

## **HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES**



**2 Nights Blue Train  
Experience, Pretoria to  
Cape Town  
7 Nights at The Old  
Rectory Hotel & Spa,  
Plettenberg Bay, Western  
Cape**

## **DESTINATION PARADISE**

**24 December 2027 - 2 January 2028 (Couples)**

# 10 Days of Heritage Charm and Effortless Comfort



The charming heritage building – a National Monument which has been immaculately restored and reimagined as an enchanting boutique hotel – comprises 18 stylish suites as well as a sparkling swimming pool with a deck shaded by ancient milkwoods, a tranquil in-house spa and a popular bistro-inspired restaurant. This oasis of calm, with its peaceful enclosed garden and generously-proportioned suites – each with their own private outdoor spaces – gives guests the option to escape whenever the mood strikes. The hotel is also perfectly positioned for days of fun and exploration, providing easy access to Plett's wide, white-sand beaches, the long, narrow Keurbooms Lagoon, the dense indigenous forests that unfold along the coastline and the raw beauty of the Robberg Nature Reserve.

Wine, dine and recline in luxury aboard the Window to the Soul of Africa. The Blue Train features luxury suites, elegant lounges, fine dining and boutique fine jewellery shopping. Your personal butler will take exceptional care to ensure an unforgettable experience while on board.

## Day 1 - 3: Blue Train Experience

Today we are chauffeur driven from our homes in luxury vehicles to Pretoria for our Blue Train journey to Cape Town.

In Pretoria we take a pit-stop at 23 on Tasha's Brooklyn for breakfast.

After breakfast we check in at the Blue Train lounge before boarding and commencing our journey to Cape Town.

While on the Blue Train we enjoy canapes, elegant lunch and dinner with gentlemen required to wear a jacket or waistcoat.



We also enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car before retiring to bed.

On day two of our journey to Cape Town, after breakfast we go on an off-the-train excursion by visiting the Kimberly Open Mine Museum.

Later the train departs Kimberly Station for the southbound journey to Cape Town.

Lunch, High Tea, dinner and post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars before retiring to bed.

On the third day we enjoy breakfast and lunch before the Blue Train arrives in Cape Town in the evening.



### Day 3: Blue Train Arrives in Cape Town



After disembarking the Blue Train in Cape Town we are chauffeured to Cape Town International Airport for our flight to Plettenberg Bay Airport for our stay at The Old Rectory Hotel & Spa.

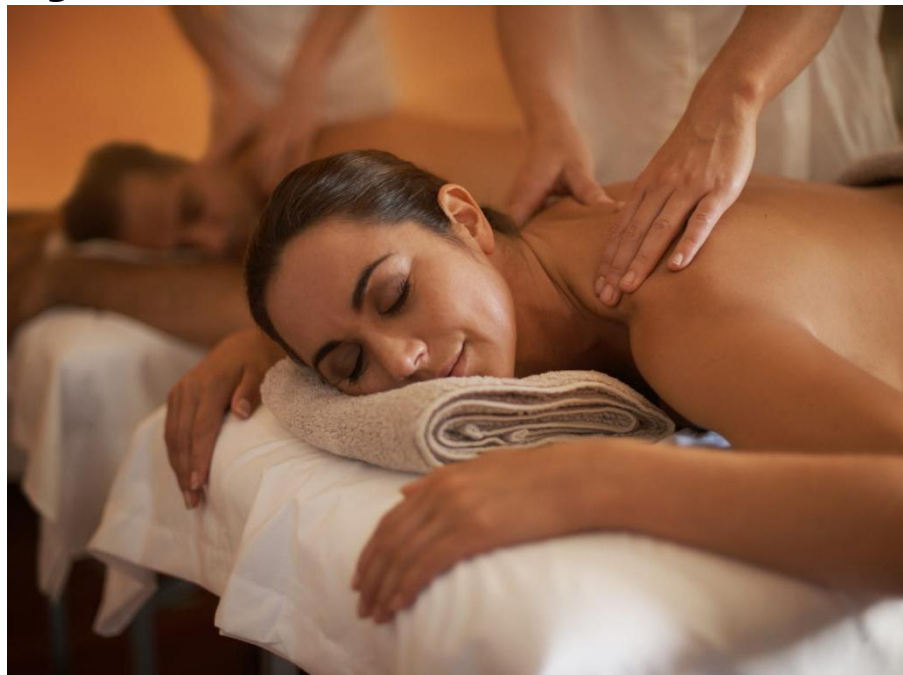
After check-in at The Old Rectory Hotel we enjoy supper at Restaurant 1777 at the hotel.

