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## South Africa's Greatest Golf Courses

### <p>13 Nights, 2 on Safari | 11 Rounds</p>

The ultimate golf trip of South Africa, ticking off the very best courses and covering almost every corner of the country.

Start in the North on unique bushveld courses of Sun City and Leopard Creek, made famous after years of European Tour events. There is time to enjoy some safari drives at both locations before or after the golf each day. A short hop down to the coastal city of Durban for Durban Country Club, for decades the only course included in the original GOLF MAGAZINE Top 100. The trip remains on the East Coast of South Africa after a short flight to Port Elizabeth with Humewood, the only true links course on the continent of Africa. The golf remains of exceptional quality, with #6 ranked Montagu at Fancourt and the magnificent Links at Fancourt, ranked #1 in South Africa for a decade.

The clifftop drama at Pinnacle Point is next on the list as you head towards the South Tip of Africa to Hermanus and Arabella GC. The trip ends at Pearl Valley, the Jack Nicklaus gem in the heart of the Cape Winelands.

This trip can be extended to include more touring or adapted in any way to connect to South Africa's safari destinations.

#### Saturday, January 1

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This evening depart the United States.

#### Sunday, January 2

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On arrival at Johannesburg Airport, you will be met by our VIP arrival assistant at the exit ramp of your aircraft. They will assist you through Immigration and Luggage Claims to your driver in the arrivals hall. If your schedule requires an additional internal connecting flight, you will be helped with check-in to that flight and you will be met by your driver after luggage claim in the arrivals hall of your second stop.

OVERNIGHT: **Palace of the Lost City** - 2 Luxury Room

#### Monday, January 3

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Today play **The Lost City (tbc)**. The desert style design of the golf course has an exotic allure all of its own and designer, Gary Player has acknowledged it as one of his favorite courses. The Lost City Golf Course is flexible: playing off the forward tee a course length of 5953 meters, extending to 6 983 meters off the back tee. The course provides spectacular views of the Palace Hotel and the neighboring game reserve. The most hazardous area of the Lost City Golf Course is the 13th hole. Inhabiting the water hazard are 38 Nile crocodiles, some of them nearly 14 ft long. Playing the back nine is like going on a golf safari. It has often been noted that the game is more exciting when played downhill and this is certainly the case here. In addition to the previously mentioned 13th, holes eleven, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen are all played from elevated tees offering thrill, excitement and challenge to the golfer.

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And some of the most spectacular African views to be had on a golf course.

OVERNIGHT: **Palace of the Lost City** - 2 Luxury Room

## **Tuesday, January 4**

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Today play **Gary Player Country Club (tbc)**. Arguably South Africa's most famous course courtesy of its status as host of the Nedbank Golf Challenge and its position as the Top ranked course for 5 years. Situated in the crater of an extinct Volcano, the course cuts through the African bush and flanks a nature reserve, for 16 holes. Thick kikuyu rough and impenetrable bush punishes the wayward shot, so come armed with a good swing and a better brain. The course is blessed with superb greens that have recently been rebuilt and modernized with the bunkers.

OVERNIGHT: **Palace of the Lost City** - 2 Luxury Room

## **Wednesday, January 5**

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Today is a travel day between regions. The exact route, timing, transport options and additional touring ideas will be planned with your PerryGolf Travel Expert.

Today fly to Nelspruit Airport. (The cost of this flight will be quoted separately)

OVERNIGHT: **Buhala Game Lodge** - 2 Standard Room

## **Thursday, January 6**

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Today play **Leopard Creek (tbc)**. Situated near Malelane in the heart of Mpumalanga, on the southern border of the Kruger National Park, Leopard Creek presents a rare opportunity to play an outstanding bushveld golf course. The 360 hectare development is bordered to the north and west by the picturesque Crocodile River and the Kruger National Park. Typical bushveld koppies overlook the course from the east, providing an ideal backdrop for a magnificent Gary Player designed course. Ranked #1 in South Africa in 2005 \* 2023, Leopard Creek is everything you would expect from one of the most exclusive and unique golf experiences in the World.

OVERNIGHT: **Buhala Game Lodge** - 2 Standard Room

## **Friday, January 7**

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Today is a travel day between regions. The exact route, timing, transport options and additional touring ideas will be planned with your PerryGolf Travel Expert.

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Today fly to Durban Airport. (The cost of this flight will be quoted separately)

OVERNIGHT: **Beverly Hills Hotel** - 2 Standard Sea View Room

### Saturday, January 8

Today play **Durban CC (tbc)**. In any golfer's books, Durban Country Club rates as one of the finest courses in the world, let alone Africa, or even South Africa. The course lies adjacent to the beach onto which the Indian Ocean gently pushes its waves, separated only by a freeway linking the Northern suburbs with the city. It has a merry mix of tall trees, thick bush, severe slopes, undulating fairways that sometimes resemble rolling waves, and some very clever tee positions, with the ever penalizing bunkers lying in wait.

