



# SOUTH AFRICA: THE RAINBOW NATION

AN EXPLORATION OF LANDSCAPES, CULTURE,  
ANIMALS, HISTORY, FOOD & WINE

**MARCH 8—17, 2027**  
**WITH OPTIONAL KRUGER AREA SAFARI**  
**MARCH 17—20**

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This marks Onward Travel’s third consecutive year planning a tour to South Africa—but the first time we’re opening this extraordinary destination to our wider community of Onward Travellers. And few new offerings have us as excited as this one... South Africa is *epic* and this journey is a true once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Over nine unforgettable nights in the Western Cape, we begin in Stellenbosch, a vibrant university town known for its architecture, charm, and setting in the heart of wine country. From there, we’ll spend three nights in cosmopolitan Cape Town. A city renowned for its scenery, culture, and food scene...we’ll discover it from all angles.

This South African adventure will highlight local wines, exquisite gardens, and dramatic coastline. You’ll see penguins and art installations. Ascend Table Mountain via cable car and cruise the serene waters of Walker Bay. Enjoy hands-on cooking and a meal prepared over open-fire. Many special experiences are in store for our small group.

For those looking to extend the adventure, an optional safari in the Kruger area is offered for three nights. Lion Sands Tinga Lodge offers the full *luxe safari* experience and is one of the best places in the world to see wildlife. We hope you’ll grab your binoculars and sense of adventure and join Onward Travel on this fabulous journey through the stunning “Rainbow Nation” of South Africa.



IMAGINE YOURSELF...

Sipping Chenin Blanc or Pinotage surrounded by vineyards and mountains

Feeling wowed by South Africa’s extraordinary flora and fauna

Riding in a vintage sidecar, wind in your hair, along one of the world’s most spectacular coastal roads

## TOUR OVERVIEW

South Africa: The Rainbow Nation *March 8–17, 2027*  
Kruger Area Safari Add-On *March 17–20, 2027*

# Western Cape Land Tour *by Onward Travel*

MARCH 8–17, 2027

- ◆ Depart USA on March 7
- ◆ Arrive to CPT Cape Town Int'l Airport on March 8 and a private transfer will be arranged to Stellenbosch based on your arrival time (45 minutes drive)
- ◆ 9 Night Journey ~ 6 Nights in Stellenbosch, 3 Nights in Cape Town

*See pages 4-6 for daily itinerary details.*



## Kruger Area Safari

MARCH 17–20, 2027

- ◆ After the Western Cape Land Tour fly from CPT Cape Town Int'l Airport to SZK Skukuza (2.5 hours) on March 17
- ◆ 3 Night All-Inclusive Safari at Luxurious Lodge
- ◆ March 20 - Fly SZK Skukuza to CPT Cape Town Int'l Airport (2.5 hours) or JNB Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport (1 hour) - then continue home to USA or continue your travels

Take the opportunity to immerse yourself in South Africa's bushveld and savanna for a truly unforgettable wildlife watching experience! Kruger National Park is one of Africa's largest game reserves with the Big 5 plus hundreds of other mammals and bird species. The landscape is varied and it's described as "The Lion King come to life!" We've chosen Lion Sands Tinga Lodge, an intimate, luxe safari lodge set along the Sabie River, offering elegant suites, exceptional game viewing, and personal service. A true once-in-a-lifetime experience!

*See page 7 for more details.*

## Arrival in the Western Cape

DAY 1: MONDAY MARCH 8

- Settle in at luxe Coopmanhuijs, a lovely base for 6 nights
- Get your bearings in charming Stellenbosch

Flights from the USA generally arrive in the late afternoon. A private driver will be waiting for you at Cape Town International Airport for the hourlong transfer. Arrive at your home away from home for the next 6 nights: Stellenbosch. Set in the middle of wine country, this university town is famous for its oak-lined avenues, Cape Dutch, Georgian and Victorian architecture, history and culture. It's a very special place, safe and walkable, with many shops and restaurants! Check in at Coopmanhuijs Boutique Hotel & Spa, a 5-star Cape Dutch property located in the heart of the historic town center. No activities are planned today following the long travels to get to South Africa.

