



## South Africa Adventure 2018

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**JOHANNESBURG – CAPE TOWN – PILANESBERG – VICTORIA FALLS\*\***

*May 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> (18<sup>th</sup> w/ extension) 2018 (subject to change)*

*9-11 Days*

*Cost: \$2550 total (based on double occupancy)*

*2-day extension to Victoria Falls in Zambia & Zimbabwe an additional \$550*

***Includes:*** all international & domestic flights, full-time travel director, all accommodations, airport transfers, some meals, Johannesburg walking tour, 3 Cape Town walking tours, Safaris at Pilanesberg National Park, Table Mountain Cable Car, and all taxes & fees. ***Other expenses not included*** are: excess baggage fees, most meals, Zimbabwe Visa, and optional excursions.

*Travel Insurance available through our affiliate program at World Nomads. Visit <http://percussive.org/africa> for more information.*

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### **DAY ONE – Fly to Europe**

- Transfer via provided shuttle from West Michigan area to Chicago O'Hare International Airport to take your flight to a large European hub (city TBD).
- Enjoy a comfortable flight on a full-service airline where you will have full meal service, complimentary alcoholic beverages, in-flight personal entertainment, and premium comfort.

### **DAY TWO – Fly to South Africa**

- Change Planes in Europe
- Arrive in Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport and transfer to your hotel downtown for some rest and relaxation.

### **DAY THREE – Johannesburg, South Africa**

- Sleep in and enjoy an authentic South African breakfast at the hotel.
- Join your local guide, who will take you on a walking tour of Johannesburg's city center, where the ghost skyscrapers hover over an ocean of African traders and mini bus taxis. Walk around downtown "Joburg" as you are told stories of a different era in time and shown historical landmarks such as the Chancellor House (where Mandela worked as a lawyer in his younger days), the Beautiful Victorian Style Post Office, and the buzzing Diagonal Street where you might enjoy a corn on the cob or visit an old herbal shop.
- Later, visit the Apartheid Museum to learn about the founding of South Africa before delving into the apartheid era. Using photos, video, and print, the museum takes you on an extraordinary journey through the apartheid years to the 1994 democratic elections that named Nelson Mandela president.

### ***OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:***

#### ***Magaliesburg Balloon Safari from Johannesburg***

*If you're going to do it, then do it in unassailable style. Quaff champagne as you enjoy what some describe as the closest thing to heaven known to man - the "magical experience" of lazily drifting with the wind in a hot air balloon on a fascinating aerial sightseeing flight over the majestic Magaliesbergs, in the Cradle of Humankind, on South Africa's largest and most experienced balloon air-service.*

#### ***Bicycle Tour of Soweto***

*Get an up close look at Soweto daily life during this bicycle tour of this historic neighborhood. Follow a local guide past the Orlando Soccer Stadium, Orlando Towers and other highlights. You'll learn about the local schooling system and pay a visit to a hostel for mineworkers. Your guide will take you to the houses of Winnie and Nelson Mandela, as well as the home of Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu - some of the most famous names to come out of Soweto. This tour is the perfect way to explore one of South Africa's most well known destinations and offers travelers an opportunity to learn more about the history of Apartheid and the incredible student uprising at Orlando West High School.*

#### **DAY FOUR – Pilanesberg Game Reserve - Safari**

- See the majesty of South African wildlife with a full-day tour of the Pilanesberg Nature Reserve from Johannesburg. Travel through the reserve in an open-top 4x4 safari vehicle. Keep an eye out for the famous 'Big Five' – elephants, lions, leopards, rhinos and water buffaloes – as well as many other species. Eat lunch (included) and then choose to either do another safari drive or visit the nearby resort at Sun City.

#### **DAY FIVE – Cape Town, South Africa**

- After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a short 2-hour flight to the South Africa's coastal city of Cape Town.
- Transfer to your hotel in the Cape Town city center.
- Later, join a local guide who will take you on a walking tour of Cape Town including sites such as:
  - Company's Garden
  - Parliament
  - Old President's House
  - Green Market Square
  - Castle of Good Hope
  - Slave Lodge
- After dinner, transfer to Table Mountain for a cable car ride to the top. Experience a breathtaking panoramic sunset view of all of Cape Town.

#### **DAY SIX – Cape Town, South Africa**

- Enjoy a free day in Cape Town. Relax, explore on your own, or opt to take an excursion!

*OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:*

### ***Cape Peninsula Full-Day Tour***

*Experience the scenic beauty and natural landscapes of South Africa's Cape Peninsula on this full-day tour from Cape Town. Enjoy the convenience of guided visits, as well as the independence of solo sightseeing and learn about this dynamic region from your friendly, knowledgeable guide. You'll see seals in Hout Bay (with optional Buiker Island boat trip) and have time to wander the shops. You can explore the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve at your leisure, and check out playful families of African Penguins in Simon's Town. Your return trip to Cape Town even includes a stop at the colorful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.*

### ***Cape Town Townships Tour including Robben Island***

*Take a fascinating trip through South Africa's difficult past with a tour of Cape Town and Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison. Visit the District Six Museum to get an in-depth look at the troubling history of apartheid in South Africa, and see how that system still impacts modern life in townships like Khayelitsha, Langa and Gugulethu. See how residents of these townships work to improve their lives and communities. Take a ferry to UNESCO-listed Robben Island for a tour of the former prison for political prisoners.*

### ***Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl Wine-Tasting Tour from Cape Town***

*Sample some of South Africa's best-known wines in the lands where they're grown during a private tour of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. From Cape Town you'll head for the Cape Winelands region to visit four different wineries. During each stop, learn about how the combination of climate, soil and grape varieties create the unique wines for which South Africa is known throughout the world. Taste wines, fortified wines, cheese and chocolate on this decadent private tour.*

