

# AFRICAN EXPEDITION

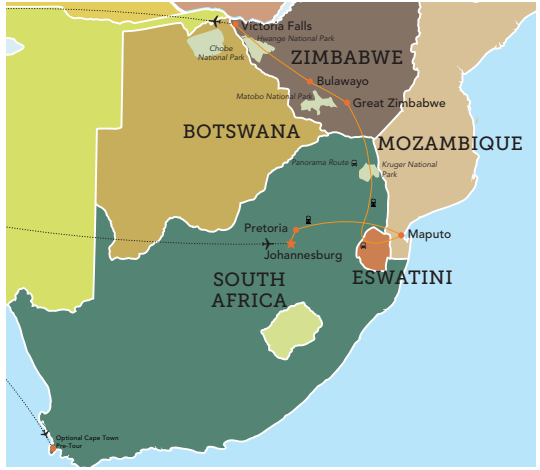
by private train



# Your 16-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.
- Day 2:** Arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa / Pretoria  
Welcome beverage, evening at leisure  
Overnight: Sheraton Pretoria
- Day 3:** Pretoria (B,D)  
Embarkation and dinner  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 4:** Full day aboard train (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Kingdom of Eswatini (B,D)  
Ezulwini valley, Mbabane, Pigg's Peak, local craft markets  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 6:** Maputo, Mozambique (B,L,D)  
Panoramic bus tour, botanical gardens, Maputo Bay Market  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 7:** Kruger National Park (B,L,D)  
Full-day safari and game sighting, bush dinner  
Overnight: Kruger Gate Hotel
- Day 8:** Drakensberg Mountains (B,D)  
Morning game drive, bus transport through Bylde River Canyon  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 9:** Makalali Game Reserve (B,L,D)  
Morning safari, afternoon at leisure  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 10:** Travel Day to Zimbabwe (B,L,D)  
Journey through Beitbridge and the Soutpansberg Mountains, biltong tasting  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 11:** Great Zimbabwe (B,D)  
City bus excursion and ruins touring  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 12:** Matobo National Park / Bulawayo (B,D)  
Matobo Hills, rock art sites, Cecil Rhodes' Grave  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 13:** Hwange National Park (B,L,D)  
Full-day park safari and exploration  
Overnight: *African Explorer*
- Day 14:** Victoria Falls, Zambia (B,D)  
Leisure time to enjoy the falls and the Zambezi River boat tour, farewell dinner  
Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge
- Day 15:** Victoria Falls / Depart for U.S. (B)
- Day 16:** En Route / Arrive in U.S.

**Activity Level:** This safari program requires an ability to board and disembark a train as well as walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, transport luggage a short distance, get in and out of a 4x4 vehicle, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on sometimes bumpy roads.





## Relax

- Travel in style aboard the *African Explorer* as you follow unique routing through South Africa, Eswatini, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe.

## Discover

- Admire the magnificent views from Pretoria, South Africa's capital city.
- Discover stunning wildlife while on an extensive safari through Kruger National Park.
- Enjoy the Panorama Route as you travel through the rugged Drakensberg mountain range. This legendary route winds along the steeply sloping Drakensberg escarpment, offering spectacular views across the plains of the Lowveld, more than 3,000 feet below.
- Spot for members of The Big Five during a safari at Makalali Game Reserve.

## Admire

- At Zambezi National Park, explore the Zambezi River by boat with the chance of viewing elephants and hippos from up close.
- Visit Matobo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to view the grave of Cecil Rhodes, who founded the colonial territory of Rhodesia, today's Zimbabwe.
- Set out for a full day safari at Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's largest and most important game reserve, renowned for its herds of elephants and Cape buffalo.

## What's Included

- 10 nights accommodations aboard the *African Explorer* train, plus one night each deluxe lodging at Pretoria, Kruger National Park, and Victoria Falls
- 13 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 12 dinners (including a welcome drink and farewell dinner)
- Expert naturalist guides throughout, with an Orbridge Expedition Leader and physician
- Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, onboard guides, drivers, porters, attendants, and wait staff for included meals
- Transfer and excursion transportation aboard air conditioned buses
- All excursions described in the itinerary, including admission and park fees
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



# African Explorer

Evenings include three-course dinners, featuring African and European culinary specialties, in one of two air conditioned dining cars. In the bar car, relax with a cool Windhoek lager or one of South Africa's famous wines, listen to presentations given by your tour guide, enjoy a good read or have a stimulating conversation with fellow travelers.

