



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 2016 AFRICAN ADVENTURE

LAND FROM \$3,799.00 PER PERSON

***Cape Town - Kruger Private Reserves – Johannesburg
with Victoria Falls add on***

Total 14 Days / 13 Nights - Maximum of 20 Persons

Departs Washington DC April 30, 2016 – Returns Washington DC May 13, 2016



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THE UNIVERSITY OF
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DEAR ALABAMA TRAVELERS,

LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO SOUTH AFRICA - As a country rich in both ancient and contemporary history, South Africa's culture can be experienced everywhere from tribal villages to vibrant cosmopolitan cities. No matter where you go, the warm hospitality of the people will leave you feeling welcome and eager to return again and again. South Africa's sunshine, wide open spaces and endless sky will captivate you as you explore all the fauna and flora of this majestic land. Keep your eyes open for the leopard, elephant, rhinoceros, cape buffalo and lion (otherwise known as the Big Five) but don't forget to take in the stunning natural scenery as well.

South Africa is a land whose cities exude urban sophistication. With world-class restaurants, nightclubs and bustling townships, their unique blend of cosmopolitan delights will exceed all expectations.

As a world-class adventure destination, South Africa will take you by surprise . . . and then delight you over and over again until you find yourself falling in love with its unique spirit. No matter how extreme, South Africa has adventure activities for everyone sure to get that adrenalin pumping.

This is what you have to look forward to on this amazing African adventure that is being offered by The University of Alabama Alumni Association, in conjunction with Blue Skies Travel, and South African Airways Vacations.

\$3,799.00 per person/double occupancy *

* Single supplement \$1,699

plus

\$1671.00 per person air from Washington DC **

** Some restrictions apply - add on fares available from other cities

4 Days in Cape Town

Cape of Good Hope, Table Mountain, Winelands, and many other sites and activities

3 Days on Safari at Thornybush Main Lodge in the Kruger area

6 game drives, all activities, meals and beverages

Space is limited to 20 travelers

5 Star accommodations throughout

8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 8 Dinners

3 Night - Victoria Falls Add On - Only \$1950.00 pp/do

Includes air, transfers, 5 star accommodations, all tours and activities

Package includes: River Cruise, Tour of the Falls, Bridge Tour, Canoe Safari, Elephant Safari, Boma Dinner & Entertainment

Victoria Falls is a World Heritage Site and one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the Modern World

For additional information and to make a reservation contact:**Ashley Olive***Alumni Tour Coordinator*205-348-1547 aolive@alumni.ua.edu

or

Blue Skies Travel - John Hodges - 256-215-5558

South African Airways Vacations - Jerry Lankin - 520-954-5054

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Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Washington DC (Dulles) to Johannesburg (Sat, Apr 30)

Today you board your South African Airways overnight flight in Washington DC to Johannesburg.

Day 2: Johannesburg to Cape Town (Sun, May 1)

After clearing immigration and customs you will board your non-stop flight to Cape Town, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Cape Town is one of the world's most beautiful cities and a top international destination. Large numbers of tourists flock to Cape Town to enjoy this unique city with its fascinating history, interesting culture, natural beauty, award winning wines and casual lifestyle. Whether you are a serious tourist or just want to lie on the beach and enjoy life, Cape Town will satisfy your needs.

Table Bay Hotel [View iBrochure](#)**Included**

Bed & breakfast

Overnight: Table Bay Hotel

Day 3: Cape Town (Mon, May 2)**Activities**

Cape Point Tour Full Day

Lunch Two Oceans Restaurant

Dinner Hildebrand Ristorante

Cape Point Tour Full Day

Highlights of a trip down to Cape Point include; one of the world's most spectacular drives, Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak, Noordhoek Beach, the Cape Point Nature Reserve, two lighthouses on the tip of Africa, Boulders Penguin Colony, Simonstown, Kalk Bay and the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.



