

Second announcement

11th congress

*World Federation of Interventional
and Therapeutic Neuroradiology*

WFITN

8th to 11th November 2011

CAPE TOWN - SOUTH AFRICA

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EDITORIAL

Ubuntu is an African philosophy focused on human relations. It speaks of our interconnectedness and ability to openly share, affirming one another and resisting attempts to diminish others. At its core is generosity and the desire to see others happy. This is most certainly our desire in hosting the 11th WFITN meeting in Cape Town from November 8th to 11th in 2011. It will be the first time that the Federation meets on the African continent and we are delighted to be the hosts. Within the WFITN there exists an amazing collection of knowledge and experience, information, both tested and new that needs to be shared in order to improve the lives of patients with neurovascular disorders. Cape Town will provide a magnificent venue for us to have a scientific meeting, spend time with old friends, make new friends and welcome colleagues into the fold of neurovascular science. South Africans are quick to smile and happy to share, we invite you to come and see and experience.

Allan and David

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Karel ter Brugge
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AGENDA

Monday, November 7th

14h00 – 18h00 Afternoon	Ballroom Passage	Ballroom
18h00 – 21h00 Evening	Registration	Welcome cocktail

Tuesday, November 8th

	LT1	Conference 2	Conference 3	Conference 4
Breakfast session		Expert Technique Stroke	Teaching Cases Learning Curve	Controversy Debate
Morning	Opening Address Toshio Hyogo Pushing the Limits Plenary session			
Lunch		Industry Symposium	Industry Symposium	Industry Symposium
Afternoon	Flash Presentation	Complication Lessons Mechanical thrombectomy	Free Paper	Free Paper
Evening	Free			

Wednesday, November 9th

	LT1	Conference 2	Conference 3	Conference 4
Breakfast session	Expert Technique	Teaching Cases Tumor Embolisation	Controversy Debate	Evidence and Experience
Morning	Anatomy Plenary session			
Lunch		Industry Symposium	Industry Symposium	Industry Symposium
Afternoon	Flash Presentation	Complication Lessons Flow diverter / Stents	Free Paper	Free Paper
Evening	Presidential Dinner			

Thursday, November 10th

	LT1	Conference 2	Conference 3	Conference 4
Breakfast session		Expert Technique Complex aneurysm	Teaching Cases	Controversy Debate Cost and Care
Morning	Pushing the Limits Plenary session			
Lunch		Industry Symposium	Industry Symposium	Industry Symposium
Afternoon	Flash Presentation	Complication Session Liquid Embolics	Free Paper	Free Paper
Evening	Gala Dinner			

Friday, November 11th

	LT1	Conference 2	Conference 3	Conference 4
Breakfast session		Expert Technique High Flow Fistula	Teaching Cases	Controversy Debate Brain attack / Unique stroke
Morning	Clinical Care in Neuro-Intervention Plenary session			
Lunch		Industry Symposium	Industry Symposium	Industry Symposium
Afternoon	Flash Presentation	Complication Session Spinal Intervention	Free Paper	Free Paper
Evening	Closing Ceremony			

CALL FOR PAPERS

Guidelines for abstracts submission

Abstracts must be submitted online.

▲ Browser

Browser configuration must allow acceptance of cookies and javascript controls to use the online abstract submission system. We recommend that you use Internet Explorer 8 or Firefox 3.6+ in order to take full advantage of the system.

▲ Communication type

- Oral presentation
- Flash presentation
- Poster presentation

Selected oral and flash presentations will be included in the free paper sessions as part of the scientific programme of WFITN 2011.

Selected abstracts will be published in the Proceedings.

Flash presentations are 3 minute oral presentations using no more than 5 Powerpoint slides. Talks will be grouped by topic and presenters are encouraged to focus on the main findings of their paper avoiding overlap with other talks. There will be time for discussion at the end of each session.

The Scientific Committee will make the final decision regarding the allocation of talks to either a 10min presentation or a 3min flash presentation. Presenters should however choose their preferred presentation format.

▲ Topics

- Intracranial aneurysm
- Arteriovenous malformation
- Dural fistula
- Cerebral ischemic disease
- Spinal intervention
- Fundamental research
- Morbi-Mortality Sessions
- Pathophysiology cases
- Others

▲ Abstract

The abstract must be submitted in ENGLISH.

