

2018 TEST TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA



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WELCOME TO THE 2018 TEST TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA

Australian Sports Tours is extremely proud to invite you on our 2018 supporters tour to South Africa for Australia's Test series against the Proteas.

One of our favourite touring destinations, South Africa offers luxury accommodation and hospitality, breathtaking scenery and some of the world's most spectacular wildlife viewing. Combined with the spirited rivalry and fiercely fought contests that these two great cricketing nations always deliver, you can rest assured you are in for an unforgettable touring experience.

Having successfully toured South Africa in 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011 and 2014, next year marks our sixth Test tour to this magnificent cricketing destination and our unparalleled travel expertise throughout all parts of the country will ensure your experience is unsurpassed for quality & value.

AST Tour Host Merv Hughes has travelled with us on all of our previous South Africa tours and his colourful character plus in depth knowledge of both teams will once again provide a fascinating insight into each day's play.

In recent times Australia has enjoyed good success touring South Africa with wins in three of the past four series. However, with the Proteas having chalked up a 2-1 series win in Australia last year the two sides are arguably as closely matched as they have ever been.

Adding even more to its appeal, the 2018 series in South Africa returns to a four Test format for the first since 1969-70. It promises to deliver an enthralling battle with plenty of twists and turns, just as we witnessed on Australia's recent tour to India which went right down to the wire. Steve Smith has unquestionably hardened his squad and he will no doubt be eyeing this tour as his chance to notch up an impressive away victory as captain and at the same time advance his own ambitions of becoming one of Australia's most successful batsmen of all time.

Whether you have been to South Africa before or are touring for the first time, the wonders of this country, its welcoming people and spectacular scenery & wildlife will have you spellbound from start to finish.

We hope you can join us!
The team at Australian Sports Tours



TEST TOUR SUMMARY

*These prices do not include international return flights and are based on twin/double share accommodation.

**Merv will be on tour for 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tests ie, not 1st Test.

FEATURE TOUR

2ND & 3RD TEST TOUR

8 - 29 MAR 2018

*WITH MERV HUGHES
VIC FALLS, SUN CITY, MADIKWE
GAME RESERVE, TABLE
MOUNTAIN, CAPE PENINSULA &
STELLENBOSCH*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 21 nights accommodation
- Breakfast included daily
- Reserved seating & return match transfers to the 2nd & 3rd Test Matches
- All inclusive Test Match Dinner in Port Elizabeth & Cape Town featuring guest speaker
- AST Tour Host Merv Hughes
- Experienced AST Tour Rep
- Guided sightseeing tour of Victoria Falls, Robben Island, Table Mountain, Cape Peninsula and Stellenbosch Winery Region
- Guided games drives at Madikwe Game Reserve
- Internal flights & transfers
- Private coach travel throughout
- AST Tour merchandise

\$10,390pp*

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$3,960

2ND, 3RD & 4TH TEST TOUR

8 MAR - 4 APR 2018

*WITH MERV HUGHES
VIC FALLS, SUN CITY, MADIKWE
GAME RESERVE, TABLE
MOUNTAIN, CAPE PENINSULA &
STELLENBOSCH*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 27 nights accommodation
- Breakfast included daily
- Reserved seating & return match transfers to the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Test Matches
- All inclusive Test Match Dinner in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town & Johannesburg with guest speaker
- AST Tour Host Merv Hughes
- Experienced AST Tour Rep
- Guided sightseeing tour of Victoria Falls, Robben Island, Table Mountain, Cape Peninsula and Stellenbosch Winery Region
- Guided games drives at Madikwe Game Reserve
- Internal flight & transfers
- Private coach travel throughout
- AST tour merchandise

\$12,990pp*

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$4,700

3RD & 4TH TEST TOUR

21 MAR - 4 APR 2018

*WITH MERV HUGHES
TABLE MOUNTAIN, CAPE
PENINSULA, & STELLENBOSCH*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 14 nights accommodation
- Breakfast included daily
- Reserved seating & return match transfers to the 3rd & 4th Test Matches
- All inclusive Test Match Dinner in Cape Town & Johannesburg with guest speaker
- AST Tour Host Merv Hughes
- Experienced AST Tour Rep
- Guided sightseeing tour of Robben Island, Table Mountain, Cape Peninsula and Stellenbosch Winery Region
- Internal flight & transfers
- Private coach travel throughout
- AST tour merchandise

\$5,990pp*

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1,890

3RD & 4TH TEST TOUR

14 MAR - 4 APR 2018

*WITH MERV HUGHES
TABLE MOUNTAIN, CAPE
PENINSULA, STELLENBOSCH,
VIC FALLS, SUN CITY & MADIKWE
GAME RESERVE*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 21 nights accommodation
- Breakfast included daily
- Reserved seating & return match transfers to the 3rd & 4th Tests
- All inclusive Test Match Dinner in Cape Town & Johannesburg with guest speaker
- AST Tour Host Merv Hughes
- Experienced AST Tour Rep
- Guided sightseeing tour of Victoria Falls, Robben Island, Table Mountain, Cape Peninsula and Stellenbosch Winery Region
- Guided games drives at Madikwe Game Reserve
- Internal flight & transfers
- Private coach travel throughout
- AST tour merchandise

\$10,390pp*

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$3,960

1ST, 2ND & 3RD TESTS

28 FEB - 29 MAR 2018

*WITH MERV HUGHES**
GARDEN ROUTE, VIC FALLS, SUN
CITY, MADIKWE GAME RESERVE,
TABLE MOUNTAIN, CAPE
PENINSULA & STELLENBOSCH*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 29 nights accommodation
- Breakfast included daily
- Reserved seating & return match transfers to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Test Matches
- All inclusive Test Match Dinner in Port Elizabeth & Cape Town with guest speaker
- All inclusive Test Match Dinner in Durban
- AST Tour Host Merv Hughes
- Experienced AST Tour Rep
- Guided sightseeing tour of Garden Route, Victoria Falls, Robben Island, Table Mountain, Cape Peninsula & Stellenbosch
- Guided games drives at Madikwe Game Reserve
- Internal flight & transfers
- Private coach travel throughout
- AST tour merchandise

