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Kirsterbosch Botanical Garden



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with Genevieve Jacobs
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TOUR LEADER

Genevieve Jacobs

Genevieve Jacobs' heart is in the country: she was raised on the South West Slopes and lives there on the family farm with a large, rambling old homestead garden. Genevieve has been a prize winning journalist on local and regional newspapers across the South West Slopes, and has freelanced for national gardening and fine arts magazines, principally covering history and design. Genevieve was a co-ordinator for Australia's Open Garden Scheme for seven years and has also lectured widely on artists and their gardens, exploring the links between a strong visual aesthetic and surrounding landscape. Since 2006, she has worked for 666 ABC Canberra. The arts, gardens and the environment, history and politics, are among Genevieve's interests and she loves hearing people's stories and taking them on a journey.

Flanked by the Atlantic Ocean on the west and the Indian Ocean on the east, South Africa is rich in indigenous flora, exceptional gardens, stunning natural landscapes, amazing wildlife and vibrant, diverse cultures.

Begin in Johannesburg, the heart of the country, and journey south to the coastal city of Durban with its African, Indian and Colonial influences. Explore the university town of Stellenbosch with its stunning architecture and discover one of the world's most remarkable coastal stretches: South Africa's Garden Route. Finish in Cape Town, shadowed by iconic Table Mountain and renowned for its Cape Winelands.

Indulge in a short stay at the private game reserve of Sabi Sands, host to the 'Big 5' (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhinoceros) and enjoy visits to the famous Brenthurst and Stellenberg gardens, as well as the botanical gardens of Durban and Kirstenbosch.

At a glance...

- Enjoy leisurely stays in the culturally diverse cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town
- Encounter the 'Big 5' at the private Sabi Sands Game Reserve (including 4 game viewing drives)
- Discover charming villages and exceptional wine estates
- Visit Botanical gardens, private gardens and nature reserves
- Journey through the Western Cape with its spectacular hinterlands and mountainous coastline
- Optional extension - Rovos Rail train journey Cape Town to Pretoria



Itinerary

Sat 01 October 2016

Australia – Johannesburg

Suggested departure from Australia on QANTAS / South African Airways flights to Johannesburg. Late afternoon arrival and transfer to your hotel for check-in.

This evening, join Genevieve and fellow travellers for a welcome briefing and dinner. **D**

Sun 02 Oct

Johannesburg

Begin your exploration from the cosmopolitan heart of Johannesburg, Sandton CBD. Drive through the suburbs of Sandhurst, Hyde Park and onto Houghton, home of the past President Nelson Mandela. Enter the bustling lively suburb of Hillbrow, followed by Constitution Hill, and across the Nelson Mandela Bridge to Newtown. Walk around the old Mining House District, home to most of the world's largest mining companies such as Anglo American and BHP Billiton. Continue past Ghandi Square to the Carlton Centre, Africa's tallest building and enjoy panoramic views of downtown Johannesburg from the 50th floor.

Following lunch, visit the Apartheid Museum and the iconic suburb of Soweto. Stop at the Kliptown Memorial, site of the famous Freedom Charter gathering on which South Africa's constitution is based, and drive past the present home of Nobel prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Stop at Nelson Mandela's first home, now the Mandela Family Museum. **B L**

Mon 03 Oct

Johannesburg

After breakfast visit Brenthurst Gardens Parktown, one of South Africa's most magnificent gardens. The private park is attached to Brenthurst Estate which has been owned by the Oppenheimer family since 1904.

The 48 acre park of woodland, formal and informal gardens has evolved over time with the help of a succession of remarkable gardeners. Since 2001 Strilli Oppenheimer has implemented numerous organic, ecologically friendly garden practices, gradually adapting the planting to its Highveld setting, introducing indigenous grass and endemic plants.



Louis Le Sueur's 'Man and Woman' sculptures at Brenthurst Gardens

Following lunch continue to St Christopher garden, an estate that seamlessly integrates Italian garden design with contemporary English border planting. Spend time wandering through the many factors of this garden including highlights such as the classical pergola and formal parterre, as well as an oval reflection pond and Azalea Bowl. **B L**

Tue 04 Oct

Johannesburg

This morning, journey 50km northwest of Johannesburg to the Cradle of Humankind, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The site's name reflects the large number of, as well as some of the oldest hominin fossils ever found, some dating back as far as 3.5 million years. It contains a complex of limestone caves, including the Sterkfontein Caves, where the 2.3 million year-old fossil, *Australopithecus africanus* (nicknamed Mrs. Ples), was found in 1947 by Dr. Robert Broom and John T. Robinson.