The abstract (without the title and the list of authors) must not exceed **1700 characters, spaces included** (around 250 words).

Please note that figures and tables are not allowed.

The abstract must be divided into four sections:

- **Purpose**, a brief statement of the study's purpose;
- **Materials and Methods**, numbers of patients or subjects, procedure performed, analysis methods;
- **Results**, major findings;
- **Conclusion**, a one-or two-sentence statement of conclusions derived from the results.

▲ Keydates

Submission deadline: 15th of May 2011

Notification of acceptance: 15th of June 2011

Please note that the acceptance of an abstract does not mean free-of-charge participation. Registration, travel and accommodation remain at your own charge.

▲ Online submission

To access to the abstract submission system, please connect to the official website of the congress

<http://www.wfitn2011.org/>, then click on the Abstract Submission tab. You will first need to create an account.

Results will be available directly on the online submission system with login and password used for submission.



GENERAL INFORMATION

How to get to Cape Town

For more information about the Cape Town International Airport, we invite you to visit the website:

<http://www.airports.co.za/home.asp?pid=229>

For a taxi ride from Cape Town International Airport to Downtown Cape Town: R 250 (25€)

Meeting place

WFITN 2011 will take place at the CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, located in the downtown area. CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE
Convention Square 1 Lower Long Street
Cape Town 8001 South Africa
<http://www.capetownconvention.com/>

Access

The CTICC is located in the city centre beneath Table Mountain and is only a 20 minute drive from Cape Town International Airport. In the same time zone as Europe, the City of Cape Town receives direct non-stop flights from both Europe and the United States. Within walking distance of the CTICC are Cape Town's leading recreational amenities, shopping centres and cultural attractions, among which is the internationally acclaimed Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. On the doorstep is Table Mountain and within an hour's travel are South Africa's leading tourist destinations - Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Robben Island, the Winelands, and Cape Point. With this diverse range of tourism product, choices of pre- and post-convention attractions are wide in variety.

Important deadlines

Abstract Submission deadline: 15th of May 2011
Abstract notification of acceptance: 15th of June 2011
Registration:
Advanced Registration until July 30th 2011
Pre-registration: Monday November 7th 2011
Congress: November 8th – November 11th

Congress official language

English.



Registration

Categories	Early Bird registration (before July 30 th , 2011)	Later registration (after July 30 th , 2011)
WFITN members*	□ 450€	□ 550€
Non members	□ 600€	□ 700€
Industry	□ 600€	□ 700€
Trainees, technicians & nurses**	□ 200€	□ 250€
Accompanying persons	□ 100€	□ 100€
Gala dinner	□ 50€	□ 50€

* Proof of member status should be provided with the registration form.

** Trainees, technicians & nurses should provide the Secretariat with proof of status attached to the registration form.

How to register

Online at <http://www.wfitn2011.org/>

You can book your hotel room online at the same time. Register online to save time and money!

Fax +33 5 34 45 26 46 please complete the order form carefully, with the correct card information and your signature for authorization.

Payment

- Credit card: Visa – Mastercard – American Express Diners Club
 - Bank cheques must be made payable to WFITN/Europa-Organisation, in Euros only.
- Confirmation of your registration will be sent to you after full payment.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be made in writing and are subject to the following conditions:

- Before August 30th, 2011: full refund minus 50€
- From August 30th to September 30th, 2011: 50% refund
- No refunds will be made after September 30th, 2011

Registration fees include

- For member, non-member, trainees, technicians & nurses fees include:

Admittance to all sessions, access to the exhibition area, all congress material, welcome cocktail, lunch buffet in the exhibition area or luncheon symposium, coffee breaks, certificate of attendance.

- Accompanying person fees include:

Access to the exhibition area, welcome cocktail, lunch buffet in the exhibition area.

- Industrial fees include:

Admittance to all sessions, access to the exhibition area, all congress material, welcome cocktail, lunch buffet in the exhibition area, coffee breaks, certificate of attendance.

Pre-registration and welcome cocktail

You will be able to collect your badge on Monday, November 7th, from 4pm at the Conference Centre.

Once you have received your badge, you will have access to the welcome cocktail.

- Opening of the welcome desk: from 4.00pm to 9.00pm.
- Welcome cocktail: from 6.00pm. to 9.00pm.

Welcome registration

The welcome desk will be open on Tuesday, November 8th from 7.30am.