\$13,290pp*

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$4,700

1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH TESTS

28 FEB - 4 APR 2018

*WITH MERV HUGHES**
GARDEN ROUTE, VIC FALLS, SUN
CITY, MADIKWE GAME RESERVE,
TABLE MOUNTAIN, CAPE
PENINSULA & STELLENBOSCH*

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 35 nights accommodation
- Breakfast included daily
- Reserved seating & return match transfers to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Test Matches
- All inclusive Test Match Dinner in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town & Johannesburg with guest speaker
- All inclusive Test Match Dinner in Durban
- AST Tour Host Merv Hughes
- Experienced AST Tour Rep
- Guided sightseeing tour of Garden Route, Victoria Falls, Robben Island, Table Mountain, Cape Peninsula & Stellenbosch
- Guided games drives at Madikwe Game Reserve
- Internal flight & transfers
- Private coach travel throughout
- AST tour merchandise

\$15,490pp*

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$5,000

2018 South African Test Tour Cricket Grounds



Test One **KINGSMEAD STADIUM**

Kingsmead is a cricket ground in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. It operates under the sponsorship-based name of Sahara Stadium Kingsmead. When a Test series is played in South Africa, the ground usually hosts the Boxing Day Test.

The venue hosted the first home Test for the South African cricket team after readmission into international cricket and also hosted the Test against the English cricket team in 1939, which lasted from the third to the 13th of March and was called off over fears that the English would miss their ship home.

It has been renowned as a seamers wicket, and there is also a famous myth regarding how the tide affects batting conditions, as the ground is quite close to the beach. Many batting collapses in matches in the past have jokingly been blamed on changes in the tide.

Test Date:	Thursday 1- Monday 5 March 2018
Address:	Kingsmead Stadium, Durban
Capacity:	25,000
Established:	1923
End Names:	Umgeni End Old Fort Road End



Test Two **ST GEORGE'S PARK**

St George's Park Cricket Ground is the home of the Port Elizabeth Cricket Club, one of the oldest cricket clubs in South Africa, as well as the Eastern Province Club. The ground is notable for its brass band that plays during major matches, adding a unique flavor to its atmosphere.

The ground hosted its first Test match in March 1889 when England defeated South Africa by 8 wickets. This was South Africa's first Test match. As of 2005, there have been 21 Test matches played at the ground of which South Africa has won 8 and their opponents 9 with 4 draws.

The first ODI played at the ground was in December 1992 when South Africa beat India by 6 wickets. As of 2005, there have been 25 ODIs played at the ground including five in the Cricket World Cup in 2003.

Test Date:	Friday 9 - Tuesday 13 March 2018
Address:	St George's Park, Port Elizabeth
Capacity:	19,000
Established:	1889
End Names:	Duckpond End Park Drive End



Test Three NEWLANDS CRICKET GROUND

Newlands is regarded as one of the most beautiful cricket grounds in the world, being overlooked by Table Mountain and Devil's Peak.

The land, owned by a brewer's daughter, is partly wetland and heavily wooded, was rented to the Western Province Cricket Club in 1887 for £50, with a 25 year lease being signed in 1888.

The ground was levelled and officially opened with a two-day match between Mother Country and Colonial Born. There was no scoreboard, and a pond existed behind the location of the current scoreboard.

Before the arrival of the Australians in 1902, which included Victor Trumper, the pine trees around the pavilion were replaced by oak trees. This is the site of the current Oaks Enclosure, one of the most popular vantage points. A then record crowd of 10,000 arrived to see the Test.

Test Date:	Thursday 22 - Monday 26 March 2018
Address:	Newlands Cricket Ground, Cape Town
Capacity:	25,000
Established:	1888
End Names:	Wynberg End Kelvin Grove End



