SOUTH AFRICA GOLF TOUR

~ Cape Town ~
~ Hermanus ~
~ Garden Route ~

February 17th – March 4th 2020

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For the 2020 tour to South Africa, we are returning to the areas that have proved so popular over the years. The tour commences in Cape Town with a stay on the V&A Waterfront, at the 5-Star Commodore Hotel. The V&A Waterfront is the perfect location for Cape Town with its enchanting harbourside setting beneath Table Mountain and with its plethora of restaurants and shops. Our golf during the Cape Town leg of the tour will involve playing the old favourites of Clovelly, De Zalze and Milnerton, as well as playing Paarl Golf Club, which we haven’t played for many years. From Cape Town we move onto Hermanus for a three night stay, which I am thrilled about. Hermanus has such character as a town and a superb 27-hole golf course too, which we will play twice. For the third leg of the tour we head onto the Garden Route and the quite superb Pezula Resort on the cliffs adjoining the Knysna Heads. Knysna, so often voted as South Africa’s favourite town, is just a joy to experience and often a week there is not long enough! The usual favourite courses of Simola, Pezula and Plettenberg Bay will be played, as well as the more tranquil Knysna Golf Club and Goose Valley Golf Clubs.

The purpose of the tour is to play some wonderful golf courses and to truly experience South Africa at its finest, both the stunning coastal and mountain settings, as well as the unique character and charisma of South African society. We have been touring South Africa annually now for more than 20 years, but each time we set foot on the plane to come home, we simply want to be stepping off it again to commence the return trip. We will also ensure that the ambience and hospitality of the tour is first class; it is a social tour as much as a golf tour; and we will experience wonderful restaurants, wine estates as well as getting a real feel for the regions of South Africa that we visit.

To book a place on the tour, please call or email Iain, or send a booking request via the web-site and we will then confirm your booking accordingly. I very much hope to see you in South Africa early next year.

David Short

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CAPE TOWN & HERMANUS
February 17th -26th 2020

Monday 17th February
Welcome to Cape Town
Cape Town is unquestionably one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and there is no better place to stay than on the V&A Waterfront. The V&A Waterfront, with its plethora of fine restaurants and shops, overlooked by Table Mountain and facing out to Table Bay, is the perfect location for our tour of Cape Town. And we will be staying in on of the finest hotels too, the 5-Star Commodore Hotel. With its stylish and elegant setting, superb service and some magnificent views of Cape Town Harbour, Table Mountain and Robben Island, the Commodore and its setting on the V&A Waterfront will ensure for a most special week in Cape Town. After checking in, we will spend the afternoon settling into the Capetonian way of life.
Overnight at the Commodore Hotel, V&A Waterfront

Tuesday 18th February
Clovelly Golf Club
We head to what has become our favourite course in the Western Cape over the last two decades, Clovelly. Clovelly is one of southern Africa’s most picturesque and challenging courses and boasts undulating fairways, magnificent landscaping and features natural sand dunes that abound the course, as well as many natural water features. Clovelly really is one of the most enjoyable courses in the Cape and a course that we return to year after year.
Overnight at the Commodore Hotel, V&A Waterfront

Wednesday 19th February
Informal Cape Town Sightseeing Day
Today we will embark on a tour of Cape Town and its surroundings, visiting the famous beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay, the beautiful town of Hout Bay as well as the divine Company Gardens and the Constantia region of Cape Town. We will also make time to travel to the top of Table Mountain, if the weather permits, to enjoy the quite enthralling 360 degree views of the Western Cape. In the late afternoon we will head up to the Lions Head to watch the sun go down over the ocean beneath us. Cape Town is one of the most spectacular cities in the world and today we will show you why!
Overnight at the Commodore Hotel, V&A Waterfront
THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
DE ZALZE GOLF CLUB
We head to the ever popular De Zalze Golf Club today, which is situated within the De Zalze Winelands Golf Estate. The course was designed by Peter Matkovich, who also designed Leopard Creek, Arabella and Pinnacle Point, amongst others, and who has made the most of the stunning setting and created a course that places a premium on accuracy. The course has an excellent mix of parkland holes, with its main challenges presented in the form of the water features on several holes, as well as the oak tree lined Blaauwklippen River, which winds its way through the Golf Estate and comes into play at various intervals. A magnificent golf course, in a truly inspiring setting.

