

AUGUST 2-16, 2026

with optional  
Cape Town Pre-Tour

# AFRICAN EXPEDITION

## BY PRIVATE TRAIN



Orbridge



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Journey with us into the wilds of Africa as we explore the diverse sights of four countries during this private train expedition. Our specially curated 16-day tour uncovers a tapestry of cultural wonders, untamed dynamic landscapes and thrilling wildlife encounters in legendary national parks.

Traveling aboard a private train—your haven of comfort—embrace the stunning scenery and on-board luxuries. Enjoy time to unwind in the observation car and delight in three-course dinners prepared by talented chefs using the finest ingredients.

Game drives through Kruger National Park, Makalali Game Reserve, and Hwange National Park provide opportunities to observe the Big Five and other indigenous wildlife in their natural settings. Among other adventures, sojourn through the rugged Drakensberg mountain range, explore archaeological sites in Great Zimbabwe and experience the raw beauty and power of Victoria Falls.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly.

To reserve, visit [msstate.orbridge.com](http://msstate.orbridge.com) or call (866) 639-0079.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davis  
Executive Director  
Mississippi State University Alumni Association

Leanna Smith  
Assistant Director of Alumni Partnerships & Business Development  
Mississippi State University Alumni Association

# African Expedition by Private Train | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, though spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Activities may be dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.

## Day EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

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## Day ARRIVE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH

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**AFRICA** Upon arrival to O.R. Tambo International Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the property.  
Overnight: Kievits Kroon Gauteng Wine Estate

## Day PRETORIA First see Pretoria's iconic

3

landmarks including the Union Building and the Nelson Mandela Statue on a guided panoramic tour. As embarkation begins late afternoon, settle into your private sleeping car featuring large windows and en suite bathroom. Venture into the cozy lounge car to admire the passing scenery from its panoramic windows or observation porch. On board, four-course dinners are a highlight. Talented chefs prepare African and European cuisine served in two comfortable restaurant cars.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

## Day FULL DAY ABOARD TRAIN Enjoy a

4

leisurely day of informative lectures and social time with fellow travelers.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

## Day KINGDOM OF ESWATINI Visit Ngwenya

5

Glass to witness the art of glassblowing followed by time to peruse the showroom. Continue to the village of Mbabane to see a traditional Swazi dance performance. Before returning to the train explore the town of Piggs Peak.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,D)

## Day MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE Set off on a

6

guided panoramic city tour followed by a seafood lunch before returning to the train.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

## Day KRUGER NATIONAL PARK Prepare for an

7

exhilarating full-day game drive through the park to spot for the Big Five and other wildlife. Gather for a traditional African boma dinner this evening.  
Overnight: Skukuza Safari Lodge (B,L,D)

## Day DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS Take a final

8

safari through Kruger National Park. Then travel by bus along the panoramic route through the Drakensberg mountain range.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,D)

## Day PRIDELANDS CONSERVANCY Spot for

9

the Big Five and an abundance of other species during a game drive through the Pridelands Conservancy. The conservancy actively participates in conservation and eco-tourism initiatives to protect endangered species and preserve the delicate ecosystem. Afterward gather for a *braai* (barbecue) lunch in the bush.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

## Day FULL DAY ABOARD TRAIN En route

10

through the Limpopo Province, pass by the Soutpansberg mountain range and the lands of South Africa's Rain Queen. Enjoy a biltong (traditional spiced jerky) tasting. Embrace time for introspection or listen to a presentation by the tour guide.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

## Day GREAT ZIMBABWE Following breakfast

11

embark on a bus journey to the ruins of Great Zimbabwe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and unravel the mysteries of this ancient civilization. The legacy of Great Zimbabwe lives on as one of the largest and most culturally important archaeological sites of its kind in Africa.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,D)

## Day BULAWAYO | MATOBO NATIONAL PARK

12

Take a guided panoramic city tour of Bulawayo. After lunch visit Matobo National Park—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later see the Grave of Cecil Rhodes.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,D)

## Day HWANGE NATIONAL PARK | VICTORIA

13

FALLS Disembark for a morning game drive through Zimbabwe's largest and most important game reserve.  
Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge (B,L)

## Day VICTORIA FALLS Explore Victoria Falls

14

followed by a boat safari down the Zambezi River. Tonight gather for a farewell dinner.  
Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge (B,D)

## Day VICTORIA FALLS | DEPART FOR U.S.

15

After breakfast transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

## Day ARRIVE IN U.S.

16

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



## What's Included

- 9 nights aboard the private train plus 4 nights deluxe hotel/lodge accommodations
- 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 11 dinners including a special farewell dinner
- All excursions described in the itinerary including admission and park fees
- Expert naturalist guides throughout including an Orbridge Travel Director Team
- Access to onboard physician
- Transfer and excursion transportation aboard air conditioned buses
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Directors, local guides, porters, attendants and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

**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, get in and out of a 4x4 vehicle, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on sometimes bumpy roads.