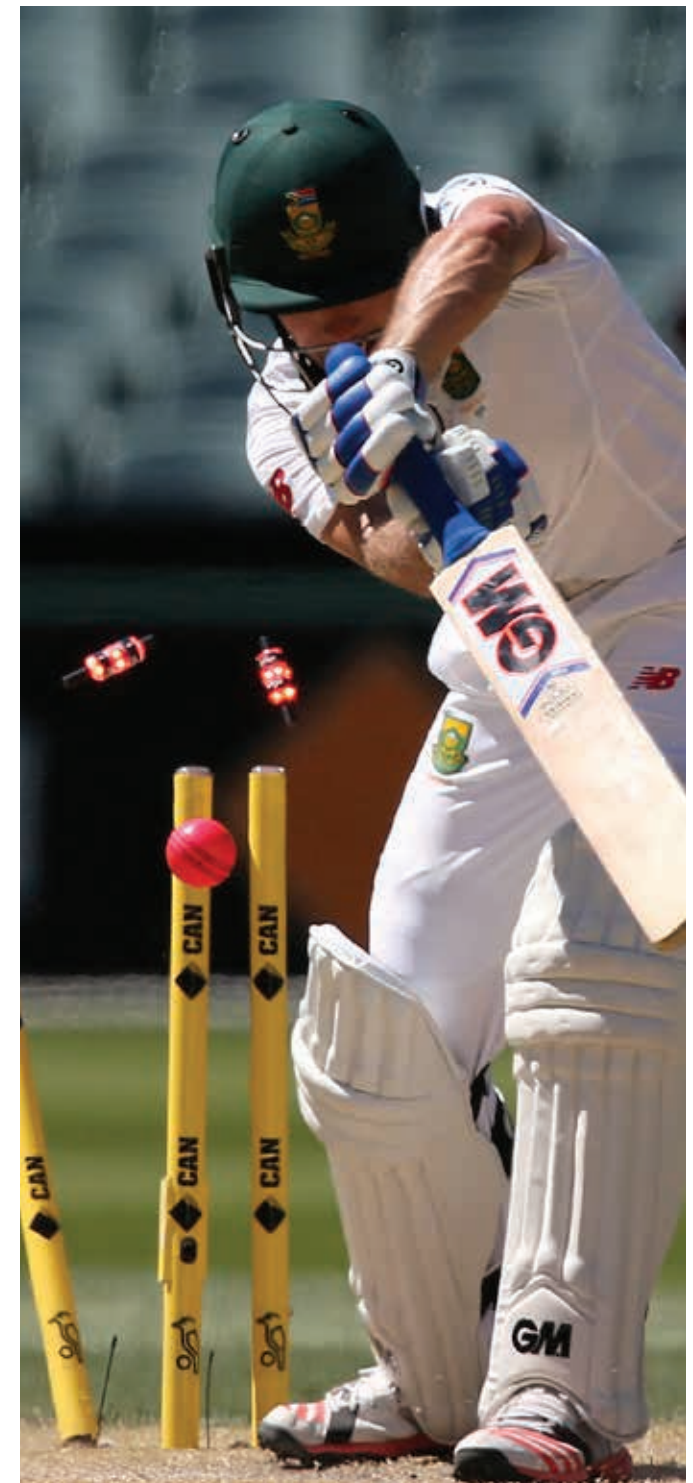
Test Four WANDERERS STADIUM

This cricket ground has staged some of the most important matches in ODI and T20 history, and has witnessed a number of outstanding world records.

This stadium hosted one of the greatest ODI matches, played between South Africa and Australian, when South Africa chased down Aussie's world record score of 434.

On 18 January 2015, the Wanderers stadium saw South Africa's AB de Villiers smash the record for fastest ODI half-century, previously held by Sri Lankan maestro Sanath Jayasuriya, when he made 50 off 16 balls against the West Indies. Incredibly, in the same match, he broke Corey Anderson's fastest ODI century record by making 100 runs off 31 deliveries. He finished on 149, caught out on the boundary in the final over, scored off 44 balls with a strike rate of 338.63.

Test Date:	Friday 30 March - Tuesday 3 April 2018
Address:	Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg
Capacity:	34,000
Established:	1956
End Names:	Corlett Drive End Golf Course End



MADIKWE GAME RESERVE

Madikwe Game Reserve is South Africa's 5th largest game reserve and also one of its best kept secrets. This hidden gem is regarded as one of the best conservation areas in Africa and offers over 75,000 hectares of pure African wilderness. The park hosts a number of luxurious lodges, each boasting amazing vistas and wildlife right at your doorstep.

Madikwe Game Reserve is situated in the malaria free North West Province, bordering Botswana. In addition to the Big Five of lion, leopard, elephant, rhino & buffalo, this highly rated reserve is renowned for its wild dog reintroduction as well as the unusual gemsbok, tsessebe and springbok. The lions in Madikwe originate from Etosha in Namibia and are renowned for hunting very large prey such as giraffe and eland.

In 1991 the area was declared a reserve and 10,000 endangered mammals were relocated from other National Parks. The park is home to approximately 66 wild mammal species and over 300 bird species. You will find a range of flora and fauna in an area comprised of vast open grassland plains, woodlands, rocky outcrops and mountains. The area is bordered in the south by the spectacular Dwarsberg Mountains.

The park is roughly 4.5 hours drive from Johannesburg with its safari lodges mostly located around the eastern and western fringes. The reserve is one-of-a-kind and is known for its involvement in the local communities complete with nearby community lodges that are owned and run by the local people, creating a healthy economic environment.

Our most recent tour to Madikwe Game Reserve was during the South Africa v Australia ODI series in 2016, where our clients enjoyed the thrill of seeing all of the Big Five species up close & personal during their morning, sunset & night game drives. Madikwe is quite simply as good as it gets - get ready for a truly incredible African safari experience!



MADIKWE RIVER LODGE

The Madikwe River Lodge is beautifully situated on the banks of the Groot Marico River in the heart of Madikwe Game Reserve, offering guests a unique place to relax and unwind.

Madikwe River Lodge offers guests luxurious and secluded split-level thatched chalets. Each chalet is decorated to ensure a rich African feel, with ensuite bathrooms, private outside showers and a full range of amenities. Each chalet has a private wooden deck overlooking the river and forest.

Activities at Madikwe River Lodge include: game walks, bush walks, game drives, bird safaris, star gazing from the Boma, swimming and more.

Daily game drives give you the opportunity to view a wide variety of wildlife species, including the *Big Five*.

Our tours use a variety of lodges within Madikwe Game Reserve. These include the Madikwe River Lodge, in addition to Buffalo Ridge Safari Lodge, Impodimo Game Lodge, Tuningi Safari Lodge and Motswiri Safari Lodge.

FACTS ABOUT MADIKWE

Park Area: ~75 000 hectares

Currency: South African Rand

Language: English widely spoken and Tswana, local language in Madikwe

Game viewing: Exceptional game viewing is available all year round as the park is a single unit conservation area

Popular attractions: Big 5 (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino & buffalo), 300+ bird species, African Wild Dogs, luxury lodges, safaris

Temps in March: Overnight cool to cold (approx 10°C), days up to 23 -30°C.