OVERNIGHT: **Beverly Hills Hotel** - 2 Standard Sea View Room

### Sunday, January 9

Today play **Humewood (tbc)**. One of the world's most challenging links courses, Humewood is consistently ranked as one of South Africa's top golf courses. Found in the coastal city of Port Elizabeth, the golf course is a genuine seaside links, with wide and undulating fairways, fast greens and thick coastal bush. A round is a must for any golfer visiting Port Elizabeth. Tom Doak rates Humewood in his top 10 favourite Links courses worldwide.

Today fly to Port Elizabeth Airport. (The cost of this flight will be quoted separately)

Today is a travel day between regions. The exact route, timing, transport options and additional touring ideas will be planned with your PerryGolf Travel Expert.

OVERNIGHT: **St Francis Bay Lodge** - 2 Lodge Room

### Monday, January 10

Play today at **St Francis Links (tbc)**. One of only 2 links courses found in Africa, St Francis Links is a Jack Nicklaus masterpiece situated on the coast, 1 hour South-West of Port Elizabeth at the end of the Garden Route. Jack himself describes the course as 'the best links course I have ever designed' and he has outdone himself by combing the eyelash bunkers of Royal County Down and bent grass greens that provide a firm, slick putting surface. The course demands a wide range of shots as it is exposed to the elements and has undulating and often unpredictable terrain and firm fairway that roll across the natural dunes. It possesses an raw beauty that is both inspiring and challenging. A true links. The St Francis Links has been awarded "BEST NEW COURSE" (Golf Digest 2007) and "5 STAR GOLF EXPERIENCE" (Compleat Golfer 2007).

OVERNIGHT: **St Francis Bay Lodge** - 2 Lodge Room

### Tuesday, January 11

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Today play **Fancourt - The Montagu (tbc)**. Designed by Gary Player and remodeled in 2004 by David McKay-Kidd (Bandon Dunes), the Montagu is South Africa's best parkland golf course. With the highest levels of conditioning and true championship layout, The Montagu at Fancourt sets the standards by which all other courses in South Africa are measured.

OVERNIGHT: **Fancourt Hotel** - 2 Luxury Room

### Wednesday, January 12

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Today play **Fancourt - The Links (tbc)**. **Ranked #1** in South Africa. Created from a previously flat piece of land, over 700 000 cubic metres of earth was moved in transforming it into a typical Links style. The course presents undulating windswept terrain and dune-style landscape and is the only such course in South Africa. Every hole has received detailed attention to ensure that the overall balance in terms of length, position of hazards and shot values are in harmony. As a result, The Links presents a stern test in all weather conditions. The Links experience includes a mandatory caddie and the option to walk or take a cart.

OVERNIGHT: **Fancourt Hotel** - 2 Luxury Room

### Thursday, January 13

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Today play **Pinnacle Point (tbc)**. Magnificently perched atop staggering cliffs, this windswept course three hours east of Cape Town and a half hour south of George marks a major addition to South Africa's already world-class golf scene. Six of the holes play across deep chasms to greens that seem to float in the Indian Ocean. The yawning ravines and distant horizons can make 150-yard shots look like twice that length. On the par-four eighth, tee and green sit on opposing bluffs; big hitters can attempt an all-or-nothing carry with the hope of having an easy wedge in, or play it safe by bailing out left and facing a much longer approach. Throughout the layout, the architects wisely designed large, fairly flat greens that yield plenty of sensible pin placements and give golfers who have run a gauntlet just to get to the green a bit of a break. (cart fee included)

OVERNIGHT: **Arabella Hotel, Golf & Spa** - 2 Deluxe Room

### Friday, January 14

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Today play **Arabella (tbc)**. Ranked no. 5 in South Africa in 2005, Arabella is perfectly designed to exploit its unique position alongside the largest natural lagoon in Southern Africa. The 8th, 9th, 17th and 18th holes run parallel to the lagoon, proving a truly memorable experience. Choosing a signature hole proves to be an extremely difficult task as all of the holes are well designed with spectacular views. The course is the host course to the Nelson Mandela Invitational, Africa's premier Pro-am Charity Event. (cart fee included)

OVERNIGHT: **Arabella Hotel, Golf & Spa** - 2 Deluxe Room

### Saturday, January 15

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Play today at **Pearl Valley (tbc)**. Set in the famous Franschhoek Wine region, this new Jack Nicklaus Signature Course is a treat to play. Pearl Valley is probably in the top conditioned course in South Africa. As with many

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Nicklaus courses, water on the right with plenty of sand, will keep the golfers mind off the wide landing areas provided. Also a new development, the course and it's geographical location allow for guests to enjoy a day outing in the Winelands with high quality golf to compliment the food and wine. A second course, 'Bears Best' will be built shortly on the same property. (cart fee included)

OVERNIGHT: **Table Bay Hotel** - 2 Luxury King Room

### **Sunday, January 16**

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Depart South Africa from the Cape Town Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### Palace of the Lost City

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Sun City Resort is set in the stark ruggedness of the North West Region of South Africa, and is surrounded by mountains and the untamed majesty of the African bushveld. It is a wedge-shot away from the Pilanesberg National Park, where elephant, rhino, lion and antelope roam freely. The Palace of the Lost City is the premier hotel at the Sun City resort. It is one of the most enticing travelers' destinations in the world, a tribute to man's imagination and revered for its art and architecture. Fabled to be the royal residence of an ancient king, it is truly one of the 'Worlds Leading Hotels'. The Palace lavishes its guests with 5-star service, and is luxurious in every facet of its fabulous architecture and decor. Surrounding the hotel is a 25 hectare botanical jungle, threaded with meandering paths, cascades, lakes and pools and a variety of water-borne adventure rides.

