



# JOURNEY TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

featuring LUXURY SAFARIS, ROVOS RAIL & CAPE TOWN

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**From \$6,795**

VAT is an additional \$495 per person.

AHI FlexAir, at an additional cost, is also available

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and includes early booking discount of \$250. Single accommodations are an additional cost (limited availability).

A land of spectacular biological diversity and culture, the wonders of southern Africa exceed the imagination.

On this journey, experience both life in the city and in the bush. Laidback Cape Town, encircled by mountains

and the sea, is nestled in the idyllic southwest corner of Africa. Named South Africa's Mother City, it has a fascinating, diverse culture. In the center of the country, Johannesburg sprang to life in the 1880s during a gold rush, and today it still teems with bold energy. Go on safari in a world-famous park in Botswana and on a game-rich wildlife reserve in South Africa. Special highlights of this journey are an excursion to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, to see the powerful waterfalls, and a deluxe train journey aboard Rovos Rail.



## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

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

### 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 & 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.<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

### DAY 3 ~ CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival, transfer<sup>†</sup> 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 Mandel was incarcerated. A former prisoner leads the tour.

### DAY 6 ~ CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Fly to Livingstone, Zimbabwe, and transfer to Chobe National Park. Check in to Chobe Game Lodge.

The afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 7 ~ CHOBE

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

### DAY 8 ~ CHOBE/VICTORIA FALLS/ROVOS RAIL

**Excursion: Safari.** Enjoy a final game drive at Chobe.

Continue to Victoria Falls.

**Excursion: Victoria Falls.** Visit the thundering waterfalls called the Smoke that Thunders in the local language. Board Rovos Rail, and experience the elegance of a bygone era aboard this meticulously renovated train.

### DAY 9 ~ ROVOS RAIL

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

The train enters Botswana this evening.

### DAY 10 ~ ROVOS RAIL

Today enjoy the scenery as you travel south to Pretoria.

### DAY 11 ~ PRETORIA/JOHANNESBURG

The train arrives in Pretoria this morning. Disembark and continue to Johannesburg.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch in Johannesburg.

**Excursion: Soweto.** See the homes of Nelson Mandela, Winnie Mandela and Desmond Tutu. Meet youngsters involved in a youth project.

Check in to 54 on Bath.

### DAY 12 ~ 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 13 ~ THORNYBUSH

**Excursion: Safari.** Continue your quest to spot the Big Five — Cape buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhinoceros — on morning and afternoon game drives.

**Educational Focus: South African Wildlife.**

### DAY 14 ~ THORNYBUSH

**Excursion: Safari.** Enjoy a final day on safari with your ranger and tracker. Tonight, attend a Farewell Dinner.

### DAY 15 ~ THORNYBUSH/HOEDSPRUIT/JOHANNESBURG

Transfer to Hoedspruit Airport. Fly<sup>†</sup> to O.R. Tambo International Airport for your return flights to your gateway city.

### DAY 16 ~ IN TRANSIT

Return to your gateway city.<sup>†</sup>

*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.*

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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### 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.



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