Overnight at the Commodore Hotel, V&A Waterfront

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
MILNERTON GOLF CLUB
We travel the short distance to Milnerton Golf Club today. The Milnerton course is one of the few genuine links courses in the Cape Town area, and not only is the course a fine challenge, but the panorama of Table Mountain across Table Bay is simply breathtaking. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Rietvlei River, this lush links-type course is fairly flat with few trees. With the sea and the lagoon bordering most holes, and the seven beautiful water holes waiting to claim the wayward shot, it offers a truly unique golfing experience. If we are lucky, we may even spot a school of Dolphins that frequent the area.

Overnight at the Commodore Hotel, V&A Waterfront

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
PAARL GOLF CLUB
We head back into the Winelands today to play the stunning Paarl course. The scenic course is nestled in the foothills of Paarl Rock with its distinctive Granite outcrops. The course is adjacent to the meandering Berg River and surrounded by the majestic Boland mountains. The course offers tree-lined fairways and an array of water hazards. Bunkers are cleverly positioned to add excitement and a challenge to the course. This, coupled with the large and well undulated bent grass greens, provides us with a fine challenge to draw the week in the Cape Town and Winelands region to a close.

Overnight at the Commodore Hotel, V&A Waterfront

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
CHECK OUT AND ONWARD TO HERMANUS
Today we travel to Hermanus, South Africa’s whale watching capital and home to the best land-based whale watching in the world. That said, the whale watching season is predominantly July to November, but nevertheless, Hermanus is a quite beautiful town and well worth spending a few nights in. Our accommodation in Hermanus is the quite stunning Misty Waves Boutique Hotel, located on the cliffs with wonderful views of the ocean and the surrounding coastline.

Overnight at Misty Waves Boutique Hotel, Hermanus

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Monday 24th February  
Hermanus Golf Club  
We play our first round of golf on Hermanus Golf Club. In 2006, this classic country course was overhauled and nine superb new holes were added. The newly upgraded and redesigned course features modern classicly designed holes, which make full use of the gentle and scenic mountain and coastal landscape. South Africa’s premiere course architect, Peter Matkovich, played an important role in upgrading the existing 18 holes to an impressive 27 holes and he grabbed it with both hands. All 27 holes challenge the pro’s and offer unsurpassed reward to the amateur. The greens are also of the highest standards and fairways extremely well manicured.  
Overnight at Misty Waves Boutique Hotel, Hermanus

Tuesday 25th February  
Hermanus Golf Club  
We return to Hermanus today to ensure that we play all three of the 9-hole loops, as well one of the loops twice of course. As well as being a great challenge, we are rewarded, hole after hole, with panoramic views that overlook the sparkling ocean and the course really does have a quite majestic setting in the foothills of the mountains above, looking over the town and the ocean beyond.  
Overnight at Misty Waves Boutique Hotel, Hermanus

Wednesday 26th February  
Departures and onward to the Garden Route  
After breakfast, we check out and head east towards the Garden Route, or if you need to head home at this point, transfers to Cape Town Airport will be provided as necessary. The journey to Knysna will be by road and we will make a day of it in terms of encompassing some sightseeing en-route. However, if you would prefer to fly, we can arrange for a transfer to Cape Town Airport and an internal flight to George, where you will then be met and transferred to Knysna. As with the previous years’ tours we will be staying at the 5-Star Pezula Resort Hotel, one of South Africa’s top 25 hotels. The Resort is set on the cliffs above Knysna, between the Knysna Heads to the west and Noetzie Beach, with its famous castles to the east. The hotel provides the finest luxury, all amenities imagineable, as well as having the dramatic Pezula golf course on site.  

PRICE PER GOLFER: £ 2,725.00  
PRICE PER NON-GOLFER: £ 2,345.00  
Single Room Supplement: £ 80.00  
per person per night

NOTES ON THE PRICES:  
Price includes:  
• Services of your tour host, David Short  
• Accommodation  
• Daily breakfast  
• Daily transfers  
• Golf  
• Sightseeing as illustrated  
Price Excludes:  
• International and internal airfares  
• Drinks or meals unless stated  

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Wednesday 26th February
Welcome to the Garden Route

If you are joining the tour at this point, please fly into George Airport and transfers will be provided to the hotel. As with the previous years’ tours we will be staying at the 5-Star Pezula Resort Hotel, one of South Africa’s top 25 hotels. The Resort is set on the cliffs above Knysna, between the Knysna Heads to the west and Noetzie Beach, with its famous castles to the east. The hotel provides the finest luxury, all amenities imagineable, as well as having the dramatic Pezula golf course on site.

Overnight at the Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa, Knysna

Thursday 27th February
Knysna Golf Club

We commence the golf programme on the Garden Route playing the most pleasant Knysna Golf Club, which is located very close to the hotel. Nestled on the shores of the Knysna Lagoon and close to the Knysna Heads, the course meanders through tidal pools and between magnificent indigenous trees. The course has been enhanced greatly over the past twenty years or so since we have been playing it and it has some of the best greens in the Southern Cape. We will book morning tee-times, which will provide time in the afternoon to explore Knysna, so frequently voted South Africa’s favourite town.