## Hotel Accommodations *(subject to change)*

### KIEVITS KROON GAUTENG WINE ESTATE

This tranquil 40-acre wine estate features stylish accommodations, wonderful gardens and modern facilities.



### SKUKUZA SAFARI LODGE

This lodge-style property is ideally situated within Kruger National Park.



### VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE

This lodge is renowned for its views of a wildlife-rich waterhole visited by herds of elephant, buffalo and kudu.



# Onboard Your Private Train

Evenings include four-course dinners featuring African and European culinary specialties. During leisure time, relax in the bar car with a cool Windhoek lager or one of South Africa's famous wines, listen to an intriguing presentation, or sit back with a book. Take advantage of the open observation platform with uninterrupted views of passing wilderness, providing endless opportunities to take amazing photographs.

## SLEEPING COMPARTMENT CATEGORIES

**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

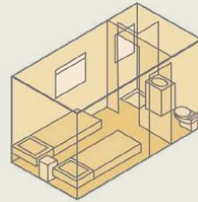
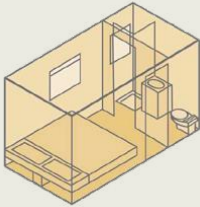
*Single travelers can select from either category. There is no internet access on the train.*



Elephant (One Bed)



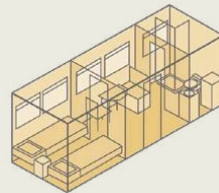
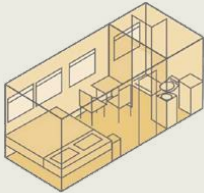
Elephant (Two Beds)



Leopard (One Bed)



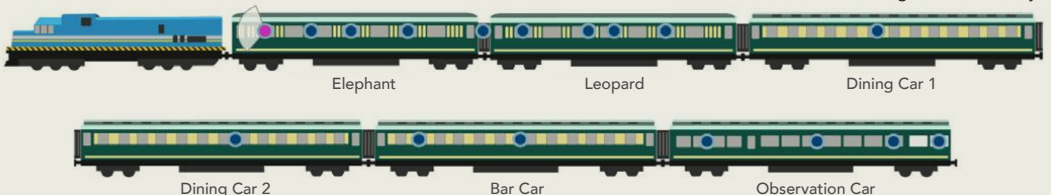
Leopard (Two Beds)



## SLEEPING COMPARTMENT AMENITIES

Individual climate control, windows (equipped with blinds and sunshades) that open, 220/230V electrical outlets, safe, closet, bedside cabinets, complimentary bottled water, bathrobes and slippers, and private en suite bathroom with shower, towels, sundries and hair dryer.

*Train car configuration will vary.*



Elephant

Leopard

Dining Car 1

Dining Car 2

Bar Car

Observation Car

# Optional Pre-Tour Cape Town

At the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Town offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, cultural richness and outdoor experiences. Explore this vibrant region's iconic landmarks, sample its exquisite flavors and admire the peninsula's captivating landscape.

**Day +1** EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

**Day +2** **ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA** Upon arrival to Cape Town International Airport, transfer to the hotel to enjoy an evening at leisure.  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond

**Day +3** **CAPE TOWN** Today's first highlight is a cable car ride ascending Table Mountain (weather permitting). At the summit, take a leisurely walk to the various lookout points. Continue with a panoramic tour of the city, passing by some of Cape Town's most iconic landmarks. Afterwards enter the eye-catching Bo-Kaap neighborhood where you'll delve into South Africa's rich and complex food heritage during a food tasting featuring a blend of flavors and techniques.  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond (B,L)

**Day +4** **CAPE TOWN | CAPE PENINSULA** Set off on a scenic drive south along the Atlantic Seaboard towards Cape of Good Hope. En route, take advantage of brief photography stops at Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak Drive. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Hout Bay Market. Then journey into the heart of the winelands for an exclusive food and wine pairing experience. At the iconic Cape of Good Hope, ascend to the summit aboard the historic Flying Dutchman Funicular. Visit Boulders Beach to observe a charming colony of African Penguins. The evening is at leisure.  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond (B,L)

**Day +5** **CAPE TOWN | FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS** After breakfast transfer to the airport for the group flight to Johannesburg to join the main program. (B,D)

## What's Included

- 3 nights at five-star Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner
- Guided Cape Town city tour and food tasting experience
- Guided Cape Peninsula excursion including a market visit, vineyard food and wine pairing experience, and Cape of Good Hope visit
- Admission and fees for included activities
- Transportation for included activities
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, porters, hotel staff and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times
- Internal airfare from Cape Town to Johannesburg





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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
<b>DOUBLE OCCUPANCY</b>		
Elephant	\$13,499	\$12,995
Leopard	\$15,499	\$14,995
<b>SINGLE OCCUPANCY</b>		
Elephant	\$20,499	\$19,995
Leopard	\$23,499	\$22,995
<b>Cape Town Pre-Tour</b>		
Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$3,699	\$3,495
Single	\$4,799	\$4,595


### DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON

\$500 pre-tour • \$2,500 main tour

\*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included.

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