After lunch visit the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden founded in 1982 and named after the anti-apartheid activist. Set against the backdrop of the magnificent Witpoortjie waterfall, the garden covers almost 750 acres and consists of both landscaped and natural veld areas. **B L**

Wed 05 Oct

Johannesburg – Kruger

Transfer to Johannesburg Airport for a morning flight to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport. (NB: economy class checked baggage allowance of 1 bag up to 20kg applies).

On arrival, transfer to Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve, the oldest and most successful private reserve in South Africa. The reserve is located adjacent to the Kruger National Park's unfenced southwestern boundary.

Spend the afternoon settling into your accommodation. Kirkman's Kamp, consisting of 18 cottages is a well-known historic camp originally built in the early 1920s, and celebrates the atmosphere of an early South African lowveld homestead, with a colonial style and gracious ambience. Enjoy spectacular views of the unspoiled wilderness and the Sand River. Breakfast and lunch are served on



St Christopher Garden



Game drive at Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve



Elephant Herd at Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve © David Berkowitz/Flickr



Sabi Sands Kirkman's Kamp © Jeremy T Hetzel/Flickr



Lantern-lit bush dining at Sabi Sands Kirkman's Kamp

shady verandahs, and dinners are shared in the dramatic boma (enclosure) or in lantern-lit bush settings.

Late afternoon embark on the first of four game drives, followed by dinner at the lodge. **B L D**

Thu 06 Oct Kruger

Today, enjoy early morning and late afternoon game drives.

B L D

Game drives

Game drives are conducted in open safari vehicles, seating between 6 and 12 passengers. They are under the expert guidance of experienced rangers and insightful trackers and include off-road driving, night drives and guided nature walks, all of which greatly enhance the game viewing experience.

Fri 07 Oct Kruger – Durban

Following an early morning game drive and breakfast, transfer to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport for an afternoon flight to the coastal city of Durban, one of Africa's busiest ports.

On arrival transfer to the hotel. **B D**

Sat 08 Oct Durban

Begin with a city tour of Durban, one of the most culturally diverse cities in Africa. See how the city has been shaped by the indigenous Zulu population and the Indian workers who arrived as indentured labourers in the 19th century.

The city centre overlooks a long golden beach that curves round to one of the largest harbours on earth. Drive along the 'Golden Mile' to the Victoria Embankment, passing Vasco Da Gama clock, Dick King statue and the Royal Natal Yacht Club. Continue past the sugar terminal, the University of Natal and the elegant mansions in the residential areas of Berea and Morningside.

Visit the Durban Botanical Gardens, world-renowned for their indigenous and exotic plant collections. It began as a site for growing experimental tropical crops, and today offers a herbarium, an orchid house, and an award-winning Sensory Garden.

Following lunch, visit the Umgeni Bird Park and the vibrant Indian and Victoria Street Market with its blend of all things Indian and African.

B L

Sun 09 Oct Durban – George

Following breakfast, transfer to Durban Airport for a morning flight to George Airport.

On arrival in George, transfer to the Garden Route Botanical Garden which plays an important role in both conservation and raising awareness about the critical Cape floral kingdom of the Garden Route, one of the richest (and yet one of the smallest and most threatened) floral kingdoms on Earth.

After lunch, transfer to the hotel for check in.

Remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. **B L D**

Mon 10 Oct George

Today, visit Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary, the world's first free roaming multi-species sanctuary. Enjoy a ranger guided walking safari into the forest and across the 128 metre canopy walk, which rises above the forest canopy, for a bird's eye view.

Visit the Birds of Eden's free-flight aviary (The world's largest), covering 5 acres of indigenous forest spanning over a gorge.

Following lunch journey east to the picturesque Knysna Lagoon with its entrance to the Indian Ocean guarded by two grand sandstone cliffs, known as Knysna Heads. **B L**

Tue 11 Oct George – Franschhoek

Depart George early and enjoy a scenic drive west to Franschhoek, travelling a section of the famous route 62 (420km, approx. 7-8 hours including stops).

Prior to arriving in Franschhoek visit the Karoo Desert National Botanical Garden, a truly unique garden cultivating a wide variety of desert and semi-desert plants and the only true succulent garden in the southern hemisphere. **B L D**

Wed 12 Oct Franschhoek

Enjoy a full day exploration of the Cape Winelands. Begin with a tour of Franschhoek renowned for its spectacular beauty, superb Cape wines and world class restaurants. Founded in 1688 by French Huguenots, this charming village nestles in a rich and fertile valley between towering mountains.

