

Wonders of SOUTHERN AFRICA



Thursday 15 - Tuesday 27 May 2025

As we journey through Africa, John Lovett will offer his insights and expertise on capturing the essence of the country through watercolour paintings. You will have the opportunity to learn from him and draw inspiration from the stunning landscapes and architecture. Our itinerary includes visits to Cape Town, a vibrant city known for its stunning natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. The majestic Victoria Falls, one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world and the awe-inspiring Chobe National Park in Botswana, renowned for its large elephant population and diverse wildlife. These destinations offer a unique blend of natural beauty, cultural experiences, and artistic inspiration, making them ideal locations for a painting workshop.



John has been painting professionally for over 40 years. His work possesses an emotive power and vitality that is enhanced by his use of light, colour and a strong sense of design. John's passion for his work and his open, very informative approach to teaching make him a much sought after tutor. John's knowledge and enthusiasm will inspire you to produce better paintings in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.



DAY 1 Thursday 15 May, 2025
Cape Town, South Africa

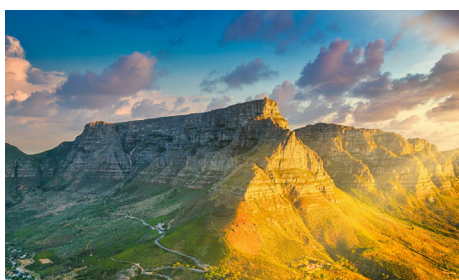
Join us at 6:00 pm at our hotel in Cape Town, where your Tour Manager will warmly welcome workshop members. Enjoy welcome drinks, followed by a delightful included dinner. It's the perfect chance to mingle and get acquainted with your fellow artists. Passengers wishing to arrive earlier please speak to your Travelrite consultant.

DAY 2 Friday 16 May, 2025
Cape Town

Get ready for an exciting day of exploration and creativity in Cape Town. Our morning begins with a guided tour starting at Table Mountain. We will take the cable car to the top for panoramic views of the city and coastline. After descending from Table Mountain, we will head to the colourful Bo-Kaap neighbourhood and take a walk through the streets lined with brightly coloured houses and learn about the area's Cape Malay culture and history. We will see many of the city's landmarks such as City Hall, the Parliament Building, and the Castle of Good Hope, the oldest surviving colonial building in South Africa. In the afternoon, we will have our first painting session in Cape Town. Whether you are a seasoned artist or a beginner, John will be there to provide helpful tips and advice to help you create your masterpiece.

DAY 3 Saturday 17 May, 2025
Cape Town, South Africa

Under the guidance of John, we will head to a fantastic painting location in Cape Town. John will lead the workshop group to a spot that offers great views and plenty of inspiration for our painting session. John will carry out a demonstration to show you how to get started on your own painting. He will provide tips on techniques, colour mixing, and composition to help you achieve the best possible result. Throughout the session, John will be on hand to help individual workshop members with their



work. He will offer guidance on any challenges you might be facing and provide valuable feedback to help you improve your skills. This evening there will be an included dinner.

DAY 4 Sunday 18 May, 2025
Cape Town

Stellenbosch and Franschhoek, are charming towns nestled in South Africa's Western Cape Province and are renowned for picturesque landscapes, Cape Dutch architecture, and renowned vineyards. Our day will be immersed in the vibrant artistic atmosphere of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek, painting scenes that capture its unique beauty. A highlight will be a delightful lunch experience at one of its renowned vineyards, adding a taste of local flavour to our artistic journey.

DAY 5 Monday 19 May, 2025
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This morning, we will take a flight to Victoria Falls. Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, is a breathtaking sight to behold. Known locally as "Mosi-oa-Tunya" or "The Smoke that Thunders," the falls are over a kilometre wide and 100 meters tall, making them the largest waterfall in the world. The sheer volume of water cascading down the cliffs creates a spectacular spray of mist that can be seen for miles around. This afternoon, we will have the opportunity to explore the falls up close, taking in the awe-inspiring views and perhaps even feeling the spray on our faces. It promises to be a truly unforgettable experience. This evening there will be an included dinner.

