It's worth knowing that South Africa, and particularly the Cape region, has become world-renowned for its excellent wines. This is due, in part, to South Africa's long history of winemaking. The Dutch commander Jan van Riebeeck planted the first grape vines in Cape Town in 1655 since red wine was believed to prevent scurvy. Later, at the end of the 17th century, Huguenots, who were largely experienced in oenology (the growing of grapes and making of wine), immigrated to South Africa where they established vast vineyards in the Cape region.



Napoleon Bonaparte, King Louis Philippe of France, Frederic The Great of Prussia, the Lords Seventeen of the Dutch East India Company, and many other famous and powerful figures coveted this wine from South Africa for its incredible quality and exclusivity. Today its wines continue to win international awards and it stands as a shining example of what the South African wine industry has achieved, and what it continues to accomplish.

It is this area that we explore today, specifically, the wine lands at Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek. We take an exclusive tour of the vineyards, meet the winemakers, and of course, taste award-winning wines. There is also plenty of time to enjoy the scenery, learn about the region, as well as to enjoy a meal at one of the local vineyards.

We conclude the day with a special meal at a local restaurant owned by two of our very good friends. Their exceptional restaurant, called Cargills, consistently wins awards as one of the best restaurants in both the Western Cape and in South Africa as a whole. This is sure to be a memorable experience and a fitting conclusion to our stay in Cape Town.

Cape Grace Hotel (breakfast, lunch, dinner)



Day 5 - Transfer to Victoria Falls Hotel

Saying farewell to Cape Town is always difficult, but luckily other equally incredible experiences await us. From Cape Town we fly to Johannesburg. Here we are met at the airport by our Lark Tours representative who helps us with our bags and helps us board our flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival in Victoria Falls, we meet our guide and transfer to the famed Victoria Falls Hotel. For more than a century, this hotel has been the address of choice for royal families, statesmen, celebrities and discerning travellers as it occupies a fine location from which to explore the magical

wonders of the Victoria Falls. Less than a ten minute walk from the Victoria Falls rainforest, this is one hotel that can truly claim to be unique.

Many a guest has marvelled at the magnificent views seen from The Victoria Falls Hotel. The experience begins with the sun rising over the Victoria Falls, considered to be one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Echoing its glorious past, this hotel's traditional rooms and suites are truly a 5-star experience. Our room, which is one of the hotel's deluxe guest rooms, is spacious, well-appointed and furnished in traditional Edwardian style with an

"out of Africa" feel. All rooms are air-conditioned with every modern amenity available including digital satellite television, direct dial telephone and a personal safe. Cool off and enjoy the splendor of the refreshing swimming pool set amongst the beautiful landscaped gardens, overlooking the famous Victoria Falls Bridge with the Batoka Gorge below.



Later in the day we visit the stunning Victoria Falls, which is approximately 5,545 feet wide with an estimated 145.2 million gallons of water cascading over the 365 foot chasm every minute. It must be highlighted that Zimbabwe has 16 out of the 19 prime viewing spots and it is here where we find the untamed Victoria Falls rainforest with its many winding pathways and

trails. In 1855 David Livingstone, arguably the first European to see the awesome falls, remarked "scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight." Victoria Falls has been declared a World Heritage Site and enjoys special conservation status.

Victoria Falls Hotel (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 6 - The Mighty Victoria Falls

Today we set off on an elephant back safari, which gives us the chance to closely interact with one of Africa's most beloved animals. Elephants are exceptionally intelligent, willing to respond to instruction, and lots of fun to spend time with. Roaming the wilderness areas around Victoria Falls atop an elephant is an unforgettable experience!

Later we embark on a 15-minute helicopter ride where we have breathtaking aerial views of the stunning Falls! When viewing the Falls, there is nothing that can rival the experience of being high above in a helicopter.



We conclude the day with a sunset cruise on the broad Zambezi River, complete with a complimentary bar and freshly baked snacks. With hippos bellowing all around we float lazily down the river, watching as the sky reddens into a fiery panorama before disappearing over the horizon to make way for the night's twinkling stars. It is hard to conceive of a more fitting ending to such a magnificent day.