Continue to Paarl, the third-oldest town in South Africa. View the Afrikaans Language Monument erected in 1975 to commemorate the semi centenary of Afrikaans as an official language, separate from Dutch. The monument overlooks the farmlands of Stellenbosch and Paarl.

Travel through the Stellenbosch area to Simonsig Estate, for wine tasting and a cellar tour followed by lunch at the Delaire Graff Estate.

In the afternoon visit the historic university city of Stellenbosch. South Africa's second oldest settlement after Cape Town, Stellenbosch is synonymous with the oldest wine route in the country with over 100 cellars. **B L**



The Garden Route Botanical Garden

Thu 13 Oct Franschhoek – Cape Town

Depart Franschhoek for a leisurely days' drive to Cape Town, stopping at historic Vergelegen Estate, granted to the Governor of the Cape in 1700. Willem Adriaan Van der Stel, a man of divergent interests, transformed the uncultivated land into a veritable paradise. He planted vines, camphor trees and oaks, laid out fruit orchards and orange groves, and introduced cattle and sheep. Amongst the horticultural treasures are five magnificent Chinese camphor trees planted between 1700 and 1706. They are the oldest living, officially documented trees on the subcontinent and were declared a National Monument in 1942.

Late afternoon arrival into Cape Town. **B L D**

Fri 14 Oct Cape Town

This morning begin with a visit to The Cellars-Hohenort, located on nine acres of beautifully maintained land in the Constantia Valley of Cape Town. The garden at The Cellars-Hohenort is acknowledged as one of the finest hotel gardens internationally, and has been voted by *Garden Design*, American magazine, as one of the top 30 hotel gardens in the world.

Following lunch, enjoy a city tour of Cape Town, including a visit to the Company's Garden. Situated on the site of Jan van Riebeeck's vegetable garden, it was created in 1652 to provide produce for the settlers and ships bound for the East and is now a delightful botanical garden. Visit the Castle of Good Hope, which now houses a collection of museums with exhibits relating to the Dutch East India Company.

Continue to the magnificent Table Mountain (weather permitting) and ascend to the summit by revolving cable car for magnificent 360° views of Cape Town. **B L**

Sat 15 Oct Cape Town

Enjoy a day at leisure. **B**



Sun 16 Oct Cape Town

Begin the morning with a visit to the glorious Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. Nestled at the foot of Table Mountain, it is renowned for the beauty and diversity of the Cape flora it displays, and for the magnificence of its setting. Covering 1300 acres, Kirstenbosch grows only indigenous South African plants and supports a diverse fynbos flora and natural forest. The cultivated garden (85 acres) displays collections of South African plants, particularly those from the winter rainfall region of the country.

After lunch, drive through the Cape Peninsula Park to the spectacular Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. The Nature Reserve is a floral treasure, with over one thousand different species of Cape Fynbos (Afrikaans for fine bush). The Cape Fynbos kingdom has earned international recognition as one of the world's six Floral Kingdoms, albeit definitely the smallest. Cape Point is perceived to be the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

Return to Cape Town via FishHoek, Muizenberg and the southern suburbs of Cape Town.

Tonight celebrate the conclusion of the tour with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **B L D**

Mon 17 Oct Depart Cape Town

Tour arrangements conclude with a transfer to Cape Town International Airport. Arrive by 12.30, in time for an afternoon South African Airways flight to Johannesburg, connecting with QANTAS / SA flights to Australia. **B**

Tue 18 Oct Arrive Australia

Afternoon arrival in Australia.





Gardens at The Cellars-Hohenort



Cape Point courtesy Cape Town Tourism



V&A Waterfront courtesy Cape Town Tourism



Waterfall at Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden © Chris Eason/Flickr



Maropeng visitor centre Cradle of Humankind © flowcomm/Flickr



Karoo Prinia (Spotted Prinia) at Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden © Derek Keats/Flickr

Tour prices

Per person, twin-share	AUD 10,500
Single supplement*	AUD 2,500
Deposit per person	AUD 500
Final payment due	01 AUG 2016

*Single travellers may request to share. Please advise at time of booking.

Tour code GD1603

Fitness level Moderate

Please see booking conditions for fitness level definitions.

Suggested airline

Qantas/South African Airways

Please contact Renaissance Tours for current airfares and flight reservations.

Visa

Australian Passport holders do not require a visa for South Africa.

