



South Africa,  
Namibia, Botswana,  
and Zimbabwe  
THE BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA





## The Big Five

When colonial-era hunters descended on Africa in the late 1800s, they were on a quest for adventure and the “trophy” of taking home one of what became known as the Big Five—the lion, leopard, Cape buffalo, black rhinoceros, and the African savanna elephant. In addition to being deemed the most dangerous, these five African mammal species were considered the most challenging to capture.

With trophy hunting now highly discouraged, the thrill of the modern safari is to witness these spectacular creatures in their natural habitat—collecting images of some of the most spectacular wildlife on the planet. Keep your cameras and binoculars ready for Big Five game viewing and bird watching on our land safari through Chobe National Park, followed by a three-day cruise down the Chobe River to the edge of Namibia.

Experience the awe of this region as we journey from Zimbabwe to the fertile floodplains of Botswana, a sanctuary for one of Africa’s greatest concentrations of fauna, including nearly 120,000 elephants and vast numbers of zebra, giraffe, lion, buffaloes, leopard, rhinos, and the rare puku antelope. And don't forget to look down, as the elusive hippo and crocodile have been known to make an appearance in the river itself.





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**Convenience:** Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hard part is selecting where to go next.

**Educational Enrichment:** All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

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Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855.764.0064 or [alumnitravel@umich.edu](mailto:alumnitravel@umich.edu).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachele Neu'.

Rachele Neu  
Senior Travel Program Manager

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# LONG WALK TO FREEDOM



Step back in time to pivotal moments in South Africa's anti-apartheid movement and Nelson Mandela's autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*. Inspiring visits and illuminating discussions reveal the historic 20<sup>th</sup>-century milestones that culminated in the momentous inauguration of South Africa's first Black president—laying the foundation for progressive economic, social, and political prosperity. Follow in Mandela's footsteps through Soweto, visiting his former home on renowned Vilakazi Street, and explore UNESCO World Heritage-designated Robben Island, the isolated former outpost for political prisoners off the coast of Cape Town. Stand before the Union Buildings in Pretoria, where Mandela was inaugurated in 1994 after South Africa held the first multiracial democratic general election in its history. On April 27, 1995, the first commemoration of Freedom Day—a public holiday celebrating the anniversary of that historic moment—Mandela addressed the people of South Africa with considerable optimism about the “past from which we come as a nation; the great possibilities that we now have; and the bright future that beckons us.” Mandela's legacy as an activist, leader, and great humanitarian still resonates today.



## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).

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# SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, AND ZIMBABWE

## THE BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Experience the wonders of four nations in southern Africa, where nature's spectacle is at its most dramatic, history is rich, and Big Five game viewing is extraordinary. Share in the *ubuntu* spirit of humanity as you travel across the continent's spectacular landscapes on a comprehensive luxury itinerary that includes a three-night cruise on the Chobe River, eight nights in 5-star hotels, and all intra-country airfare. Discover the openness, warmth, and dignity that defines southern Africa's compelling diversity and legendary hospitality during visits to Johannesburg and Pretoria in South Africa. Witness Zimbabwe's awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, "the smoke that thunders." Observe remarkable wildlife as it has coexisted in its natural habitat for millennia, including the Big Five—African savanna elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, lion, and black rhinoceros—on a land and river safari through the raw wilderness of Botswana and Namibia. Journey to Cape Town's Table Mountain and visit a world-class wine estate in Cape Winelands to conclude your immersion in the natural splendor, rich literary traditions, and world-class institutions that chart the continent's unique social and political history—from the cradle of humankind to the dawn of democracy.



## 15-DAY/12-NIGHT ITINERARY

### Depart Home City

#### Day 1

Depart your home city.

### Johannesburg, South Africa

#### Day 2

Arrive in cosmopolitan Johannesburg, known colloquially as “Joburg,” and check into the 5-star FAIRLAWNS BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA. Join fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner. (R,D)

### Johannesburg for Pretoria

#### Day 3

North of Johannesburg, vibrant Pretoria is South Africa’s administrative capital, known for its distinctly Afrikaans culture, stunning architecture, and ubiquitous purple-blossomed jacaranda trees. Visit the monolithic Voortrekker Monument, honoring the mid-19<sup>th</sup>-century Dutch *voortrekkers* who migrated from the British-controlled Cape Colony to the inland Highveld region. See the sandstone Union Buildings

and the formal garden where Nelson Mandela delivered his historic presidential inauguration speech in 1994. (B,L,D)

### Johannesburg for Soweto

#### Day 4

Follow in the footsteps of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Nelson Mandela along Vilakazi Street and visit the house where he lived from 1946 to 1962, a short distance from the former home of fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu. Visit Johannesburg’s poignant Apartheid Museum to trace South Africa’s 21<sup>st</sup>-century journey to democracy—gaining insight into the realities of township life through its powerful artifacts, photographs, and film footage. (B,L)