Lunch at Two Oceans Restaurant

Sitting comfortably above the south-western most tip of the Cape Peninsula, the restaurant's speciality is seafood, but there are plenty of other choices for meat lovers and diners with other meals in mind. Sitting outside, patrons can enjoy views of the gorgeous Walker Bay. This setting creates a relaxed, holiday-like atmosphere. The wine list is varied and wines are reasonably priced. Grab a partner and try the Two Oceans Seafood Platter for two.



Dinner at Hildebrand Ristorante

Hildebrand, one of the City's best loved restaurants, is situated in the historic Harbour-Side Cafè building in the V&A Waterfront. The extensive, authentic Italian menu is accompanied by spectacular harbour views, providing the perfect backdrop for business lunches, family get-togethers, romantic dinners & special occasions.



Included

Bed & breakfast, lunch and dinner

Overnight: Table Bay Hotel

Day 4: Cape Town (Tue, May 3)

Activities

Cape Winelands Day Tour

Lunch Lunch at winery

Dinner Le Bon Vivant Restaurant

Cape Winelands Day Tour

From Cape Town we make our way out into the picturesque winelands visiting South Africa's most famous wine regions – Paarl, Franschoek and Stellenbosch. Aside from the excellent wines the area is renowned for its food and is steeped in history such as the Taal monument, various museums and the contribution of the French Huguenots.



Included

Bed & breakfast, lunch and dinner

Overnight: Table Bay Hotel

Day 5: Cape Town (Wed, May 4)

Activities

Cape Town City Tour Half Day

Dinner Richard's Supper Stage & Bistro

Cape Town City Tour Half Day

On a clear day from the summit of Table Mountain you get spectacular views of the City, its Waterfront, Camps Bay, the majestic Hottentots Holland Mountains to the East and the mountains of the Cape Peninsula all the way down to Cape Point to the south. The Table Mountain cableway, a must for all visitors to the Cape, boasts revolving floors, giving passengers a 360 degree view. After descending the mountain, you will depart on a tour of the "Mother City" taking in Signal Hill – where the Noon Day Gun is fired at midday, every day except Sunday – through the colorful Bo-Kaap or Cape Malay Quarter, past the Grand Parade, City Hall and the Castle of Good Hope and South African Cultural History Museum.



Richard's Supper Stage & Bistro

Richards Supper Stage offer's something different to any other restaurant here in Cape Town, or even in the Country. "Kaapse Stories from the Mother City" is a dinner show offering the visitor to the Cape an authentic cultural and culinary experience of what the people of the Cape and the "Rainbow Nation" has to offer. With music, dance and

narration you are getting an insight of the rich heritage and wonderful talent of the community.



Included

Bed & breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Table Bay Hotel

Day 6-8: Cape Town to Kruger (Thu-Sat, May 5-7)

After breakfast you will check out and be met by our representative who will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Hoedspruit. Upon arrival you again will be met by our representative who will transfer you to your Lodge.

Thornybush Game Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

All along the world renowned Kruger National Park's western boundary are private game reserves which combine with the Kruger to create one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. These reserves offer excellent game viewing opportunities together with the advantages of smaller, hosted accommodation and game drives. A trip to the Kruger is an unforgettable and potentially life changing experience.

Nestled in the heart of big five country adjacent to the Kruger National Park, with a huge diversity of mammal and bird species, lies over 14,000 hectares of pristine African Bushveld, that is the Thornybush Nature Reserve. It is here that a superlative safari destination, the elegant and exclusive 5-star Thornybush Game Lodge awaits discovery by the discerning traveler. Thornybush Game Lodge is the personification of perfection. Nothing is spared in the attention to detail.

Enjoy exciting dawn and dusk safaris in open game vehicles and on foot, take a moment to browse in the intimate library or simply relax at the pool with your favourite cocktail as you bask in Africa's glorious sunshine or while away the moments in our Thornybush Spa.

Unrivalled big game viewing is complimented by exquisite accommodation and sublime cuisine. The 20 luxury suites each with private indoor / outdoor showers and viewing decks, overlook the seasonal Monwana River, and offer an unsurpassed, 5-star luxury, wild encounter with seclusion and elegance, a seamless experience,.