Tour price includes

- Accommodation in centrally located hotels with private facilities and daily breakfast (B)
- Meals as per itinerary (L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Wines with meals.
- Transfers on arrival and departure (if travelling on suggested group flights)
- Transportation throughout in comfortable air-conditioned coaches
- Domestic flights: Johannesburg – Kruger, Kruger – Durban, Durban – George (note: 20kg checked luggage allowance)
- Comprehensive sightseeing, including local guides and entrance fees as per itinerary
- 4 Game view drives
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Hotel portorage (one piece per person)

Tour price does not include

- Transfer on arrival and departure (if not travelling on suggested group flights)
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. telephone, laundry, mini-bar, taxis etc.)
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Airport portorage

Your hotels

Johannesburg – Maslow Hotel★★★★
 Kruger – Sabi Sand Game Reserve Kirkman's Kamp★★★★
 Durban – Zimbali Resort★★★★★
 George – Views Boutique Hotel★★★★
 Franschhoek – Le Franschhoek★★★★
 Cape Town – The Cape Milner Hotel★★★★

NB. Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted

OPTIONAL EXTENSION



© Rovos Rail

Luxury 5 star Rovos Rail

CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA EXTENSION (UNESCORTED)

This 1,600 km kilometre journey meanders from Cape Town to Pretoria, through the scenic Winelands, spectacular mountains, the Great Karoo and the grasslands of the gold-rich Highveld. Stop to visit the authentic perfectly preserved village of Matjiesfontein, and the Kimberley 'Big Hole' diamond mine.

View the diverse landscapes from the large windows and open balconies of the charming Observation Car, and dine on fresh, local cuisine in an elegant pre-1940 Dining Car.

Itinerary

Mon 17 October 2016 Cape Town to Matjiesfontein

- 11h00** Depart from Cape Town Station and travel inland through the Winelands.
- 13h00** Enjoy lunch is served in the dining cars.
- 16h30** Afternoon tea in the lounge or observation cars.
- 18h00** Visit the historical village of Matjiesfontein.
- 19h30** Dinner (formal) is served in the dining cars.

L D

Tue 18 Oct Matjiesfontein to Kimberley

- 07h00** Breakfast is served until 10h00.
- 13h00** Lunch is served in the dining cars.
- 14h30** Arrival in Kimberley, tour of the city, Diamond Mine Museum and the extraordinary Big Hole.
- 16h30** Afternoon tea as the train departs Kimberley.
- 19h30** Dinner (formal) is served in the dining cars.

B L D

Wed 19 Oct Kimberley to Pretoria

- 07h00** Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10h00 as the train travels via Krugersdorp and Johannesburg, through the goldfields of the Witwatersrand towards Pretoria.
- 12h00** Disembark at Rovos Rail Station in Capital Park, Pretoria.

B L



Tour prices

Per person, twin-share Deluxe	approx. AUD 2,720
Single supplement* Deuxe	approx. AUD 1,360
Deposit per person	AUD 750
Final payment due	01 AUG 2016

*Single travellers may request to share. Please advise at time of booking.
+Approximate prices based on 2015/16 rates. Confirmed prices for 2016/17 to be announced.
#Prices for Pullman and Royal suites on application.

Tour code GD1603A

Fitness level Moderate

Please see booking conditions for fitness level definitions.

Tour price includes

Deluxe suite accommodation, meals as per itinerary, all alcoholic and other beverages, 24-hour full room service and limited laundry while on board the train, as well as excursions accompanied by a qualified tour guide and government tax.

Tour price does not include

Transfers, staff gratuities, French champagne, off-train beverages and telephone calls.

Dress: For days on the train dress is smart casual. Evening attire is more formal – for gentlemen, a jacket and tie is a minimum requirement while for ladies, we suggest cocktail/evening dresses or suits.

Deluxe Suite (10 sqm) facilities: facilities: mini-bar facilities, air-conditioning, bathrooms with shower, safe, luggage shelf and cupboards.



Terms & Conditions

HOW TO BOOK

Complete, sign and return the Booking Form available from Renaissance Tours with your deposit and page one of your passport.

DEPOSIT / FINAL PAYMENTS

Your deposit is due at the time of booking and is used to pay hotel, airline, performance tickets and/or other deposits. It is non-refundable in the event of your cancellation.

Final payment is due 60 days before departure. Failure to make the final payment by the due date may result in cancellation of your booking and loss of deposit.