### Johannesburg/ Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

#### Day 5

Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and check into the elegant and historic 5-star

VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL. Enjoy lunch on your own and join the group that evening for dinner. (B,D)

### Victoria Falls

#### Day 6

Walk the jungle-fringed trail along the edge of UNESCO-inscribed Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Here, the Zambezi River plunges into a narrow, 360-foot gorge—twice the height of Niagara Falls—creating frothy rapids and vaulting a colorful mist into the air. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

### Victoria Falls/Kasane, Botswana/Namibia

#### Day 7

Travel to Botswana for a morning game drive in Chobe National Park. Watch for elephants, wild dogs, zebras, and giraffes. In the afternoon, embark the ZAMBEZI QUEEN, a 5-star river boat, to prepare





*Boulders Beach penguin colony*



*Hippos in Chobe River*



for your safari cruise along the Chobe River. (B,L,D)

### **Cruising the Chobe River Day 8 and Day 9**

Enjoy up-close views of wildlife, including the Big Five as well as giraffe, kudu, oryx, and an astounding array of bird species as you cruise for these two days. Expert local guides will lead game-viewing river safaris aboard small excursion boats through this unspoiled ecosystem. You will also visit a local Namibian village to experience its unique culture firsthand. (B,L,D)

### **Kasane/Cape Town, South Africa**

#### **Day 10**

Disembark the river boat in Kasane and transfer to the airport. Fly to Cape Town, South Africa, and check into the iconic, 5-star BELMOND MOUNT NELSON HOTEL at the foot of Table Mountain. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B,L)

### **Cape Town/ Table Mountain/ Robben Island Day 11**

Take a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain for spectacular views, followed by a scenic drive through the city and view the Bo-Kaap and District Six area. This afternoon, you have the option of going on an included excursion to UNESCO-designated Robben Island, where Mandela and other political prisoners made strides during apartheid. The prison's storied interior and its guides—former prisoners, many of whom served with Mandela—provide an invaluable perspective on South Africa's social and political transformation. (B)

### **Cape Town/Cape Point Day 12**

Experience a panoramic drive with photo stops en route to Cape Point, a nature reserve

within Table Mountain National Park. Visit the Africa Penguin Colony on Boulders Beach. Arrive at Cape Point and take the Flying Dutchman Funicular for incredible views over the Cape of Good Hope. (B,L)

### **Cape Town/ Cape Winelands Day 13**

Drive to Cape Winelands and the world-class estate of Vergelegen for a wine tasting. Explore the picturesque formal gardens and historic Cape Dutch manor house, then continue to Boschendal for lunch. (B,L,R)

### **Cape Town/ Return to Home City**

#### **Day 14 and Day 15**

Check out of the hotel and fly back to your home city, arriving the next day. (B)

*Bo-Kaap neighborhood*





**ZAMBEZI QUEEN** The exclusively chartered, 5-star ZAMBEZI QUEEN is a specially designed, stylish “floating lodge” built to offer sophistication on the Chobe River. This unique, world-class African river boat offers remarkable opportunities for unobstructed viewing of wildlife, whether from the comfort of your bedside or from the contemporary lounge, bar, or open-air deck with plunge pool. Each of the 14 tastefully appointed, spacious, air-conditioned staterooms feature expansive sliding glass doors that open onto a private balcony, one queen bed or two twin beds, and private bathroom with shower.



## 2024 DEPARTURE DATES: February 10 to 24 (Tour Begins: February 11)

Category	<b>LAND/CRUISE RATES</b> <small>excluding taxes</small> <small>Per person, based on double occupancy</small>	<b>Early Booking</b> <b>Rate through</b> <b>Nov. 3, 2023</b>	
		<small>Rate after</small> <small>Nov. 3, 2023</small>	
SB	Outside standard suite with two lower beds, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Balcony. <i>Middle Deck.</i>	<b>\$9,445</b>	<b>\$10,495</b>
SA	Outside standard suite with two lower beds, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Balcony. <i>Middle Deck.</i>	<b>\$10,345</b>	<b>\$11,495</b>
Master Suite	Outside standard suite with two lower beds, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Forward Balcony. <i>Lower and Middle Decks.</i>	<b>\$12,145</b>	<b>\$13,495</b>

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

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**THE VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL** features dramatic views looking toward the mist of Victoria Falls. Originally built to house railway workers, this grand Edwardian-era hotel is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World.



## POST-PROGRAM OPTION

### MalaMala Private Game Reserve

**February 23 to 26, 2024** (Tour Ends: February 25)

Extend your safari experience with two nights in MalaMala's 5-star lodge, ideally located between the open boundaries of Kruger National Park and the Sabi Sands Game Reserve.

Enjoy early morning and late afternoon game drives aboard four-wheel drive safari vehicles with luxury accommodations at the MALAMALA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy:*      **\$2,945**

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