Gala dinner (optional)

Thursday, November 10th

Moyo at Spier Wine Estate situated 45 minutes from Cape Town in the Stellenbosch Winelands.

Under the starlight African sky, set in the estate gardens, Bedouin tents and gazebo's transform the property into a nomadic African village.

The aim and design of the buffet is to create individual African gastronomic experiences, experimenting with the tastes and flavours of Africa.

Accommodation

Many rooms have been set aside at special rates in the hotels listed in this section to accommodate everyone attending the WFITN 2011.

November is a very busy month in Cape Town, you should book your hotel room early.

Special rates are available only for reservations made through the WFITN 2011 Housing Bureau.

To make your reservation, you may either:

Visit the Conference website, Accommodation section at www.wfitn2011.org and fill out the on-line Housing Reservation Form OR

Call the WFITN 2011 Housing Bureau on: + 27 21 424 4489
Upon completion of our reservation request, the Housing Bureau will e-mail or fax you a room assignment notice. A confirmation from the hotel will follow.

Hotel

Booking your Accommodation Online (to follow soon)

Booking your accommodation is a click away. Simply click on the accommodation reservation link from the congress website and follow the easy steps.

Our Online booking system will allow you to check availability, book your room and pay online.

- The Westin Grand * * * * *

(Convention Square · Lower Long Street on the Foreshore)

Situated right next to the CTICC and within walking distance (about 15 min) of the famous V&A Waterfront which offers some of Cape Town's best bars, sites, food and shopping. This hotel has a location that truly stands out above the rest. On the 19th floor is the Westin Executive Club which offers views that will take your breath away. With floor to ceiling views over Cape Town City, V & A Waterfront, Table Mountain and the working harbour, no matter where you stay you will have a view that will impress you.

Distance from the Cape Town International Conference Centre = under 1 minute walking (right next to it)

Single room rate: R2723 around 293 € (exchange rate of the 30th November 2010)

- Southern Sun The Cullinan * * * *

(1 Cullinan Street on the Foreshore)

Situated in the city centre across the road from the CTICC and within 15 minutes walking distance from the famous V&A Waterfront, The Cullinan offers views of Table Mountain, the sea, the harbour and the city.

Distance from the Cape Town International Conference Centre = 3 minute walk (across the road)

Single room rate: R2081 around 224 € (exchange rate of the 30th November 2010)

- Protea Hotel North Wharf * * * *

(1 Lower Bree Street Cape Town)

The Protea Hotel North Wharf is within walking distance of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, The Cape Town CBD and the Cape Town International Convention Centre. Its secure, central city location makes it ideal for conference, business and leisure travellers wanting to explore Cape Town and surrounds. The hotel offers luxury apartment style accommodation. All rooms have full self-catering options with a well-equipped kitchenette boasting a microwave, stove, fridge, washing machine and tumble dryer. In-room facilities include air-conditioner, internet connectivity, separate lounge and dining room area and a balcony. All rooms have cable TV, free movies and have views onto the sea, mountain or park. The North Wharf also has a fully equipped gym, a roof top swimming pool and a restaurant.

Distance from the Cape Town International Conference Centre = 4 minute walk (across the road)

Single room rate: R1915 around 206 € (exchange rate of the 30th November 2010)

- The Southern Sun Waterfront * * * *

(1 Lower Buitengracht on the Foreshore)

Wonderful sunsets over the Atlantic Ocean assist in making the Southern Sun Waterfront Cape Town a preferred business and holiday destination. A mere 15 minutes' drive from Cape Town International Airport, a 5 minute walk from the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) and within walking distance to the V&A Waterfront, this hotel is superbly located to offer every guest easy access to the sights and sounds of Cape Town.

Distance from the Cape Town International Conference Centre = 4 minute walk (across the road)

Single room rate: R1861 around 200 € (exchange rate of the 30th November 2010)

- The City Lodge V&A Waterfront * * *

(Cnr Dock and Alfred Roads)

The City Lodge V&A Waterfront is a centrally located hotel at the gateway to the vibrant and dynamic V and A Waterfront, within walking distance of Cape Town's CBD, close to the N2 motorway and 15 minutes from the international airport. A nautical theme runs through the hotel and a spa-pool is available for guests to relax in the warm Cape weather. The hotel boasts an outdoor swimming pool, a breakfast restaurant which doubles up as a coffee shop the rest of the day, a fully equipped gym and a business center. All rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, a telephone, a television a safe, an en-suite bathroom with bath and separate shower and tea and coffee making facilities.

