Le Lyrial
SOUTH AFRICA GOLF CRUISE
MARCH 17–31, 2020
STELLENBOSCH PRE-TOUR
MARCH 15–17, 2020

Plan to arrive in Cape Town on March 15, where you will be greeted and transferred to the five-star Lanzerac Estate, ideally located in the charming town of Stellenbosch. From every vantage point on the estate, wonderful views of the Drakenstein Mountains frame surrounding vineyards to create an ideal sense of place.

Two rounds of golf are planned, starting at De Zalze Golf Club, a beautiful parkland layout set amidst the De Zalze Wine Estate in the shadow of the Helderberg Mountain. Our second round is at Pearl Valley, a Jack Nicklaus design that has hosted three South African Opens. Set mostly on level land, doglegs, water hazards, stands of trees and fescue-covered mounds offer plenty of challenge.

Touring guests visit a local winery, to enjoy some of South Africa's finest Shiraz, Cabernet and Merlot, and also enjoy a unique culinary experience in Stellenbosch, which charms visitors with its romantic oak-lined streets, amazing architectural diversity, outdoor art exhibitions and its famous food and wine heritage. Guests savor traditional Stellenbosch food and drinks as our guide leads us through the historic heart of this vibrant university town.

Tour price is $1,695 per person, double occupancy in a Classic Room ($1,875 per person in a Luxury Room; $2,135 per person in a Junior Suite; $1,965 for a single in a Classic Room). The price includes two nights accommodations at Lanzerac Estate, two rounds of golf or tours, two breakfasts, lunch during golf, transfers for golf and touring, airport transfer on March 15 and transfer to Le Lyrial on March 17.
**March 17: Cape Town, South Africa • Embark Le Lyrial**

Plan to arrive in Cape Town, South Africa on March 17. You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to our host vessel Le Lyrial.

**March 18: Cape Town**

**Golf: Erinvale Golf Club**

Located in a valley at the base of the Helderberg Mountain, Gary Player-designed Erinvale sits amongst the many wine estates and fruit farms that dominate the landscape. Two-time venue for the South African Open, the huge green complexes—with subtle contouring and clever positioning of greenside bunkers—are Erinvale’s highlight. Ranked among the top courses in the Cape Town area, Erinvale’s relatively open parkland layout provides a proper introduction to South African golf.

**Tour: Cape Town or Cape of Good Hope**

Guests choose between a morning tour of Cape Town or a full day tour that visits the Cape of Good Hope. Our tour of Cape Town travels to the top of Table Mountain, one of the most well-known mountains in Africa. Made famous for the tablecloth of clouds that often pour down its slopes, we have spectacular views of Robben Island and the Cape Town city bowl. After our morning tour, the afternoon is at your leisure to explore Cape Town. Guests who visit the Cape of Good Hope travel down the rugged coast to gaze out upon sweeping views of the coastline and enjoy the sight of roaming wild animals including baboons, zebras, antelope and penguins.

**March 19: Day at Sea**

Our day at sea offers the chance to make the most of the amenities aboard our wonderful host Le Lyrial. Whether enjoying the spa or fitness center, attending a performance in the theater, spotting for marine life or just relaxing on deck, this is a wonderful day to recharge for the journey ahead.
MARCH 20: PORT ELIZABETH, SOUTH AFRICA

GOLF: ST. FRANCIS LINKS

St. Francis Links offers a mental test of golf with undulating terrain and greens that flow naturally with the surrounding landscape. Golfers navigate the dunes and through milkwood trees on the front nine before encountering breathtaking panoramas on the home stretch. Ranked #9 within South Africa, the bunkers look as if they have been plowed out of the ground, epitomizing the links character of this course.

TOUR: PORT ELIZABETH

Our tour visits the highlights of Port Elizabeth, the third-largest port, and fifth-largest city in South Africa. Referred to as “The Friendly City,” Port Elizabeth is fond of its settler heritage, historic buildings and museums. We visit a sampling of memorials and important sites including the Campanile, Shark Rock Pier and the Donkin Reserve, which features a stone pyramid erected in memory of Sir Rufane Donkin’s wife Elizabeth, the city’s namesake.