Malaria free zone: Madikwe is located outside of the malaria zone. Malaria is only a concern in South Africa if you visit Kruger or other destinations in the eastern part of the country

Nearest cities: Johannesburg, Pretoria, Rustenburg, Zeerust



Photo taken by our passenger at Madikwe in 2016





VICTORIA FALLS

Victoria Falls presents a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800s as Mosi-oa-Tunya – The Smoke that Thunders. Victoria Falls were first sighted by Dr David Livingstone some 150 years ago and this legendary waterfall is known as the greatest curtain of falling water in the world.

Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as, at the height of the rainy season, more than five hundred million cubic metres of water per minute plummet over the edge, over a width of nearly two kilometres, into a gorge over one hundred metres below.

The wide, basalt cliff over which the falls thunder, transforms the Zambezi from a placid river into a ferocious torrent cutting through a series of dramatic gorges.

Facing the falls is another sheer wall of basalt, rising to the same height, and capped by mist-soaked rain forest. A path along the edge of the forest provides the visitor prepared to brave the tremendous spray, with an unparalleled series of views of the falls.

Victoria Falls is a World Heritage listed site where 1,000s of tourists flock each year to see the falls and thrill seekers swim in the Devil's Pool. Thanks to an underwater lip, the pool is on the border of the falls on the Zambia side and accessible during the dry season from August to January.

One special vantage point is across the Knife-edge Bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the Main Falls as well as the Boiling Pot, where the river turns and heads down the Batoka Gorge. Other vantage points include the Falls Bridge, Devils Pool and the Lookout Tree, both of which command panoramic views across the Main Falls.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE LODGE

Built overlooking the mighty Zambezi river, the five star David Livingstone Safari Lodge and Spa offers sumptuous colonial-styled rooms and is a short drive away from Victoria Falls.

Each of the rooms is luxuriously decorated with four-poster beds draped in mosquito nets. All rooms have a private bathroom and the suites contain a hot tub and lounge area and you can enjoy the sunset from your own private balcony. The lodge has a spa and health club and a private river-cruise boat where you can experience spectacular sunset cruise on the Zambezi or enjoy a host of alternate activities from Elephant rides to Lion walks.



SUN CITY

One of Africa's premier vacation destinations, Sun City in South Africa is internationally recognised for its superb resort offering of hotels, attractions and world class events. From the lavish opulence of The Palace of the Lost City to the casual elegance of the Cascades, the glamour of the annual Nedbank Golf Challenge to the tropical thrills of the Valley of Waves, Sun City delivers plenty to see and do in a beautiful malaria free landscape.

Sun City was officially opened on 7 December 1979; at the time it was located in the Bantustan of Bophuthatswana. As Bophuthatswana had been declared an independent state by South Africa's apartheid government (although unrecognised as such by any other country), it could provide entertainment such as gambling and topless revue shows which were banned in South Africa.

Sun City also has two international-standard 18 hole golf courses, the Gary Player Country Club and the Lost City Golf Course, both designed by Gary Player. Tee times can be prebooked including club rental.

CASCADES HOTEL

Named for the waterfalls and calming pools that trickle throughout the property, the 5-star Cascades Hotel is an oasis of calm in the midst of the Sun City Resort, yet is in close proximity to all the activities Sun City has to offer. All rooms overlook the gardens and the white sands of the pool's beach area.

Free WiFi is available.

The Cascades restaurants include The Peninsula, a fine dining restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Bocado offers Mediterranean and vegetarian dishes, and guests can enjoy cocktails at Luma Bar.





FEATURE TOUR



Port Elizabeth



Sun City



2ND & 3RD TEST TOUR

with Merv Hughes
Vic Falls, Sun City, Madikwe
Game Reserve, Table Mountain,
Cape Peninsula & Stellenbosch

// 8 - 29 March 2018
// 22 Days

THU 8 MAR: PORT ELIZABETH

Welcome to Port Elizabeth and South Africa. This beachside city with its colonial influences evident has plenty to offer its visitors. The 5km Donkin Heritage Trail will give you a great insight into the history of this area where over 40 national monuments and historical sites are linked.

For the wildlife lovers, there is the Addo Elephant Park, the 3rd largest National Park in South Africa and home to over 550 elephants, or the Kragga Kamma Game Reserve with plenty of free roaming animals to spot.

You might be interested in a Local Township Tour or happier to relax on one of the Blue Flag status beaches. Blue Flag beaches are accredited to beaches that have met high international standards of safety, cleanliness and facilities.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Port Elizabeth or similar

FRI-9 - TUE 13 MAR: 2ND TEST, SOUTH AFRICA V AUSTRALIA AT ST GEORGES PARK, PORT ELIZABETH

This Test will be a pivotal point in the series as Australia attempt to put in a much better performance here than on their last visit in 2014. In that match the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first making 423 with centuries to AB de Villiers and JP Duminy. Only Nathan Lyon (5-130) had

any real success with the ball. In reply the Aussies could only muster 246 with David Warner top scoring on 70 and found themselves with a daunting task when South Africa declared 447 runs ahead after their 2nd innings. Reaching 0-126 in their run chase, the Aussies must have felt they had a chance of causing a huge upset win, but 10 wickets for 90 runs later and only the openers making double figures, we were bundled out losing the Test by 231 runs.

During this Test Match you will be a guest at our Test Match dinner hosted by Merv Hughes which includes dinner, drinks and a special guest speaker.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Port Elizabeth or similar

WED 14 MAR: VICTORIA FALLS + SUNSET ZAMBEZI RIVER CRUISE

This morning we take the flight to Victoria Falls via Johannesburg for the start of a fantastic week of touring.

Victoria Falls is one of the world's most famous natural wonders and a must visit destination when you're in this part of the world. After arriving at our lodgings, we will have the chance to relax on board a cruise of the Zambezi River with drinks and snacks included.