## Welcome to the Winelands

DAY 2: TUESDAY MARCH 9

- Go beyond the tasting room as you explore a vineyard, focusing on farming first
- Learn about Stellenbosch from local resident Radheeka and the interesting town museum

Enjoy a lovely breakfast spread as you will each morning, before the group officially convenes to start a fabulous journey together. Guide Radheeka is eager to welcome you to her home city of Stellenbosch and share the wines, scenery, and experiences that make this part of the world unique.

Northeast of Stellenbosch is Avondale Wine Estate, a biodynamic pioneer where wine and nature coexist in harmony. Ride an open-air vehicle through vineyards, learn about soil regeneration and water conservation, and taste a curated flight of wines alongside small bites. The perfect way to toast the week ahead!

After a wine-centric morning, return to Stellenbosch for a little free time before a visit to Stellenbosch's town museum. Explore the rich heritage of Stellenbosch with a guided visit to its historical museum complex, where a collection of beautifully preserved buildings—from elegant Cape Dutch homes to a traditional kitchen and schoolhouse—offers a window into daily life across different eras of South African history. Following, we'll enjoy a casual dinner together in town.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day Trip to Sporty Hermanus

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

- Breathe in the fresh air and soak in the prime views from the water
- Snap photos of gorgeous coastal views...and playful penguins!

Today we're off on an adventure! Less than 2 hours from Stellenbosch is Hermanus, a popular coastal town. En route we'll stop at an agritourism spot, Peregrine Farm Stall, a charming countryside stop known for gourmet pies, fresh-pressed juices, and artisanal products. Grab something to enjoy for lunch. Upon arrival in Hermanus, enjoy some time to shop or take a seaside walk. Hermanus has a 12km long walking path along the cliffs, accessible right from town.

Midday - choose your own adventure - an eco-cruise aboard a comfortable catamaran to look for dolphins and birds while viewing Hermanus from the water, or sea kayaking to enjoy some exercise paddling along the coastline.

Later, we'll return to Stellenbosch with some special stops planned en route. Highlights will be visiting a thriving colony of endangered African penguins at Stony Point Nature Reserve and spectacular Clarence Drive, one of South Africa's most scenic coastal routes.

After a full day, we'll have a group dinner at Coopmanhuijs' on-site restaurant.

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Meals Breakfast, Dinner



## Garden & Farm Immersion

DAY 4: THURSDAY MARCH 11

- Stroll meticulously maintained fruit, veggie and ornamental gardens.
- Partake in one of the region's top dining experiences.

Today we will spend the day at Babylonstoren, a working wine and fruit farm with origins dating to 1692. This place is beyond words. Participate in a seasonal garden tour, walk among indigenous plants and historic structures, and enjoy optional tastings or spa treatments. This place is Molly's garden heaven on earth and the roaming animals, mountain views, and lovely food are sure to please.

After some free time this afternoon, we're continuing the epic farm theme. A special group dinner is planned at Vuur, a one-of-a-kind open-fire restaurant set on a working farm, where each course is thoughtfully prepared over flames and served in a communal, immersive experience that celebrates South Africa's deep-rooted braai culture.

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Meals Breakfast, Dinner

## Free Day

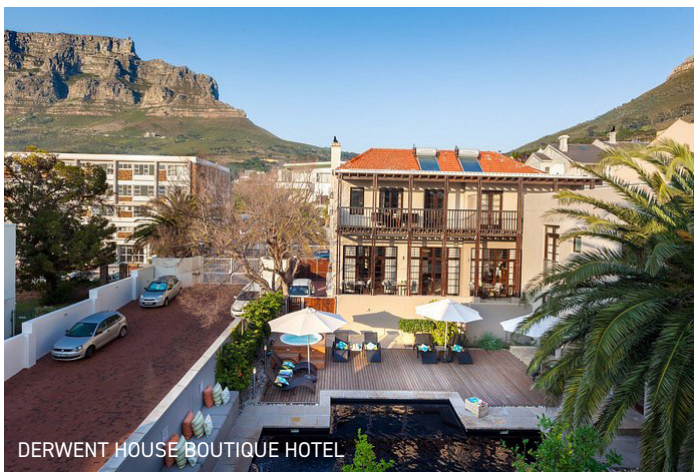
DAY 5: FRIDAY MARCH 12

- Spend the day however you wish!

