

Southern Africa

Cape Town -> Klaserie -> Vilankulo

14–29 November 2026

Jonathan – Amanda – Noah – Kevin – Carolina

*THREE LANDSCAPES.
ONE FRIENDSGIVING.*

One master itinerary. Booked facts are authoritative; proposed days remain flexible. Updated 12 August 2026.

The useful facts

TRIP WINDOW 14–29 November 2026

PARTY Five adults, SFO origin

BOOKED Tulela Safari Lodge, 21–25 November

PARTLY TICKETED Airlink 4Z258, MQP 12:00 to VNX 13:10 on 25 November; Jonathan and Amanda ticketed with 20 kg checked baggage each.

Next fixed handoff

Leave Tulela well before the 11:00 checkout. The working target is 08:30 for the transfer to MQP, but the final pickup must be confirmed against airline check-in guidance.

Status key

BOOKED is authoritative. **PARTLY BOOKED** names exactly who is confirmed.

PROPOSED is a working plan. OPEN still needs a decision.

Keep offline

Passports – insurance – tickets – lodging contacts – driver details – entry documents – one shared emergency contact sheet.

The source of truth

Tulela Safari Lodge	21–25 Nov BOOKED	4 nights in Klaserie Private Nature Reserve for all five travellers. NEXT: Confirm inbound transfer and the 25 Nov pickup time.
Airlink 4Z258	25 Nov · 12:00–13:10 PARTIAL	MQP to VNX. Jonathan and Amanda ticketed; 20 kg checked baggage each. NEXT: Buy the same flight for Noah, Kevin and Carolina.
Cape Town stay	16–21 Nov OPEN	Five nights in De Waterkant; two group stays shortlisted. NEXT: Confirm whether quoted prices are nightly or total-stay, then compare terms.
Vilankulo stay	25–28 Nov OPEN	Three proposed nights with access to the Bazaruto Archipelago. NEXT: Select lodging, airport transfer and boat-day logistics.

Two stays to compare

Neither option is booked. The supplied prices cannot be compared reliably until the nightly vs total-stay basis, taxes and cancellation terms are confirmed.

SHORTLISTED – NOT BOOKED

Neighbourgood Cape Quarter

\$461

Price supplied; nightly vs total-stay basis still to confirm

ADDRESS 32 Napier St, Cape Town, Western Cape 8001

Lower headline price; verify room configuration, taxes and cancellation terms.

LINK <https://www.neighbourgood.co/cape-quarter-living>

SHORTLISTED – NOT BOOKED

Luxury Loft - 3 Ensuites

\$1,046

Price supplied; nightly vs total-stay basis still to confirm

ADDRESS Prestwich & Liddle St, Cape Town

Three ensuite bedrooms; verify total for five, taxes and cancellation terms.

LINK <https://www.noxrentals.com/rentals/luxury-loft-3-ensuites-prime-cape-town-location>

Decision lens

Compare total cost for all five, bedroom privacy, bathrooms, gathering space, laundry, luggage storage, noise, cancellation terms and pickup access – not the headline price alone.

Arrival and first day

DAY 01-02 – 14-15 NOV – OPEN

Cross the clock

In transit – Leave SFO and prioritize one clean connection over the absolute lowest fare.

WHEN Flight schedule TBD

STAY In transit

TRANSPORT Long-haul flights not booked

MEET SFO terminal and time TBD

BRING Passport, insurance, one change of clothes

FALLBACK Favor a protected through-ticket when the price gap is reasonable.

DAY 03 – 16 NOV – PROPOSED

Arrive gently

Cape Town – Settle into De Waterkant, walk the neighborhood and ease into Friendsgiving with an untimed sunset dinner.

WHEN Arrival TBD

STAY Cape Town stay – open

TRANSPORT Airport transfer TBD

MEET Lodging address TBD

BRING Light layer for the evening

FALLBACK Dinner close to the lodging if travel runs long.

Cape Town

DAY 04 – 17 NOV – PROPOSED

Food, history and neighborhoods

Cape Town – Food or walking tour, then choose District Six Museum, Bo-Kaap or Company's Garden. Keep the evening sociable and loose.

WHEN Morning start TBD

STAY Cape Town stay – open

TRANSPORT Walk and rideshare

MEET Tour meeting point TBD

BRING Comfortable shoes, sun protection

FALLBACK Zeitz MOCAA or a long lunch if weather turns.

DAY 05 – 18 NOV – PROPOSED

Mountain and garden

Cape Town – Table Mountain first, then Kirstenbosch and the Boomslang canopy walk. Add a sunset cruise only if wind allows.

WHEN Use the clearest morning

STAY Cape Town stay – open

TRANSPORT Rideshare or private driver

MEET Table Mountain lower station

BRING Wind layer, water, sun protection

FALLBACK Swap with another Cape Town day if cloud or wind closes the cableway.

Cape Town

DAY 06 – 19 NOV – PROPOSED

History, coast and Friendsgiving dinner

Cape Town – Robben Island if seas cooperate, Waterfront time afterward, then the trip's dress-up Friendsgiving dinner.

WHEN Ferry time TBD

STAY Cape Town stay – open

TRANSPORT Walk and rideshare

MEET Nelson Mandela Gateway if booked

BRING Wind layer and dinner outfit

FALLBACK District Six Museum plus Zeitz MOCAA if the ferry is cancelled.

DAY 07 – 20 NOV – PROPOSED

Peninsula or release valve

Cape Town – Choose Chapman's Peak, Boulders and Cape Point – or Atlantis Dunes and a free afternoon. Weather and group energy decide.

