



GRAND SOUTH AFRICA

Featuring Two Nights aboard the Luxurious *Rovos Rail*

March 24–April 5, 2014

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TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA

to experience the diverse threads of South Africa's history, an animal kingdom of enormous abundance and diversity, the birthplace of mankind's earliest ancestors, the meeting place of two great oceans, and the juxtaposition of transplanted European values and indigenous tribal norms.

Discover the rich history of South Africa's oldest city, Cape Town; marvel at the beauty of the Cape Peninsula; and explore the justly acclaimed Stellenbosch wine region. Then board the luxurious *Rovos Rail* for a two-day journey across South Africa's sweeping landscapes, enjoying all the comforts of the golden age of train travel: unsurpassed service, elegant traditional furnishings and period décor, panoramic views of spectacular landscapes, and fine dining.

Visit Kimberley, site of the first diamond discoveries in South Africa; Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital; and the country's economic engine, Johannesburg, where the struggles of apartheid played out so dramatically. End your adventure at Kapama Southern Camp for a magnificent safari experience. You may also extend your trip, if you wish, and fly to Zimbabwe to see the thundering wonder of Victoria Falls.



ROVOS RAIL

Enjoy the many pleasures of sophisticated train travel aboard the distinguished *Rovos Rail*. Each coach has been meticulously restored to worldclass standards of sleeping accommodations, dining, and sightseeing. Each sleeping carriage has two Royal Suites (172 square feet with bathtub and shower), three Deluxe Suites (118 square feet with shower), or five Pullman Suites (75 square feet with shower). All accommodations offer en suite facilities, individual temperature controls, mini-bar, sitting area, and wardrobe. Complimentary bar service is included throughout your stay on board the train, and meals feature the finest in continental and local cuisine, including internationally recognized wines.



DELUXE SUITE

Bed configuration:
Queen, adjoining Twins,
or L-shaped Twins



ROYAL SUITE

Bed configuration:
Queen or adjoining Twins



PULLMAN SUITE

Bed configuration:
Double fold-away or two fold-away twins

Contact us with any questions or to make your reservation today!

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ITINERARY

MONDAY-TUESDAY, MARCH 24-25

Home / Cape Town, South Africa

Depart home and travel overnight to Cape Town. Welcome reception.

MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (R)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Cape Town

Weather permitting, ride cable cars to the top of Table Mountain for breathtaking views of the city and the Cape Peninsula. Then travel to the beautifully restored town of Stellenbosch, the center of the Cape's wine industry and renowned for its Cape Dutch architecture. Visit a local vineyard and sample a selection of South Africa's excellent wines.

MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (B,L)

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Cape Town

Board a ferry to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela and other freedom fighters were once imprisoned. At the prison hear riveting personal stories from former inmates now serving as guides. In the afternoon visit Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, established in 1913 as a center for the study and preservation of the indigenous flora of South Africa. Nestled at the foot of Table Mountain, the garden boasts a spectacular collection of proteas, including the King Protea, South Africa's national flower. It also regularly exhibits Zimbabwean stone sculptures.

MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (B,L,D)



FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Cape Town / Cape Peninsula

Depart for the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point, at the southwestern tip of the African continent. At Boulders Beach, observe the resident colony of African penguins. Return to Cape Town along the scenic False Bay coastline.

MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (B,L)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Cape Town / Board Rovos Rail

Board *Rovos Rail* and depart Cape Town this morning. From the comfort of the observation car or a private compartment, watch the South African landscape transform from the lush valleys, vineyards, and sculpted mountains of the Western Cape to the stark desolation of the Great Karoo Desert. Arrive in Matjiesfontein, a charming oasis in the Little Karoo, and stroll through the historic town before dinner on board the train.

ROVOS RAIL (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Kimberley

Disembark in Kimberly for a visit to the Diamond Museum and the "Big Hole," the largest man-made excavation in the world, where millions of tons of diamondiferous kimberlite ore were discovered and excavated.

ROVOS RAIL (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Johannesburg

Aboard *Rovos Rail*, cross the Vaal River into the Transvaal and disembark in Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa. Tour historic Church Square and the impressive Union Buildings, headquarters for the South African government since 1913.