MARCH 21: PORT ELIZABETH

GOLF: HUMewood

This eighty-plus-year-old golfing gem reminds many of an Irish links course, but fortunately, we shouldn’t have much wind in March. Revetted bunkers, small bushes and sparse rough are the hallmarks of Humewood, but the fun begins around the gently-sloping, good-sized greens that will test your bump-and-run and putting skills.

TOUR: ADDO ELEPHANT PARK

We cross the Swartkops River to the Addo Elephant Park, consisting of over 440,000 acres of bush country and home to over 550 elephants. We travel in open Jeeps to watch these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat and learn about their herding culture and intelligence.
March 22: Day at Sea

With a few rounds of golf and some touring behind us, and much yet to come, this is an ideal opportunity to delight in another full day at sea on board Le Lyrial.

March 23: Richards Bay, South Africa

Today, all guests take part in a wildlife cruise on Lake St. Lucia. We embark a safari boat and have ample opportunity to spy the creatures of iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a World Heritage natural park. A unique confluence of ecosystems, varying from mountainous dunes and coral reefs to sandy beaches and reed wetlands, the lake is ours to discover. In addition to 800 or so hippos, Lake St. Lucia is a sanctuary for about 2,000 Nile crocodiles and approximately 526 types of birds, including the African fish eagle and mangrove kingfisher.

March 24: Durban, South Africa

Golf: Durban Country Club

The Durban Country Club has a reputation as a must-play along the coast of South Africa. History suggests that many will enjoy the course but few will master the undulating fairways and greens defended by lush vegetation and deep bunkers. The third hole is the most famous, starting from an elevated tee that ensures the wind will affect your tee shot. The dunesland fairways at Durban Country Club are quite memorable and beg a golfer to come try again.

Tour: Durban City Tour

Durban is an intriguing cultural blend of East, West and Africa. With its endless summer climate, Durban offers a subtropical carnival atmosphere all year round. We get an overview of this cultural “melting pot” with a drive through the city center to Currie View. We visit the Botanical Gardens with its impressive orchid garden, and collection of trees and plants from around the world before visiting the Africa Arts Center. Our day is capped with a private viewing of the Campbell Collections, an archival history of Zulu culture.
March 25: Durban • George, South Africa

We disembark Le Lyrial this morning, fly to George and check in to the Fancourt Hotel, in the heart of the Garden Route, at the foot of the majestic Outeniqua Mountains.

Golf: Fancourt Montagu
Gary Player originally designed this parkland course, but it was David McLay Kidd who revamped the course to help it better compete for center stage at Fancourt. New water features were added and many of the trees were cut back to provide better views of the scenic Outeniqua Mountains. Ranked #7 in South Africa by Golf Digest, the Montagu will be another great golf experience.

Tour: Catamaran Cruise
Touring guests travel along the coast to Knysna where we board a catamaran to explore the Knysna Lagoon and beyond. Our voyage takes us out to the spectacular Heads area, and into the Indian Ocean in search of marine birds, seals, dolphins and whales.

March 26: George

Golf: Pinnacle Point
Only in South Africa can you venture from links to parkland to cliff side golf like we find at Pinnacle Point. This impressive layout meanders over breathtaking terrain and along rocky cliffs overlooking the Indian Ocean. Brilliantly green fairways, pristine beaches with a bit of salty sea breeze will vie for your attention, but this golf course demands your focus if you hope to post a good score.

Tour: Botlierskop Private Game Reserve
Ideally situated along the Garden Route and framed by the Outeniqua Mountains is the magnificent Botlierskop Private Game Reserve. On our exclusive group tour, we will delight in seeing rhinoceros, lions, buffalos, giraffes and elephants up close. Our safari day concludes with lunch on the reserve before returning to Fancourt.
March 27: George

Golf: Fancourt Links
The Links at Fancourt is the signature course at Fancourt. The Links offers generous fairways balanced with small, fast greens and challenging hazards. Fortunately, we have the best caddies in South Africa to help manage risks and rewards presented on each hole. This will be a challenging and fun round of golf.

