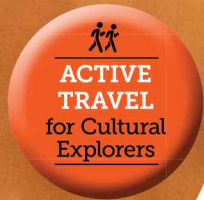


Journey to Southern



Africa

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Featuring Professor Patricia Turner
African American Studies and World Arts and Cultures/Dance



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Patricia A. Turner is a professor in African American Studies and World Arts and Cultures/Dance at UCLA; her research focuses on racial dynamics as they surface in folklore and popular culture. Her work on Africa has largely focused on textile traditions in South Africa; she was an advisor on quilt exhibitions dedicated to Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Recently, she and a team of colleagues have been documenting and analyzing UCLA Bruin Arthur Ashe's engagement with African tennis, politics, and youth empowerment movements.

UCLA Alumni

Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Encounter incredible landscapes and untouched natural wonders on this awe-inspiring journey through South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana. Search for exotic wildlife while on safari in three world-class parks: Chobe National Park, Hwange National Park and Kapama Private Game Reserve. Plus, experience a bygone era as you wind through the colorful countryside aboard the luxurious Rovos Rail.

From the vibrant cities of Cape Town and Johannesburg to spectacular safari destinations to one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, each day of this once-in-a-lifetime adventure invites new discoveries and memorable moments. Follow the path of Nelson Mandela on Robben Island, and talk with the friendly locals of Soweto township. Marvel at brilliant bird species, playful monkeys and elegant giraffes, and search for the Big Five: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and buffalo. As you journey through this sun-soaked land, uncover a melting pot of cultures, customs and fascinating landmarks steeped in history, experiencing the best that this remarkable region has to offer!

This exclusive program combines unbeatable value and luxury. Space is limited to ensure maximum comfort, so we encourage you to make your reservation today.

Regards from Westwood,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Robben Island, South Africa
2. Cape Floral Region Protected Area, South Africa
3. Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



King protea, Cape Floral Region



Rovos Rail, Victoria Falls



A World of Discovery



Encounter an extraordinary land of contrasts, from exotic wildlife to vivacious Cape Town, thundering Victoria Falls to legendary wildlife reserves. 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, travel through grassy plains on a bespoke train journey aboard the elegant Rovos Rail.

Top: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | Above: Safari
Cover: Lion | Mail panel: Bo Kaap, Cape Town | Rovos Rail

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.**



African penguin, Boulder Beach
Cape Peninsula



Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town

Days 1 & 2 | In Transit

Depart for Cape Town, South Africa. 🌐

Day 3 | Cape Town, South Africa

Upon arrival in Cape Town, transfer 🚗 to your hotel. The Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel is a Cape Town landmark located across the street from the Company's Garden.

Later, join us for a Welcome Reception.

Day 4 | Cape Point | Cape Town

Cape Peninsula. Your adventure begins! Set out to discover the region's alabaster beaches and sleepy fishing villages. Take a scenic drive to Cape Peninsula, passing the buttresses of the Twelve Apostles, and see a colony of adorable African penguins at Boulders Beach. Dig into local cuisine during a group lunch.

Enrichment: South African History.

Day 5 | Robben Island | Cape Town

Cape Town. Hop on a ferry for a 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. After, discover the many 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.

Day 6 | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls. Upon arrival, transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel.

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

Day 7 | Chobe National Park, Botswana

Safari: Chobe National Park is a spectacular destination for birdwatchers and the Chobe River gives life to the many animals, birds and reptiles that call the park home. Watch birds swooping down to catch a fish, hippos swimming and elephants playing in the water. You may also glimpse hyenas, warhogs, rare puku and more!

Day 8 | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Free Time: The morning and early afternoon are at leisure to enjoy the amenities of the hotel. This afternoon, embark Rovos Rail at Victoria Falls Station and begin your luxury train journey. Settle in your suite and enjoy the ambience of a train journey recapturing the Golden Age of Travel. Change for dinner, which is announced by a gong. Meals aboard Rovos Rail always are a treat! The train overnights at Kennedy Siding.