Victoria Falls Hotel (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 7 - Transfer to The Grace in Rosebank

After one last glorious sunrise over the thundering Victoria Falls, we return to Johannesburg where we overnight at The Grace in Rosebank. The Grace is a sophisticated city hotel with the highest levels of service and luxury, as well as that personal charm found only in small establishments. It is located in the heart of stylish Rosebank, a secure, leafy suburb that is cosmopolitan and rich in eclectic restaurants, shopping, and culture. With easy access to much of the best that Johannesburg has to offer, The Grace makes the perfect night layover on our way to MalaMala Game Reserve.

The Grace in Rosebank (breakfast, dinner)



Day 8 - Transfer to MalaMala Game Reserve

This morning we transfer to the airport where we board our flight to MalaMala Game Reserve, located in the highly acclaimed Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve. Established in 1927, internationally renowned and award-winning MalaMala is the largest privately owned game reserve in South Africa. Comprising of approximately 32,900 acres, MalaMala shares a 12-mile unfenced border

with Kruger National Park, one of Africa's oldest and largest national parks. Sandwiched between Kruger and the rest of Sabi Sands, MalaMala has unimpeded access to the surrounding African wildlife. Of great appeal to this wildlife is the vast array of habitat types in MalaMala, ranging from open savannah to dense riparian zones and granite outcrops. But perhaps the strongest allure to the wildlife is the 8-mile stretch of the Sand River that flows through the reserve. It is this habitat diversity, along with sound conservation management, that has earned MalaMala a reputation as one of the foremost game viewing destination in the world. This, coupled with its luxurious accommodations and service, makes MalaMala one of the best safari lodges that South Africa has to offer.

Upon arrival we settle into our Luxury Rooms in Main Camp, enjoy a late lunch, and embark on our first thrilling safari!

MalaMala Game Reserve (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 9 & 10 - Spectacular Safaris in MalaMala

At MalaMala we spend our time relaxing, soaking in the incredible surroundings, taking advan-



tage of the camp's amenities, and of course, embarking on world-class safaris. A typical day at MalaMala begins with an early morning wake up call around 5:30 a.m., when we enjoy steaming beverages with light snacks before setting off on an adventurous early morning game drive. After an exhilarating safari, we return to camp for a late brunch followed by time for relaxation and leisure that can be spent lounging by the pool, browsing the safari boutique, or exploring the camp. We also have the option of joining one of MalaMala's armed trackers for an exciting walking safari through the African bush.



That afternoon, after a refreshing lunch, we set off on another exciting safari! On this afternoon game drive our guide brings along coolers stocked with wine, beer, and other beverages of choice to be enjoyed during a famous African sundowner, where we stop at sunset and absorb the atmosphere of the bush as the sun sinks into the dusty horizon. Watching the sun set over the wild African bush is a truly memorable experience. As darkness approaches, our tracker scans the bush

with a powerful spotlight pointing out the elusive nocturnal wildlife, a highlight of the day's activities. Be sure to also keep a look out for the Milky Way and Southern Cross in the dark sky above.

We return to camp at approximately 8 o'clock, where we freshen up before meeting our friends and the rangers for dinner at 9. Dinner is served in the reed-enclosed boma under an ancient Jackalberry tree. Alternatively, when the weather is suitable, we enjoy a candlelit dinner on the safari deck overlooking the Sand River. While seated around the blazing log fire under the starry African sky, enjoying the superb food and excellent wines, we are sure to feel Africa tugging at our hearts. This is yet another of MalaMala's many highlights.

MalaMala Game Reserve (all meals)

*** Do note that during South Africa's winter months MalaMala's schedule is slightly different to accompany the shorter days and cooler weather.*



Day 11 - Transfer Back to Johannesburg then Homeward Bound

Our last day at MalaMala begins with a sunrise game drive followed by a hearty breakfast. After saying goodbye to MalaMala's marvelous staff, we transfer via plane back to Johannesburg where we board our international flight back home.