PALAZZO HOTEL (B,L)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Johannesburg

Visit the African Leadership Academy, a pan-African secondary institution that aims to educate and develop outstanding students into the next generation of

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the beauty of the Cape Peninsula and the drama of **Cape Horn** at the southern tip of Africa.
- Visit the **Stellenbosch wine region** and sample some of South Africa's renowned wines.
- Ride the luxurious **Rovos Rail** for two nights through the sweeping landscapes of South Africa, stopping at **Kimberley** to learn about the birthplace of the country's diamond industry.
- Discover the cultural richness of South Africa, where many peoples from many parts of the world have, over time, created a diverse and engaging population.
- Fly to the private **Kapama Private Game Reserve** and thrill at close-up views of the "Big Five" (lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, and rhino).

African leaders, and the Apartheid Museum, a sobering examination of South Africa's turbulent racial history.

PALAZZO HOTEL (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, APRIL 2-3

Kapama Private Game Reserve

Fly from Johannesburg to Kapama Private Game Reserve adjacent to Kruger National Park and check in to the luxurious Kapama Southern Camp, which overlooks the bushveld and a waterhole frequented by elephants. Participate in morning and afternoon game drives, looking for lions, leopards, cheetahs, buffalos, black rhinos, giraffes, zebras, elephants, and other large mammals that inhabit the reserve. Kapama is also a birdwatcher's paradise, with a great diversity of bird species in residence.

KAPAMA SOUTHERN CAMP (2B,2L,2D)

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 4-5

Kapama Private Game Reserve / Johannesburg / Home

After a final morning game drive, fly to Johannesburg and relax in day rooms at an airport hotel before boarding flights home, arriving on April 5. (B,L)

RATES (per person)

DELUXE SUITE

Double **\$9,950** Single **\$14,440**

ROYAL SUITE

Double **\$10,750** Single **n/a**

PULLMAN SUITE

Double **n/a** Single **\$12,940**

FRIDAY-TUESDAY, APRIL 4-8

Optional Extension to Victoria Falls

Fly from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and check in to the elegant Victoria Falls Hotel, which overlooks the Zambezi River within sight of the eastern cataract of spectacular Victoria Falls. This grand Edwardian-style hotel was recently redecorated and refurbished. The first hotel built at Victoria Falls, it is a gracious refuge set in lush tropical gardens a few minutes' walk to the falls. Hike to the falls for fascinating views and enjoy a cruise on the Zambezi River. Additional details will be sent to confirmed participants.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Rates Include

Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site experts, and local guides • All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • On-tour roundtrip airfare between Johannesburg and Kapama Private Game Reserve • Wine with welcome and farewell receptions • All ground transportation and the on-tour flight within program itinerary • Bottled water during daily excursions • Private transfer by car on arrival day and group transfer by motorcoach on departure day • Baggage handling for one checked piece and one carry-on piece per person • Entrance fees • Airport and hotel taxes • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and train crew for all group activities • Professional tour manager throughout

Program Rates Do Not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Alcohol or soft drinks except where indicated as included • Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days • Personal items such as room service; email, telephone, and fax charges; laundry; gratuities for non-group services; and other items of a personal nature

What to Expect

The pace of this tour is active; all participants should be in good health and capable of walking over rough terrain without assistance from tour staff. Adventure-filled days will be balanced by relaxed periods on the train and between game drives at Kapama Southern Camp. Game drives depart early in the morning or late in the afternoon to avoid the hottest part of the day. Open-air safari vehicles, which greatly enhance the game-viewing experience, can be dusty and the ride somewhat bumpy. In March, average daily high and low temperatures in Cape Town are 76°F and 60°F and in Johannesburg are 74°F and 58°F, with occasional rain. Daily highs at Kapama can reach into the 80s°F, with cooler evenings.

Group Size

This program is limited to 32 participants, including travelers from Harvard and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Insurance

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this

expedition are included in this brochure. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between "primary" and "secondary" travel insurance.

Reservations and Deposits

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (650) 560-6400 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@critteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is November 25, 2013, 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

Upon payment of a \$1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due November 25, 2013 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Criterion Travel does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

Itinerary Changes

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Reservation Contact

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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place on **Grand South Africa** please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel. Mail to: 145 Forest Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301. For more information or to reserve by phone, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089, or email res@critteriontravel.com

NAME #1 (as on passport)

BIRTHDATE

NAME #2 (as on passport)

BIRTHDATE

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CITY / STATE / ZIP / POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

FAX

E-MAIL(s)

PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person), to reserve _____ place(s) on

Grand South Africa

OR Charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA

MC

AMEX

Diners Club

Discover

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD #

EXP. DATE

SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

DATE

CATEGORY PREFERENCE

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations.

OR I plan to share accommodations with: _____

OR I'd like to know about roommates. I am a Non-smoker Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of November 25, 2013, I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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