



# South Africa, Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe

THE BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



February 17 – March 3, 2026



**I**mmerse yourself in Africa's magnificent natural and historical wonders on this journey of a lifetime. With this exclusive land and river safari itinerary, explore the rich landscape of four nations in southern Africa while staying in deluxe hotels, at a fabulous game reserve and on an intimate chartered riverboat, the *Zambezi Queen*. Journey to Cape Town's Table Mountain and two UNESCO-inscribed sites, Robben Island and the Cape Floral Region Protected Area. Witness Zimbabwe's awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, "the smoke that thunders." Look for remarkable wildlife in its natural habitat, including the Big Five — Cape buffalo, African savanna elephant, leopard, lion and black rhinoceros — on land and river safaris through the raw wilderness of Botswana and Namibia. Follow Nelson Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom while visiting Johannesburg.

### Exclusive Highlights

- Three-day river safari aboard *Zambezi Queen*, an exclusively chartered riverboat.
- Specially arranged river and land safaris, designed to thrill with a variety of game-viewing opportunities.
- Walking tour of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.
- Tours of three UNESCO World Heritage sites.



Above: Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe  
Cover: Elephant, Chobe River, Botswana



Dear University of Michigan alumni travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent more than 60 years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for U-M travelers — trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us:

**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 hardest 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.

**Unique Explorations:** Our tours are specially designed for U-M travelers, providing opportunities for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

We invite you to explore our collection at [alumni.umich.edu/travel](http://alumni.umich.edu/travel).

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855-764-0064 or [alumnitravel@umich.edu](mailto:alumnitravel@umich.edu).

**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.

Sincerely,

*Rachele Neu*

Rachele Neu, '08, MA'12



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Day 1 | February 17

Depart your home city.

Day 2 | February 18

Cape Town, South Africa  
Arrive in Cape Town and transfer to *Belmond Mount Nelson* hotel and settle in.

Day 3 | February 19     B-L-R

Cape Town  
Take a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain for spectacular views, followed by a scenic drive through the city and the Bo-Kaap and District Six areas. This afternoon, visit UNESCO-designated Robben Island, a former military base converted to maximum-security prison where Mandela and other political prisoners were held. The prison’s storied interior and its guides — some of whom personally knew Mandela — provide an invaluable perspective on South Africa’s social and political transformation. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a Welcome Reception.

Day 4 | February 20     B-L

Cape Town | Cape Point  
Embark on a panoramic drive with photo stops en route to Cape Point, a nature reserve within Table Mountain National Park. Visit the African penguin colony on Boulders Beach. Arrive at Cape Point and take the Flying Dutchman funicular for incredible views over the Cape of Good Hope.

Day 5 | February 21     B-D

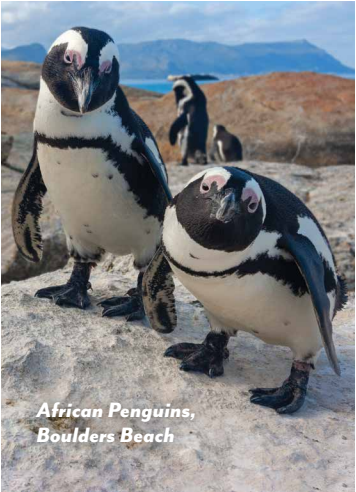
Cape Town | MalaMala Private Game Reserve  
This morning fly to Skukuza, then transfer to the famed MalaMala Game Reserve in four-wheel-drive vehicles, with game viewing throughout the transfer. MalaMala is South Africa’s largest private game reserve, boasting the Big Five — Cape buffalo, African savanna elephant, leopard, lion and rhinoceros. The reserve is renowned for its extraordinarily up-close wildlife sightings and elusive leopard viewing.

Day 6 | February 22     B-L-D

MalaMala Private Game Reserve  
At MalaMala, enjoy early morning and late afternoon game drives, plus walking safaris. In addition to the Big Five, you may see other animals such as cheetahs, giraffes, hyenas, kudu, monkeys, hippos and more than 350 species of birds.

Day 7 | February 23     B-L-D

MalaMala Private Game Reserve  
Continue pursuing the Big Five and other wildlife on game drives and walking safaris.



African Penguins,  
Boulders Beach





**Day 8 | February 24**

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MalaMala Private  
Game Reserve |  
Johannesburg

After a morning safari, fly to  
Johannesburg and check in  
to the *Fairlawns Boutique Hotel  
& Spa*, a deluxe luxury hotel.

**Day 9 | February 25**

**B-L**

Johannesburg  
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 21st-century  
journey to democracy.

**Day 10 | February 26**

**B-D**

Johannesburg |  
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe  
Fly to Victoria Falls. 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.  
Later, check in to the  
elegant and historic  
deluxe *Victoria Falls Hotel*.

**Day 11 | February 27**

**B-L-D**

Victoria Falls | Kasane,  
Botswana | Namibia |  
Embark

Travel to Botswana for a  
morning game drive in  
Chobe National Park, home to  
one of the world's largest  
elephant populations.  
In addition, watch for wild  
dogs, zebras, giraffes and  
impalas. In the afternoon,  
embark the *Zambezi Queen*,  
a deluxe riverboat, for your  
Chobe River safari cruise.

**Day 12 | February 28**

**B-L-D**

Cruising the Chobe River  
Visit a local Namibian village  
to experience its unique  
culture firsthand. Later this  
afternoon, view wildlife from

*MalaMala Camp deck*



*Local Namibian village*





Table Mountain cable car



Statue of Nelson Mandela,  
Historic City Hall, Cape Town



Apartheid Museum, Johannesburg

a different perspective as the animals venture to the Chobe River, to cool off during the afternoon heat. Expert local guides will lead game-viewing river safaris aboard small excursion boats through this unspoiled ecosystem.