MalaMala Private Game Reserve (breakfast)

Day 12 - Arrive Back Home

En route to home. As we fly back home, we relish in our new memories and look forward to telling friends and family about our splendid travels in Africa.

Trip Details

2010 Departure Dates and Pricing

- *Mists of Africa* departs daily
- **High Season** (January 11 - April 30; August 19 - December 14):
From \$6,850 per person sharing; \$2,195 single supplement
- **Low Season** (May 1 - August 18):
From \$6,675 per person sharing; \$2,050 single supplement
- **Peak Season** (December 15 - January 10):
Please contact us for pricing and availability

NOTE: Necessary flights to/from and within Africa (Cape Town to Victoria Falls to Johannesburg to MalaMala to Johannesburg) are an additional fee and are not included in the above rates.

*** The single supplement is an additional charge added to the trip price for travelers requesting single occupancy accommodations.

What's Included With the Cost?

- A Lark Tours welcome packet containing all necessary pre- and post-departure trip planning information
- Full pre-and post-vacation Lark Tours customer support, available to answer all your questions during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST) and available to answer emergency calls from trip participants and/or from family/friends of trip participants at any hour during your vacation
- Guides for all activities, sightseeing, etc as outlined in the itinerary
- All meals
- All lodgings and accommodations
- All entry and participation costs for all activities, sightseeing, etc. as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transportation
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- All safaris in off-road vehicles
- All conservation and park fees
- Upon request, complimentary flight arrangements

What's NOT Included?

- International and domestic flights
- Alcohol, except where specified in the itinerary
- Personal purchases
- Gratuities
- Passport/visa fees
- Required and/or recommended immunizations
- Any other items of a personal nature

There are absolutely no hidden costs, fees, or extra expenses.

Trip Reservations

All bookings and activities are subject to change and availability.

Complimentary Flight Arrangements

Lark Tours is pleased to offer you our complimentary flight arrangement services, at no additional charge, when you book one of our vacations. With the help of our flight specialists, we are able to find the flights you need, usually for less than you can find as an individual. Also, when we book your flights we can schedule all your arrival and departure times to fit perfectly with your vacation itinerary. But best of all, taking advantage of our complimentary flight arrangements is convenient and means you can make all your vacation plans with a single phone call.

If you decide to handle flight arrangements on your own then we ask that you check with us to coordinate all flights. This is very important since there are flights where arrival and departure times must be coordinated properly to ensure that your trip flows smoothly. Once your flight is booked, please send us a copy of your ticket so we have a copy on file.

Welcome Packet

Once you book a vacation with us, we will send you a detailed packet of information on how to prepare for your upcoming trip, which includes topics such as necessary visas, important vaccinations, safety tips, clothing suggestions, recommended reading, and more.

Payment Schedule

At the time of reservation: 50% of trip cost due
90 days prior to trip departure: Full balance due

Cancellation & Refund Policy

All cancellations are to be made by speaking with a Lark Tours representative followed by a written notification mailed to our office. At the time of cancellation, the following fees will apply:

91 days or more prior to departure we charge: 25% of total trip price
46 to 90 prior days to departure we retain: 50% of total trip price
45 days or less prior to departure we retain: 100% of total trip price

About Lark Tours

Based in Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A., Lark Tours is a full-service tour operator that focuses exclusively on offering private luxury vacations and safaris in Africa. Founded in 2005, Lark Tours was developed based on the knowledge that in order to truly experience Africa on an intimate level, private journeys are an absolute must. Since then, Lark Tours has been bringing fresh energy to the world of travel with its innovative approach, and in the process, it has redefined what it means to have an unforgettable vacation experience in Africa.

At Lark Tours, our hope is that you will consider sharing this journey with us, and in the process, grow to love this enchanting continent as much as we do.

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Questions? Comments? To speak with a Lark Tours representative call us toll-free at 1-877-LarkTours (527-5868)

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