

## **HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES**

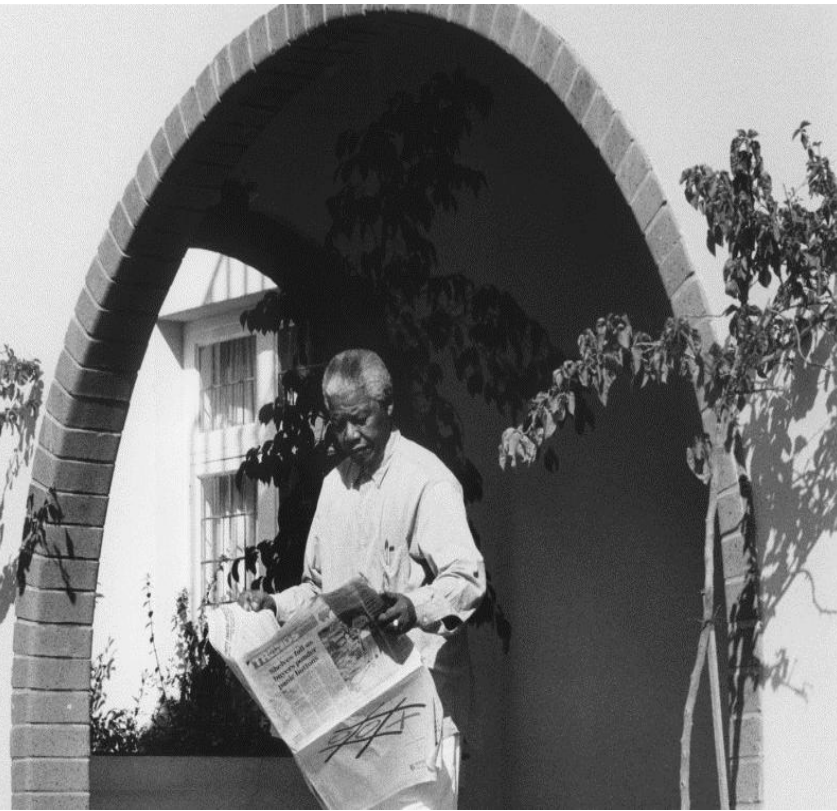


**5 Nights at Sanctuary  
Mandela Boutique Hotel,  
Houghton, Gauteng  
2 Nights Blue Train  
Experience, Kruger  
National Park**

## **LONG WALK TO FREEDOM**

**8 - 15 January 2028 (Couples)**

# 8 Days in the Heart of Madiba Heritage



Sanctuary Mandela Hotel was a home that Nelson Mandela lived in after his release from 27 years imprisonment at Robben Island. This is where he also hosted the likes of Michael Jackson and Oprah Winfrey. Before it became a hotel it was also the headquarters of the Nelson Mandela Foundation. This is a one-of-a-kind hotel which offers retreat spaces for reflection, healing and thought-provoking experiences inspired by the life and times of Nelson Mandela. The Hotel also offers guests facilities to enjoy their stay. The fully serviced bar and Lounge is the perfect place to unwind after a long day. The restaurant offers food which is inspired by Nelson Mandela's chef of many years.

The Blue Train offers a unique way of traversing some of South Africa's magnificent landscapes and landmarks. On this train luxury

assumes a new direction. On board, we indulge in fine cuisine accompanied by some of the best wines South Africa, if not the world, has to offer. Personal butlers are at back-and-call, to see to our every need, be it in the comfort of our private suites or at any one of the exquisite lounges. The strap line, "A window to the soul of South Africa", says it all.

## Day 1: Arrival

Today we are chauffeur driven from our homes in luxury vehicles to Houghton.

After lunch at Saint Restaurant, we check in at Sanctuary Mandela Boutique Hotel.

We then spend the afternoon at leisure at the hotel to soak in the atmosphere and to get acquainted with the hotel's facilities.

Later in the afternoon we have our Welcome.

Supper at the Insight Restaurant at the hotel.



## Day 2: Evening with Zonke

Today we spend the morning at the hotel doing what one's heart desires.



In the afternoon we enjoy a Sunday Black-Tie

lunch. This is a five-course gourmet dining experience which is paired with carefully selected premium wines.



After lunch we spend the afternoon at the hotel's fully serviced bar and lounge.



