

## British Lions Tour Itinerary Sports Escapes South Africa Itinerary Overview

Day	Activity	Accommodation
18/06/2009	Fly from London Heathrow to Johannesburg	Overnight Flight
19/06/2009	Fly onto Durban & transfer to Durban Manor	Durban Manor, Durban
20/06/2009	First Test, South Africa vs. The British & Irish Lions, Kings Park, Durban	Durban Manor, Durban
21/06/2009	At Leisure	Durban Manor, Durban
22/06/2009	Fly to Cape Town and transfer to Waterfront Apartments	Waterfront Apartments, Cape Town
23/06/2009	Mid week test, Emerging Boks vs. The British & Irish Lions	Waterfront Apartments, Cape Town
24/06/2009	At Leisure	Waterfront Apartments, Cape Town
25/06/2009	At Leisure	Waterfront Apartments, Cape Town
26/06/2009	Fly to Johannesburg and transfer to Aluvi House.	Aluvi House, Pretoria
27/06/2009	Second Test, South Africa vs. The British & Irish Lions, Loftus Versfeld	Aluvi House, Pretoria
28/06/2009	At Leisure	Aluvi House, Pretoria
29/06/2009	Fly to Nelspruit & transfer to the Rissington Inn	Rissington Inn, Kruger Area
30/06/2009	On Safari	Rissington Inn, Kruger Area
01/07/2009	On Safari	Rissington Inn, Kruger Area
02/07/2009	On Safari	Rissington Inn, Kruger Area
03/07/2009	Fly to Johannesburg & transfer to Clouds End	Clouds End, Johannesburg
04/07/2009	Third Test, South Africa vs The British & Irish Lions, Ellis Park, Johannesburg	Clouds End, Johannesburg
05/07/2009	Transfer to Johannesburg airport for your return flight to the UK.	Overnight Flight

### Points to note:

- 1) Accommodation will be of a similar standard & location to that listed below.
- 2) There is an option to depart on 17<sup>th</sup> June
- 3) This itinerary is subject to availability at the time of booking
- 4) Sports Escapes are part of to escape to, a leading African holiday specialist

### NB: Free Accommodation Offer:

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**Sports Escapes South Africa**  
**18 June – 05 July 2009**

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**18 June**

Fly from London Heathrow to Johannesburg.

**19 June**

Board your connecting flight onto Durban. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Durban Manor.

**19 – 22 June**

**3 nights at Durban Manor on a bed and breakfast basis**

Housed in the former Durban Club, one of the city's finest and most opulent colonial-era landmarks, Durban Manor is an impressive jumble of Victorian and Edwardian architectural elements. It has lost some of the Club's former glory (there's no sign of the billiard table) but the large, recently renovated rooms ensure a comfortable stay.



Taking prime position on Durban's Victoria Embankment, adjacent to city centre, and overlooking the bay and yacht basin; this stately and attractive Edwardian building dates back to the early 1900's and is, considered a national landmark.

Boasting a long and interesting history, Durban Manor today boasts many original features, including a sweeping main staircase, grand entrance dome, secluded garden court, finely crafted wooden doors, panels and fireplaces and moulded plaster frescos and ceilings. An abundance of antique furniture and interesting relics from a bygone era forms part of the special ambience of this grand dame hotel.



Accommodation is offered in 21 spacious en suite bedrooms. The hotel features a restaurant, coffee bar and brasserie, whilst a legendary pub (with one of the longest bar counters in the city) offers an intimate entertainment venue.



Durban Manor is within easy walking distance of the city centre, as well as museums, galleries, theatres and places of entertainment, and only a 10 minute drive from the ABSA stadium.

**Please note:** Durban Manor is a 3 star rated hotel, and being an old building, the rooms are large, clean but also very basic.

## 20 June

*First test at Kings Park ABSA Stadium, Durban.*



Kings Park Durban, also known as the Shark Tank, was first built in 1891 and now holds 52,000 people. It is home to the Natal Sharks in both Currie Cup and Super 14's rugby and also to Amazulu, who are a Durban-based soccer team that play in the South African Premier Soccer League.