### Buhala Game Lodge

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Buhala is an enchanting Game Lodge located on the banks of the Crocodile River, the Southern border of the Kruger National Park. This exceptional position gives guests the pleasure of watching elephant, buffalo, hippo and many antelope from the comfort of the verandah sipping sundowners or lazing around the pool. Accommodation is provided in ten elegant en suite double/twin rooms, each with full bath and separate shower, and is complemented by superb cuisine and a well-stocked wine cellar. Fine food and wines are served on the deck under candlelight and the whole atmosphere is one of casual elegance and great comfort and tranquility. Buhala is in the best position to access Leopard Creek and make day trips into the Kurger park.

### Beverly Hills Hotel

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Nestling alongside a glorious golden beach and the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, and only twenty minutes' drive from the great port city of Durban, lies Umhlanga Rocks, one of South Africa's premier coastal locations. A mere step away from beach and offering breathtaking views, is the Beverly Hills Hotel, one of Umhlanga's most distinctive landmarks. The hotel has a magnificent terrace and outdoor swimming pool, as well as a fully-equipped fitness centre. The beach could not be colder and enjoys "Blue Flag" status, ensuring high standards of safety and cleanliness. Loungers are set up daily on the beach as well as on the hotel pool deck. Guests have a choice of accommodation from standard guestrooms, to ultra luxurious suites, which offer the ultimate in style and luxury. A wide variety of luxurious rooms and suites are available, all with breathtaking ocean views. Appointments include, king sized beds, en-suite bathrooms, satellite television, refreshment centre, digital safes, direct dial telephone and fax /internet modem lines as well as high speed internet access via Maginet services.

### St Francis Bay Lodge

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Presiding over the 1st tee of the Jack Nicklaus designed Links course, St Francis Golf Lodge is a place where golf enthusiasts can escape to indulge their favourite pastime and relax in the beautiful surrounds of St Francis Bay in Southern Africa. Thoughtful service, laid back comfort, is all part of the St Francis Lodge experience. Guests can expect to leave this luxurious choice of accommodation with a replenished spirit and renewed love of the game. A divine combination of elegant African style and luxury awaits the visitor. The lodge consists of two separate serviced houses, each with 5 luxuriously appointed en-suite bedrooms, a fully fitted kitchen and several relaxed living areas that take in the sweeping views of the golf course, ocean, and the gentle waterways of the surrounding riverside thatched village. Relax in our state of the art bathrooms, 8 bedrooms complete with walk-in shower and 2 bedrooms

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with oversized bath, twin basins and slick contemporary finishes. Feast on a scrumptious homemade breakfast on the verandah before teeing off.

### **Fancourt Hotel**

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A combination of Olde Worlde charm and contemporary luxuries is what makes the Fancourt Hotel so distinctive. Fancourt's central location in the heart of the Garden Route makes it a perfect place from which to explore this most beautiful of regions. At Fancourt, guests can choose between a room in the beautifully restored 19th Century Manor House or one of the stately Garden Suites and Studios. The 3 courses at Fancourt are accessible to Fancourt members and hotel guests only, making it one of the most exclusive golf properties in South Africa.

### **Arabella Hotel, Golf & Spa**

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The exclusive 5 star Deluxe Collection Arabella Western Cape Hotel and Spa boasts a grand championship golf course and is situated on the Arabella Country Estate next to Southern Africa's largest and most beautiful natural lagoon. Only a short drive from the celebrated whale haven of Hermanus, the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town, Cape Agulhas - the southern most tip of Africa and the Cape wine route, makes this location unique. A total of 145 bedrooms offer exceptional accommodation designed to make your stay comfortable, convenient and pleasurable. Spacious, equipped with the latest communications and entertainment systems and modern conveniences, the suites and rooms give the visitor both a luxurious retreat as well as efficient contact with the rest of the world, should you require it.

### **Table Bay Hotel**

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The Table Bay Hotel is a five-star, 329-room hotel and it uniquely responds to its magnificent surroundings. It has a maritime flavour that extends to each room and suite, which has sea or mountain views and is a luxurious port of call. The interior of the hotel presents a kaleidoscope of impressions, from the European marble mosaic of the entrance court to the intricate parquet floor of the foyer framed by the full-scale drama of Table Mountain, with the activity of the harbour in the foreground. Below the foyer to the south, is the grand lounge with its cathedral ceiling and twin fireplaces. The Table Bay is situated adjacent to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront shopping and entertainment complex overlooking the Cape Town harbour and is five minutes from the city centre. A nearby dock, capable of accommodating an ocean liner, is at the threshold of the restaurant. The restaurant, has a private dining bay and Wine Cellar, and panoramic views of the mountain range and harbour. The hotel has a heated pool, well equipped gym and a health spa on site.