Many of us journey to South Africa with a bucket list. Today is your day to enjoy as you please! Some ideas: spend the day visiting wineries via Franschhoek Wine Tram; crank up the adrenaline with bungee jumping, zip lining, or horseback riding; have a spa day; go for a hike or biking outing; or simply enjoy a lowkey day in Stellenbosch. Perhaps we'll meet up for a nightcap to share the day's adventures!

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Meals Breakfast



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## Art, Automobiles & Gastronomy

DAY 6: SATURDAY MARCH 13

- Find creative inspiration in a unique sculpture garden.
- Get in the kitchen and prepare a feast with your travel companions.

This morning we're off to another special destination: Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden, where monumental bronze works are set against dramatic mountains and indigenous flora. Enjoy a private guided experience in this world-renowned setting. We'll return to Stellenbosch with time to have lunch on your own.

Mid-afternoon, we're off to the charming village of Franschhoek, nestled among vineyards and mountain peaks. Our first stop is the Franschhoek Motor Museum, home to an extraordinary collection of vintage, classic, and modern automobiles. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to stroll through the town's boutiques, galleries, and cafés.

This evening we have a grand finale for this portion of the South African adventure: an intimate hands-on cooking class with a top Franschhoek chef. Prepare South African-inspired dishes in a welcoming studio, enjoy generous wine pairings, and share the meal in great company.

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Meals Breakfast, Dinner

## Welcome to Cape Town

DAY 7: SUNDAY MARCH 14

- Get to know vibrant Cape Town through its diverse flavors.
- Clink a glass with fellow travelers at a buzzing urban harbor.

Stellenbosch is less than an hour from Cape Town, so before you know it, you will find yourself in the midst of one of the world's most captivating coastal cities. The next three nights of our journey will be based in this dynamic city, at top-rated Derwent House Boutique Hotel. With just 10-rooms, this hotel will be our group's haven in the charming Gardens neighborhood. Our first destination is a ritzy one. We'll enjoy high tea at Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel, an indulgent Cape Town tradition in a historic and atmospheric setting.

After lunch, we'll have a driving tour of the city and ascend Table Mountain via cableway. The dramatic summit plateau overlooks Cape Town, the Atlantic Ocean, and the surrounding coastline in every direction. Return to Derwent House to settle in and perhaps enjoy a dip in the pool or some time to relax. This evening, we dine at Kloof Street House, a local favorite set in a beautifully restored Victorian home, where candlelit rooms, a leafy garden terrace, and a seasonal menu create a warm and memorable Cape Town welcome.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Cape Town Culinary Culture

DAY 8: MONDAY MARCH 15

- Get to know vibrant Cape Town through its diverse flavors.
- Clink a glass with fellow travelers at a buzzing urban harbor.

In 2024 Cape Town was voted *World's Best Food City* by Condé Nast Traveller so let's dive beneath the surface and discover the local foodie culture. We'll take a half day guided tour to explore from the Garden neighborhood to the colorful streets of the Bo-Kaap, and finally into the central city's culinary hubs of Bree and Wale Streets. Along the way we'll have 15 different tastings including a Cape botanical tasting, African speciality chocolate, and heritage dishes like pap with chakalaka. We'll learn about Cape Town and South Africa through its cuisine, stories and history woven throughout.

We'll end the afternoon with happy hour at V&A Waterfront, one of Africa's most famous tourist destinations. You may wish to stick around for dinner and explore the shops, restaurants, and attractions set around a historic working harbor... very picturesque with Table Mountain looming in the background.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch



BO-KAAP DISTRICT, CAPE TOWN

## Peninsula Sidecar Adventure

DAY 9: TUESDAY MARCH 16

- Feel the wild energy of the African continent's southernmost point.
- Smile and laugh with new travel friends at an entertaining and immersive dinner show experience

It's our last day on the Western Cape and we've planned a good one! The day will begin at Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, a UNESCO-listed paradise nestled against Table Mountain. Wander canopy walkways and protea groves at one of the continent's top gardens. After lunch, vintage sidecars will be waiting at the garden to whisk us away! Aboard vintage sidecars we'll have a thrilling ride along the Cape Peninsula: a mountainous peninsula that juts out into the Atlantic Ocean at the southwestern extremity of the African continent. Feel the ocean breeze as you ride through seaside towns and coastal cliffs.