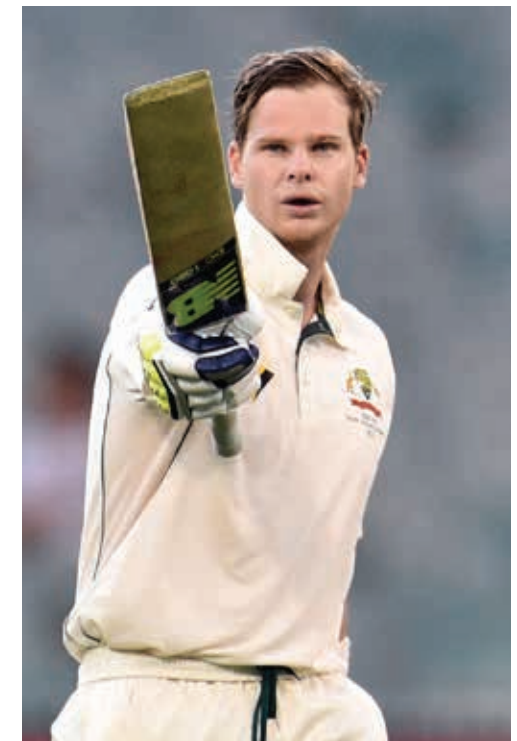
Overnight: David Livingstone Lodge or similar



Madikwe Game Reserve



Victoria Falls



THU 15 MAR: VICTORIA FALLS

Today will be an opportunity to get up close to these magnificent Falls as we take a short sightseeing Tour of the area. Victoria Falls is one of the world's great spectacles. The views of the Falls from the Zambian side are breathtaking whether seen from Knife Edge Point or from within First Gorge at the base of the falls. It attracts people who are there to witness the sheer power and beauty of the falls, or those who are after a serious adrenaline hit with the numerous extreme sports on offer.

This afternoon you can head back to our world class lodge and relax or you can participate in some of the optional activities available to purchase from the travel centre including fishing or game viewing in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park; adrenaline seekers can go abseiling, jet boating, white water rafting or bungee jumping.

Overnight: David Livingstone Lodge or similar

FRI-16 MAR: FREE DAY

Today's free day gives you a wonderful opportunity to further explore the Falls, relax poolside at the lodge or take on a new activity. Chobe National Park and Hwange National Park are close enough to experience a full day tour. Chobe in Botswana has an abundance of wildlife and is also home to the largest concentration of elephants in Africa. Hwange is the oldest National Park in Zimbabwe and home to over 100 species of mammals and 400 bird species.

This evening, a buffet dinner is included at the lodge to celebrate our

last night at Victoria Falls.

Overnight: David Livingstone Lodge or similar

SAT 17 MAR: SUN CITY

We depart Victoria Falls today and fly to Johannesburg. Upon arrival into the nation's capital, we board our coach bound for Africa's version of Las Vegas - Sun City.

It is the entertainment mecca of South Africa and although originally designed around gambling, this destination has taken on a more rounded experience for travellers of all ages. For the golf enthusiast there is the Gary Player Golf Course (home to the Nedbank Challenge) or the Lost City Golf Course and there are plenty of water activities including Waterworld and the Valley of the Waves. It also features live concerts and theatre, nightclubs, shopping, movies, restaurants and bars – there truly is something for everyone!

Overnight: Cascades Hotel or similar

SUN-18 MAR: FREE DAY

Today is a free day to explore the surroundings of this entertainment oasis or why not take in an early morning balloon ride or take the short 15km drive for a game drive at Pilanesberg National Park. The park is the 4th largest in South Africa and home to the Big 5 (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino) and various other animals/birds including wild dog, hyenas and cheetahs.

Overnight: Cascades Hotel or similar

MON-19 MAR: MADIKWE GAME RESERVE, DUSK GAME DRIVE + BUSH DINNER

This morning we do the easy coach drive from Sun City to Madikwe Game Reserve where we will have a wonderful two day game experience. Located close to the Botswana border, this is the 5th largest game reserve in South Africa and importantly is malaria-free. To make Madikwe the sanctuary it is today, more than 8000 animals were relocated here in one of the largest relocations of wildlife on earth by humans over a 7 year period.

After settling into our luxury lodgings, we will embark on our first game drive within this private game reserve on dusk. The reserve boasts the Big 5 game along with the African Wild Dog and Cheetah which now form the Super 7. We will have a great time ticking every animal off the list before settling in to a bush dinner under the stars regaling in stories from our earlier drive.

Overnight: Madikwe River Lodge or similar

TUE 20 MAR: GAME DRIVE + BOMA DINNER

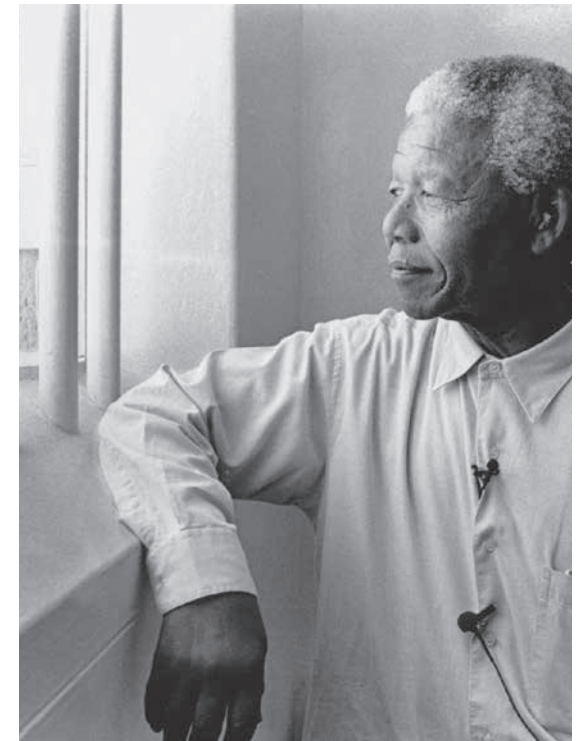
It will be an early morning start today as we try to beat the animals out of bed on our dawn game drive. The local rangers and guides will take us around in their open top Landrovers searching out all of the famous animals including giraffe, warthog, kudu, hippo, crocodile, springbok, zebra and wildebeest to name just a few.