Distance from the Cape Town International Conference Centre = 7 minute walk (across an intersection – there is a pedestrian bridge spanning the intersection)

Single room rate: R1221 around 131 € (exchange rate of the 30th November 2010)

Cape Town offers various luxurious, intimate Boutique Hotels which are situated within a short taxi ride from the Cape Town International Convention Centre. If you would prefer to opt for more personal accommodation rather than the larger hotels situated next to the CTICC, please contact 7th Sense at info@seventh-sense.co.za for more information and bookings.

Hotel Map

- 1 CTICC
- 2 Westin Grand & CTICC
- 3 Southern Sun Cullinan
- 4 Southern Sun Waterfront
- 5 Protea Hotel North Wharf
- 6 City Lodge V&A Waterfront



Travel rebates

To benefit from travel reductions, please request a rebate voucher when registering.

WARNING: the Air France rebate voucher, confirmation letter and hard copy of the programme may be requested when travelling.

Invitation letter

If you need a letter of invitation for visa application, please go to www.wfitn2011.org

Visiting the exhibition area

Access to the exhibition area will only be granted to the registered participants of the congress.

Disclaimer

The Conference Organizers* cannot be held responsible for any losses incurred by participants in the event of labor disruptions or cancellation of the Conference. The program was correct at the time of printing, but organizers reserve the right to alter it if deemed necessary.

* Conference Organizers include the Organizing Committee and the Professional Conference Organizers.

Insurance

It is strongly recommended that participants take out adequate travel and health insurance prior to commencement of travel. Further information can be obtained from your travel agent.

Liability

The Conference Organizers* shall not be held liable for personal accidents or losses or damage to private property of registered Conference participants. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to personal insurance.

Passport and visas

If you are visiting South Africa, a valid passport is necessary. It is the responsibility of the visitor, before entering South Africa, to ensure that he or she has necessary documents, including those for entry into another country or re-entry into his or her own country.

Planning a visit to Cape Town and the Western Cape? Then be sure to read the basic information below on South Africa's entry requirements.

For detailed visa info, visit the South African Department of Home Affairs.

What are the requirements for visiting South Africa?

- A valid passport for the duration of your stay and six months thereafter.
- Your passport must have at least two blank pages.
- A valid visa, if required.
- A return or onward ticket
- Sufficient funds
- Yellow fever certificates if the journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America.

Do I need a visa to visit South Africa?

Depending on your nationality, and the purpose and duration of your visit, you may not need a visa to visit South Africa at all.

How do I apply for a visa?

If you are subject to visa requirements, you will need to apply for your visa at least 4 (four) weeks before you depart. You will have to await the outcome of your visa application before you depart. You can apply for your visa at your nearest South African Embassy, High Commission or Consulate.

For more general visa information, online forms and to confirm which categories do not need visa's, please visit the Department of Home Affairs:

<http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/visas.asp>

Program

A complete up-to-date program will be available at the time of on-site registration.

Additional information is available on the congress website

Car Rental, South African Currency, Opening hours, Health, Health Insurance & Hospitals, Electricity, Tipping.

TOURIST ACTIVITIES

DAY TOURS

EXCURSIONS: These are mainly full day tours but can be adjusted to half day. There must be a minimum of 15 paying customers per tour to make this viable.

PRICES: Prices are approximate as at Jan 2010 and can be expected to change for 2011 but will provide an indicator for now.

1. Cape peninsula tour

Enjoy a scenic drive from the City Centre along the Atlantic seaboard, passing the popular coastal residential areas of Sea Point, Clifton, Bakoven, Camps Bay and Llundadno to Hout Bay.

From Hout Bay, the tour continues over the famous Chapman's Peak Drive offering many beautiful vistas. We visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and take a walking visit to the Cape Point Lighthouse. From here we continue to the naval base of Simon's Town as the tour continues along the Indian Ocean. A fish-lunch will be served at the Black Marlin Restaurant. Enjoy the garden terrace seating and ocean view (weather dependent). After lunch, we pay a visit to Boulder's Beach, viewing the Jackass Penguin colony. Transfer back to your hotel in the late afternoon.

