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## Royal Portfolio Golf Tour

### 10 Nights, 3 on Safari&nbsp;| 4 Rounds

Started in 1999 by Liz and Phil Biden, The Royal Portfolio is a collection of exclusive hotels, lodges and private residences located in iconic destinations across South Africa. The Royal Portfolio is a family-owned and run business where guests feel a sense of familiarity and comfort. Each hotel is unique and each experience is authentic.

Since first opening Royal Malewane in 2000, the vision of the Biden family has been to give guests a complete experience and a perfect stay.

The opening of The Silo Hotel enabled The Royal Portfolio to offer guests a unique journey across a portfolio of quintessentially South Africa experiences including a Big 5 safari in the Greater Kruger National Park, a gourmet safari in the Cape Winelands, a coastal experience in Hermanus and the natural wonder, art and culture of Cape Town.

By adding golf and private touring, we believe this is one of the most deluxe South African experiences a traveller could hope for.

#### Saturday, January 1

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This evening depart the United States.

#### Sunday, January 2

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**Sightseeing Suggestion:** The Waterfront - Situated between Robben Island and Table Mountain in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour, the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront has become South Africa's most visited destination. Set against a backdrop of magnificent sea and mountain views, exciting shopping and entertainment venues are intermingled with imaginative office locations, world-class hotels and luxury apartments in the residential marina.

On arrival at Cape Town Airport, you will be met by our VIP arrival assistant at the exit ramp of your aircraft. They will assist you through Immigration and Luggage Claims to your driver in the arrivals hall. If your schedule requires an additional internal connecting flight, you will be helped with check-in to that flight and you will be met by your driver after luggage claim in the arrivals hall of your second stop.

OVERNIGHT: **The Silo Hotel** - 2 Silo Room

#### Monday, January 3

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Play today at **Steenberg (tbc)**. An 18 hole championship course designed by Peter Matkovich; a backdrop of vineyards, gardens, forests and mountains provides the setting for this beautiful exclusive course. The course is

always in excellent condition with bent grass greens and lush fairways. Steenberg offers you the opportunity of excellent golf within the historic setting of one of the Cape's oldest wine farms. Dating back to 1682 the vineyards have been replanted and 140 acres are now under vines.

**Sightseeing Inclusion:** Historic Cape Town & Table Mountain.

Depart the city for the Lower Cableway Station to board the revolving cable car for a 5-minute ride to the top of Table Mountain. 1036 meters above sea level, it affords bird's-eye views of both city and Peninsula as you walk its summit (weather permitting). Return to the city via the old Cape Malay Quarter, for a walk through the Company Gardens, the fresh produce gardens for ships and locals from the mid 17th Century and today, home to the SA Museum, Cultural History Museum, Houses of Parliament, National Gallery and St George's Cathedral. Stroll through the city to Greenmarket Square to browse African mementos at its bustling market stalls.

Explore other areas of personal interest such as art galleries, restaurants or enjoy added R&R time in Camps Bay or on the beach at Clifton. Your guide will discuss finer items directly with you.

OVERNIGHT: **The Silo Hotel** - 2 Silo Room

## Tuesday, January 4

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Play today at **Royal Cape (tbc)**, the oldest golf club in Africa (1895) which has hosted the South African Open no less than ten times and the SA Amateur Championships eight times. The most recent SA Open held here was in 1996 and was won by Ernie Els. Essentially it is a very flat parkland course, it is always well maintained and a pleasure to play, with lovely views of the surrounding mountains. But don't be deceived by its apparent easiness. The fairways are narrow, demanding extreme accuracy off the tee, wayward shots can be heavily penalized amongst the trees and the greens are well bunkered, especially in the prominent South-Westerly wind, locally referred to as the Cape Doctor.

**Sightseeing Inclusion:** Cape Peninsula Tour.

Depart the city along the spectacular Atlantic Seaboard, en route to the fishing village of Hout Bay to explore the harbour, visiting its fish markets and shops. Continue over the 600m heights of Chapman's Peak Drive, one of the world's most breath-taking passes and past the Cape's longest beach, with a chance to spot Southern Right Whales just offshore from June to November.