Breaking for lunch, we head back on the trail for an afternoon game drive and finish with a traditional Bush Boma dinner with all the

FEATURE TOUR



V&A Waterfront, Cape Town



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Game Reserve, Table Mountain,
Cape Peninsula & Stellenbosch

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trimmings in what will be a tremendous way to finish our time here in Madikwe.

Overnight: Madikwe River Lodge or similar

WED 21 MAR: CAPE TOWN-

It's a travel day today as we depart Madikwe and make our way to Cape Town via Johannesburg. Cape Town is by far the most popular city in South Africa for international tourists. It is a stunning coastal city boasting beautiful suburbs including Camps Bay, Clifton, Sea Point and Green Point. For wildlife lovers you may wish to visit the Two Oceans Aquarium, the World of Birds, Monkey Jungle or the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Other sites include the Castle of Good Hope, St George's Cathedral and the District Museum.

Our accommodation in Cape Town is situated very close to the world famous V&A Waterfront which is a bustling hive of activity with numerous shops, bars and restaurants on offer and tonight will be a great chance to sample some local delicacies ahead of tomorrow's 3rd Test Match.

Overnight: Southern Sun The Cullinan or similar

THU 22 - MON 26 MAR: 3RD TEST, SOUTH AFRICA V AUSTRALIA AT NEWLANDS, CAPE TOWN-

For the next 5 days we take our seats at one of the world's

most famous and picturesque Test Venues in world cricket. Table Mountain provides one of the great backdrops and with plenty of old fashioned grassed areas for the fans to sit, there is something special about watching a Test Match at Newlands that only a few venues in the world can provide.

It is also the scene of the Test Series clinching win on our last tour in 2014. It was a tremendous all round effort from the team, but the standouts were David Warner, who had the time of his life making back-to-back centuries of 135 and 145 at a combined strike rate of 90, Michael Clarke with a dominant 161 not out in the 1st innings, then the fast bowling cartel of Mitchell Johnson, Ryan Harris and James Pattinson combining for 18 wickets doing all the damage with the ball. The end result in Graeme Smith's last Test was an Australian victory by 245 runs and a Series win!

During this Test Match you will be a guest at our Test Match Dinner hosted by Merv Hughes which includes dinner, drinks and a special guest speaker..

Overnight: Southern Sun The Cullinan or similar

TUE 27 MAR: TABLE MOUNTAIN + ROBBERN-ISLAND SIGHTSEEING

Following breakfast we take in two of Cape Town's most famous sights - Table Mountain and Robben Island. Starting at Table Mountain, we make our way via cable



Newlands Stadium

car to the summit, which overlooks this incredible city. The floor of the cable car rotates to ensure you get a 360 degree view on the way up and once on top, there are over 2km of pathways that lead to majestic views over Cape Town, Table Bay, Robben Island, Cape Flats and the Cape Peninsula and Cape Point National Park.

The next stop is Robben Island which details the life of many political prisoners but none more famous than Nelson Mandela where he spent the majority of his 27 year incarceration. Now a museum, you will be taken on a fascinating guided tour of the complex by a former political prisoner in what is probably the best demonstration of reconciliation you will see in South Africa.

Overnight: Southern Sun The Cullinan or similar

WED 28 MAR: CAPE PENINSULA + STELLENBOSCH SIGHTSEEING

We have a big day of sightseeing today, but it is well worth it and will be a wonderful way of finishing our time in Cape Town. After breakfast we start our sightseeing tour of the spectacular Cape Peninsula and Cape Point National Park checking out the beautiful Camps Bay along the way. The National Park abounds with wild flora and fauna and there great views from Africa's southernmost landmark, the Cape Point lighthouse to the meeting of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans.

On our way home we'll make a stop at the famous wine region of Stellenbosch. Home to more than 200 wine and grape producers.

Overnight: Southern Sun The Cullinan or similar

THU 29 MAR: TOUR CONCLUDES

Today we say goodbye as our wonderful time in South Africa comes to a close. If you have purchased your international flights with AST, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.



Boma Dinner

AST FEATURE TOUR 2 & 3 TEST WITH MERV



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Madikwe Game Reserve,
Table Mountain, Cape Peninsula
& Stellenbosch

// 8 March - 4th April 2018
// 28 Days

This tour will pick up the Test Series at the start of the 2nd Test Match at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth. We will then take in the 3rd Test Match at the wonderful Newlands Cricket Ground in Cape Town, before finishing at the cauldron of the Wanderers in Johannesburg.

The 8 nights in between the 2nd and 3rd Test Matches will see the group head off to Victoria Falls, Sun City and Madikwe Game Reserve before we head down to Cape Town for a tour of the Cape Peninsula, Robben Island and visit to the top of Table Mountain.