WHEN Full-day option

STAY Cape Town stay – open

TRANSPORT Private driver recommended

MEET Lodging pickup TBD

BRING Walking shoes, layers, water

FALLBACK Keep it local and use the day as recovery before safari travel.

Into the Klaserie

DAY 08 – 21 NOV – PARTIAL

Into the bush

Cape Town -> Klaserie – Take an early Cape Town flight, transfer to the reserve and let Tulela set the afternoon game-drive rhythm.

- WHEN Tulela check-in 14:00
- STAY Tulela Safari Lodge – booked
- TRANSPORT CPT-HDS flight open; lodge transfer on reservation
- MEET Airport and driver details TBD
- BRING Soft-sided bag, safari layer, documents
- FALLBACK If flight timing changes, coordinate arrival directly with Tulela.

DAY 09-11 – 22-24 NOV – BOOKED

Private safari days

Klaserie – Morning and afternoon drives, long lunches, pool time and no outside logistics. Pack on the final evening.

- WHEN Daily rhythm set by lodge
- STAY Tulela Safari Lodge – booked
- TRANSPORT Lodge-led
- MEET Confirm at lodge each evening
- BRING Neutral layers, hat, binoculars, insect repellent
- FALLBACK Follow the lodge's weather and wildlife plan.

Bush to beach

DAY 12 – 25 NOV – PARTIAL

Bush to beach

Klaserie → Vilankulo – Leave Tulela well before the 11:00 checkout. Airlink 4Z258 flies MQP–VNX; Jonathan and Amanda are ticketed.

WHEN Working lodge departure 08:30 · flight 12:00–13:10

STAY Vilankulo stay – open

TRANSPORT Tulela–MQP transfer on reservation; VNX transfer open

MEET Final lodge pickup time TBD

BRING Passports, flight confirmations, light beach layer

FALLBACK Confirm the pickup against airline check-in guidance; the booked flight wins.

DAY 13 – 26 NOV – PROPOSED

Find the tide

Vilankulo – Sleep in, settle into the beach base and keep the first full Mozambique day deliberately light.

WHEN Unhurried

STAY Vilankulo stay – open

TRANSPORT Local transfer TBD

MEET At lodging

BRING Swimwear, reef-safe sun protection

FALLBACK Pool, beach walk and a long lunch.

Vilankulo and home

DAY 14 – 27 NOV – PROPOSED

The island day

Bazaruto Archipelago – Dhow or speedboat, snorkeling, dunes and a late return.
This is the main weather-dependent Mozambique excursion.

- WHEN Departure depends on operator and sea
- STAY Vilankulo stay – open
- TRANSPORT Boat operator TBD
- MEET Beach or marina pickup TBD
- BRING Dry bag, swimwear, sun protection
- FALLBACK Move the boat day to 26 Nov if conditions are better.

DAY 15-16 – 28-29 NOV – OPEN

Homeward

Vilankulo –> San Francisco – Fly VNX-JNB, then begin the long-haul home. Protect any separate-ticket connection with a generous Johannesburg buffer.

- WHEN Flights TBD
- STAY In transit
- TRANSPORT Regional and long-haul flights open
- MEET VNX check-in time TBD
- BRING All documents and one change of clothes
- FALLBACK Overnight near JNB if a safe same-day connection is not available.

What happens next

01	Buy the remaining three MQP-VNX seats Match Jonathan and Amanda's Airlink 4Z258 on 25 Nov before the fare or inventory moves. ACTION: Book for Noah, Kevin and Carolina	Jonathan 16 Aug
02	Choose the long-haul flight strategy Recommended shape: SFO-CPT outbound, then VNX-JNB plus JNB-SFO home. Protect separate tickets with a 6+ hour JNB buffer or an overnight. ACTION: Price exact dates for five seats	Jonathan 23 Aug
03	Choose the Cape Town stay Confirm price basis, full five-night total, room privacy, cancellation terms, luggage storage and pickup access. ACTION: Compare the two shortlisted stays	Group 23 Aug
04	Close the safari travel handoff Book CPT-HDS and confirm both arrival transfer and the 25 Nov Tulela-MQP pickup. 11:00 is the latest checkout, not the target departure. ACTION: Confirm with Tulela after flights are booked	Jonathan 31 Aug
05	Choose the Vilankulo base Select lodging for five with airport transfer, clear boat-day logistics and a comfortable final-night plan. ACTION: Shortlist and vote	Group 31 Aug
06	Verify documents, health and insurance Check current rules for each passport and personal medical situation, then save confirmations offline. ACTION: Complete individual checks	Everyone 31 Oct

Make the next step obvious

Every evening

Confirm tomorrow's weather, pickup time, meeting point, payment method, clothing and fallback.

Every travel day

Screenshot tickets; share the driver's name and number; count bags before leaving; arrive early for regional flights.

Money

Carry cards plus a modest local-cash backup. Confirm lodge, transfer and excursion payment methods.

Baggage

Regional limits matter. Recheck every ticket; keep medicines, documents and one change of clothes in hand luggage.

Cape Town

The mountain, ferry and cruise move with weather. Keep one meaningful anchor per day.

Safari

Neutral layers, light rain shell, closed shoes, hat, sun protection, binoculars and insect repellent.

Mozambique

Plan around heat, tide, wind and sea. The boat day moves; the long-haul does not.

Group rule

The booked flight or transfer wins. Optional activities flex around weather and energy.

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*The itinerary should make the logistics quiet
enough that five friends can pay attention to
the trip - and to one another.*