

## **HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES**



**2 Nights at Walkersons  
Hotel & Spa, Dullstroom,  
Mpumalanga**  
**5 Nights at Angels View  
Hotel, Graskop,  
Mpumalanga**  
**2 Nights Blue Train  
Experience, Hoedspruit to  
Pretoria**

## **GOD'S COUNTRY**

**27 December 2027 - 05 January 2028 (Couples)**

# 10 Days of Criss-crossing the Land of the Rising Sun



The stunning countryside views, well-stocked trout dams, luxury Dullstroom accommodation with all modern comforts, and fine country dining make Walkersons Hotel & Spa a charming and memorable destination. This is a haven of serenity with elegant dining rooms, a gorgeous terrace, and the Colonel Porter Bar. Its stylish, old-world country atmosphere continues in the bedroom suites, with elegant decor, tastefully appointed bathrooms, and large verandas to enjoy the glorious views. Dining at Walkersons includes a 4-course dinner every evening in our fine country restaurant, the Flying Scotsman. The lighter Terrace Menu caters to families and children under 12 and picnic baskets with the chef's delights paired with a bottle of wine from the cellar are also on offer.

Positioned on the edge of the escarpment Angels View Hotel offers an array of accommodation options from the contemporary-styled Superior Rooms to the Luxury Classic, Grotto Earth Suites, the Khoza House, and Panorama Suites. Expect fresh air, the faint sounds of nature, and the beautiful natural springs while driving along the Panorama Route.

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: Arrival

Today we take a two and half hour road trip to Dullstroom in Mpumalanga in luxury vehicles.

In Dullstroom we take a pit-stop at Mrs Simpsons Restaurant for lunch.

After lunch we check in at Walkersons Hotel & Spa

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

Supper at Flying Scotsman at the hotel.



## Day 2: Dullstroom Experience

Today, after breakfast we hit the streets of Dullstroom, also known as Emnothweni to experience this charming, small town which lies 35 kilometres north of Belfast, some 53 kilometres south-west of Lydenburg, and about 263 kilometres from Johannesburg. This town is one of South Africa's premier flyfishing destinations. It also features the highest railway station in South Africa at 2 077 metres above sea-level. Dullstroom location on the Highveld plateau is the reason that its climate is so different from the surrounding areas.





Our Dullstroom experience begins with a visit to The Clock Shop. The Clock Shop started from an idea when The Sunday Times newspaper ran a treasure hunt competition in 1989 called "Finders Keepers" by hiding R1 million prize money behind a clock in a Dullstroom pub. From there a seed was planted and The Clock Shop grew into what is now the biggest in the Southern Hemisphere. Here, they manufacture and import their own range of clocks from grandfather, wall, mantle and cuckoo clocks.

Then we take a quick stop at Dullstroom Coffe Roastery for some mid-morning snack.

Our Dullstromm experience continues at Wilk About Whisky. Here, they offer tutored tastin in whiskies and all other premium spirits, and have assembled 45 cleverly arranged tasting themes to guide us through the wealth of whisky. The bar has over 1200 whiskies on of from 20 countries. It also includes a large variety of gins, rums, brandies, cognacs, wine beer and coffee.



After this whisky tasting experience we must have worked out our appetites. For lunch head out to Royal Coachman Restaurant



We then spend the rest of the afternoon at Walkersons Hotel with some spa treatment which includes full body massages, facial care and manicures and pedicures.

Supper at the hotel.



### Day 3: Criss-crossing Continues

This morning, after breakfast we say goodbye to Walkersons Hotel.

We take a two and half hours road trip to Graskop for our stay at Angels View Hotel.

In Graskop we take a pit-stop at Garden Shed Restaurant.

After lunch we check in at Angels View Hotel.

Afternoon relaxation at the hotel to soak in the atmosphere and get acquainted with the hotel's facilities.

Supper at the hotel



### Day 4: Panorama Route

This morning after breakfast we hit the road and go to the Blyde River Canyon, the world's famous for its natural beauty, breathtaking viewpoints and magnificent waterfalls.