### Day 4: Easy Like Sunday Morning

Today we spend the morning at The Old Rectory Spa for some mind and body relaxation. Spa treatments include full body massages, facial care, manicures and pedicures.

We spend the rest of the day at leisure at the hotel.

Lunch, supper and full premium bar.



### Day 5: Tsitsikamma National Park Exploration



Today we go deep into the forest to explore the Tsitsikamma National Park which encompasses a marine reserve, deep gorges and local vegetation like the Big Tree, a towering yellowwood. The Mouth Trail crosses a suspension bridge over Storms River.

Our adventure begins with a visit to the Big Tree. The Big Tree is a yellowwood giant tree which takes us about 10 minutes walk from the main road in the spectacularly beautiful indigenous forest. The tree is about 800 years old, 36.6 metres high, with a circumference of almost 9 metres.



After admiring the tree and taking those Instagram photos our Tsitsikamma adventure continues as we take a 2km walk through the forest to the suspension bridge. The trail is an easy loop with stable wooden paths or stairs, with occasional motion on bridges.

The suspension bridge walk is followed by lunch at Taste Restaurant Tsitsikamma.



Our next stop after lunch is at Bloukrans bridge, known for its stunning views and the world's highest commercial bungee jump. It stands at a height of 216 metres above the Bloukrans River. For those daredevils who enjoy the adrenaline rush, this is a must do activity.

After an eventful day in the forest we return to the hotel for supper and evening relaxation.

## **Day 6: Oudtshoorn Out and About**

This morning we wake up to a 2,5hour trip to Oudtshoorn, located in the Klein Karoo, and renowned as the "ostrich capital of the world". Situated between Swartberg and Outeniqua mountain ranges, it's known for its fertile valley, diverse natural landscapes, and ostrich farming.

Our first stop is the Meerkat Adventure for a sunrise meerkat experience, weather dependent, as the meerkats only venture outside their burrows at sunrise and not on rainy days. Meerkats are part of the so-called Shy 5, which includes the bat-eared fox, the aardvark, porcupine, and aardwolf. On arrival we are treated to a hot cup of coffee, and then we are issued with lightweight aluminium chairs to sit while observing the meerkats as they come out of their burrows into the sunshine and then go about their daily routine of foraging and frolicking. This is a fantastic experience and a unique privilege to get this close to these little creatures in their natural habitat.





After breakfast at Nostalgie Restaurant we visit the Cango Caves. Known for being one of the largest show cave systems in Africa, Cango Caves are situated in a limestone ridge near the Swartberg Mountains, and characterised by vast halls, intricate drip stone formations (stalactites and stalagmites) and a network of tunnels. The caves are not just a natural wonder, but also a place of historical and cultural significance.

The caves offer Heritage Tours with easier walking paths and Adventure Tours, which are more challenging and involve crawling, sliding on belly or back, and climbing to understand what spelunking is. Each person will choose which tour they would like to do - Heritage or Adventure.



In the afternoon our Oudtshoorn exploration continues at Highgate Ostrich Farm for an up-close-and-personal encounter with the ostrich. Highgate Ostrich Farm offers ostrich tour which are not only enlightening but also also fun. Apart from the breathtaking views of the Klein Karoo Valley and Swartberg Mountains we learn about ostrich incubators, feed the ostrich by hand, visit a breeding camp as well as enjoy a three-course meal of ostrich egg and meat.





Afternoon relaxation at Route 62 Bar & Grill.

Later in the afternoon we take a road trip back to Plettenberg Bay for supper at the hotel.

## Day 7: In Tune with Nature

Today enjoy the stunning Featherbed Nature Reserve, as we take a the ferry ride across the Kynsna Lagoon to the Western Head. From here we are taken up a beautiful 4x4 trail into the Reserve, stopping occasionally to allow us to take in the scenery and for our guide to give us all the information on various fauna and flora found in the area. We also take a 2km guided walking trail through the coastal forest into the nearby sea caves. Then later, we a delectable buffet lunch at the Reserve's outdoor restaurant.





Upon return from Featherbed Nature Reserve, we spend the afternoon at leisure at The Waterfront Knysna Quays. This is one of Knysna's most popular leisure and shopping destinations. Here, there is a perfect mix of leisure, shopping, dining, and waterfront activities. The Waterfront is a shopper's paradise with the perfect gift for everyone. There also various restaurants that cater to every taste.

Later in the afternoon we take a sunset cruise with dinner and full premium bar on a private yacht.



## **Day 8: New Year's Eve**

Today we spend the day at leisure at The Old Rectory hotel with full catering throughout the day including fully stocked bar.

