



## HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES



**3 Nights at Drostdy Hotel,  
Graaff-Reinet, Eastern Cape**  
**4 Nights at Sibuya Game  
Reserve, Kenton-on-Sea,  
Eastern Cape**

## TOUCH OF SOUL

**20 - 27 December 2027 (Single or sharing)**

**10 - 17 January 2028 (Couples)**

# 8 Days Encounter with Heritage and Nature



Step into comfort at Drostdy Hotel with a choice of Bachelor Rooms, Standard Rooms, Executive Rooms, and Suites. Camdeboo Restaurant offers a casual yet refined dining experience using the finest quality of locally sourced ingredients, including beef and Karoo lamb. The menu is an authentic expression of the region while respecting the local culture and cuisine. The menu is accompanied by a carefully curated selection of the very best of South African wines, artisanal spirits, craft beers and cocktails. Treat yourself to an African inspired spa with a carefully curated selection of treatments, including our therapeutic Himalayan salt sauna, leaving you refreshed and revitalised. Sibuya is renowned for providing one of the best game-viewing experiences. This serene,

malaria-free eco-hotel bordering the free-flowing Kariega Estuary, is set in an ancient floodplains and pristine coastline forest. Game viewing in the heart of our Big 5 territory is unforgettable. The moment you arrive, you become part of the family. Your guide is with you throughout your stay - acting as your dinner host, guide and educator. Our chefs are passionate about creating meals with an authentic African twist.

## Day 1: Arrival

Today we are chauffeur driven from our homes in luxury vehicles to the airport for our flight to Graff Reinet.

In Graff Reinet we take a pits-top at Coldstream Restaurant for lunch.

After lunch we check in at Drostdy Hotel.

Afternoon at leisure to soak in the atmosphere and to get acquainted with the facilities.

Supper at Camdeboo Restaurant at the hotel.



## Day 2: Amazing Race and Soiree Dinner Under the Stars

This morning after breakfast we explore the history and heritage of the fourth oldest town in South Africa. Our exploration is not the boring walking the streets tour but a fun and exclusive way to get to know the Gem of the Karoo on an intimate level.

We will be split into smaller teams that will compete against each other and time, to complete a route through town by following certain clues and participating in activities, and upload those on social media, as well as supporting local businesses along the way. A drink or two along the way adds to the vibe of the event. This is a great way to explore Graff-Reinet's rich history, architecture, shops, craft eateries and celebrate its people.



After this amazing race around Graaff-Reinet we stop at Coldstream Restaurant.

We return to the hotel for some afternoon relaxation.

Later in the afternoon we venture out to spend time in the Karoo veld for some mesmerising and healing experience and dinner. Here, we get grounded and watch the sun as the day gives way to dusk, and then to night. We stare at the flames and listen to the day fading away and when we look up in wonder, we will be amazed at the ambush laid by the Milky Way.

Our Karoo Veld Soire takes place on a private Farm, conveniently located close to Graaff-Reinet. But still far enough to afford us the feeling of space and time that one only gets in the Karoo. The soiree is preceded by a Tequila Masterclass and dinner is prepared on the fire while we relax Next to the river.



## Day 3: Nieu-Bethesda and Valley of Desolation



This morning, after breakfast, we visit the quaint hamlet of Nieu-Bethesda in the fold of the Sneeuberg Mountains, guarded over by the imposing Compassberg, for some relaxation in the Karoo. Nieu-Bethesda does not have the usual amenities that are associated with a town but has more horses and dogs wandering around than people (although it does have its fair share of interesting characters). The village is a scenic drive from Graaff-Reinet and the vist includes the Owl Museum, which is the most popular

attraction in Nieu-Bethesda, Bushman Heritage Centre, Kitching Fossil Centre, Dustcovers Bookstore, by far the best bookshop in the entire Karoo, Two Goats Deli and Brewery, for some cheese platter and beer tasting.

Lunch at Die Waenhuis Restaurant.

We return to the hotel for afternoon relaxation and to freshen for our next adventure.

In the evening we venture out to the Valley of Desolation, undoubtedly the shining diamond of attractions in and around the Gem of the Karoo. Set in a stark and beautiful 19 000-hectares Camdeboo National Park, which conserves the important Great Karoo mountain landscape around Graaff-Reinet. The Valley of Desolation or Cathedral of the Mountains as it is also known, offers amazing sight to the processes of the past that formed this ancient landscape. The views out across the Plains of the Camdeboo, the enigmatic Spandau Kop, as well as over the town and its surrounding Sneueberg peaks, is in itself a site to behold. Combine this with sundowner drinks and light snacks and we have a winning recipe.



Our Valley of Desolation Sunset tour will include a 300 metre trail walk to enjoy the best views on offer, craft rum tasting at the Afrikanis Rum Room inside Hello Restaurant and dinner at Hello You Restaurant.

## **Day 4 - 7: Sibuya Tented Camps Experience**

This morning after breakfast we say goodbye to Drosdty Hotel as we head out to Sibuya Game Reserve where we will spend the next four days. Sibuya is a wild sanctuary, a place where nature



Our Sibuya experience begins with a 10km boat trip up the Kariega Estuary - from the warmth of the Indian Ocean to the heart of the African bush. As we drift along clear waters framed by lush vegetation, we are serenaded by the rhythmic song of the river and a chorus of the birds.

Our stay at Sibuya will be include the following experiences:



All meals, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and local beverages.



Game drives and guided bush walk.



Boat Cruises.

## **Day 8: Home Sweet Home**

Today after breakfast we say goodbye to Sibuya Game Reserve and are chauffeur driven to the airport for our flight to OR Tambo International Airport.

On arrival in OR Tambo International Airport we chauffeur driven to our respective homes.

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## Travel Bucks™

You have a choice of three (3) accommodation types when making your booking:

Accommodate Type	Travel Bucks™	
	Single	Sharing
Drosdty Executive Room and Sibuya Forrest	239 771TB	322 333TB
Drosdty Executive Room and Sibuya River Tented Suite	239 771TB	322 333TB
Drosdty Suite and Sibuya Bush Lodge Suite	253 146TB	338 708TB

### Booking Terms and Conditions:

#### Very Important:

David Saint cannot guarantee that the information relating to pricing, itineraries and availability will remain unchanged after publication on this website.

The following is a summary of the salient components of the terms and conditions. Visit our website for full and detailed Terms and Conditions.

#### 1. Bookings:

- a) Bookings are confirmed on condition that at the time when a booking is made, there is a minimum balance of 70% in the Travel Bucks™ Account.
- b) Travel Companions will be advised at the time of booking as to the Travel Bucks™ required for the said booking.
- c) The balance in respect of Travel Bucks™ in the Travel Bucks™ Account must be accumulated no less than eight weeks prior to departure.

#### 2. Price fluctuations:

- a) The cost associated with the travel arrangements are not always stable, and currency movements can fluctuate. It is therefore impossible to predict these movements in advance. David Saint therefore reserves the right to pass on any fluctuations and surcharges to Travel Companions until the full value of the booking is covered by Travel Bucks™ in the Travel Bucks™ Account.
- b) Airfares are subject to the prices and conditions quoted by the particular airlines and cannot be guaranteed by David Saint.

#### 3. Flight and Other Travel Timings:

- a) Flight timings are provided by airlines and are subject to Air Traffic Control restrictions.
- b) All means of transportation are subject to weather conditions, the need for constant maintenance, and the ability of passengers to check-in on time.