THU 8 - WED 28 MAR: PLEASE REFER TO FEATURE TOUR ITINERARY

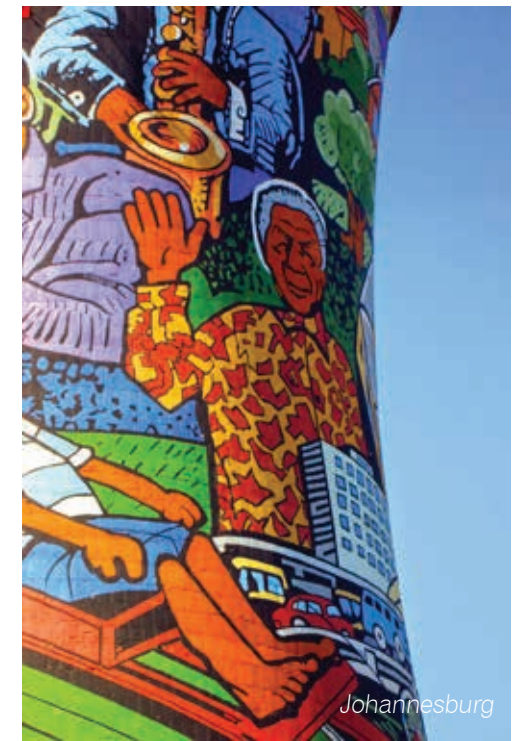
Our feature tour of South Africa will see tour members take in the 2nd and 3rd Test Matches in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town along with some fantastic sightseeing in Victoria Falls, Sun City and Madikwe Game Reserve.

Former Aussie fast bowler and cricketing legend Merv Hughes will host the tour and it will be led by one of our experienced Reps making this tour one to sit back on and enjoy it all unfold.

We take in the 2nd Test Match of this Series at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth before heading to the most picturesque cricket ground in the world - Newlands in Cape Town.

In between these two Test Matches, we make the trip to Zambia to witness the power of the Victoria Falls, before unwinding at the magnificent Sun City - home to world class golf courses and entertainment centres, then finish up getting up close with Africa's wildlife on guided game drives during our stay in the luxurious Madikwe Game Reserve.

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3RD & 4TH TEST TOUR

with Merv Hughes
Table Mountain, Cape
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// 21 Mar - 4th April 2018
// 14 Days

WED 21 MAR: CAPE TOWN-

Welcome to Cape Town and South Africa. Cape Town is by far the most popular cities in South Africa for international tourists. It is a stunning coastal city boasting beautiful suburbs including Camps Bay, Clifton, Sea Point and Green Point. For wildlife lovers you may wish to visit the Two Oceans Aquarium, the World of Birds, Monkey Jungle or the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Other sites include the Castle of Good Hope, St George's Cathedral and the District Museum.

Our accommodation in Cape Town is situated very close to the world famous V&A Waterfront which is a bustling hive of activity with numerous shops, bars and restaurants on offer and tonight will be a great chance to sample some local delicacies ahead of tomorrow's 3rd Test Match.

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It is also the scene of the Test Series clinching win on our last tour in 2014. It was a tremendous all round effort from the team, but the standouts were David Warner, who had the time of his life making back-to-back centuries of 135 and 145 at a combined strike rate of 90, Michael Clarke with a dominant 161 not out in the 1st innings, then the fast bowling cartel of Mitchell Johnson, Ryan Harris and James Pattinson combining for 18 wickets doing all the damage with the ball. The end result in Graeme Smith's last Test was an Australian victory by 245 runs and a Series win!

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Victoria Falls



Guest speaker Keppeler Wessels



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Vic Falls, Sun City, Madikwe
Game Reserve, Table Mountain,
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// 14 Mar - 4th April 2018
// 23 Days

WED 14 MAR: VICTORIA FALLS

Welcome to Victoria Falls and Zambia. If you have booked your international flights with AST, you will be met and transferred to our hotel. Victoria Falls is one of the world's most famous natural wonders and a must visit destination. This afternoon, we will relax on board a cruise of the Zambezi River with drinks and snacks included.

Overnight: David Livingstone Safari Lodge or similar

THU 15 MAR: VICTORIA FALLS SIGHTSEEING

This morning we will tour these magnificent falls - one of the world's great spectacles. This afternoon is yours to relax at the lodge or partake in some optional activities.

Overnight: David Livingstone Safari Lodge or similar

FRI-16 MAR: VICTORIA FALLS FREE DAY

Today's free day gives you an opportunity to reexplore the falls, relax poolside or take on a new activity. Chobe National Park and Hwange National Park are close enough to experience a full day tour. This evening, a buffet dinner is included to celebrate our last night at Victoria Falls.

Overnight: David Livingstone Safari Lodge or similar

SAT 17 MAR: SUN CITY

Today we fly to Johannesburg where upon arrival board

our coach bound for Africa's version of Las Vegas - Sun City. It is the entertainment mecca of South Africa.

Overnight: Cascades Hotel Sun City or similar

SUN-18 MAR: SUN-CITY FREE DAY

Today is a free day to explore - why not take in an early morning balloon ride over the area or a game drive at Pilanesberg National Park.

Overnight: Cascades Hotel Sun City or similar

MON-19 MAR: MADIKWE GAME RESERVE / DUSK GAME DRIVE AND BUSH DINNER

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Overnight: Madikwe River Lodge or similar

TUE 20 MAR: GAME DRIVES AND BOMA DINNER

Today will be an early morning start as we try to beat the animals out of bed with our dawn game drive. The local rangers and guides will take us around in their open top Landrovers searching out all of the famous animals



Photo taken by our passenger at Madikwe in 2016



including giraffe, warthog, kudu, hippo, crocodile, springbok, zebra and wildebeest to name just a few.

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 // 36 Days

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WED 28 FEB: DURBAN

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If not listed Business & Premium classes are on a request basis. Please contact our office for more information.

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If you are travelling on a flight that requires an extra night in Johannesburg (staying at the Permont Mondier Hotel), the airport transfer will be an airport shuttle operated by the hotel which runs every 20 mins. The hotel is 6 mins from the airport and is a free shuttle service. Extra nights accommodation are not included in your airfare.

These airport transfers will only apply when travelling on the group dates as per these group options. If you require transfers outside of these dates, please email our office at info@astsports.com.au for a price quote.