MIN 15 DELEGATES - MAX 28 DELEGATES

PRICE PER PERSON: R845 / 92€

2. Cultural tour

(Half day morning Township & PM Robben Island cruise)

We leave the city behind and take a 20 minute drive to the townships. Our first stop is at a local creche where guests will gain insight into township life as well as interact with the little ones. From here we embark on a short walking tour and experience living conditions by means of a visit to some locals at their homes. From here we continue to the Langa local arts & crafts market, the oldest formal black township in Cape Town. We also drive past Nyanga, Crossroads and Khayelitsha before departing to the V&A Waterfront for your Robben Island cruise. A fish lunch will be served in the V&A Waterfront before we depart for the afternoon scheduled (non-private) Robben Island Tour. The Robben Island Tour takes +/- 2.5 to 3 hours in total, including the ferry cruise transfer. Bus transfer back to the hotel in the late afternoon.

MIN 15 DELEGATES - MAX 28 DELEGATES

PRICE PER PERSON: R1040 / 113€



3. Constantia winelands & Kirstenbosch gardens

(half day tour)

Half Day tour of the Constantia Winelands and the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. We depart for the Constantia winelands situated approximately 20 minutes from Cape Town. A wine tasting and cellar tour is organised at the historic Groot Constantia Wine Estate. One of the oldest trademarks in the world. The history of Groot Constantia, the finest surviving example of Cape Dutch architecture and one of South Africa's foremost historical monuments, dates back to 1685. After the visit of Groot Constantia we continue to the nearby Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Kirstenbosch is South Africa's most famous botanical garden and reputed to be one of the most versatile and beautiful in the World. It is situated on the slopes of Table Mountain and boasts a collection of over 7000 species.

MIN 15 DELEGATES - MAX 28 DELEGATES

PRICE PER PERSON: R425 / 46€

4. Whale cruise hermanus / gansbaai region

We depart for the town of Hermanus or Gans Baai in the early morning (+/- 2h from Cape Town). From here you will depart on a whale watching trip in search of Southern Right and Humpback whales as well as dolphins and cape fur seal or even a great white shark. The cruise is both fun and educational. Each trip is led by experienced marine guides who will share their knowledge with you, keeping the emphasis on the welfare and conservation of the Whale. After the whale cruise, we pay a visit to the town of Hermanus, known as the whale capitol because of the number of whales which visit its bay every year between July and November. Lunch will be enjoyed at one of the little restaurants around the old harbour wall. Enjoy some free time to shop or simply spot the whales in the bay. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

MIN 15 DELEGATES - MAX 28 DELEGATES

PRICE PER PERSON: R1770 / 192€

5. Shark cage diving - Gansbaai

Early morning departure transfer to Gansbaai (+/190km from Cape Town). Upon arrival, a light breakfast is served whilst you listen to a safety briefing and some interesting information and sharks. Before boarding the boat you will receive a life jacket. Then depart for the famous Shark Alley in search of sharks. Shark Alley is one of the few spots in the world where Great White Sharks are known to breach. Depending on the number of participants on the boat, you might have the opportunity to do 2 or 3 dives. In the cage you will get to see the legendary Great White face to face while the other members of your group view the shark from the deck. An unforgettable experience! In the afternoon you will depart for the town of Hermanus known as the whale capitol because of the number of whales which visit its bay every year between July and November. Here you will enjoy lunch at one of the old harbour restaurants. After lunch, enjoy some leisure shopping time or a glimpse at the whales in the bay. Return back to Cape Town in the late afternoon.

MIN 15 DELEGATES - MAX 28 DELEGATES

PRICE PER PERSON: R 3190 / 348€

PRE- &/OR POST-TOURS

You will find below two detailed tour descriptions. Please visit the congress website, many other tours are available!

2 Nights Pilanesberg Safari Break-Away

South Africa, North West - November 2011

PRICE PER PERSON: R 7009 / 765 €

Day 1: Cape Town – Johannesburg – Pilanesberg

- Check-out from your hotel in Cape Town.
- Transfer to Cape Town International Airport.
- Domestic Flight: Cape Town – Johannesburg (+/- 1h55).
- Remark: domestic flight not included, to be quoted upon booking.
- Arrival at Johannesburg Airport and depart for a private road transfer to The Pilanesberg National Park, situated at about 2.5 hours from Johannesburg.
- Arrival at Ivory Tree Lodge.
- Lunch will be served at the restaurant, followed by check-in.
- Meet for coffee, tea and cookies/pastries on the veranda in the late afternoon.
- Depart for a sunset safari in open, 10-seater 4 x 4 vehicles in the Pilanesberg National Park.
- Return to the lodge after sunset.
- Dinner will be served at the lodge.
- Overnight at Ivory Tree Game Lodge (standard room), sharing basis.