Enter the Cape of Good Hope National Park for a walk (or optional funicular ride) up to the Cape Point Lighthouse, to take in magical ocean vistas at this, the south westernmost point of Africa. Head along the False Bay coast to Boulders Beach near Simonstown to see a colony of African Penguins and then continue past the seaside resorts of False Bay, towards the city. The last stop of the day is Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, for a walk through one of the largest collections of indigenous plants in the world.

**Tour Highlights include:** Hout Bay Harbour \* Chapman's Peak Drive \* Cape of Good Hope National Park and Cape Point \* Visit to Penguins at Boulders Beach \* Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens \* A lunch stop will be made en route and is included in the cost.

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OVERNIGHT: **The Silo Hotel** - 2 Silo Room

### Wednesday, January 5

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Today play **Arabella (tbc)**. Ranked no. 5 in South Africa in 2005, Arabella is perfectly designed to exploit its unique position alongside the largest natural lagoon in Southern Africa. The 8th, 9th, 17th and 18th holes run parallel to the lagoon, proving a truly memorable experience. Choosing a signature hole proves to be an extremely difficult task as all of the holes are well designed with spectacular views. The course is the host course to the Nelson Mandela Invitational, Africa's premier Pro-am Charity Event. (cart fee included)

OVERNIGHT: **Birkenhead House** - 2 Luxury Room

### Thursday, January 6

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Today is a free day to enjoy the area. Your travel expert will assist in planning additional activities that meet your interests and level of adventure.

OVERNIGHT: **Birkenhead House** - 2 Luxury Room

### Friday, January 7

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Play today at **Pearl Valley (tbc)**. Set in the famous Franschhoek Wine region, this new Jack Nicklaus Signature Course is a treat to play. Pearl Valley is probably in the top conditioned course in South Africa. As with many Nicklaus courses, water on the right with plenty of sand, will keep the golfers mind off the wide landing areas provided. Also a new development, the course and its geographical location allow for guests to enjoy a day outing in the Winelands with high quality golf to compliment the food and wine. A second course, 'Bears Best' will be built shortly on the same property. (cart fee included)

OVERNIGHT: **La Residence** - 2 Luxury Suite

### Saturday, January 8

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**Sightseeing Inclusion:** Full day wine touring in the Cape Winelands. Exact touring routes will be decided by the guide based on the specific interests in the group and the hotel starting point.

**Regular Tour Highlights include:** Cellar tour \* Wine Tasting (at least 2 wineries) \* Stellenbosch, town of oaks \* Boschendal historic manor house \* Franschhoek Valley \* Paarl. A lunch stop will be made en route and is included in the cost.

OVERNIGHT: **La Residence** - 2 Luxury Suite

### Sunday, January 9

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Today is a travel day between regions. The exact route, timing, transport options and additional touring ideas will be planned with your PerryGolf Travel Expert.

Today fly to Hoedspruit Airport. (The cost of this flight will be quoted separately)

OVERNIGHT: **Royal Malewane** - 2 Luxury Suite

## Monday, January 10

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Enjoy a full day on safari, in the care of your safari lodge rangers. The average day follows the following schedule:

5:30 AM: Morning Safari Drive commences.  
9:00 AM: Breakfast back at the lodge.  
10:00 AM: Bush walks (if available) or spa treatments.  
1:00 PM: Lunch is served.  
2:00 PM: R&R / Siesta or spa time.  
3.30 PM: Afternoon tea.  
4:00 PM: Evening Safari Drive commences.  
7:30 PM: Return for drinks around the campfire.  
8:00 PM: Dinner is served.

OVERNIGHT: **Royal Malewane** - 2 Luxury Suite

## Tuesday, January 11

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Enjoy a full day of safari activities in the care of your lodge rangers.

OVERNIGHT: **Royal Malewane** - 2 Luxury Suite

## Wednesday, January 12

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Depart South Africa from the Johannesburg Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### The Silo Hotel

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The Silo is an exclusive five-star hotel towering above the V&A Waterfront surrounded by the natural wonder of South Africa's Mother City. This magical hotel is a celebration of art, style, architecture and design. A tribute to timeless glamour and contemporary luxury offering the highest levels of personalised service synonymous with The Royal Portfolio. The Silo Hotel has been built in the grain elevator portion of the historic grain silo complex occupying six floors above Zeitz MOCAA (Museum of Contemporary Art Africa). Zeitz MOCAA houses Africa's largest collection of contemporary African art.

