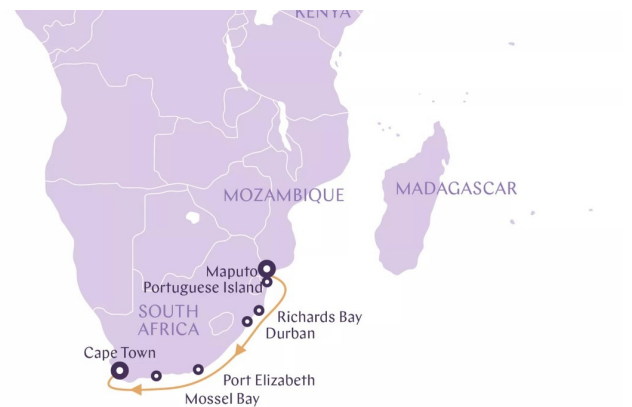




SOUTH AFRICA CRUISE

Explore the best of South Africa from the comfort of a boutique expedition ship as it visits ports along the Indian Ocean on our 7-night South Africa Discovery cruise. We begin our journey in the former Portuguese colony of Mozambique, starting in the capital, Maputo, exploring its culture before visiting pristine beaches. Our first venture on South African shores gives us the possibility to see rare bird species such as the cuckoo hawk and pygmy goose who make their home in the wetlands. Then it's time for the big game reserves in the hope of spotting hippos, crocodiles, rhinos, cheetahs and the world's largest mammal, elephants. Our voyage finishes in Cape Town. Between safaris, swimming and sandy beaches, you'll be treated to incredible food, meet locals and discover the architecture that's been heavily influenced by all the cultures that make this place home. Come aboard our cultural cruise of South Africa, and feel inspired by this incredible country.



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DAY 1 MAPUTO

Mozambique's capital city has an intriguing mix of Portuguese colonial and Soviet-style buildings on broad boulevards lined with jacaranda and palm trees. Architectural standouts include the early-20th-century domed railway station, painted in green and white, and the Smiling Lion, a distinctive post-modernist apartment block designed by Pancho Guedes. Exploring Maputo is also simply about wandering the historic district of Baixa and taking in the vibrant street scene of bustling pavement cafes, live music and busy markets.

DAY 2 PORTUGUESE ISLAND

kiosks dishing up local specialities. Umbrellas and loungers are



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available if you want to relax in the sun, or you can join in an energetic game of beach volleyball or tennis. Hop on a traditional dhow boat for a tour along the shore, or head to the nearby island of Inhaca to visit its marine biology museum and lighthouse.

DAY 3 RICHARDS BAY

A busy port town with a deep natural harbour, Richards Bay is surrounded by extensive wetlands sheltering diverse birdlife. It's part of the Zululand Birding Route, whose rare species include the cuckoo hawk and pygmy goose. You might also catch sight of hippos and crocodiles cooling off in the town's large lagoon. Long stretches of sand include laid-back Alkantstrand Beach, where you can picnic in the shade, take a dip in the ocean, or watch surfers riding the waves.

DAY 4 DURBAN

South Africa's third-biggest city, Durban is friendly and cosmopolitan, with long sandy beaches and rickshaw rides along a wide seafront promenade. Beyond the beach, you can meander among aromatic curry houses and spice stalls in the Indian District, then take a stroll through peaceful Durban Botanic Gardens, renowned for its orchid and palm collections. A handful of small museums focus on local history, and nearby Umgeni River Bird Park is home to around 200 species in a lush former quarry.

DAY 5 AT SEA

You can spend your day at sea enjoying the many facilities available. Head to the sauna, get in a workout in the state-of-the-art gym or relax in the jacuzzi whilst taking in incredible views along the way. If you prefer to learn a little more about your surroundings, listen to an informative talk or have a chat with one of our knowledgeable on-board experts.

DAY 6 PORT ELIZABETH

On the western edge of Algoa Bay, Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) is an unassuming city with long stretches of swimming beaches and pockets of well-preserved Victorian architecture. As you pull into the dock, you might spot pods of frolicking dolphins close to shore. Just outside town, Kragga Kragga Game Park is home to roaming white rhinos and cheetahs, while guided game drives at Addo Elephant National Park (about 70 km northeast) offer thrilling encounters with the world's largest land mammal.

DAY 7 MOSSEL BAY

Set on a hillside overlooking a vast bay, this laid-back seaside town was the first place where Europeans made landfall in South Africa in 1488. You can trace the area's history at the excellent Bartolomeu Dias Museum Complex, which contains maritime displays, 19th-century stone cottages and a botanical garden. Afterwards, stroll to nearby Santos Beach, a wide sandy stretch popular for swimming and water sports. Southern right whales calve in the bay's calm waters between July and October.



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DAY 8 CAPE TOWN

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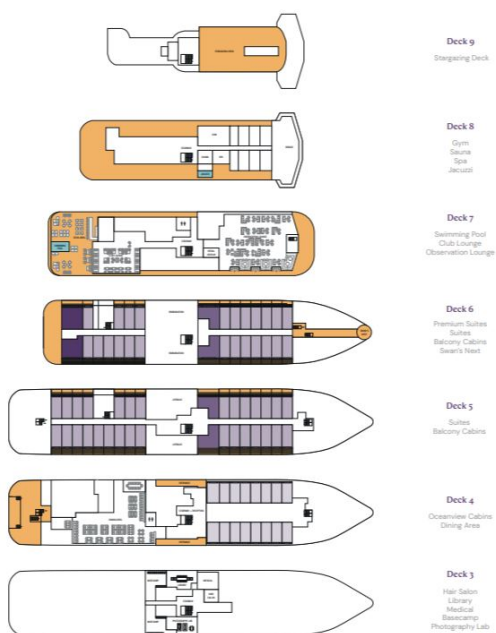
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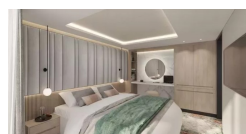
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