



Yebo Africa

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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!

Yebo Africa Itinerary

A 12-day journey from Cape Town 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 guide and transferred to 51 on Kloofnek, a fabulous boutique guesthouse perfectly situated for both the vibrant city life and the laid-back beach vibe of Camps Bay. Formerly the offices of a film production company and then a private estate, 51 on Kloofnek has been extensively renovated to provide six luxurious en-suite rooms decorated with a playful French flair. The high ceilings and the wooden and marble tile floors have all been treated with a neutral palette creating a cool, sophisticated background for original artwork and touches of color and rich texture throughout. Each room but one has its own private outdoor terrace for those seeking a bit of space and solitude, though in fact the atmosphere generated by the layout of the house and by the

friendliness of the management staff creates the perfect place for guests to mingle and chat at the bar, in the main living room, or on the sundeck surrounding the outdoor pool.

51 on Kloofnek (dinner included)

Day 3 - Delve Into Cape Town

After a refreshing sleep and a sumptuous breakfast, our day begins at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront where the views of Cape Town and Table Mountain are simply stunning. We then set off to explore Cape Town and learn about its history. We stop to enjoy a mid-morning cappuccino in the Cape Quarter before proceeding to the picturesque Bo-Kaap. Depending on when we arrive, we may have the chance to view the daily firing of the cannon on

top of Signal Hill. Next we're off to the Company Gardens, located adjacent to the offices of the president of South Africa and Parliament. After lunch in the Gardens, we visit Greenmarket Square, a bustling African marketplace surrounded by many of Cape Town's historic buildings. From here we pass through Trafalgar Place past the flower sellers on to St. George's Cathedral and then on to the Castle of Good Hope, South Africa's oldest colonial structure.

51 on Kloofnek (breakfast, lunch, dinner included)

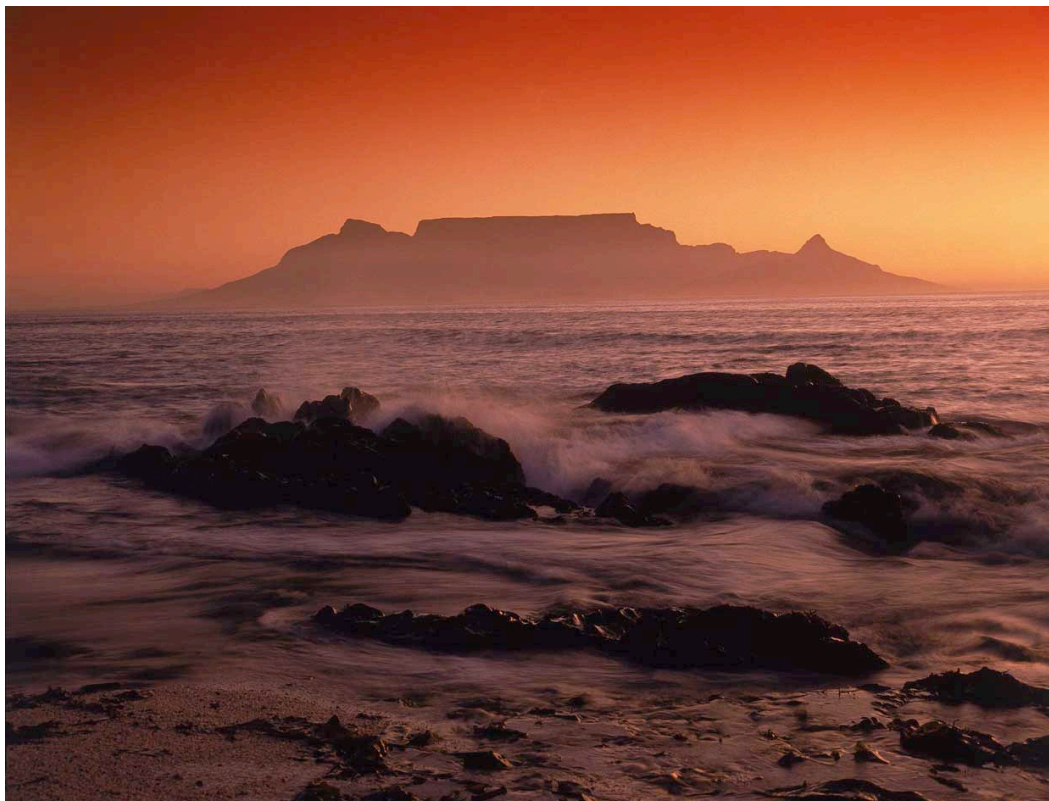


Day 4 - Table Mountain and Surrounds

We begin the day with morning tea at the famous Mount Nelson Hotel, where we enjoy a fine selection of teas including Rooibos, Earl Grey, Darjeeling, Lapsang Souchong, and many others. Quiche, finger sandwiches, tea loaves, cake slices, warm scones with preserves, and much more accompany these teas. We are joined by a South African HIV/AIDS expert who gives us a fascinating presentation about the HIV/AIDS crisis and all the social, economic, and political issues surrounding this problem.

