



Journey  
to Southern

# Africa

LUXURY SAFARIS | ROVOS RAIL | CAPE TOWN

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February 17 – March 3, 2027



## Dear Grove City College 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: Kapama Private Game Reserve, Hwange National Park, and Chobe National Park. 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 discoveries and memorable moments.

Follow the path of Nelson Mandela on Robben Island and talk with the friendly locals of Soweto township. Marvel at brilliantly colored birds, monkeys, and elegant giraffes, and search for the big five: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffalo. As you journey through this sun-soaked land, you'll uncover a melting pot of cultures, customs, and fascinating landmarks steeped in history, experiencing the best 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.

Sincerely,

Melissa (Trifaro '96) MacLeod  
Senior Director of Alumni & College Relations  
Grove City College

P.S.: Please note that you will be making your reservation through AHI, but if you have any questions or concerns you may call or email our office at [alumni@gcc.edu](mailto:alumni@gcc.edu) or 724-458-2300.

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Robben Island**, South Africa
2. **Cape Floral Region Protected Area**, South Africa
3. **Victoria Falls**, Zimbabwe
4. **Human Rights, Liberation & Reconciliation: Nelson Mandela Legacy Sites**, South Africa





# Discovery begins here



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

Top: Victoria Falls | Above: Hippo

Cover: Lion | Mail panel: Cape Peninsula | Rovos Rail

Right: African penguin, Boulders Beach

## 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 four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Cape Town, South Africa. 🌐

### Day 2 | Cape Town, South Africa

Upon arrival in Cape Town, transfer ➡ to the Mount Nelson Hotel.

Later, join us for a Welcome Reception.

### Day 3 | Cape Town | Cape Point

**Cape Peninsula.** Delight in scenic panoramas along Marine Drive as you pass Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. Continue along the coast to the Cape of Good Hope, at Africa's southwestern tip. Take a funicular ride at Cape Point to the lighthouse for breathtaking views, then visit Boulders Beach to observe adorable African penguins in their colony.

Enjoy the flavors of local cuisine during lunch.

**Enrichment: South African History.**

### Day 4 | Robben Island | Cape Town

**Cape Town.** Cruise by ferry to Robben Island and tour the prison where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated. Your guide, a former prisoner of Robben Island, offers first-hand insight. Discover the many highlights of South Africa's Mother City, with free time at Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, before ascending Table Mountain (weather permitting) to soak in incredible views.

### Day 5 | Hoedspruit | Kapama Private Game Reserve

Following breakfast, fly to Hoedspruit. Upon arrival, transfer to the Kapama River Lodge.

**Safari:** Get the lay of the African bushveld during your first game drive in Kapama Private

Game Reserve. Meet your ranger and tracker, who will accompany you on each game drive. Begin your quest to spy the marvelous Big Five.

### Day 6 | Kapama Private Game Reserve

Each morning on safari starts with a wake-up call from your ranger. Meet on the deck for coffee before climbing into your vehicle.

**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 during the day.

**Free Time:** Spend the rest of the morning at your leisure. Visit the spa or relax with a book.

**Enrichment: The Animals of Kapama.**

Enjoy tea before the afternoon drive.

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

As the sun sets, celebrate your day with a round of sundowners, drinks enjoyed at sunset.

Mandela's house



Table Mountain overlooking Cape Town and Robben Island



### Day 7 | **Kapama Private Game Reserve**

**Safari:** Each game drive offers a unique experience forged by the time of day, weather and locale. Your tracker and ranger are experts at locating animals. They know the thickets where giraffes nibble at the treetops, the open veld where zebra graze and much more.

**Free Time:** Enjoy time at leisure.

**Safari:** Observe popular watering holes where four-legged and feathered residents gather.

### Day 8 | **Hoedspruit | Johannesburg**

Transfer to Hoedspruit and fly to Johannesburg.

**AHI Connects | Soweto.** Visit Soweto and see the homes of Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In Kliptown, learn about a youth program offering tutoring alongside sports and arts. Meet some of the resident youth and enjoy a performance. Check in to 54 on Bath in Johannesburg.

### Day 9 | **Pretoria | Embark Rovos Rail | Zimbabwe**

This morning, depart for the train station in Pretoria to board the luxurious Rovos Rail.



Travel north through Bela-Bela and Modimolle to Musina (formerly Messina) for the Beitbridge border crossing into Zimbabwe.

### Day 10 | **Zimbabwe**

Travel through Rutenga and Somabhula on your way to Bulawayo. Take in scenes of daily life as you continue through the city. Gather for afternoon tea on your journey to Mpopoma, where the train overnights.

### Day 11 | **Hwange National Park**

Depart Mpopoma and journey along one of the world's longest stretches of straight track.

**Safari:** After disembarking in Kennedy Siding, go on a game drive 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 residents!

