ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 1-15, 2027

with optional
Cape Town Pre-Tour

AFRICAN EXPEDITION

BY PRIVATE TRAIN



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Dear University of Michigan Alumni Traveler,

Journey with us into the wilds of Africa as we explore the diverse sights of four countries during this private train expedition. Our specially curated 16-day tour uncovers a tapestry of cultural wonders, untamed dynamic landscapes and thrilling wildlife encounters in legendary national parks.

Traveling aboard a private train—your haven of comfort—embrace the stunning scenery and on-board luxuries. Enjoy time to unwind in the observation car and delight in three-course dinners prepared by talented chefs using the finest ingredients.

Game drives through Kruger National Park, Makalali Game Reserve and Hwange National Park provide opportunities to observe the Big Five and other indigenous wildlife in their natural settings. Among other adventures, sojourn through the rugged Drakensberg mountain range, explore archaeological sites in Great Zimbabwe and experience the raw beauty and power of Victoria Falls.

Space is limited and filling quickly. Make your reservation today online at umalumni.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

Yours for Michigan,

Rachele Neu

Rachele Neu, '08, MA '12
Senior Travel Program Manager

NOTE: The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.



African Expedition by Private Train | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, though spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Activities may be dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.

Day 1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S. Full travel day from U.S. ✈

Day 2 ARRIVE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA (D) Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Later join fellow travel companions for dinner.
Overnight: Kievits Kroon Gauteng Wine Estate

Day 3 PRETORIA (B,L,D) First see Pretoria's iconic landmarks including the Union Building and the Nelson Mandela Statue on a guided panoramic tour. As embarkation begins late afternoon, settle into your private sleeping car featuring large windows and en suite bathroom. Venture into the cozy lounge car to admire the passing scenery from its panoramic windows or observation porch. On board, four-course dinners are a highlight. Talented chefs prepare African and European cuisine served in two comfortable restaurant cars.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 4 FULL DAY ABOARD TRAIN (B,L,D) Enjoy a leisurely day of informative lectures and social time with fellow travelers.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 5 KINGDOM OF ESWATINI (B,D) Visit Ngwenya Glass to witness the art of glassblowing followed by time to peruse the showroom. Continue to the village of Mbabane to see a traditional Swazi dance performance. Before returning to the train explore the town of Piggs Peak.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 6 MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE (B,L,D) Set off on a guided panoramic city tour followed by a seafood lunch before returning to the train.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 7 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (B,L,D) Prepare for an exhilarating full-day game drive through the park to spot for the Big Five and other wildlife. Gather for a traditional African boma dinner this evening.
Overnight: Skukuza Safari Lodge

Day 8 DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS (B,D) Take a final safari through Kruger National Park. Then travel by bus along the panoramic route through the Drakensberg mountain range.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 9 MAKALALI GAME RESERVE (B,L,D) Immerse yourself in the untamed beauty of the Makalali Game Reserve, a diverse landscape providing a rich tapestry of habitats for a plethora of wildlife. Spot for the Big Five and an abundance of other species during a game drive, and gain insight into the area's history.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 10 FULL DAY ABOARD TRAIN (B,L,D) En route through the Limpopo Province, pass by the Soutpansberg mountain range and the lands of South Africa's Rain Queen. Enjoy a biltong (traditional spiced jerky) tasting. Embrace time for introspection or listen to a presentation by the tour guide.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 11 GREAT ZIMBABWE (B,D) Following breakfast embark on a bus journey to the ruins of Great Zimbabwe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and unravel the mysteries of this ancient civilization. The legacy of Great Zimbabwe lives on as one of the largest and most culturally important archaeological sites of its kind in Africa.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 12 BULAWAYO • MATOBO NATIONAL PARK (B,D) Take a guided panoramic city tour of Bulawayo. After lunch visit Matobo National Park—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later see the Grave of Cecil Rhodes.
Overnight: Private Train

Day 13 HWANGE NATIONAL PARK • VICTORIA FALLS (B,L) Set out on a morning game drive through Zimbabwe's largest and most important game reserve.
Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Day 14 VICTORIA FALLS (B,D) Take a boat safari down the Zambezi River. While on board enjoy a special farewell dinner.
Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Day 15 VICTORIA FALLS • DEPART FOR U.S. (B) After breakfast transfer to the airport for flights home.

Day 16 ARRIVE IN U.S.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



Activity Level: This safari program requires an ability to board and disembark a train as well as walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, get in and out of a 4x4 vehicle, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on sometimes bumpy roads.