Later in the evening we attend a special music concert at the hotel. This is an intimate Evening with Zonke with a full band.

### **Day 3: Keeping the Memory and Legacy of Madiba Alive**

A stay at Sanctuary Mandela wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory. The centre is dedicated to keeping the memory and the legacy of Nelson Mandela alive. So, this morning after breakfast we take a walk to the centre (walking distance) to immerse ourselves in an archive of the life and times, works, and writings of Nelson Mandela.







We then proceed to Soweto, Vilakazi Street, to visit House no. 8115 where Nelson Mandela, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela and their children lived before he was arrested in 1962 and later spend 27 years in prison at Robben Island. Today the house is a museum, and it depicts the ordinary life that this icon and his family lived.

### **Day 3: Instagram Photo Opportunity**



Today after breakfast we head out to the capital city, Pretoria, to visit the Union Buildings. Originally built to house the entire public service for the Union of South Africa, it was then the largest building in the country and possibly the largest building to be undertaken in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Union Buildings were built in spectacular style, in a semi-circular shape, with the buildings set in two separate wings. Unfortunately, the inner of the buildings are not open to the public but visitors can walk right up to them.

The terraced gardens and lawn present many spots and angles from which to photograph this magnificent structure. The ground also holds various monuments, statues and memorials. A large statue of the Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, General Louis Botha, on horseback, is located at the bottom of the garden.



But most importantly a large statue of Nelson Mandela which replaced of J.B.M. Hertzog, former Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, provided opportunities for Instagram photos, standing right in front of the statue of Madiba.



After a morning of reflection and exploring the terraces and lush gardens of the Union Buildings we head to Kievits Kroons Wine Estate for afternoon relaxation, wine tasting and gourmet dining experience which includes lunch and supper.

## Day 5: Pool Party

Today after breakfast we spend the morning in nature at The Wilds Nature Reserve. The reserve is divided into two sections, East and West side, by the main road, Houghton Drive, and a pedestrian bridge links the two sides. There are some nice walkway paths on both sides. The rocky pathway tangles through the gardens and all pathways are marked clearly throughout the reserve. The West side is perfect for taking a relaxed stroll through the indigenous garden. The East side is more for the adventurous hiker as this area is more in the open.



After a relaxed morning of walking in nature, we return to the hotel to freshen up, put on our swimming costumes and shorts and get ready for the Pool Party.

The party, hosted by David Mashabela of Kings and Queens on Radio 2000, includes lunch, supper, and fully stocked bar.



## Day 6: Blue Train Kruger National Park Experience

This morning after breakfast we go on unforgettable journey to Kruger National Park on board the iconic "hotel on wheels", the Blue Train.

After registration we board the Blue Train and depart our journey to Kruger National Park. In the afternoon as we journey to Kruger National Park we enjoy a 5-course



## Day 7: Off-the-train Excursion

This morning the Blue Train arrives at Numbi Train Station.

We disembark and are transferred through Numbi Gate in open safari vehicles to a sunrise game drive conducted by professional tour guides.



After the sunrise game drive, we enjoy a bush breakfast at an exclusive unfenced location inside the Kruger National Park.

After breakfast we return to Numbi Gate using an alternative route back so that we see more of the Kruger area as we return to the Blue Train.

Later 5-course gourmet lunch is served in the Blue Train.

In the late afternoon we are transferred to Numbi Gate for a sunset game drive. The sunset game drive takes place on the Nkambeni concession. The Nkambeni concession represents an area of approximately 11 400 hectares and lies between the main entrance gates of Numbi and Phabeni and stretches past Shabeni Koppie near Pretoriuskop camp.

After the sunrise game drive, we enjoy a spectacular boma dinner at Nkambeni Safari Camp before we are transferred back to The Blue Train and for post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars before retiring to bed as we journey back to Pretoria.

## Day 8: Home Sweet Home

This morning the train arrives in Bosman Station, Pretoria. After breakfast we disembark and are chauffeur driven to our respective homes.

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Accommodate Type	Travel Bucks™
	Sharing
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Sanctuary Mandela Deluxe King Room and Blue Train	520 968TB
Sanctuary Mandela King Suite and Blue Train	553 343TB
Sanctuary Mandela Presidential Suite and Blue Train	631 218TB

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