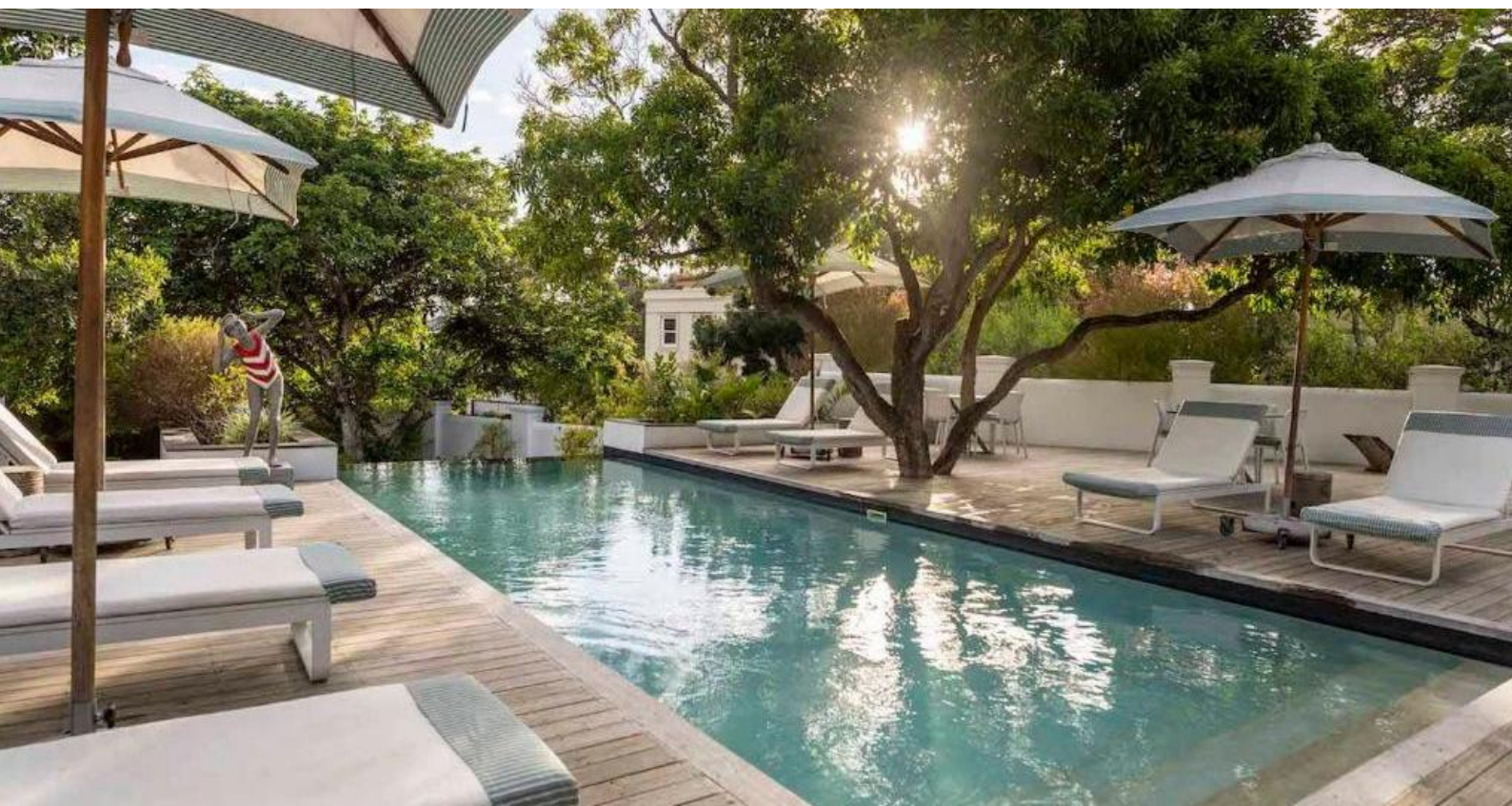
In the evening after supper we enjoy an Intimate music concert with Sjava, followed by New Year's Eve celebration.





Day 9: Happy New Year

Today we spend the morning at leisure at the hotel to recover from the effects of last night’s party. In the afternoon we put on our swimming costumes and shorts and get ready for the Pool Party to celebrate the new year. The DJ is on the decks dishing out cool sounds, food is galore and the bar is fully stocked.



Day 10: Home Sweet Home

Today after breakfast we say goodbye to the The Old Rectory and take a flight back home. At OR Tambo International Airport we are chauffeur driven to our respective homes .

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