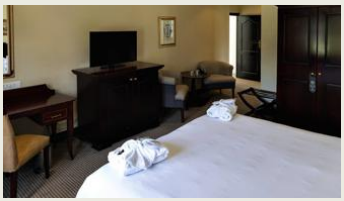
What's Included

- 9 nights aboard the private train plus 4 nights deluxe hotel/lodge accommodations
- 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 12 dinners including a special farewell dinner
- All excursions described in the itinerary including admission and park fees
- Expert naturalist guides throughout including an Orbridge Travel Director Team
- Access to onboard physician
- Transfer and excursion transportation aboard air conditioned buses
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Directors, local guides, porters, attendants and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Hotel Accommodations *(subject to change)*

KIEVITS KROON GAUTENG WINE ESTATE

This tranquil 40-acre wine estate features stylish accommodations, wonderful gardens and modern facilities.


SKUKUZA SAFARI LODGE

This lodge-style property is ideally situated within Kruger National Park.





VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE

This lodge is renowned for its views of a wildlife-rich waterhole visited by herds of elephant, buffalo and kudu.





Onboard Your Private Train

Evenings include four-course dinners featuring African and European culinary specialties. During leisure time relax in the comfortable bar car with a beverage, listen to an intriguing presentation, or sit back with a book. Take advantage of the open observation platform with uninterrupted views of passing wilderness, providing endless opportunities to take amazing photographs.

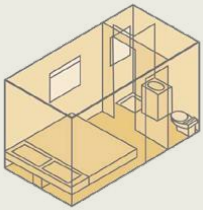
SLEEPING COMPARTMENT CATEGORIES

Classic: approx. 75 sq. ft. accommodating two guests in either two single beds or one double bed

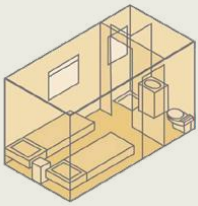
Deluxe: approx. 107 sq. ft. accommodating two guests in either two single beds or one double bed

Single travelers can select from either category. There is no internet access on the train.

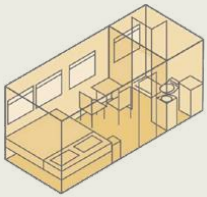




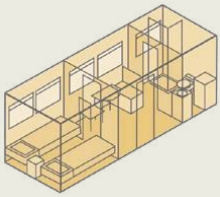










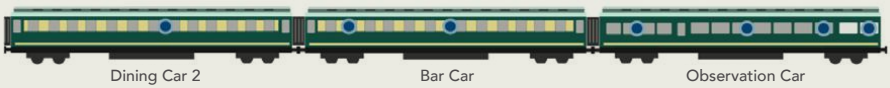


SLEEPING COMPARTMENT AMENITIES

Individual climate control, windows (equipped with blinds and sunshades) that open, 220/230V electrical outlets, safe, closet, bedside cabinets, complimentary bottled water, bathrobes and slippers, and private en suite bathroom with shower, towels, sundries and hair dryer.

Train car configuration will vary.







Optional Pre-Tour Cape Town

At the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Town offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, cultural richness and outdoor experiences. Explore this vibrant region's iconic landmarks, sample its exquisite flavors and admire the peninsula's captivating landscape.

Day +1 **EN ROUTE FROM U.S.** Full travel day from U.S. ✈

Day +2 **ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA** Upon arrival to Cape Town International Airport, transfer to the hotel to enjoy an evening at leisure.
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond

Day +3 **CAPE TOWN** (B,L) Today's first highlight is a cable car ride ascending Table Mountain (weather permitting). At the summit, take a leisurely walk to the various lookout points. Continue with a panoramic tour of the city, passing by some of Cape Town's most iconic landmarks. Afterwards enter the eye-catching Bo-Kaap neighborhood where you'll delve into South Africa's rich and complex food heritage during a food tasting featuring a blend of flavors and techniques.
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond

Day +4 **CAPE TOWN • CAPE PENINSULA** (B,L) Set off on a scenic drive south along the Atlantic Seaboard towards Cape of Good Hope. En route, take advantage of brief photography stops at Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak Drive. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Hout Bay Market. Then journey into the heart of the winelands for an exclusive food and wine pairing experience. At the iconic Cape of Good Hope, ascend to the summit aboard the historic Flying Dutchman Funicular (weather permitting). Visit Boulders Beach to observe a charming colony of African Penguins. The evening is at leisure.
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond

Day +5 **CAPE TOWN • FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG • MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS** (B) After breakfast transfer to the airport for the group flight to Johannesburg to join the main program.

What's Included

- 3 nights at five-star Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided Cape Town city tour and food tasting experience
- Guided Cape Peninsula excursion including a market visit, vineyard food and wine pairing experience, and Cape of Good Hope visit
- Admission and fees for included activities
- Transportation for included activities
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, porters, hotel staff and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times
- Internal airfare from Cape Town to Johannesburg















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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Classic Double	~~$14,499~~	$13,995
Deluxe Double	~~$16,499~~	$15,995
Classic Single	~~$21,499~~	$20,995
Deluxe Single	~~$24,499~~	$23,995

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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	~~$3,999~~	$3,795
Single	~~$5,099~~	$4,895

DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON

$500 pre-tour • $2,500 main tour

*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included.

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