### Day 13 | March 1 B-L-R-D

Cruising the Chobe River  
In addition to the Big Five, big game in this area

includes zebras, impalas, baboons, blue wildebeests, kudus, giraffes, warthogs and vervet monkeys. Don't forget your binoculars — the tree line by the river is a haven for birds. More than 450 bird species have been spotted in Chobe National Park! Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Reception, followed by a special dinner and cultural show.

### Day 14 | March 2 B-L

Kasane, Botswana/Depart for Home City

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to Kasane for your overnight flight home.

### Day 15 | March 3

Arrive in your home city.

*Note: This is an ACTIVE program. This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.*

## 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 Cape buffalo, African savanna elephant, leopard, lion and black rhinoceros. In addition to being deemed the most dangerous, these five African mammal species were considered the most challenging to capture.

Of course, the thrill of the modern safari is to witness these spectacular creatures in their natural habitat — photographing some of the most awesome wildlife on the planet. Keep your cameras and binoculars ready for Big Five game viewing and bird watching on our land safaris at acclaimed private game reserves and through Chobe National Park, followed by a three-day cruise down the Chobe River to the edge of Namibia.

*Top to bottom: Cape buffalo, lion, leopard, black rhinoceros, elephant (pictured on cover)*





## DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS



### Mount Nelson, a Belmond Hotel

Enjoy stylish accommodations, modern amenities and colonial grandeur in this timeless garden estate in Cape Town's cosmopolitan center at the foot of Table Mountain.



### MalaMala Private Game Reserve

A large land parcel managed with a focus on sound conservation, MalaMala has earned its reputation as the finest game-viewing destination in the world.



### Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa

Opulent suites are individually decorated to the highest standard. Indulge in the Balinese Spa, offering the ultimate relaxation with tranquil indoor or outdoor treatment areas.



### Victoria Falls Hotel

Featuring dramatic views overlooking Victoria Falls, this luxury gem was built to house railway workers. Nowadays the grand Edwardian-era hotel is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World.

## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



## Cape Town, South Africa

**February 15 to 18** (Program Begins: February 16)

Experience the warm sunshine and sunny disposition of the people in Cape Town, a modern metropolis surrounded by natural beauty. Enjoy the sublime Cape Winelands and visit world-class vineyards for specially arranged wine tastings. At Vergelegen, explore the beautiful gardens and country manor, dating back to the 1700s; at Boschendal Farm, savor lunch at their iconic restaurant. Includes two nights at the deluxe *Belmond Mount Nelson*.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,495**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,295**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- 3 nights at *Belmond Mount Nelson*, Cape Town.
- 3 nights at *MalaMala Private Game Reserve*.
- 2 nights at *Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa*, Johannesburg.
- 1 night at *The Victoria Falls Hotel*, Victoria Falls.
- 3 nights on *Zambezi Queen*.
- 3 included internal flights.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program.  
(1 for every 40 guests).
- Expert lecturers or faculty leaders enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- During included excursions, our experienced, English-speaking local guides will teach you about the history, culture and natural splendor of the destination.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
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- Hospitality desk in hotels and aboard the ship.
- Our extensive pre-departure materials better prepare you for your travel experience.
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- Transfers and luggage handling abroad when you purchase your air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).



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## TERMS

**\*The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 7/18/25 and paid in full at booking.**

**These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.**

- All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes.
- Single supplements apply in select categories at 125% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
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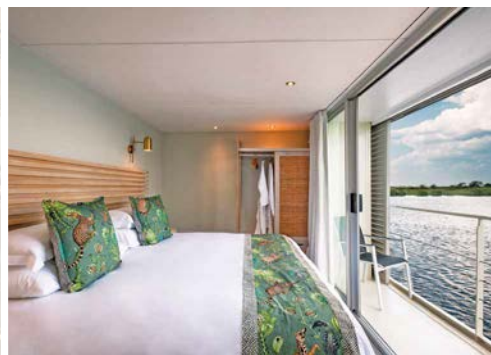
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# ZAMBEZI QUEEN



The exclusively chartered, deluxe *Zambezi Queen* is a specially designed, stylish “floating lodge” built to provide sophisticated comfort on the Chobe River. This unique, world-class African riverboat offers remarkable opportunities for unobstructed wildlife viewing, 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 en-suite bathroom and expansive sliding glass doors that open onto a private balcony.



**2026 DEPARTURE DATE | February 17 to March 3 | Tour Begins: February 18**

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
SB	Outside standard suite with luxurious amenities, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Balcony. 132 sq. ft.   Middle Deck.	\$13,495	\$12,495
SA	Outside standard suite with luxurious amenities, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Balcony. 151 to 155 sq. ft.   Middle Deck	\$14,295	\$13,295
Master Suite	Outside suite with luxurious amenities, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Forward Balcony. 167 sq. ft.   Lower and Middle Decks	\$15,795	\$14,795

All suites and staterooms are river-view and feature: two twin beds or one queen bed; an elegant private bath with L'occitane products, a walk-in glass shower with rain head, body jets and a handheld shower; a wardrobe; flat-screen TV with state-of-the-art infotainment system; terrycloth robes and slippers; Egyptian cotton linens, duvet and pillow menu; Nespresso coffee; teas; personalized bar service; private climate control; personal safe and hair dryer.

## The Gohagan Difference – An Inclusive Luxury Experience

For your comfort and convenience, our fares are comprehensive. We offer incredible inclusions not typical of all providers.

- Shore Excursions
- Wi-Fi/Internet
- Beverage Package
- Port Charges & Gratuities
- Travel Director(s)



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