Pilanesberg National Park

The eroded crater of a long-extinct volcano is the setting of the large animal sanctuary of the Pilanesberg National Park. The now defunct Republic of Bophuthatswana - now part of the North West Province of South Africa – created the 55,000-hectare National Park in 1979. Three concentric ridges of rings of koppies (low rocky outcrops) fringe the heart of the crater, and the whole formation rises from the surrounding plains like a bubble. The Pilanesberg itself is the highest peak, from which the whole formation got its name. It overlooks Mankwe Dam, which is in the middle of the park. Elephant, giraffe and both black and white rhino are among the species reintroduced to Pilanesberg. Others include lion, leopard, eland, kudu, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest, nyala and buffalo. The park is rich in birdlife.

The Ivory Tree Lodge

Ivory Tree Game Lodge is located in the "Big 5" Pilanesberg National Park (the nearest entrance is the Bakgatla Gate). It is nestled in the basin of an ancient natural amphitheatre divided by riverine woodlands and elephant trails. The lodge has a rock pool, boma, curio shop and spa. Daily game drives are conducted in open 10-seater safari vehicles with your personal guide. The rate at Ivory Tree Game Lodge includes all meals, teas/coffees and 2 game drives daily. The entrance fee to the National Park is not included.

Day 2: Ivory Tree Lodge – Safari Activities

- Early morning coffee or tea with biscuits or pastries.
- Early morning Game Drive in open, 10-seater 4x4 vehicles of with maximum 10 passengers.
- Breakfast upon return at the lodge.
- Rest of the morning at leisure.
- Lunch at the lodge.
- Early afternoon at leisure
- Afternoon coffee or tea with biscuits or pastries.
- Afternoon Game Drive in the Pilanesberg Park.
- Dinner at the lodge.
- Overnight at Ivory Tree Game Lodge (standard room), sharing basis.



Day 3: Ivory Tree Lodge - Johannesburg: Departure

- Early morning coffee or tea with biscuits or pastries.
 - Morning safari in open, 10-seater 4 x 4 vehicles in the Pilanesberg Park.
 - Breakfast at the lodge.
 - Check-out and transfer and depart for a private road transfer to Johannesburg International Airport (2.5 hours).
 - Depart on international flight back to Europe (under own arrangements)
- End of Services

2 Nights Botswana & 2 nights Zimbabwe

Break-Away - Fly-in Package

Botswana, Chobe & Victoria Falls

November 2011

PRICE PER PERSON: \$ 1163 / 875 €

Day 1: Cape Town – Johannesburg – Kasane

- Check-out from your hotel in Cape Town.
- Transfer to Cape Town International Airport:
- Depart on a domestic flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg (1h55 minutes).
- Upon arrival in Johannesburg, check-in for an onward international flight to Kasane in Botswana.
- Remark: no regional or domestic flights are included, to be quoted upon booking.
- Arrival at Kasane airport. Proceed through customs and immigrations.
- Road transfer to Chobe Safari Lodge.
- Check-in and time to relax.
- Depart on a sunset cruise safari on the Chobe River.
- Dinner will be served at the lodge.
- Overnight at Chobe Safari Lodge (standard rooms), Sharing Basis.

Chobe Safari Lodge

Chobe Safari Lodge is situated in Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River and shares a border with Chobe National Park. Right on our doorstep is the meeting of four African countries: Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia. Chobe Safari Lodge therefore offers an excellent getaway location to Chobe, Victoria Falls or Caprivi. Our close proximity to Victoria Falls International Airport, Livingstone International Airport and Kasane International Airport makes us easily accessible, with daily road transfers or charter flights connecting all these airports with Chobe Safari Lodge.