DAY 6 Tuesday 20 May, 2025
Victoria Falls

Today, we have a full day dedicated to painting around the majestic Victoria Falls. John, will be on hand to provide guidance and tips to enhance your paintings, ensuring you capture the beauty and grandeur of this natural wonder. Whether you're inspired by the thundering waters, the lush surroundings, or

the unique wildlife that call this area home, today's painting session promises to be both inspiring and rewarding. This evening there will be an included dinner.

DAY 7 Wednesday 21 May, 2025
Victoria Falls

Today we will visit the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust it is a non-profit organization based in Victoria Falls that is dedicated to the conservation and protection of wildlife in the region. One of the main objectives of the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, is to rescue and rehabilitate injured, orphaned, and distressed wildlife. This will be a unique opportunity to learn about the organization's conservation efforts and hopefully get up close to some of the wildlife. Following our tour there will be a painting session. This evening, we will enjoy a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River, complete with dinner. This excursion offers a fantastic chance to witness the local wildlife, including majestic hippos, as they emerge from the river. The tranquil setting, coupled with the vibrant colours of the sunset, promises a truly magical experience.

DAY 8 Thursday 22 May, 2025
Victoria Falls

A full day of painting around Victoria Falls. Late in the afternoon, you might consider taking an optional "Flight of Angels", a scenic helicopter flight over the falls, providing a breathtaking aerial perspective of this natural wonder. This evening there will be an included dinner.

DAY 9 Friday 23 May, 2025
Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge, Botswana

Today we will transfer to Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge for an unforgettable experience. Chobe National Park is renowned for its vast elephant populations, large herds of buffalo (rivalled only by some sizable lion prides), and astonishing birdlife, Chobe





National Park promises to create lasting memories. The park's stunning riverfront teems with wildlife, including undisturbed predators, set against heavenly landscapes. Late afternoon, we embark on our first game drive, venturing out to seek out the wildlife that inhabits the ancient woodlands and open savannah plains of the park. Keep your eyes peeled for the roan antelope, sable herds, giraffes in their journeys, kudus, zebras, wildebeests, warthogs, lions, leopards, and the occasional African wild dog. This evening there will be an included dinner at Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge.

DAY 10 Saturday 24 May, 2025 Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge

This morning, we will have a unique opportunity to immerse ourselves in the local culture with an authentic Namibian village tour. We will explore the neighbouring country and visit Impalila Island with a local guide, just a short boat cruise across the Chobe River. This excursion offers a glimpse into the daily lives and rich culture of the Namibian people, providing a deeper

understanding of this beautiful region. In the afternoon, there will be a painting session, allowing you to capture the essence of your experience. Late afternoon, we will embark on another thrilling game drive in Chobe National Park, offering a chance to encounter the park's diverse wildlife in their natural habitat. This evening there will be an included dinner at Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge.

DAY 11 Sunday 25 May, 2025 Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge

This morning, we will embark on an early morning exciting game drive to explore the wilderness. Later, you will have the



opportunity to paint and capture the beauty of this unique landscape. Late afternoon, we have a special treat planned: a relaxing sundowner cruise on the Chobe River. This experience offers some of Africa's finest and most intimate game viewing opportunities. Our expert guides will navigate the riverboat, providing you with the perfect vantage point to observe hippos grazing at dusk and the impressive herds of buffalo. With luck, you might even catch a glimpse of elephants crossing the river, using their trunks as snorkels – a sight that never fails to amaze! To conclude our day, we will gather for an included dinner at Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge.

DAY 12 Monday 26 May, 2025 Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge

This morning's painting session under the expert guidance of John will be at Chobe Safari Lodge. In the afternoon, you will have time to put the finishing touches on your artwork before our final critique session. To wrap up our time together, we will gather for farewell drinks and a special farewell dinner at Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge celebrating the wonderful art created during our workshop.

DAY 13 Tuesday 27 May, 2025 Departure

This morning you will be transferred to Victoria Falls airport for flights departing after 1.00pm. Transfers to other nearby airports are available through the hotel at an additional cost.

Relax and enjoy!