Tour: Outeniqua Pass
Today, we venture into the Outeniqua Mountains and up to the Outeniqua Pass, with wonderful views of George and the surrounding foothills. We visit a local ostrich farm before traveling back towards the coast, stopping at Herold Wines for a light lunch and wine tasting along the way.

March 28: George • Kruger National Park, South Africa
We fly from George to Kruger National Park where guests stay at either Lukimbi Lodge or Lion Sands River Lodge. We arrive in time for an afternoon private game drive, setting out to find the “Big Five” (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino) over the next three days. Both lodges are quite intimate and blend luxury into a natural setting with private decks to watch wildlife throughout the day. Each lodge is recognized for its knowledgeable guides and trackers who will lead our game drives.
March 29: Kruger National Park

Grab your cameras, today is dedicated to safaris. We rise early for a morning game drive in search of animals when they are most active, on the hunt and gathering at watering holes. As the wildlife seek shady naps, we return to our lodges for a relaxing late breakfast. Guests may join a game walk to explore areas in close proximity to their lodge. Lunch is served on the deck of the lodge, overlooking a scenic waterhole, and there is opportunity to indulge in the comforts of the lodge spa and pool. As late afternoon approaches, and animals become more active, we are back in the bush, looking for members of the “Big Five” that may have eluded us so far. Upon our return in the early evening, we gather around The Boma and savor an African barbecue.

March 30: Kruger National Park

Golf: Leopard Creek

We venture across the Crocodile River to Leopard Creek Golf Club. Host site for the Alfred Dunhill Championship, a European PGA Tour event, Leopard Creek is recognized as one of the world’s top-ranked courses and the most exclusive in Africa. Gary Player designed the course and worked with conservation authorities to ensure it blended in with the surroundings, providing a first-class golfing challenge in a pristine wildlife environment.

Tour: Kruger National Park

Touring passengers enjoy a final day on safari. Each game drive is different as guides may follow a river bed or look for newborn lion cubs. Throughout the drive, our guides help us spot a variety of wildlife and also help us understand how various animals use the natural habitat for their survival and advantage.

March 31: Kruger National Park • Home

Today, we bid farewell to our lodges and transfer to local airports for flights home.
French Style and Individuality

With its boutique ambiance combined with amenities of a larger ship, Le Lyrial embodies the unique atmosphere that is Ponant’s hallmark: a subtle blend of refinement, intimacy and comfort.

Le Lyrial features fashionably modern staterooms, spacious suites and staterooms with balconies in most cabins, large windows, two restaurants, a theater, spa, and multiple lounge areas that blend indoor and outdoor spaces. Limited to just 122 staterooms and suites, this yacht boasts a truly unique cruising experience.

Aboard this ship that flies the French flag, we experience the incomparable pleasure of intimate cruising immersed in a luxurious setting where the focus is on a passion for sophisticated travel.

 Memorable Golf Adventures
The truth about great international golf courses is that they are typically in close proximity to fascinating cultural and historic venues, immersed in unique landscapes ripe for discovery, making our trips ideal for couples in which one spouse is a passionate golfer, and one may rather tour. We dedicate as much purpose to planning and executing our touring programs as we do our golf line-up; no other golf tour operator can make this promise.

We know our clients demand stimulating experiences beyond golf and strive to present our guests with a rich blend of choices between golf and touring each day. Even the heartiest golfers among our guests often remark, “it was tough to decide today between the tour and the links.”

Each day, touring passengers will have the option to experience fascinating cultural and historic or culinary and wine tours. On some days, golfers and tour guests will spend the day touring together and on others, they will get together for a private wine tasting or tour after golf.

We challenge you to find a touring program with any other luxury golf tour operator that is as robust, inclusive and exclusive as you will find on a Kalos Golf tour.