Following our relaxing morning tea and enlightening discussion, we set off for Table Mountain. We ascend to the top 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 you will find in the entire area of Great Britain!



After Table Mountain we head down to Camps Bay for lunch overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Following lunch we drive through Cape Town's Seapoint and Greenpoint districts on our way to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront where we will enjoy a relaxing afternoon of shopping and leisure.

51 on Kloofnek (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 5 - The Vibrant Townships

Today we see an exciting facet of South Africa: the local townships. Here we have the chance to mingle with the locals, discover first hand this unique and exciting South African culture, and learn about the history surrounding these communities. We begin our day in the Bo-Kaap where we focus on the history of this vibrant community as it pertains to Apartheid and the creation of townships. We then proceed to the District Six Museum, a reminder of the tragic consequences of racial prejudice. Next we visit the Langa Township, which is the oldest township in Cape Town. Here we visit the Guga S'Thebe Arts and Culture Center where we interact with local entrepreneurs involved in pottery, art, music, and fashion design. We also learn about the history of Langa and the struggles this community deals with, both past and present. Finally, we visit a shebeen to try some local brewed beer before having lunch at one of the nearby restaurants. Throughout our time in Langa we meet locals and learn about their lives firsthand.



Next we set off for Cape Town's busy harbor where we take a boat to Robben Island. It is here that Nelson Mandela and the other leaders of the African National Congress (ANC), who helped pave the way for South Africa's freedom, were once imprisoned. On this tour, which is led by a former political activist who was once imprisoned on the island itself, we learn about the incredible history of this jail and how it pertains to the ANC's victory over Apartheid and human right abuses.

51 on Kloofnek (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 6 - The Magnificent Cape Peninsula

Today 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.

51 on Kloofnek (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 7 - South Africa's Prominent Winelands

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 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.

51 on Kloofnek (breakfast, lunch, dinner)



Day 8 - Transfer to Notten's Bush Camp

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 Notten's Bush Camp. Notten's is a privately owned and operated property located within the Sabi Sands Game Reserve, which is part of the roughly 5.4 million acre Greater Kruger National Park. This is one of the original camps founded in the Sabi Sands Game Reserve and it is an exclusive safari lodge personally run by the Notten Family where endless hospitality is the camp's hallmark. At Notten's each private suite is elegantly styled and has wide-open spaces. All suites have indoor and outdoor showers, along with private wooden decks that offer magnificent views over the surrounding bush. Here there is a purposeful absence of electric lighting, which creates a magical atmosphere; the ambient candlelight and lanterns produce an enchanting spirit of romance. There is also no air conditioning; instead, each room is kept cool with overhead

fans. With its combination of peace, romance and a touch of decadence all in untamed Africa, this private game lodge is the perfect place from which to enjoy unforgettable safaris.



Upon arrival we settle into our Suite before embarking on our first exciting safari!

Notten's Bush Camp (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 9 & 10 - Spectacular Safaris at Notten's

We spend our time relaxing, soaking in the incredible surroundings, and of course, embarking on exciting safaris in Sabi Sands Game Reserve. The Sabi Sand Game Reserve, which was founded in 1950, shares an unfenced border with Kruger National Park, allowing wildlife to move about

freely through this enormous reserve. This area is one of Africa's premier game-viewing destinations, known for its exceptionally high concentration of animal and bird life, and covers nearly 140,000 acres. Today Sabi Sands is one of the best places in the world for seeing leopards and lions and it is here that we come face to face with Africa's Big Five and all the other incredible fauna and flora for which Africa is famous. The highlight of our visit is the thrill of discovering this wildlife from the safety of open 4x4 vehicles. Experienced game rangers and local Shangaan trackers are eager to share with us their extensive knowledge and love of the African bush. Each safari

offers us an adventurous discovery of the region's prolific wildlife, including lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, giraffes, and so much more. In addition, Notten's also offers daily walking safaris, providing us with the opportunity to experience the African bush on a more intimate level and to learn about the smaller wonders of the veld.

When we are not on safari, we spend lazy hours enjoying the sparkling pool or or relaxing in camp. Under the



cloak of nightfall we listen to the sounds of the African wilds while dining in the enchanting candlelit boma beneath a canopy of stars. After dinner we indulge in a candlelit bath or relax around the blazing log fire, where we listen to the bush stories and learn more about the local Shangaan culture.

Notten's Bush Camp (all meals)

Day 11 - Transfer Back to Johannesburg then Homeward Bound

Our last day at Notten's begins with a sunrise game drive followed by a hearty breakfast. After saying goodbye to Notten'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

• *Yebo Africa* departs daily

• **High Season** (January 11 - April 30; August 19 - December 14):
From \$5,195 per person sharing; \$695 single supplement

• **Winter Season** (May 1 - August 18):
From \$4,795 per person sharing; \$575 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 Nottens 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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