The exterior of the building was designed by Thomas Heatherwick, Founder and Principal of the London-based Heatherwick Studio. From the outside, the greatest visible change to the building's original structure is the addition of the ingenious glass windows inserted into the geometry of the hotel floors. These multi-faceted windows, each housing 56 panels of glass, bulge outward as if gently inflated. By night, this transforms the building into a glowing beacon in the Table Bay harbour.

Each of The Silo Hotel's 28 rooms, including a spectacular one bedroom penthouse room, has been individually designed and decorated by Liz Biden, owner and founder of The Royal Portfolio. Colourful and eclectic pieces juxtapose the modern, industrial architecture. Liz has always had an eye for the unusual. She has a unique gift for creating beautiful spaces that are at once both stylish and comfortable. Each room has a private balcony and a unique collection of contemporary African art. The views offered by the glittering pillowed-glass windows are some of the best in the world.

The Silo Hotel has over 300 pieces of contemporary African art. The Biden family have carefully curated the collection in collaboration with a number of local art galleries. The Silo Hotel's Art Concierge offers wonderful tailored art tours that allow guests the opportunity to learn about the incredible African art scene and visit the Zeitz MOCAA below.

### Birkenhead House

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Set on a dramatic rocky bluff, this opulent boutique has views over Walker Bay where southern right whales migrate between May and December and calve during the month of August. The property makes the most of the vantage point, with terraces and an infinity pool (one of three) overlooking the water, and huge windows in all 11 suites. The guest units are decorated with eclectic antiques from France, Russia, and China, and have especially wonderful baths—request Studio 5 for a Zen spa-like sunken tub, or Studio 3 for a claw-foot beauty in the center of the bedroom. The slew of nature-based activities range from the sedate (beach lounging, cheese-and-wine-tasting tours) to the exertive (kayaking, bird-watching hikes on the cliffs) to the heart-racing (cage diving among sharks). Refuel at the end of the day in the guests-only restaurant, which serves fresh-caught seafood, stellar sushi, and homemade focaccia.

### La Residence

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Gracing a 30-acre estate in the heart of the majestic Franschhoek Valley, this private hotel is a considered a work of

art, taking luxury to a new level. The property boasts 11 ultra-luxurious suites all decorated with exquisite Persian carpets and an eclectic mix of objects d'art. World class cuisine is on offer in the baronial dining area or on the patio. Personalised service is the order of the day. Each vast and opulently appointed suite is complemented by a plational en-suite bathroom. The private balconies offer panoramic views of the vineyards, mountains and valley. Your stay includes bed, breakfast and all local beverages.

## Royal Malewane

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Luxury, in its purest form, transcends both the material and the sensual. It is a panner for the soul, suspended quietly in space and time, high above life's familiar course. Each of the eight freestanding and private suites rests in harmony with its magnificent surroundings with a rich deck wood terrace, thatched gazebo and spillway pool finding easy residence in nature. The colonial style of the lodge is especially visible inside the suites, which feature a palatial air-conditioned bedroom/sitting room with a fireplace, antique furniture and canopied king-size bed as well as an extravagant bathroom with a window-side Victorian bath and indoor and outdoor showers. The suites luxurious interior appointments draw inspiration from the grand colonial ethos; neo-classical refuge in the raw uncompromising bush. Here, after a long day of exhilarating game viewing, you can journey into dream's domain draped in Ralph Lauren linen, as the lion-roars echo through your window of stars. The main camp complex is the heart of Royal Malewane. African thatched-roof buildings house the library, shop, dining and reception areas. Furnished with rich antiques and Persian carpets, every fitting creates the feel of original colonial elegance. There is a wonderful new gym and spa facility offering health and skincare therapy by internationally qualified in-house therapist. Guests may enjoy a treatment of their choice at the luxurious spa or in the sala, with only nature surrounding them. Alternatively, they may relax with a treatment in the complete privacy of their own suite.