After a gorgeous day, we're back to the hotel to repack a bit and freshen up before our last hurrah! We have a special evening experience in store: dinner and a cultural performance at Gold Restaurant. Savor a 14-course menu and local wines plus live drumming and Mali puppets. Energetic and fun... A wonderful way to cap off our extraordinary journey!

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Farewell!

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

Today we will organize transfers to accommodate your onward travels. Wishing you a wonderful trip home or a fabulous safari for those heading to Kruger.

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Meals Breakfast

# SAFARI AT LION SANDS TINGA LODGE

March 17–20, 2027

Step into the soul of safari at Lion Sands Tinga Lodge, an exclusive retreat in a private concession of South Africa's world-renowned Kruger National Park. Nestled beneath a canopy of ancient trees along the Sabie River, Tinga offers front-row seats to Africa's Big Five in one of the most game-rich regions on the continent. Wildlife wanders freely past your suite, where oversized glass doors open to private decks with plunge pools and uninterrupted river views—perfect for a quiet morning coffee or an afternoon siesta with elephants in sight. Rooms feature freestanding bathtubs, four-poster beds, fireplaces, and outdoor showers—all seamlessly integrated into the landscape.

Days at Tinga begin with expertly guided morning and evening game drives, where you may encounter lions on the hunt, herds of buffalo at watering holes, and leopards draped across tree limbs. In between, enjoy a spa treatment under the trees, relax in the lodge's lounge or library, or dine on gourmet meals crafted with local ingredients and served alfresco under the stars.

With exceptional service, personalized touches, and deep immersion in nature, Lion Sands Tinga Lodge offers an unforgettable safari experience—intimate, luxurious, and deeply connected to the wild.

## SAMPLE SAFARI SCHEDULE

Coffee, Tea & Snack 5:30am

Early Morning Game Drive 6:30-9:30am

Full Breakfast

Leisure Time & Lunch

Afternoon Game Drive 3-6pm

Dinner 7pm

Strategically located within the prestigious Lion Sands Game Reserve—which spans both the iconic Sabi Sand Nature Reserve and the vast expanses of Kruger National Park—Tinga Lodge boasts a unique vantage point. The Sabie River, acting as a natural canvas, delineates these two legendary locales, with Tinga Lodge perched on the Kruger side.

## THE DETAILS

- 3 Night Safari is \$4,300 USD per person based on double occupancy and \$6,375 USD per person for single occupancy.
- Enjoy a luxurious suite with private plunge pool.
- Airlink offers daily flights between Cape Town and Skukuza Airport (SZK), a short drive from Lion Sands Tinga Lodge. Domestic flights not included in price and to be booked by the traveler. Onward Travel will advise what to book.

*Included: airport transfers, all meals, two game drives per day with a field guide and tracker, most beverages, luxury accommodations.*



## TOUR DETAILS South Africa: The Rainbow Nation *March 8–17, 2027*

### BEGINS

Stellenbosch, South Africa, on **Monday, March 8, 2027**  
*No activities are scheduled today as most international flights arrive in the late afternoon. Get some R&R, your hotel room is included the night of 3/8, and the group will convene at 9am on Tuesday, March 9.*

Private airport transfer provided from CPT Cape Town Int'l Airport to Stellenbosch (45 minutes) upon arrival.  
*Please inquire if you'd like to book any early arrival nights at Coopmanhuis.*

### ENDS

Cape Town, South Africa, on **Wednesday, March 17, 2027**  
*No activities are scheduled today. You may fly to SZK Skukuza for the Kruger Area Safari or fly back to the USA (both from CPT Cape Town Int'l Airport), or continue your personal travels.*

*Airport transfer provided to CPT Cape Town Int'l Airport (20 minutes) based on departure plans.*

*If joining the safari, you will depart for the USA on Saturday, March 20. You will depart from SZK Skukuza to CPT Cape Town Int'l Airport (2.5 hours) or JNB Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport (1 hour) - then fly home to the USA or continue your travels.*

### SUITABILITY & MOBILITY

**This tour includes walking for up to 30 minutes at a time, plus stairs, uneven natural terrain and cobblestones.**

Travelers should be able to walk a mile at a comfortable pace. If you have limited mobility, we may be able to accommodate you, but it is essential to let us know at the time of registration. Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided.

