



ACTIVE  
TRAVEL  
for Cultural  
Explorers

# Journey to Southern Africa

Luxury Safaris, Rovos Rail & Cape Town

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Experience the thrill of safari and marvel at incredible wildlife in **South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe.**
- ▶ Delight in the awe-inspiring power and grand cascades of **Victoria Falls.**
- ▶ Surround yourself in classic luxury and stirring scenery aboard **Rovos Rail.**
- ▶ Walk in the historic footsteps of Nelson Mandela on **Robben Island.**
- ▶ Meet the young people involved in projects at a **Soweto youth center.**
- ▶ Immerse yourself in the easygoing lifestyle of **Cape Town**, South Africa's oldest city.
- ▶ Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

### Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains
- ▶ walking through train corridors whether the train is in motion or stopped
- ▶ climbing in and out of safari vehicles

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

**Cape Town** | 2 Nights | Pre-Trip

{See website for details.}




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Encounter an extraordinary land of contrasts, from exotic wildlife to vivacious Cape Town, thundering Victoria Falls to legendary wildlife reserves and welcoming communities to lauded landmarks. Trace a compelling route to Robben Island and fascinating towns that hold powerful history lessons. With expert guides leading the way, discover the density and diversity of animals in southern Africa's most incredible safari destinations. Plus, journey through grassy plains on a bespoke train journey aboard the elegant Rovos Rail. The people and wild nature of this wondrous destination are waiting for you!

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Days 1 & 2 | In Transit | London, England

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 AHL.

### Day 3 | Cape Town, South Africa

Transfer  to the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

### Day 4 | Cape Town

**Discovery: Cape Peninsula.** Explore a landscape with alabaster beaches and sleepy fishing villages. Take a scenic drive to Cape Peninsula, passing the buttresses of the Twelve Apostles. At Boulders Beach, see a colony of African penguins.

Enjoy the flavors of local cuisine during lunch.

**Enrichment: South African History.** Discover the events that have shaped modern South Africa.

### Day 5 | Cape Town | Robben Island

**Discovery: Cape Town.** Discover the highlights of South Africa's Mother City. Drive through the Company's Garden district, see the Castle of Good Hope and stroll along a bustling harbor. Take a ferry ride to Robben Island and tour the jail where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated. Your guide, a former prisoner of Robben Island, offers first-hand insight.

**Free Time:** Spend the afternoon at leisure.

### Day 6 | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This morning, fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival, check in to the Victoria Falls Hotel.

**Free Time:** Enjoy leisure time to settle in the hotel.

**Discovery: Victoria Falls.** Feel the cool mist as you revel in the planet's largest curtain of water. Twice the height of Niagara Falls, mighty Victoria Falls casts a veil of spray that can be seen up to 50 miles away!

Gather for a group dinner tonight.

## Day 7 | Chobe National Park, Botswana

**Safari:** Chobe is a spectacular destination for bird-watchers, and the Chobe River gives life to the many animals, birds and reptiles that call the park home. Watch elephants frolicking in the water, hippos swimming and birds swooping down to catch fish.

## Day 8 | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This afternoon, embark Rovos Rail at Victoria Falls Station and begin your luxurious train journey.

The train overnights at Kennedy Siding.

## Day 9 | Zimbabwe

Rise early for a safari at Hwange National Park.

**Safari:** After disembarking in Kennedy Siding, go on a game drive at The Hide, a private concession in Hwange National Park. This park, known for its natural beauty, is home to more than 100 mammal and 400 bird species. Visit one of the most popular watering holes to see some of the four-legged residents!

Board the train and travel through one of the longest stretches of straight track in the world. Later, gather for afternoon tea.

## Day 10 | South Africa

Enjoy a full day of traveling through beautiful country. Pass Bela-Bela, the hot springs resort once known as Warmbaths. The train overnights at Pyramid.

## Day 11 | Pretoria | Johannesburg

Disembark in Pretoria and transfer to Johannesburg.

**AHI Connects: Soweto.** Visit the townships of Soweto, and see the homes of Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In Kliptown, learn about a youth program that offers tutoring and options to play sports and participate in the arts. Meet some of the youth and enjoy a dance performance.

Check in to 54 on Bath in Johannesburg.

## Day 12 | Hoedspruit | Kapama Private Game Reserve

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hoedspruit. Upon arrival, transfer to Kapama Private Game Reserve and check in to the Kapama River Lodge.