### **South Africa vs. The British & Irish Lions**

## 22 June

Transfer to Durban airport for your flight to Cape Town. Arrive Cape Town Airport where you will be met by your **Sports Escapes** representative. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Waterfront Apartments (optional car hire).

## 22 – 26 June

**4 nights at Luxury Apartment at the Victoria and Alfred Marina on a self-catering basis**



*This luxury Hospitality Village, Waterfront Village, is situated at the V&A Waterfront. The Hospitality Village is effectively a resort within a real, authentic 'local' living area.*



*The Village is a daily celebration of real-life theatre. It is intimate, with all the necessary entertainment and services within walking distance of properties.*

A centralized reception acts as a service centre which allows guests all the comforts of a hotel in your own home. Guest services include housekeeping, concierge desk and tourist information. Guests have access to a communal pool.

These luxury apartments are located within walking distance to top restaurants, shopping centres and other entertainment. Properties have been immaculately prepared according to detailed guest specifications and graded 5 star self-catering by the Tourism Grading Council.

### Facilities

- Size up to 160m<sup>2</sup> with large patios overlooking the marina
- Main bedroom en-suite.
- Second bedrooms - twin beds and separate bathrooms
- Satellite TV and DVD Player
- Washing machine & tumble dryer
- Secure undercover parking.
- 2 outdoor swimming pools
- 24 Hour security and CCTV coverage
- Controlled Access Point

[For images of the Waterfront apartment click here...](#)

### **The Victoria and Alfred Waterfront**

What makes the Victoria Alfred Waterfront different to similar developments around the world is that it is a working leisure port where normal harbour activities take place alongside quayside entertainment. So while you're inside shopping, local fishermen are rowing out of the harbour into Table Bay for the day's catch.

The Victoria Alfred Waterfront has two shopping malls - the main one being the Victoria Wharf, a two-level collection of more than 250 outlets, ranging from world-class boutiques to small craft stalls. The restaurants with outdoor seating boast picture-postcard views across the harbour of Table Mountain. Most of the outdoor entertainment centres around the Agfa Amphitheatre and Market Square, while other attractions include museums and interactive centres and the highly recommended Two Oceans Aquarium.

### 23 June

#### **Mid week test, Emerging Boks vs The British & Irish Lions at Newlands, Cape Town.**

Newlands Stadium, which is also Headquarters for SA Rugby was first built in 1888. The Stadium now holds around 50,000 spectators and is home to Western Province in the Currie Cup and The Stormers in Super 14's rugby.



The Emerging Springboks are the second tier national rugby team and has proven a good breeding ground for future Springboks.

#### **Emerging Springboks vs. The British & Irish Lions**

### 26 June

Transfer to Cape Town airport for your flight to Johannesburg. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Aluvi House.

## 26 – 29 June

### 3 nights at Aluvi House on a bed and breakfast basis

*Aluvi, the hidden jewel of Pretoria, is situated in the upmarket suburbs of Val de Grace and Murrayfield. This exclusive guesthouse is located on top of a mountain overlooking the Moreleta Spruit with abundant birds and mammals. Only minutes away from the city centre, Union Buildings, Menlyn Shopping centre and Loftus Versfeld Stadium.*



*Aluvi features 18 Exclusive Rooms, a Suite with a King Size Bed and luxury amenities. All rooms boasts satellite TV, air-conditioning, tea/coffee facilities and an en suite bathroom.*



*The Standard Rooms are situated on the lower level and each features a private patio.*

*Situated on the upper level, the spacious Luxury Rooms are decorated with modern dark furnishings and each spills out onto the manicured gardens.*

### Activities nearby:

- Sandton City – trendy bars, restaurants, shopping
- Montecasino – sophisticated casino
- Pretoria City Centre
- Brooklyn / Menlyn Shopping Centres
- Hartebeespoortdam
- Pecanwood Golf Estate

## 27 June

### Second test at Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria.



Loftus Versfeld was first built in 1923 and now holds a capacity of 60,000 people. Loftus is home to The Bulls in both Currie Cup and Super 14's rugby as well as Mamelodi Sundowns who are a Pretoria based soccer team in the South African Premier League. Loftus will also host several matches in the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

### South Africa vs. The British & Irish Lions

## 29 June

Transfer to OR Tambo Airport for your flight to Nelspruit. On arrival you will be met and transferred to the Rissington Inn.