Payment by cash, cheque, direct deposit, American Express, MasterCard and Visa is accepted. 1.5% service charge applies to payment made by MasterCard and Visa. 3% service charge applies to payment made by American Express.

Payments for some international airfares can be made by credit card without a service fee. Please check for details.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

a) Cancellation by You – Cancellation charges will be applied as shown below, calculated from the day written notification is received by Renaissance Tours. In addition to cancellation fees for tours operated by Renaissance Tours as shown below, airlines, hotels and other third parties may impose up to 100% cancellation charges.

60 days or more	Forfeit of deposit
59 – 45 days	25% of tour cost
44 – 31 days	50% of tour cost
30 – 15 days	75% of tour cost
Less than 15 days	100% of tour cost

The above cancellation charges include applicable GST.

In addition to the above, cancellation charges may apply for additional arrangements booked by Renaissance Tours, such as air tickets, hotels and travel insurance premium. If the reason for cancellation is covered by the insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

b) Cancellation by Us – We reserve the right to cancel a tour for any reason (such as failure to reach minimum tour participant numbers). Except for

force majeure, we will not cancel a tour less than 60 days before departure. No further compensation will be paid in the event of cancellation by Renaissance Tours. A full refund of monies paid for tour costs will be the full extent of our liability.

Cancellation and/or amendment fees may apply for additional travel arrangements booked by Renaissance Tours.

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND VACCINATIONS

All travellers must be in a possession of a valid passport – most countries require a 6-month validity from your date of entry or exit. For some countries (e.g. China, Vietnam, India, Russia), visas are included in the tour cost and will be arranged by Renaissance Tours prior to travel. For other countries, it is your responsibility to ensure you have the appropriate visa(s).

You are also responsible for obtaining all necessary inoculations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the tour.

TOUR PRICES

Prices quoted in our tour information are based on exchange rates, cost of services and applicable taxes at the time of publication. Prices may be subject to change in the event of significant currency fluctuations or the introduction of new taxes, up until final payment is received.

In the event of a price increase, whether because of a currency fluctuation, increase in taxes or a correction in advertised prices, we will advise you and you have the option of accepting the amended prices, inclusions and booking conditions or withdrawing from the tour and receiving a full refund of all monies paid.

Once final payment is received, all prices will be guaranteed and no surcharges will apply.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of travel that you are covered by comprehensive travel insurance for international tours. Your travel insurance can be arranged by Renaissance Tours.

FITNESS AND PARTICIPATION

Most of our tours require a MODERATE level of fitness.

However, in certain destinations (e.g. Silk Road, Central Asia, Outback Australia, tropical destinations) or in certain seasons (e.g. mid-winter, mid-summer) or because of the nature of travel (e.g. remote rail), certain tours will require an ABOVE AVERAGE or CHALLENGING level of fitness.

If you (or we) have any doubts about your level of fitness, you may be required to have a doctor's appraisal. This would require your doctor to read the itinerary of your chosen tour, including the fitness level, and provide you (and us) with a written confirmation of your ability to participate.

MODERATE

For the overall benefit of the group, all tour members must possess a moderate level of mobility, including the ability to:

- negotiate airports and railway stations without wheelchair assistance
- use combined shower/bath facilities (it is impossible to guarantee walk-in shower facilities)
- undertake walking tour of 1–2 hours duration, including using stairs, walking over cobblestones and other uneven surfaces
- stand for long periods in museums and other sites
- embark / disembark coaches, trains and other methods of transportation without assistance
- handle your own luggage

ABOVE AVERAGE

In addition to the above, tour members must also be able to:

- undertake walking tours of 2–3 hours
- climb staircases of 100 or more steps

CHALLENGING

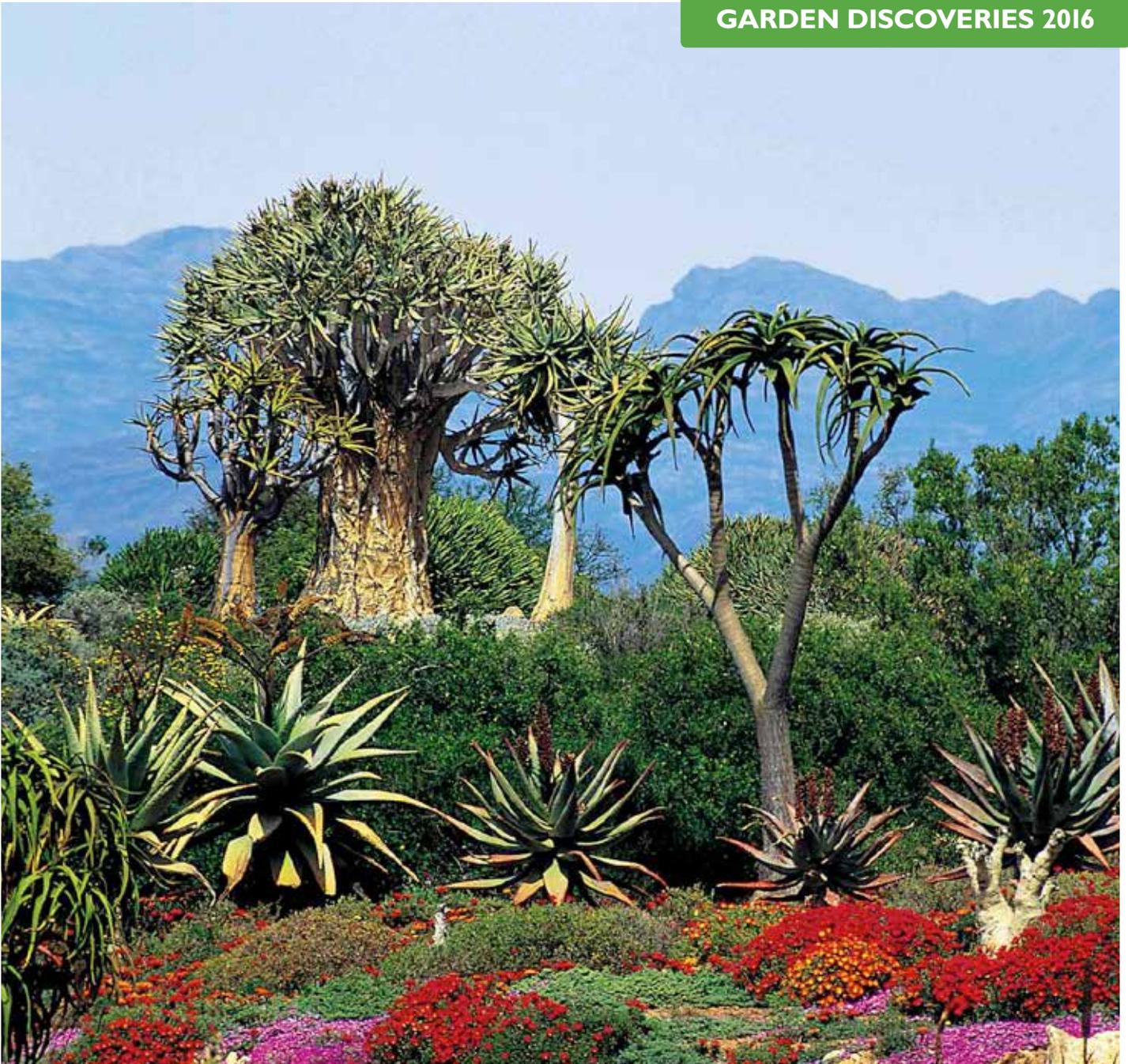
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- handle extremes of temperature (e.g. below 0 or above 35 degrees)
- handle extremes of altitudes (e.g. 4000 metres and above).

You can find the full terms & conditions at www.renaissance-tours.com.au/booking-conditions or we would be happy to post you a copy on request.



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Karoo Desert National Botanical Garden © South African Tourism



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- Please complete, sign and return this Booking Form, along with a copy of page one of your passport (international tours only and deposit).
NOTE: Flight bookings cannot proceed without passport copy. This is an airline security requirement.
- Complete credit card authority (if paying by credit card) OR forward a (deposit) cheque (made payable to Renaissance Tours).
- Upon receipt of your Booking Form and deposit, you will receive confirmation of your place on the tour(s) from Renaissance Tours.

I/WE WISH TO BOOK FOR (PLEASE TICK)

GD1603 – GARDENS OF SOUTH AFRICA (01–17 OCT 2016)

GD1603A – OPTIONAL EXTENSION: ROVOS RAIL CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA (17–19 OCT 2016)

Personal details – Passenger 1

Title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr or Other) Hon

Family name (as in passport)

Given names (as in passport)

Preferred name DOB / /

Email

Mobile

Phone

Address

State Postcode

Country

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS / ALLERGIES Yes No

MEDICAL DECLARATION

What medical conditions do you currently have and/or have you received treatment for in the past three years? (e.g. stroke, heart, respiratory and psychiatric conditions). **Attach extra pages, if necessary.**

The purpose of seeking this information is to assist Renaissance Tours in determining the suitability of a tour participant for a particular tour. The information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE DECLARATION (Please tick)

I have read, understood and confirm that I meet the:

MODERATE ABOVE AVERAGE CHALLENGING

fitness level to participate on this tour.