The Chobe National Park

Much of Botswana consists of flood plains, sandy depressions, grasslands and Kalahari-type desert. Chobe National Park, with an area of 1,1 million hectares is a combination of all these – a spectacular, game-rich wilderness interspersed with patches of swamp land and stands of Mopane, Kiaat, Teak and Acacia trees. It takes its name from the Chobe River, which forms an irregular boundary between Botswana and Namibia's Caprivi Strip. Chobe National Park offers a wide variety of habitats for the herds of elephants, buffaloes and zebras for which the park is world-famous. The game provides ample prey for predators such as lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas and wild dogs. Tiger-fish and bream lure fishermen to the papyrus-fringed waterways of the Linyanti River. The Chobe Riverfront is the park's most densely game-populated area, and it may seem that the word 'wildlife' is synonymous with 'elephant': an estimated 120,000 elephants inhabit Chobe National Park, and herds numbering up to 500 can be seen on the river bank.

Day 2: Chobe National Park – Safari

- Early morning coffee, tea and biscuits.
- Choice of 2 of the following activities for the day:
- Safari Game Drive with open 4 x 4 vehicles.
- Safari Cruise on the Chobe river
- Fishing
- Village visit in Namibia
- A visit to the Victoria Falls
- Lunch at the lodge (included)
- Afternoon coffee and tea (included).
- Dinner at the lodge (included).
- Overnight at Chobe Safari Lodge in 2 River or Safari rooms, All Inclusive Package.



Day 3: Chobe onto Victoria Falls

- Breakfast at the lodge (included).
- Check-out.
- Road transfer to The Kingdom Hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.
- Your driver guide will assist you at the border post with formalities.
- Arrival at the hotel and check-in.
- Lunch at the hotel (not included – for own account).

Adventure pass for 2 Activities in Victoria Falls among the list below, to organize between day 3 and day 5

- Full day white water rafting/Half day white water rafting
- Full day canoeing safari/Half day canoeing safari
- Half day elephant back safari
- Half day adrenalin activity – e.g. high wire activities only
- Half day Lion encounter
- 12/13 minute Helicopter flight over the Falls
- Night game drive (safari)
- Dinner on own arrangement (not included – for own account)
- Overnight at The Victoria Falls Hotel in standard room, Bed & Breakfast Basis.

The Victoria Falls Hotel

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as “the grand old lady of the Falls”, is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, a world heritage site, and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. It is one of only two 1SO-accredited hotels in Zimbabwe. The Edwardian-style five-star hotel, built in 1904, was recently redecorated and refurbished and now combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new. Set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semi-tropical shrubs, it provides the tranquillity and seclusion that many guests seek. The famous Victoria Falls are just a ten-minute walk away using the hotel’s private pathway, and “the smoke that thunders” or “Mosi-O-Tunya” in the local dialect, is clearly audible and visible from this luxurious landmark. The hotel facilities includes a swimming pool, the Bulawayo Room, Palm Lounge, two floodlit tennis courts, three restaurants, conference facilities, business centre, foreign exchange facilities, library, reading rooms, chapel, curio shop, same day laundry, doctor on call, hair salon, beauty salon, 24 hour room service, baby sitting services and open secure parking.

The Victoria Falls

The Victoria Falls or Mosi-oa-Tunya are situated on the Zambezi River, on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, and are roughly 1.7 km (1 mile) wide and 128 m (420 ft) high. The falls are part of two national parks, Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park in Zambia and Victoria Falls National Park in Zimbabwe, and are one of Southern Africa’s major tourist attractions. They are also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Victoria Falls are slightly larger than North America’s Niagara Falls and its only rival is the South America’s Iguazu Falls. Victoria is the largest single sheet of water in the world at over 100 metres tall and over one mile wide. The first European to see the falls was David Livingstone on 17 November 1855, during his 1852-1856 journey from the upper Zambezi to the mouth of the river. The falls lie about midway down the course of the Zambezi. The falls are formed as the Zambezi

plummets into a narrow chasm about 120 m (400 ft) wide, carved by its waters along a fracture zone in the earth’s crust. Numerous islets at the crest of the falls divide the water to form a series of falls. Over the centuries, the falls have been receding upstream, falling at different eras into numerous chasms which now form a series of sharply zigzagging gorges downstream from the falls. The falls are extremely broad at about 1.7 km across, and the height of the cascade varies from 80 m at the right bank to 108 m in the centre.

This makes Victoria roughly twice the height of Niagara Falls, and well over twice the width of the Horseshoe Falls (Niagara’s main portion). The falling water generates spray and mist that rises typically to a height of over 400 metres, and is visible from up to 50 km (over 30 miles) away. At full moon, a “moonbow” can be seen in the spray instead of the daylight rainbow.