**29 June – 03 July**

**4 nights at Rissington Inn on a bed and breakfast basis.**



*Tucked away just outside Hazyview lies Rissington Inn, a thatched homestead with long views over the Sabie River Valley. This Lodge is very relaxed and gives you the freedom to do as much or as little as you please. The restaurant can seat approximately 30 people. They have an extensive à la Carte Menu*

*with wonderful soups, an array of interesting starters, a variety of trout dishes, fine curries, the best fillet steak in the land and a range of vegetarian dishes. Rissington's bar is the focus for many an interesting tale - a great place to enjoy a relaxing drink, discuss*

*the days events or kick off your shoes and read the newspapers. The bar has its own veranda with a wonderful view as the sun goes down over the Sabie River Valley.*

**Activities nearby:** golf, tennis, bowls, fishing, ballooning, horse riding, river-rafting, hiking, quad-biking, mountain-biking, game-viewing, squash.

### Attractions

**nearby:** Long walks and trails with possible sightings of ostrich, giraffes, eland, kudu, wildebeest, and impala. Outstanding Bird watching on property, there is a bird list available.



*The Kruger National Park (new Phabeni Gate) is 10 minutes drive away. The Stunning God's Window and Blyde River Canyon are 20 minutes drive.*

[For a sneak preview and more images, click here...](#)

**03 July**

Transfer to Nelspruit airport for your flight to Johannesburg. Transfer to Clouds End.

**03 – 05 July**

**Clouds End, Johannesburg on a bed & breakfast basis**

*Clouds End is a luxury guest house in Melville on the Auckland Park border, ideally situated in a quiet street, only 4 minutes' walk to Melville restaurants, boutiques and nightspots. Stylish, sophisticated interiors for the discerning business and leisure travellers seeking peace and luxurious comfort, warm hospitality and personal service. Spacious downstairs bedrooms lead to own private garden patio. All rooms are self-contained with modern comforts, WiFi and DSTV, most with air-conditioning. Conferences. Dinner by arrangement. Driver available. Secure parking.*



**04 July**

**Third test at Ellis Park, Johannesburg.**



Ellis Park was first built in 1928 and now has a capacity of 60,000 spectators. The stadium hosted the 1995 World Cup final between the Springboks and the All Blacks which the Boks won 15-12 after extra time. Ellis Park is home to the Lions in both Currie Cup and Super 14's rugby as well as Orlando Pirates who are a Sowetan based soccer team playing in the South African Premier Soccer League. Ellis Park will host 5 matches in the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

**South Africa vs. The British & Irish Lions**

**05 July**

Transfer to OR Tambo for your return flight to the UK.

## PRICING

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**Total cost per person: £3,100.00 (based on two people sharing)**

### Price includes:

- Match tickets
  - 3 tests (20 & 27 June & 04 July)
  - Emerging Springboks
- Accommodation
  - 3 nights at Durban Manor on a bed and breakfast basis
  - 4 nights at The Waterfront Apartments on a self catering basis
  - 3 nights at Aluvi House on a bed and breakfast basis
  - 4 nights at Rissington Inn on a bed and breakfast basis
  - 2 nights at Clouds End on a bed and breakfast basis
- Transfers:
  - All transfers
- Flights
  - London Heathrow – Johannesburg, direct return flights
  - Johannesburg - Durban
  - Durban – Cape Town
  - Cape Town – Johannesburg
  - Johannesburg – Nelspruit return

**Price does not include:**

- Travel Insurance and Visas
- All other meals and accommodation
- Items of a personal nature

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