Personal details – Passenger 2

Title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr or Other) Hon

Family name (as in passport)

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Travel details – Passenger 1

AIRFARE – WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A QUOTE FROM US?

Yes No

Economy Premium Economy Business Class First Class

CITY OF DEPARTURE

Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Perth Other

FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER

AIRLINE SEAT PREFERENCE

ACCOMMODATION

Double Twin Single If single, would you like us to arrange twin-share?

TRAVEL INSURANCE – WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A BROCHURE?

Yes No

PRE/POST TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

Please advise if you would like Renaissance Tours to organise any pre/post tour arrangements (e.g. earlier departure, later return, additional accommodation/flights, etc)

NEXT OF KIN (Emergency contact only)

Name

Relationship

Daytime contact ()

After hours contact

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR?

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE OUR E-NEWSLETTER? Yes No

Travel details – Passenger 2 (only fill if different from Pax 1)

AIRFARE – WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A QUOTE FROM US?

Yes No

Economy Premium Economy Business Class First Class

CITY OF DEPARTURE

Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Perth Other

FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER

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AMOUNT CREDIT CARD CHEQUE CASH EFT

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Account name: Renaissance Tours
BSB: 062-032 / Account: 2800 4163
Swift code: CTBAAU2S (use for transfers from overseas)

CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY

Cardholder's name

American Express MasterCard Visa

Cardholder's number

Expiry (month/year)

SIGN

DATE

Travel agent

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is highly recommended that you are covered by travel insurance for domestic tours.

However, it is a condition of travel that you are covered by comprehensive travel insurance for international tours. You can make your own arrangements or your travel insurance can be arranged by Renaissance Tours. In either case all participants must provide the following information no later than 60 days prior to commencement of travel:

- a copy of your travel insurance policy (or details of master policy)
- the emergency telephone number of your insurance company
- next of kin emergency contact.



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1. TOUR PRICES

Prices quoted in our tour information are based on exchange rates, cost of services and applicable taxes at the time of publication. Prices may be subject to change in the event of significant currency fluctuations or the introduction of new taxes, up until final payment is received. In the event of a price increase, whether because of a currency fluctuation, increase in taxes or a correction in advertised prices, we will advise you and you have the option of accepting the amended prices, inclusions and booking conditions or withdrawing from the tour and receiving a full refund of all monies paid. Once final payment is received, all prices (excluding air taxes) will be guaranteed and no surcharges will apply.

2. PAYMENT

Your final payment is due 60 days before departure (45 days prior for domestic tours). Failure to make your final payment by the due date may result in cancellation of your booking and loss of deposit. We reserve the right to charge a late payment fee in the event of late booking and/or payment to cover additional communication and other expenses.

3. FLIGHT BOOKINGS AND FARES

Renaissance Tours will use its best endeavours to ensure that all flight prices are correct at the time that they are quoted. However, once a deposit is paid on an air fare, it guarantees that a booking is being held for you, it does not guarantee the fare and applicable taxes.

The fare and taxes can only be guaranteed when the flight booking has been paid in full and a ticket has been issued. Flight bookings cannot be transferred.

4. CHANGES

a) Changes by You – Because of additional communication and other expenses, we reserve the right to charge an appropriate administration fee per amendment to your original booking. While every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate changes and additional requests their availability cannot be guaranteed.

b) Changes by Us – While we will use our best endeavours to operate all tours as advertised, by entering into this contract the Client accepts that it may prove necessary or advisable to vary or modify a tour or its contents due to prevailing local conditions. We reserve the right at any time to cancel or change any of the facilities, services or prices described in the brochure (including flights, transport, accommodation or other arrangements) and to substitute alternative arrangements of comparable monetary value without compensation.

If a service or facility becomes unavailable due to circumstances beyond our control ('force majeure') and no alternative arrangement of comparable monetary value is available, we will substitute the best alternative available and will refund the Client for any cost saving or charge the Client for any additional costs incurred. 'Force majeure' includes any event which Renaissance Tours or its suppliers could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid (e.g. advice against travel from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, epidemics, health risks, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions, technical or maintenance problems with transport, changes imposed by cancellation or rescheduling of flights by an airline or main charterer, the alteration of airline or aircraft type). Renaissance Tours is not liable for any penalty charges associated with 'supersaver' type connecting rail or air fares, in the event of a change to a holiday departure time, date or airport.