Take advantage of the open observation platform with uninterrupted views of passing wilderness, facilitating not only sightings of rare animals, but also opportunities to take amazing photographs.

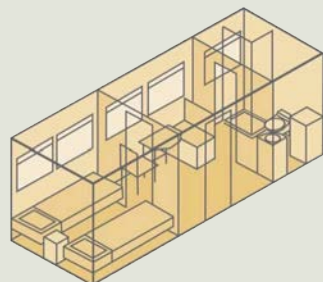
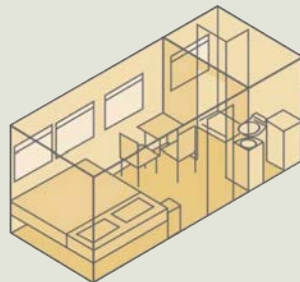
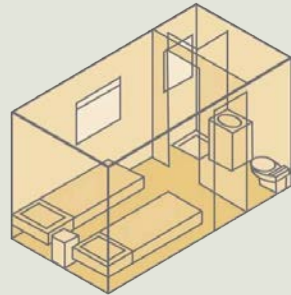
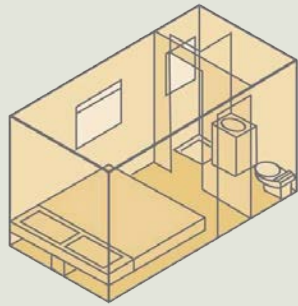
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## CAR & COMPARTMENT DETAILS

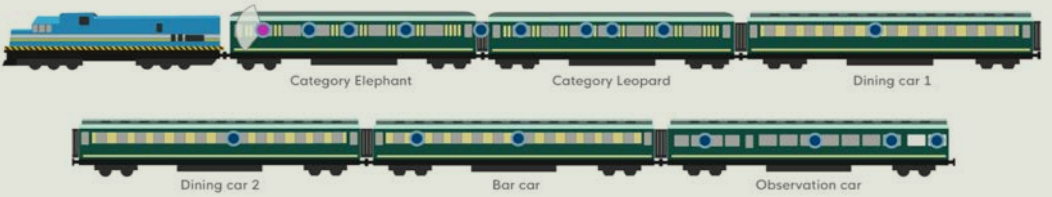
Each compartment features: Private bathroom with shower, windows that open (equipped with blinds and sunshades), individual air-conditioning control, 220/230V electricity sockets, safe, closet, bedside cabinets, hairdryer, towels and toiletries, one complimentary bottle of water daily.

**Elephant:** approx. 75 sq. ft. accommodating two guests in either two single beds or one double bed

**Leopard:** approx. 107 sq. ft. accommodating two guests in either two single beds or one double bed







## Hotel Accommodations (subject to change)

**SHERATON PRETORIA** .....  
 The Sheraton Pretoria Hotel offers luxurious, modern rooms designed for comfort directly across from the Union Buildings and their vast gardens.



**KRUGER GATE HOTEL** .....  
 At the Kruger Gate Hotel, guests enjoy elegant accommodations with uninterrupted views over the Sabie riverbed into the world-famous Kruger National Park. With refined Africa-inspired décor, all rooms have en suite bathrooms, air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi and in-room dining.



**VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE** .....  
 On a plateau overlooking the Zambezi National Park, Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is renowned for its views of a wildlife-rich waterhole visited by herds of elephant, buffalo, and kudu.



## Optional Pre-Tour Cape Town



Exquisite scenery, intriguing history, and world-class dining beckons travelers to the most cosmopolitan city in South Africa—Cape Town. At the southernmost tip of Africa, separated from the rest of the continent by a ring of mountains, this city hosts a variety of cultures. Gain an appreciation for the vibrant Cape Town of today by peering into its tumultuous past.

### Pre-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

**Day +1:** En Route from U.S.

**Day +2:** Arrive in Cape Town, South Africa  
Enjoy welcome drink and unwind during an evening at leisure  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond

**Day +3:** Cape Town (B,L)  
Panoramic city tour, cable car ride,  
Company's Garden, Greenmarket Square,  
Malay Quarter, food and wine tasting,  
evening at leisure  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond

**Day +4:** Cape Town (B,L)  
Half-day private guided tour of Robben Island  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond

**Day +5:** Cape Town / Flight to  
Johannesburg / Main Program  
Begins (B)



### What's Included

- 3 nights accommodations at Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided tours, plus cable car and ferry rides
- Local market experience and wine tasting at an estate
- Flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg
- Transportation for included activities
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, porters, hotel staff, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times