Sweeping vistas can be enjoyed over the African Bushveld and ever-active water hole. Superb attention to detail and highly personalized service make for a memorable stay.



Included

Fully Inclusive

Overnight Thornybush Game Lodge

Day 9: Kruger to Johannesburg to Washington DC (Sun, May 8)

Today after your morning game drive we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Johannesburg and onward to Washington DC

Day 10: Arrival Washington DC**Victoria Falls Add on Adventure****Only \$1,950.00 – Including air****Day 9: Kruger to Johannesburg (Sun, May 8)**

Today after our morning game drive we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Johannesburg. There we will be met for a tour of Soweto and the Apartheid Museum. After the tour we will be transported to your hotel.

Journey to Freedom Tour

Many South Africans gave much; some gave all, to achieve a truly democratic South Africa.

Come with us on this day tour which shares some of the journey, pain and struggle of those heroes; witness the places, experience the diverse museums where these momentous, tumultuous years have been so well documented.

**Peermont D'oreale Grande Hotel at Emperors Palace****Overnight: Peermont D'oreale Grande Hotel at Emperors Palace**

Discover untold luxury and regal comfort...the 5-star Peermont D'oreale Grande hotel at Emperors Palace is conveniently located next to OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. Guests also have access to the casino, dining and entertainment facilities of the resort



Included

Bed & breakfast

Overnight Peermont D'oreale

Day 10: Johannesburg to Victoria Falls (Mon, May 9)

After an early breakfast at the hotel, you will be met by the local English speaking guide for the transfer to the airport to board the flight to Zimbabwe. On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, you will be met by the local guide for the transfer to the hotel.

Enjoy your leisure time until, later in the afternoon, you will again be met and transported to the docks for your Sundowner Cruise on the Zambezi river. A small river usage fee will be imposed for the cruise. At the end of the tour you will be returned to the hotel.

Activities

Wild Horizons Sundowner Cruise

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The Zambezi River cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the River. You may have the opportunity to see a variety of game; including hippo, crocodile and elephant in their home environment, as well as enjoy the many different bird species.



Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is renowned as a supreme property at "Wonder of the World" destination Victoria Falls, and is showcased in numerous awards of high repute, including the 2012 Top 10 Resorts & Safari Camps in Africa as voted by the distinguished international Conde Nast Traveler magazine.

The 72-room Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is rich and ambience and offers sublime hospitality. With views of the waterhole and wild African bush, it's hard to beat this prime setting that is perfectly positioned to enjoy activities above and below the Falls. The staff are warm and personable providing faultless service to guests during their stay.



Included

Bed & breakfast

Overnight at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Day 11: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Tue, May 10)

This morning, after breakfast you will be picked up at your hotel for your scheduled day tours. At the end of your tours you will be returned to your hotel

Activities

Victoria Falls Guided Tour

Historic Bridge Tour

Victoria Falls Guided Tour

A view of the Victoria Falls is something you will never forget and the best way to see them is on a guided tour. Discover how the Falls were formed and what local customs and traditions surround them. These tours are extremely informative and end with a visit to the local art and crafts centre.



Victoria Falls Bridge Tour

A visit to the historical railway bridge is an integral part of any complete Victoria Falls experience. Learn about its fascinating history on this multi-faceted tour which includes:

- A theatrical and entertaining presentation on the history of the Bridge and the men who built it
- A rare opportunity to walk on the catwalks beneath the Bridge, used in the original construction in 1904
- Free entry into the Bridge Visitor Centre where original photographs of the Bridge dating back to the early 1900's can be viewed
- Return transfers from our local hotel (Zimbabwe)
- Assistance through the Border posts.



Click [HERE](#) to view the Bridge Tour video!

Included

Bed & breakfast

Overnight at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Day 12: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Wed, May 11)

This morning, after breakfast you will be picked up at your hotel for your scheduled day tours. At the end of your tours you will be returned to your hotel. Diner and entertainment tonight at the Boma.