### TOUR PRICE

Western Cape Journey: March 8–17, 2027  
Double Occupancy \$4,550 per traveler  
Single Supplement \$925 additional

Kruger Area Safari Add-On: March 17–20, 2027  
Double Occupancy \$4,300 per traveler, 3-nights all inclusive *(in addition to Western Cape Journey price)*  
Single Occupancy \$6,375 per traveler, 3-nights all inclusive *(in addition to Western Cape Journey price)*

*Note that air travel is not included and a current passport is required for travel to South Africa. You are welcome to pay by credit card, a 3% surcharge will be added.*

## Western Cape Journey includes the following:

- Airport transfers and ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities.
- 9 nights private en suite accommodations
- Most meals: daily breakfasts, four lunches, and five dinners. We have fantastic gourmet experiences planned, with wine, beer & cocktails included, of course!
- Guide services throughout the tour to truly understand South Africa.
- Comfortable minibus transportation.
- Activities, tastings, admission, cooking class, and tours as detailed in the itinerary.

### Lodging

**Coopmanhuijs Boutique Hotel & Spa** is a meticulously restored 5-star hotel in a historic 1713 Cape Dutch manor, offering just 16 elegant rooms. The hotel has a serene courtyard pool flanked by a calm spa and is located in the center of charming Stellenbosch. The on-site bar and restaurant are lovely, too!

**Derwent House Boutique Hotel** is a colorful Victorian-era boutique hotel in Cape Town's garden neighborhood, featuring ten individually styled rooms, a tranquil pool courtyard, and top notch service, just steps from boutiques and dining on Kloof Street.



**The Onward  
Travel Tour  
Director  
for this  
trip is  
Radheeka**

**Radheeka Reyatt** is originally from Kenya and she has been living in South Africa since 2000. She is a professional guide with fabulous energy, a thousand-watt smile and a deep love of her country. We met Radz at the end of 2024 when we were in South Africa with a large study tour group and we knew she was the perfect local partner for future Onward tours. Radz will make your trip to South Africa extra fun and joyful!

### Air Travel

Please confirm with Onward Travel that the tour is a "go" before booking airfare. Contact Onward Travel for assistance booking flights.

**Please take note of the following useful information, and view more at [www.onwardtravel.co/letsgo](http://www.onwardtravel.co/letsgo)**



Once Onward Travel receives your registration form, we will send you an **invoice** with instructions to pay the **deposit**.



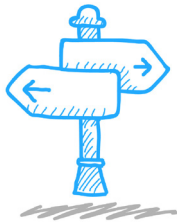
If you'd like to purchase **trip insurance**, we suggest Travelex. For more info, call them at 800-228-9792 or visit [www.travelexinsurance.com](http://www.travelexinsurance.com) and refer to location number 32-0704.



Four to six weeks before the tour **we will mail you a packet** with a packing list, traveler directory and other useful info.



Make sure you know where your **passport** is now! For travel to South Africa it should be valid for six months beyond your return date.



**Onward Travel's cancellation policy in a nutshell:**

- \$250 of your initial deposit is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 90 days and the full deposit is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 60 days and 50% of total trip fee is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 30 days and the full trip fee is nonrefundable

See the full *Terms & Conditions* at [www.onwardtravel.co/terms](http://www.onwardtravel.co/terms)

**Get in Touch!**

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**\$1,500 deposit per travel is due at the time of registration for Western Cape Journey. Standard cancellation policy applies. An additional deposit of \$1,000 per traveler is due for the safari.** The safari deposit is non-refundable (per terms of the safari lodge). If you must cancel, Onward Travel will try to rebook your spot and transfer this booking to another traveler but no guarantees.

**Final balance is due December 15, 2026.**