The 1958 flood of the Zambezi saw the falls reach record volumes of over 770 million litres (27 000 000 cubic feet) per minute.

The fall is broken into four parts by islands on the lip of the precipice. Close to the right bank is a sloping cataract 35 m wide called the Leaping Water, then beyond 300 m wide Boaruka Island is the main fall, about 460 m across. Livingstone Island divides the main fall from another broad channel about 530 m wide, while on the left bank of the river is the Eastern Cataract. The only outlet to the chasm the river falls into is a narrow channel cut in the barrier wall at a point about two thirds of the distance along from the western end.

This channel is about 30 m (100 ft) wide, and the whole volume of the river pours through it for 120 m before emerging into a zigzagging series of gorges about 80 km (50 miles) long which conduct the river past the basalt plateau. At the end of its first gorge, the river has hollowed out a deep pool called the Boiling Pot. About 150 m across, its surface is smooth at low water, but at high water is marked by slow, enormous swirls and heavy boiling. As the river exits the Boiling Pot, the channel turns sharply westward and enters the next of the zigzagging gorges. The walls of the gorges are over 120 m high.

Day 4: Victoria Falls

- Breakfast at the hotel (included).
- Day at leisure in Victoria Falls.
- Lunch and dinner at own arrangement (not included – for own account)
- Overnight at The Victoria Falls Hotel in standard room, Bed & Breakfast Basis.

Day 5: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg – Departure

- Breakfast at the hotel (included).
- Morning at leisure in Victoria Falls.
- Lunch at own arrangement (not included – for own account)
- Transfer to Victoria Falls Airport.
- Departure of scheduled flight from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg.
- Arrival of flight in OR Tambo International Airport.
- Departure of international flight to Europe (own arrangement)

End of Services

Airport

For more information about the Cape Town International Airport, we invite you to visit the website:

<http://www.airports.co.za/home.asp?pid=229>

For a taxi ride from Cape Town International Airport to Downtown Cape Town: R 250 (25€)

Flights from Europe are generally overnight and just a sleep away – an aperitif, dinner, sound sleep, a good breakfast – and voila, you’re in South Africa! The direct flights between the USA and Johannesburg or Cape Town are about 15 hours. Flights between London and Cape Town take about 12 hours.

Weather

Warm languid summers and mild, moist winters – conditions that perfectly sum up the mediterranean climate of Cape Town and the Western Cape. Pop down to the coast in summertime and you’re looking at pleasant lows of 15°C (59°F) to highs of 27°C (80.6°F). Go inland and you’ll be shedding layers as temperatures are between 3-5 degrees higher.

Summer starts in November.

South African Weather Service: www.weathersa.co.za

About Cape Town

Cape Town, the « Mother City », is the oldest city in South Africa and has a cultural heritage spanning more than 300 years. It also has the top five national attractions in South Africa that should appear on every visitor's itinerary all year round.

Don't miss a visit up Table Mountain; the V&A Waterfront, a unique shopping and holiday experience on a scenic working harbour; Robben Island, the former home of Nelson Mandela; the Cape Town Wine Routes, where some of the world's best wines are produced and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, internationally acclaimed as one of the great botanical gardens of the world.

The unique topography of the region makes it easy to orientate oneself as long as you remember that with Table Mountain behind you and Robben Island before you, you are facing north, looking across Table Bay and up the west coast of Africa.

Cape Town welcomes you

Already in the enviable position of being both a fantastic city to visit, and a great city to live in, Cape Town is gearing up to stake the claim as Africa's cultural and creative centre.

Cape Town's reputation of being a free-spirited, cosmopolitan port city precedes it, making every single person's experience of this colourful city a unique one. Cape Town is iconic – a city of breathtaking natural beauty, creative freedom of expression and change, a melting pot of cultures and a modern history reflected in its characters, architecture and stories.

The City can credit its charming mix of culture, language, architecture and first-rate vineyards to this legacy.

Cape Town is a city of contrasts and tells a tale of two cities: one that boasts a thriving creative economy, premier tourist destination status and incredible natural beauty, juxtaposed with social problems and poverty that are directly related to the colourful past and troubled history. But when walking the Streets of Cape Town and meeting its people, you will fall in love with a city of hope, creative freedom and incredible spirit.

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