During this tour we visit spectacular attractions along the way including the Lisbon Falls just outside the tourist town of Graskop. From there we catch the first glimpse of the 2km Blyde River Canyon as we travel alongside it to the Three Rondavels which provides breathtaking panoramic views of the Canyon and the Lowveld from a high vantage point.

We then make our way back along the Canyon to Bourke's Luck Potholes where the Canyon starts at the confluence of the Treur and Blyde Rivers.

From there we head off to the legendary God's Window. Just one look down and one understands why it's called God's Window. With magnificent views canyons, rock formations, waterfalls, God's Window is truly an area of breathtaking scenic splendour.

We take a pit stop for lunch at Blue Mountain Retreat.

After lunch we continue our Blyde River Canyon experience, this time from the river, by taking a scenic boat ride, and see the canyon from the angle it's supposed to be seen, at the base of towering mountains that form the breathtaking views.

Later we return to the hotel for supper.



## Day 5: New Year's Eve Party

Today its New Year's Eve and so we spend the day at the hotel to enjoy its facilities or do what one's heart desires.

Lunch and supper at the hotel

In the evening its time for the New Year's Eve Party hosted by Wilson B. Nkosi with fully stocked bar.



## Day 6: Happy NewYear

Today we spend the day at leisure at the hotel with full catering including mid-morning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, premium bar and supper at the hotel.

## Day 7: Graskop Gorge Experience



Today after breakfast we head out to Graskop Gorge Lift Company for a full day of adventure, entertainment and fun. Activities here include:

- The Lift which takes us 51m down the face of the gorge into the indigenous forest below. At the forest we enjoy a walk in the Afromontane Forest, where a trail of elevated walkways and suspension bridge await.
- The Zipline gives a bird's eye view of the gorge.
- The Big Swing is all about adrenaline rush. Freefall 70m into the forest under 3 seconds.
- The Suspension Bridge requires one to hold one's breath and venture across 52m suspension bridge, 70m above the gorge.



For lunch (own account) there is a choice of two cafés: Swing Café – a laid back chill zone that invites one to Get Delicious, Real Quick! Enjoy flame grilled chicken and more at the Lift Café which is a spacious and inviting restaurant and bar with the most spectacular views.

Later we return to the hotel for supper.

## **Day 8: Blue Train Experience**

Today we bid farewell to Angels View and head out to Hoedspruit train station to board the Blue Train for our journey back home.

Later a five-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 sunset game drive, we enjoy a spectacular boma dinner at Nkambeni Safari Camp before we are transferred back to The Blue Train where we enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs, and Cuban cigars in the before retiring to bed.

## **Day 9: Off-the-train Excursion**



We disembark and are transferred through Numbi Gate in open safari vehicles to 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 the Blue Train for our homeward journey.

Five course lunch and supper on the Blue Train.

## Day 10: Blue Train Arrives in Pretoria

This morning we enjoy breakfast on the Blue Train.

Blue Train arrives in Pretoria.

We disembark the Blue Train and are chauffeur driven to our respective homes.

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### Travel Bucks™

You have a choice of five (5) accommodation types when making your booking:

| Accommodate Type  | Travel Bucks™<br>Sharing |
|---|--------------------------|
| Walkersons Lakeside Suite; Angels View<br>Superior Suite and Blue Train               | 528 124TB                |
| Walkersons Manor 2 Bedroom Family Suite;<br>Angels View Superior Suite and Blue Train | 528 124TB                |
| Walkersons Luxury Lakeside Suite; Angels<br>View Superior Suite and Blue Train        | 531 624TB                |
| Walkersons Honeymoon Suite; Angels View<br>Superior Suite and Blue Train              | 536 124TB                |
| Walkersons Luxury Lakeside Suite; Angels<br>View Grotto Suite and Blue Train          | 546 624TB                |

### Booking Terms and Conditions:

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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:

- 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.
- Travel Companions will be advised at the time of booking as to the Travel Bucks™ required for the said booking.
- 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:

- 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.
- 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:

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