QANTAS FLIGHTS

Our group flights have been sourced through Qantas who do not operate flights between Australia & South Africa on Wednesdays. Passengers who take advantage of our group flight option may be required to purchase an extra night's accommodation either at the beginning or the end of some of our tours. These extra nights will be listed in the flight options and can be purchased during the booking process.

STOPOVERS & ACCOMMODATION

Qantas fly daily to South Africa except on a Wednesday. As some of the tours begin or end on a Wednesday, we have booked the appropriate flights around this date (i.e. Tuesday), and we have the option to purchase extra nights accommodation in either Johannesburg, Durban or Port Elizabeth.

The prices are as follows:

Johannesburg - Permont Mondier Hotel - \$290 per room per night

Durban - Hilton Durban - \$280 per room per night

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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The highly endangered wild dogs flourish at Madwike



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Accommodations listed in brochure subject to change. See website for updates.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION DETAILS

The tour is exclusive of international flights to South Africa, however AST are a fully registered travel agent and we have group flights available with Qantas as well as the ability to tailor your own flight schedule to fit in with your own travel plans.

If you do require flights, please contact our office on 1800 026 668 and we can obtain a quote for you.

If you book your international flights independently, we ask you to advise your flight details to our office. Please email your flight details to info@astsports.com.au

VISA INFORMATION

AUSTRALIAN PASSPORT HOLDERS

A visa is required for arrival into Zambia (Victoria Falls), along with any entrances to Zimbabwe on optional activities. The visa will be obtained on arrival at both Zambia & Zimbabwe and the cost for single entry visa is currently USD50.

No visa is required for South Africa.

NEW ZEALAND PASSPORT HOLDERS

A visa is required for arrival into Zambia (Victoria Falls), along with any entrances to Zimbabwe on optional activities. The visa will be obtained on arrival at both Zambia & Zimbabwe and the cost for single entry visa is currently USD50.

A visa is required to enter South Africa. The visa needs to be applied for prior to travel and can be obtained either at the South African High Commission in

Wellington (NZ) https://www.sahc.org.au/consular_new-zealand.htm or **Canberra (AUS)** <http://www.sahc.org.au/>.

The visa is ZAR425 and requires supporting documents such as a valid passport, application form, return flight e-ticket and an itinerary. If this applies to you, please contact one of our sales staff who will be happy to provide more information.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

There are a wide variety of amazing and unique optional activities on offer for this tour including Helicopter Flight of Victoria Falls, Lion Walks, Elephant Back Safari, White Water Rafting, Shark Diving and the list goes on. These will be available to purchase in August 2017 with more information coming soon.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All payments are non-refundable. The following deposit and payment schedule apply:

ANY TOURS WHERE YOU ATTEND 3 OR 4 TEST MATCHES

Initial deposit at the time of booking: \$1,000 per person

7 June 2017: A 2nd deposit of \$4,000 per person

7 August 2017: A 3rd deposit of \$4,000 per person

7 November 2017: The final remaining balance of total tour cost

3RD & 4TH TEST TOUR

Initial deposit at the time of booking: \$1,000 per person

7 June 2017: A 2nd deposit of \$2,000 per person

7 August 2017: A 3rd deposit of \$2,000 per person

7 November 2017: The final remaining balance of total tour cost

ALL OTHER TOURS

Initial deposit at the time of booking: \$1,000 per person

7 June 2017: A 2nd deposit of \$3,000 per person

7 August 2017: A 3rd deposit of \$3,000 per person

7 November 2017: The final remaining balance of total tour cost

If a booking is taken after the 7 November 2017, full payment is required at the time of booking.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is not included in our travel packages or tours, however it is highly recommended as all payments made are non-refundable. To make the most of your travel insurance, you should consider buying your policy when you pay your first deposit as cancellation coverage starts as soon as you have your policy number.

We have a long standing relationship with SureSave Insurance and will be able to organise this for you. We will also be offering all tour members a 25% discount on all policies.

Please contact our office and one of our staff members will be happy to assist you with a quote. It is important to note you will need to make SureSave aware of any pre-existing medical conditions you may have.

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Useful Information

Testimonials

Hannah was excellent, giving prompt accurate feedback to emails. I booked pretty late and everything was seamless.

Matt repeatedly in my opinion went above and beyond in providing us an exceptional experience. From organising transport to non-AST events to finding replacement tickets for passengers who had lost theirs. Can't praise him highly enough.

- Hal, 2014 South Africa Tour

Matty and Merv were great as usual. Matty never let any minor problems worry him and Merv was insightful on all cricket matters

- Wayne, 2014 South Africa Tour

Wonderful tour in South Africa - excellent organisation/planning of the smallest details. Matt deserves a medal

- Chris, 2014 South Africa Tour

Hannah was extremely helpful with all my questions and booking issues. Matt was fantastic during the whole trip. He was a great fun and very knowledgeable.

Matt organised additional tours that we could do during our downtime. The range of tours was fantastic.

- Vicki & Ron, 2014 South Africa Tour

I believe this tour to be a highly valued experience, culturally, historically and sporting wise.

Hannah provided valuable advice/assistance on a number of occasions. Her communication/responses were very efficient. This was extremely helpful being a first time traveller

- Ross, 2014 South Africa Tour

South Africa (in particular a test match at Newlands) has been on my bucket list for 25 years... the experience far exceeded my expectations. The bucket overflowed!

An investment in life.

- Don, 2014 South Africa Tour

Matt went out of his way to be helpful, consider what the tour group wanted, and delivered every time. Made all the arrangements no fuss, delivered every time and made it very easy and enjoyable for us. And always with a calm, good humour dealing with all the personalities.

Merv was also great - available to all, respectful, leading the tour group well and assisting in directing the group when travelling. Friendly, helpful, honest with his opinions and very informative in briefings

- Felicity, 2014 South Africa Tour





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