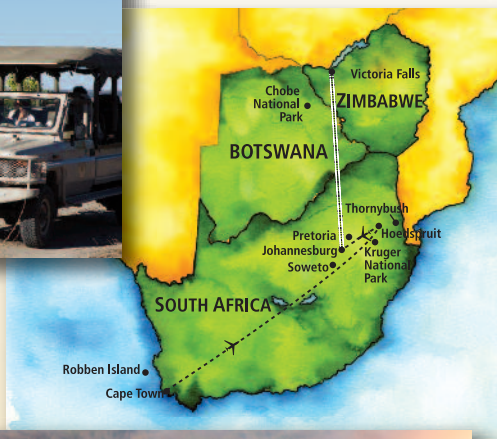


JOURNEY TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

LUXURY SAFARIS • ROVOS RAIL • CAPE TOWN



A land of spectacular biological diversity and culture, the wonders of South Africa exceed the imagination. Encircled by mountains and the sea, Cape Town is nestled in the idyllic southwest corner of Africa. The city is small, but brimming with history and a fascinating, diverse culture. Next, experience a three-night luxury safari on a private game reserve near world-famous Kruger National Park, one of the most game-rich parks in the region. See a bit of Johannesburg before embarking on a deluxe train journey to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, aboard Rovos Rail. After admiring the awe-inspiring falls, continue to Chobe National Park, known for its large elephant population, in Botswana.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Three nights** in Cape Town, South Africa, at the deluxe **Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel**.
- **Three nights** in Thornybush Game Reserve at the deluxe **Thornybush Game Lodge**.
- **One night** in Johannesburg at the deluxe **54 on Bath**.
- **Three nights** aboard the deluxe **Rovos Rail**.
- **Two nights** in Chobe National Park, at the deluxe **Chobe Game Lodge**.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.
- Flights from Cape Town to Hoedspruit and Hoedspruit to Johannesburg.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Dinner**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches and eight dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Your exclusive **Small-Group experience** is limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- **Deluxe hotel accommodations** in four locations and a three-night journey aboard the luxurious **Rovos Rail**.
- An expertly designed itinerary offers exceptional opportunities to experience the culture and beauty of **South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana**.
- Experience a **three-night safari** at Thornybush Game Reserve, a **two-night safari** at Chobe National Park and an **afternoon safari** in Hwange National Park, allowing you to see a wide variety of wild animals in different ecosystems.
- Explore the vibrant city of **Cape Town**, South Africa's Mother City.
- This program features three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**: Cape Floral Region Protected Areas, Robben Island and Victoria Falls.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 & 2 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Cape Town, South Africa. Depending on the route you select, you may depart on Day 2 or have a layover with a day room provided by AHI Travel.[†]

[†] Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 3 ~ CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival, transfer[†] to the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel.

Attend a Welcome Reception.

DAY 4 ~ CAPE TOWN

Excursion: *The Cape Peninsula.*

Enjoy a scenic drive out of the city to the Cape Point Nature Reserve and the Cape of Good Hope. See the African Penguin colony at Boulders Beach.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch during the excursion.

Educational Focus: *The History of South Africa.*

DAY 5 ~ CAPE TOWN

Excursion: *Cape Town.* See the highlights of the city. Weather permitting, take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain for a breathtaking view of Cape Town, Table Bay and the Cape of Good Hope. Take a boat to Robben Island for a tour of the prison where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated. A former prisoner leads the tour.

DAY 6 ~ THORNYBUSH GAME RESERVE

Fly to Hoedspruit and transfer to Thornybush Game Reserve.

Excursion: *Introduction to Thornybush.* Join an expert tracker and ranger for your first game drive.

DAY 7 ~ THORNYBUSH

Excursion: *Safari.* Continue your quest to spot the Big Five: Cape buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhinoceros.

Educational Focus: *South African Wildlife.*

DAY 8 ~ THORNYBUSH

Excursion: *Safari.* Enjoy a final day on safari with your expert ranger and tracker, who know every corner of the reserve.

DAY 9 ~ JOHANNESBURG

Fly to Johannesburg.

Excursion: *Soweto.* See the homes of Nelson Mandela, Winnie Mandela and Desmond Tutu. Meet youngsters

involved in a youth project.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch in Johannesburg.

Check in to 54 on Bath.

DAY 10 ~ ROVOS RAIL

Transfer to Pretoria. Journey to Victoria Falls aboard Rovos Rail. Experience the elegance of a bygone era aboard this meticulously renovated train. The train crosses into Botswana.

DAY 11 ~ ROVOS RAIL

Today enjoy the scenery as you travel north to Zimbabwe. This evening, the train crosses into Zimbabwe.

DAY 12 ~ ROVOS RAIL

Excursion: *Safari.* Stop in Hwange National Park for a game drive.

DAY 13 ~ VICTORIA FALLS/CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Disembark the train in Victoria Falls this morning.

Excursion: *Victoria Falls.* Visit the thundering waterfalls called the Smoke that Thunders in the local language.

Continue to Chobe Game Lodge at Chobe National Park in Botswana.

The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 14 ~ CHOBE

Excursion: *Safari.* Search for wildlife in the park on a morning game drive. In the afternoon, explore by boat. Tonight, attend a Farewell Dinner.

DAY 15 ~ CHOBE/VICTORIA FALLS/JOHANNESBURG

Excursion: *Safari.* Enjoy the final game drive of your safari.

Transfer to Victoria Falls Airport, and fly[†] to O.R. Tambo International Airport for your return flights to your gateway city.

DAY 16 ~ IN TRANSIT

Return to your gateway city.[†]

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

Extend Your Trip: *Cape Town.*

A two-night extension, including a wine country excursion, is being offered before the main program.

ACCOMMODATIONS

BELMOND MOUNT NELSON HOTEL

Cape Town

Nestled at the foot of Table Mountain, this hotel consistently appears in the annual Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards. It has two outdoor swimming pools, a fitness center, a spa, two restaurants and a bar. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

ROVOS RAIL

Relax aboard one of the most luxurious trains in the world. Spacious sleeper coaches feature period Edwardian décor. Enjoy international cuisine and South African wines.

54 ON BATH

Johannesburg

This boutique hotel is just steps from the city's trendiest shops and restaurants. The hotel has an outdoor pool, a bar and restaurant. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

THORNYBUSH GAME LODGE

Thornybush Game Reserve

Enjoy excellent service and luxurious accommodations during your safari. The lodge has a swimming pool and a full-service spa. Each air-conditioned guest room features a private deck. Internet access is available in the library.

CHOBE GAME LODGE

Chobe National Park

Enjoy luxurious accommodations at the park's only permanent game lodge. Enjoy exquisite comfort and excellent service. Enjoy the spa and pool. At night, relax in elegant guest rooms. Wi-Fi is complimentary in the main public areas.

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