Activities

Vic Falls Canoe Safaris

Elephant Excursion

Dinner The Boma Restaurant

Vic Falls Canoe Safaris

The Canoeing Trail operates above the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe on the 60km stretch of the Zambezi River between the Matetsi areas, going past the Chundu Island Campsite ending at the Zambezi National Park entrance, running along the banks of the Zambezi National Park.



The Boma Restaurant

Described as an unforgettable African experience infused with Zimbabwean cuisine, spirited performances and traditional storytelling, The Boma – Place of Eating has firmly established itself as a Victoria Falls highlight.

Partially open to the skies, The Boma specialises in a superb selection of Zimbabwean dishes. A four-course meal combines a choice of starters with a barbecue buffet. The adventurous are enticed with local delicacies such as mopani worms and potjiekos (hunter's game stew), whilst those wishing to enjoy beef, pork, fish and chicken or a variety of vegetarian meals are welcome to do so.

The sights and sounds of the evening are accentuated by a feast of nightly entertainment, incorporating traditional dancers, who captivate guests with their vibrant songs and dance. The acclaimed Zambezi Drumbeat provides a wonderful interactive drumming experience.



Included

Bed & breakfast

Overnight at Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Day 13: Victoria Falls to Johannesburg and Washington DC (Thu, May 12)

Day Notes

This morning, after breakfast and any morning activities, you will be transported to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg. There you will await your flight to return to the United States.

Day 14: Arrive Washington DC (Fri, May 13)

Upon arrival in the U.S. you will clear immigration and customs and if you have a connecting flight, will drop your bags for forwarding or take them to the check in counter at your airline, and await your flight home. You will arrive with a lifetime of memories and a camera full of pictures.

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**TRAVEL PACKAGE – South Africa – Per Person sharing a room
\$3,799.00**

Single Supplement \$1,699.00

**AIR PACKAGE - From Washington DC (Dulles)
\$1,671.00**

Victoria Falls Add on Tour

**TRAVEL PACKAGE – Victoria Falls
Per Person sharing a room, Including Air & Transfers
\$1,950.00**

Single Supplement \$299.00

IMPORTANT

Pricing is subject to change depending upon the availability of seats on airline when booking occurs.

***Please note that all availability and pricing of both land accommodations and air seating is subject to change until time of booking by which a credit card must be given to solidify all reservations and lock in all pricing.**

INCLUDES

Round-trip coach airfare from New York (JFK) or Washington Dulles (IAD) to South Africa OR Tambo International Airport **or as shown on the itinerary**. Domestic coach air in South Africa as per the itinerary. Accommodations and meals as per the itinerary. Ground transfers as per the itinerary. All park fees and safari activities. Entrance fees on Cape Peninsula tour to Boulders penguins,

EXCLUDES

Any meals and services not mentioned above. Any items of personal expense, i.e. drinks, telephone calls, laundry, etc. Seal Island cruise, funicular. Gratuities for rangers/guides/drivers.

Reserve your place on the safari today

Call now 205-348-1547

or

Mail or email this reservation form to:

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I/we wish to reserve _____ places on the Cape Town and South African Safari tour

I/we wish to reserve _____ places on the Victoria Falls add on tour

(Please print)

Guest 1: Full name (As it appears on your Passport): _____

Guest 2: Full name (As it appears on your Passport): _____

Best phone contact #: _____

E-mail address: _____

I/we will need air accommodations from (departing city) _____

Special seating request _____

Special food request _____

When you return this application we will send a secure electronic booking agreement to your e-mail address. The booking agreement will require all pertinent information for your reservation, and will contain all of the stipulations for travel and credit card authorization. Upon return receipt of the booking agreement we will charge your credit card for the full amount of the air cost on the day of purchase and 30% of the land cost. The balance of the land cost will be due 60 days before travel and you will be notified about two weeks before due date.