Included in the price:

- 4 nights accommodation in the 4 star Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel in Cape Town
- 4 nights' accommodation at the 4-star Elephant Hills Hotel Victoria Falls
- 4 nights' accommodation at Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge Botswana
- Enjoy 28 meals including daily breakfast and 2 dinners in Cape Town and one lunch in Stellenbosch, one lunch and four dinners at Victoria Falls, four lunches and four dinners at Chobe Safari Lodge
- Welcome drinks in Cape Town
- Farewell drinks at Chobe Safari Lodge
- Airfares from Cape Town to Victoria Falls
- Sightseeing tours in Cape Town with English speaking guide
- Sunset cruise with dinner on the Zambezi river
- Tour to Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust
- Sunset cruise on the Chobe River
- Namibian village tour
- Three game drives in Chobe National Park
- Transportation as per the itinerary
- Intensive painting sessions including demonstrations, painting instruction and critique sessions.
- First-class teaching by world-famous watercolour artist and teacher, John Lovett.
- Workshop accompanied by a professional workshop manager.
- A certificate confirming your successful completion of the Workshop.

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| Workshop price per person twin-share | AUS \$ 9,195 |
| Single supplement | AUS \$ 1,450 |
| Non-painters discount | AUS \$ 250 |

Not included in the price:

- Travel arrangements not specified in the itinerary, such as air travel from your home to and from the workshop.
- Travel insurance. We strongly recommend travel insurance to cover yourself for cancellation, medical and hospital expenses, and other unforeseen expenses.
- Gratuities to the coach drivers and local guides.
- Sightseeing unless specified in the workshop itinerary.
- Drinks and meals other than those specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Airport and overseas arrival/departure taxes.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Passport and visa fees.

If you are eager to explore Cape Town before the workshop officially starts, please feel free to get in touch with your Travelrite consultant. They will be more than happy to help you arrange any additional accommodation or activities in Cape Town that you may wish to enjoy.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Payment Conditions:

A reservation deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 60 days prior to the date of departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payments by Visa, Mastercard and Amex.

2. Alteration to Workshop Vacation Price:

The Painting Workshop Vacation price is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances and changes in the cost of travel and accommodation services. Should any increase in the Workshop Vacation price be unacceptable to the registered member, a full refund of monies paid will be made.

3. Cancellation and Amendments:

Cancellations received in writing 60 or more days from the date of departure will result in a cancellation fee of \$500 per person. Cancellations received 60 or fewer days before departure will result in a loss of all monies paid. There are no refunds for services not utilized while on a Workshop Vacation. Travel insurance is highly recommended to cover Workshop members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the Workshop Vacation and for cancellation fees that could result from illness, accident, death or other contingencies. Once a booking has been confirmed, one amendment to travel arrangements will be made free-of charge. Subsequent changes to travel arrangements will incur an amendment fee of \$25 per change in addition to supplier charges.

4. Minimum Workshop Vacation Numbers:

Each Painting Workshop Vacation has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of members travelling. In the

event that fewer than the minimum number of members have confirmed their booking 60 days from the date of commencement, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the Workshop Vacation, giving a full refund of monies paid, or to offer arrangements to proceed with the Workshop Vacation at a modified price.

5. General:

In the unlikely event that the Workshop tutor is unable to perform his or her duties due to unforeseen contingencies, Travelrite International reserves the right to substitute another artist as tutor or to continue with the Workshop Vacation as planned or to provide a cash refund to Workshop members equivalent to the value of the Workshop leadership. International Artist Painting Workshops can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair-climbing in the regions visited and it is important that all members have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in these activities without the need of assistance from others.

6. Tax Considerations:

If you regularly sell your own paintings, you may fall into the semi-professional or professional category for taxation purposes and the tour cost may be tax-deductible. We recommend that you seek the advice of a qualified tax adviser.

7. Responsibilities:

Travelrite International Pty Ltd., their agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with these Workshop Vacations shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or of default of any hotel, carrier,

restaurant, company or person rendering any services included in the Workshops, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism, or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expenses, omissions, delays, rerouting or acts of any government or authority. Baggage remains at owner's risk throughout the Workshop Vacation. The passage contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of these Painting Workshop Vacations and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any Painting Workshop Vacation and/or to make such changes in the Painting Workshop Vacation as may be found desirable for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying-out of the Painting Workshop Vacation. Registration for any Painting Workshop Vacation constitutes a contract which shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be taken in the State of Victoria.

How to Book:

Bookings can be made by completing the online booking form or sending it with a deposit to:

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