Day 9 | Hwange National Park

Safari: Rise early for a sunrise safari 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 local residents!

Back on board, gather for brunch on your way to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second-largest city.

Day 10 | South Africa

Start another beautiful day with breakfast and watch outside for the famous baobab trees. Today, the train passes through Bela-Bela and Modimolle, a town once known as Nylstroom.



Table Mountain overlooking Cape Town

Day 11 | Pretoria | Soweto | Johannesburg

After breakfast, disembark the train in Pretoria and continue your adventure in Soweto.

AHI Connects | Soweto. Visit the township of Soweto, and drive by 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 performance by the children.

Check in to 54 on Bath in Johannesburg.

Day 12 | Hoedspruit | Kapama Private Game Reserve

Fly to Hoedspruit this morning. Upon arrival, transfer to Kapama Private Game Reserve.

Safari: Meet your ranger and tracker, a hard-working team that will accompany you on each game drive. Climb aboard your safari vehicle and get the lay of the African bushveld during your first game drive in Kapama Private Game Reserve. The quest begins as you try to spot the majestic Big Five! Which amazing mammal will you see first?

Day 13 | Kapama Private Game Reserve

Safari: It may seem quiet as the sun starts its journey across the sky, but there is plenty of animal activity. Many animals are just waking up and preparing to search for breakfast. Others are winding down after a night on the prowl and looking for a place to sleep. As your journey through the stunning veld ecosystem, see how many of the Big Five you can spy today. Also keep watch for birds, reptiles and other critters!

Free Time: Time at leisure allows you to enjoy the wellness center or settle in with a book.

Enrichment: *The Animals of Kapama.*

Tea is served before the afternoon drive.

Safari: Get a different perspective as you see diurnal animals settling down for the evening and nocturnal animals beginning theirs.

Africa's sunsets are unsurpassed! Toast to the day with a sundowner, a drink served at sunset.

Day 14 | Kapama Private Game Reserve

Safari: Every game drive is a unique experience forged by the time of day,

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Accommodations



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Program Dates

Travel dates †

March 9-24, 2025

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates*

March 11-23, 2025

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

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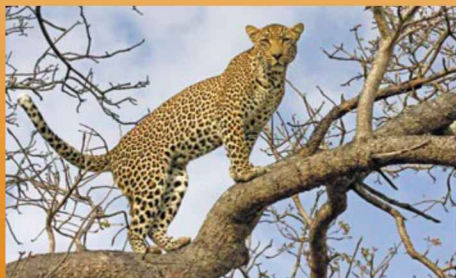
Life on Safari

This luxury safari features stays in three outstanding wildlife parks. Each day on safari is filled with amazing discoveries, profound learning opportunities and a renewed respect for nature.

With an expert tracker leading the way, scout exotic animals in their natural habitats and witness their dramatic day-to-day struggle for survival. Thrill to up-close encounters with lions lazing in the sun, elephants bathing in rivers and other majestic beasts roaming the savannah, from giraffes, zebras, hippos and baboons to various bird species and reptiles.

The Big Five

Seize the opportunity to see the Big Five! This majestic group of animals includes (pictured clockwise) elephant, rhino, leopard, Cape buffalo and lion (pictured on cover).



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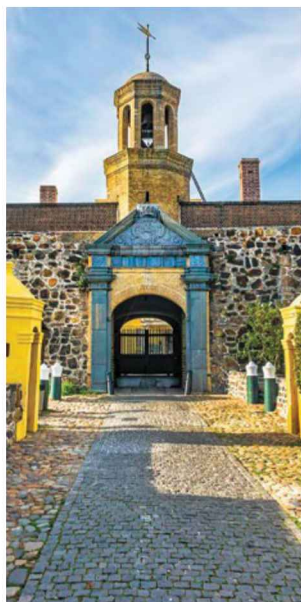
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Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town

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