**Safari:** Get the lay of the African bushveld during your first game drive in Kapama Private Game Reserve. Meet your ranger and tracker, a hard-working team that will accompany you on each game drive. Begin your quest to spot the marvelous Big Five: Cape buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhino.

## Day 13 | Kapama Private Game Reserve

Each morning begins with a wake-up call at dawn. Meet on the deck and climb into your safari vehicle.

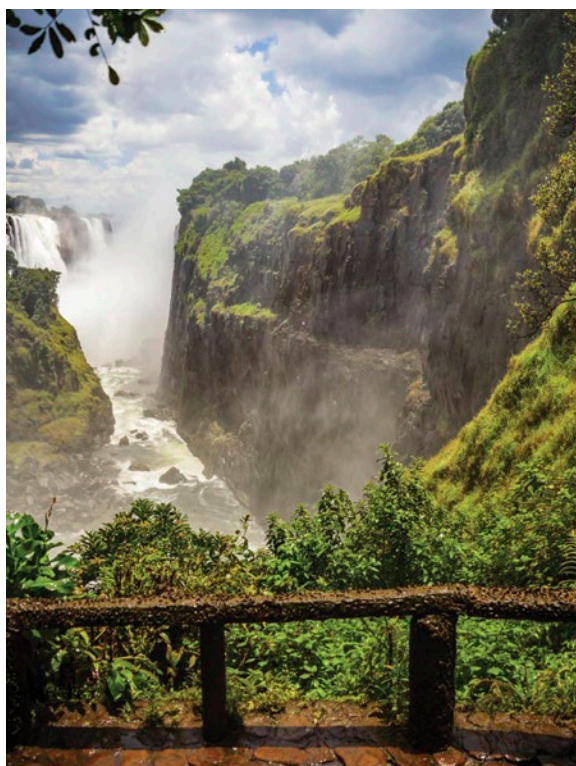
**Safari:** It may seem quiet as the sun starts its journey across the sky, but there is plenty of animal activity. Many animals are waking up and preparing to search for breakfast! Others are looking for a place to sleep after a night on the prowl.

**Free Time:** Spend the rest of the morning at your leisure. Perhaps visit the spa or relax with a book.

**Enrichment: The Animals of Kapama.** The park's naturalist discusses the area's mammal, bird and reptile populations.

**Safari:** Get a different perspective of the park's wildlife as you see diurnal animals settling down for the evening and nocturnal animals beginning theirs.

As the sun sets, celebrate your day with a round of sundowners, drinks enjoyed at sunset.



## Day 14 | Kapama Private Game Reserve

**Safari:** Each game drive is a unique experience forged by the time of day, the weather and the locale. Your tracker and ranger are experts in finding animals on the reserve. They know the thickets where giraffes nibble at the treetops, the open veld where zebra graze and much more.

**Free Time:** Spend a leisurely morning at the lodge. Gather for conversation and afternoon tea.

**Safari:** Your ranger and tracker are knowledgeable about the wildlife and plants in the park. Today, you may scout out popular watering holes, where four-legged and feathered residents gather.

Celebrate your journey at a festive Farewell Dinner, a sumptuous meal seasoned with tales of your wild animal sightings and other adventures.

## Day 15 | In Transit

All passengers depart for Hoedspruit Airport, where the Land Program ends. AHI FlexAir passengers board their flight to Johannesburg.

## Day 16 | In Transit

Arrive in your gateway city.

## Included Features

### Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Cape Town, South Africa, at the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel.
- **2 nights** in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, at The Victoria Falls Hotel.
- **3 nights** aboard the Rovos Rail.
- **1 night** in Johannesburg at 54 on Bath.
- **3 nights** in Kapama Private Game Reserve at the Kapama River Lodge.

### Transfers {with baggage handling}

- All transfers in the Land Program: flights, train and deluxe motor coaches.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 3 countries** during this program.
- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- **Electives** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of Cape Town and Soweto excursion guides and drivers.



## 2023 Departures & Pricing

### March 12-27, 2023

Full Pullman Price	\$8,545
Special Savings	\$250
<b>Special Pullman Price</b>	<b>\$8,295*</b>

\*Special price available for a limited time. Call for details.

VAT is an additional \$495 per person.

The Deluxe category is an additional \$1,200 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single prices are available upon request (limited availability).

Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://ucla.ahitravel.com/destinations/1756A?schoolid=170>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts.

**Note:** Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Electives available at an additional cost.