Overnight at the Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa, Knysna
Friday 28th February

GOOSE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

The Goose Valley Golf Club, on the periphery of Plettenberg Bay, provides breathtaking views of the Keurbooms Lagoon, the Indian Ocean, the spectacular Tsitsikamma Mountains and the famous Robberg Peninsula. The beauty of the natural fynbos, indigenous trees and an abundance of animal and bird life also add a special dimension to the golfing experience. Furthermore, an excellent blend of indigenous and coniferous trees compliments the picturesque views and water features, which all add up to provide a challenge to golfers of all abilities.

Overnight at the Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa, Knysna

Saturday 29th February

NON GOLFING DAY

Increasingly over the years we have found that the formal sightseeing days have become less popular, as clients like to relax for the day or head into town to shop, browse and potter around. We are therefore not putting any formal arrangements in place for this day. However, Trevor and I will provide an option on the day. For example, on a recent tour we visited Noetzie beach in the morning before enjoying a fine lunch. We will do something very similar; perhaps heading to Brenton on Sea on this occasion, but I will take soundings from everyone first and we will then put some suitable arrangements in place for the day.

Overnight at the Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa, Knysna

Sunday 1st March

SIMOLA GOLF CLUB

Year after year this is the course that clients rave about and want to play over and over. The Simola course as a golf course challenge is magnificent, but add in the setting, and the jaw drops at the splendour of the forest and the views over the valleys and the Indian Ocean in the distance. Simola is the first Jack Nicklaus signature course on the Garden Route, reflecting the maestro’s philosophy of attuning the layout and design to the natural lie of the land. The course offers challenge and reward amidst the spectacular scenery. Set below the high ridges, the course is free from the wind that so often plagues coastal courses. The fairways flow with the natural undulating contours of the terrain and the unusual configuration of five par 5s and five par 3s adds a new dimension to the round. It’s par for the course that every hole boasts exceptional views; either out across the Knysna Lagoon all the way to the Heads or over the picturesque Knysna River as it twists and turns through the valley below.

Overnight at the Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa, Knysna

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Monday 2nd March
Plettenberg Bay Golf Club

My personal favourite! Plettenberg Bay Golf Club is a traditional parkland course, but in a truly South African setting and over the years I have just come to love to play it. The course is easy to walk, and the two main inclines can be observed from the veranda of the Clubhouse. Lush Kikuyu grass fairways and bayview greens recently over seeded to bent grass, provide us with an excellent playing surface. The course also has no intrusive houses or traffic noise and is populated only with indigenous flora and fauna. The natural beauty of the course has been carefully retained. Baboons, vervet monkeys, birdlife like the Knysna loerie and woodpeckers as well as the occasional bushbuck and deer, are the most likely distraction to our game. After the round we will head into Plettenberg Bay and the Lookout Deck & Restaurant, which has one of the most spectacular settings along the Garden Route and serves very good food too!

Overnight at the Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa, Knysna

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Tuesday 3rd March  
**Pezula Golf Club**

For the last round on the Garden Route we tackle the breathtaking and award-winning on-site Pezula Golf Club, which provides one of the ultimate challenges in the area. A tough challenge, with some of the best scenery from a golf course in South Africa, we will certainly be putting ourselves to the challenge today. There will also be time in the afternoon to explore the town a little more, or indeed to pack in readiness for the next leg of the journey. I would certainly recommend wandering down to Noetzie Beach, which is a wonderful beach in its own right (but dangerous to swim from because of the currents), but made all the more spectacular with the castles that are present just above the shore line. They have to be seen to be believed!

*Overnight at the Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa, Knysna*

Wednesday 4th March  
**Departures**

Sadly all good things have to come to an end. After breakfast, we say farewell to the Garden Route and head to George airport to commence the journey home.

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**PRICE PER GOLFER:** £ 1,995.00  
**PRICE PER NON-GOLFER:** £ 1,675.00  
**Single Room Supplement:** £ 75.00 per person per night

**NOTES ON THE PRICES:**

**Price includes:**
- Services of your tour host, David Short  
- Accommodation  
- Daily breakfast  
- Daily transfers  
- Golf  
- Sightseeing as illustrated

**Price Excludes:**
- International and internal airfares  
- Drinks or meals unless stated

**Note on the internal flights**
- If you will be returning home at the end of this week, please book your return flight from George to the UK, via Cape Town or Johannesburg.