### ***Cage Diving with Great White Sharks***

*Spend time watching one of the world's most feared fish on this 8-to-10-hour cage diving experience. Travel to the ocean off the coast of Gansbaai for a full-day tour. Learn about great white sharks from your marine-biologist guide, and then dive into the water in a cage to observe sharks in their natural habitat. Breakfast and snacks are included.*

*Many other excursions available!*

## **DAY SEVEN – Cape Town, South Africa**

- After breakfast, enjoy free time or opt to join your local guide for a (free) walking tour of the waterfront of Cape Town. You will see many attractions such as:

- Cape Town Marina
- Breakwater Prison
- Time Ball Tower
- Amphitheater
- Table Mountain Frame
- Clock Tower
- Cape Agulhas Vessel
- Penny Ferry
- Nobel Square
- Robinson Dry Dock

-After your tour, have lunch at Bay Harbour Market or enjoy free time the rest of the day.

### ***OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:***

#### ***Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden***

*Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden lives up to its reputation as the most beautiful garden in Africa and one of the great botanic gardens of the world. Few gardens can match the sheer grandeur of the setting of Kirstenbosch, against the eastern slopes of Cape Town's Table Mountain.*

#### ***Two Oceans Aquarium***

*The southern tip of the African continent is the meeting place of two mighty and bountiful oceans, the Indian and the Atlantic. The Two Oceans Aquarium on the V&A Waterfront, Cape Town is ideally positioned to showcase the incredible diversity of marine life found in these two oceans.*

*Many other excursions available!*

## **DAY EIGHT – Cape Town, South Africa**

- Enjoy one last free day in Cape Town to experience at your own leisure.

- Opt for an excursion, or join us for a (free) historical Apartheid walking tour where you will get introduced to the history of apartheid in Cape Town and the places related to it. You will see places such as:

- St Georges Cathedral
- The Cape High Court
- The “Apartheid Benches”
- District Six

## **DAY NINE – Fly Home / Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

- After one final breakfast, head to the airport for your flight back home
- If you purchased the trip extension, head to the airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, located on the border of Zambia & Zimbabwe!
- After landing, transfer to your Zimbabwean Lodge for check-in.
- Later, transfer to the Beautiful Victoria Falls, which takes pride as one of the largest waterfalls in the world. Attracting visitors from across the globe keen to admire the cascading torrent up-close, this UNESCO World Heritage Site has been flowing for more than 100,000 years, and it continues to shape the surrounding landscape.

### *OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:*

#### ***Zambezi River Sunset Cruise***

*A Victoria Falls sunset cruise on the Zambezi River is a must do activity when on safari in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Celebrate the setting African Sun as you cruise the Zambezi River in luxury. First you will cruise downstream towards the Victoria Falls. From here you will be able to see the spray of the Victoria Falls. You will then cruise upstream to catch the sun setting over the Zambezi River. Be sure not to miss the fantastic photo opportunities, as a Victoria Falls sunset is one of the best you will ever witness.*

## **DAY TEN – Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

- Enjoy a free day to spend at Victoria Falls. Simply take in the beauty of the falls, or opt for an amazing excursion.

### *OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:*

#### ***Victoria Falls Canopy Tour***

*The Victoria Falls Canopy Tour offers a network of slides, trails and rope bridge walkways within the canopy of the hardwood forest of the Zambezi gorges.*

#### ***Chobe National Park Day Trip (Botswana)***

*Visit one of Africa's most popular parks on this day trip to Chobe in Botswana. Travel the rugged landscapes of the African countryside as you keep your eyes peeled for the Big Five. Chobe is known for its high concentration of elephants, so you're almost guaranteed to see these giant mammals roaming the park. You'll travel by both river and land, ensuring the best chance of seeing African wildlife.*

### ***Victoria Falls Cultural Tour w/ Lunch***

*In the morning you will be taken to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Mosi-oa-Tunya, otherwise known as Victoria Falls for a private tour. After the walk you will be treated to lunch at Ilala lodge before setting out to see the township, craft market, bridge and big tree. You will learn all about the pioneers, local culture and customs. Finally you will be taken to Victoria Falls Hotel, the oldest hotel in Zimbabwe, to have its famous high tea and learn of the history of the town.*

### ***Whitewater Rafting Day-Trip***

*Paddle down the Zambezi River on a 14-mile whitewater-rafting course from Victoria Falls. With a guide, maneuver over Class IV and V rapids in a gorge reaching depths of 650 feet (200 meters) in the heart of Zimbabwe's wilderness.*

### ***Zimbabwean Dinner, Dancing and Bongo Drums Evening at Boma***

*This full-sensory Zimbabwean cultural experience is perfect for the whole family and includes a 4-course dinner at Victoria Falls' famous The Bomba Place of Eating. Savor a typical local meal while you watch amazing Amakwezi dancers. Kids can have their faces painted or hair braided while they listen to locals share stories passed down for generations. Look into your future with the help of a local witch doctor and then sit back for the incredible bongo-drumming finale, which is sure to have you up on your feet moving!*

### ***Bungee Jump, Bridge Swing or Zipline from the Victoria Falls Bridge***

*Experience Africa's biggest adrenaline rush with this bungee jumping, bridge swing or zipline adventure at the Victoria Falls Bridge. Take a dive into open air surrounded by epic landscapes, rushing waterfalls and the roaring Zambezi River. It's the thrill of a lifetime and it only takes place here!*

## **DAY ELEVEN – Fly Home**

- After breakfast, transfer to the airport to transfer back home