5. SUBSTITUTION OF CLIENT

If any member of the party is prevented from travelling because of the death, injury or serious illness of the passenger, close relative or friend, redundancy or jury service, it may be possible to transfer the booking to another suitable person (acceptable to Renaissance Tours) provided that written notice is given at least one calendar month prior to departure. An administration fee of \$100 + GST per person will be levied plus any costs imposed by our suppliers. Airlines may impose up to 100% cancellation charges.

6. CANCELLATION

a) Cancellation by You – Cancellation charges will be applied as shown below, calculated from the day written notification is received by Renaissance Tours. In addition to the charges shown below airlines may impose up to 100% cancellation charges.

International Tours

60 days or more	Forfeit of deposit*
59 – 45 days	25% of tour cost
44 – 31 days	50% of tour cost
30 – 15 days	75% of tour cost
Less than 15 days	100% of tour cost

Domestic Tours

45 days or more	Forfeit of deposit*
44 – 31 days	50% of tour cost
30 – 15 days	75% of tour cost
Less than 15 days	100% of tour cost

* Includes any flight deposit paid.

The above cancellation charges include applicable GST.

In addition to the above cancellation charges, the full insurance premium together with any existing administration fees is also payable in the event of a cancellation by the Client. If the reason for cancellation is covered by the insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

b) Cancellation by Us – We reserve the right to cancel a tour for any reason (such as failure to reach minimum tour participant numbers). Except for *force majeure* (as outlined in clause 4b) or the Client's failure to pay the final balance, we will not cancel a tour less than 60 days before departure for international tours and 45 days before departure for domestic tours. Unless the Client fails to pay the final balance, we will return all monies paid, excluding payment for travel insurance and administration fees. No compensation will be paid in the event of cancellation by Renaissance Tours. A full refund of monies paid for tour costs will be the full extent of our liability. Airlines may impose up to 100% cancellation charges.

7. PASSPORTS, VISAS AND VACCINATIONS

It is your responsibility to be in possession of a passport valid for 6 months after the date of your return to Australia. You are also responsible for obtaining all necessary visas, inoculations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the tour. Information about these matters or related items is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Renaissance Tours.

8. ILLNESS OR DISABILITY

Anyone suffering from illness or disability or undergoing treatment for any physical or medical condition must declare the true nature of such condition at the time of booking and make arrangements for the provision of any medication or other treatment which may be required during the tour. Failure to make such disclosure will constitute a breach of these booking conditions and result in such persons being excluded from the tour in which case all monies paid will be forfeit.

9. LOCAL LAWS

All participants of the tours we operate are expected to obey the laws and regulations of the countries visited and any failure to do so will relieve Renaissance Tours of all obligations that they may otherwise have under these booking conditions.

10. IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT

If you have a complaint about any of the tour arrangements, you must bring it to the attention of the tour leader or other representative of Renaissance Tours at the time so that they may use their best endeavours to rectify the situation. It is only if we are made aware of any problems that there will be the opportunity to put things right. Any complaints must be made in writing to Renaissance Tours within 28 days of the completion of the tour.

11. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

All bookings are accepted on the understanding that the Client appreciates that travel does involve some risk and that they undertake all tours of their own volition.

i) Renaissance Tours accepts liability should any part of the tour arrangements booked with us not be supplied as described in the brochure(s) and not be of reasonable standard. In such a case, we will pay reasonable compensation if the Client's enjoyment of the tour has been adversely affected but will pay no compensation if there has been no fault on the part of Renaissance Tours or our suppliers and the reason for the failure in the tour arrangements was the Client's fault, the actions of someone unconnected with the tour arrangements or could not have been foreseen or avoided by Renaissance Tours or its suppliers even if all due care had been exercised.

ii) Our acceptance of liability to pay compensation pursuant to clause 11(i) is limited, in the case of air travel, rail travel, sea travel or hotel accommodation, to the amount set out in the provisions of, respectively, the Warsaw Convention as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955, the 1961 Berne Convention, the 1974 Athens Convention and the 1962 Paris Convention.

iii) Our acceptance of liability in clauses 11(i) and 11(ii) above is subject to assignment by the Client to Renaissance Tours of the Client's rights against any agent, supplier or sub-contractor of Renaissance Tours which is in any way responsible for the unsatisfactory tour arrangements.