### Day 12 | **Disembark Rovos Rail | Victoria Falls**

Disembark the train in Victoria Falls and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel.

## Rovos Rail | The Pride of Africa

Discover the glamour of the Golden Age of train travel aboard the luxurious Rovos Rail. Ride in vintage carriages, restored to mint condition and impeccably appointed. Spend your days in the Observation Car or mingle with fellow travelers in the lounge. Expertly prepared cuisine showcases local ingredients and regional specialties, and all beverages are included. Each morning, take in the scenic splendor of the passing landscapes during a sumptuous breakfast. Three-course lunches and dinners, announced by a gong, include a selection of South African wines.



Deluxe Suite with a double bed and a lounge area



## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Cape Town, South Africa, at the Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel.
- **3 nights** on the Kapama Private Game Reserve at the Kapama River Lodge.
- **1 night** in Johannesburg at 54 on Bath.
- **3 nights** aboard Rovos Rail.
- **2 nights** at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, at The Victoria Falls Hotel.



### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All transfers in the Land Program: flights, train and deluxe motor coaches.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 3 countries** during this program.
- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
-  **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.


**Victoria Falls.** Feel the mist as you revel in the planet's largest water curtain. Twice the height of Niagara Falls, these mighty falls cast spray that can be seen up to 50 miles away!

### Day 13 | Chobe National Park, Botswana

**Safari:** Chobe is a spectacular destination for birdwatchers, and the Chobe River gives life to the many animals, birds and reptiles that call the park home.

Return to Victoria Falls and celebrate your journey during a special Farewell Dinner, a sumptuous meal seasoned with tales.



### Day 14 | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | Johannesburg, South Africa | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the Victoria Falls airport and fly to Johannesburg. Connect to your return flight to your gateway city. 

### Day 15 | In Transit

Arrive in your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

 Flights and  transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

## Active Travel

This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

### Excursions on this program require:

- walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains
- walking through train corridors whether the train is in motion or stopped
- climbing in and out of safari vehicles

Youth program in Soweto



# Life on Safari

Each day on safari begins with new discoveries and ends with a reinvigorated respect for nature. With an expert tracker leading the way, see exotic animals in their natural habitat, and watch the drama of their day-to-day struggle for survival. Experience the thrill of up-close encounters with lions lazing in the grass or elephants quenching their thirst by a watering hole.

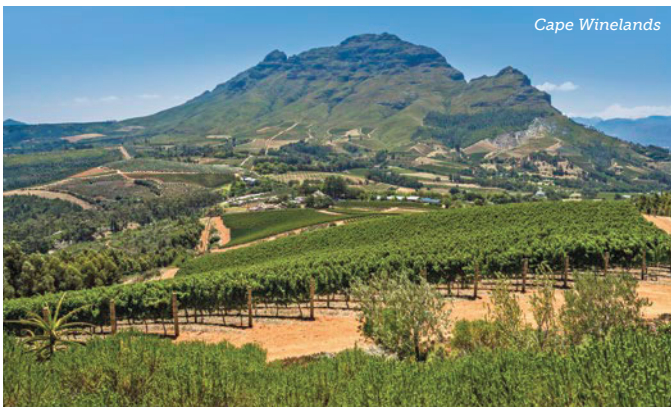
On this luxury safari, discover the landscapes and ecosystems of three outstanding wildlife parks.

## **The Big Five**

*The opportunity to see as many of the Big Five animals as possible is a highlight for safari goers. This majestic group of animals encompasses (pictured clockwise) elephant, rhino, leopard, Cape buffalo and lion (pictured on cover).*



## **EXTEND YOUR STAY**



Cape Winelands

## **Cape Town | 2 Nights**

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Enjoy more of vibrant Cape Town. Unwind at the deluxe Mount Nelson Hotel. This exciting extension offers a full-day tour of the Cape Winelands. Discover the historic town of Stellenbosch, set in the heart of South Africa's famed wine country, with time to savor tastings at premier estates and a leisurely lunch in the breathtaking Franschhoek Valley.

**\$1,495 per person, double occupancy | \$2,390 single occupancy**

# 2027 | Departure Details

## Program Dates

**Travel dates** † **February 17 – March 3, 2027**

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

**Tour dates\*** **February 18 – March 2, 2027**

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

## Land Program

Category	Full Price	Special Savings Price*
B-Pullman Suite (76 sq. ft.)	\$11,045	<b>\$10,295</b>
A-Deluxe Suite (106 sq. ft.)	\$12,245	<b>\$11,495</b>

**\*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$1,000 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

The Pullman Suite single supplement is an additional \$3,995 (limited availability). The Deluxe Suite single supplement is an additional \$4,995 (limited availability).

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://grove.ahitravel.com/destinations/2019A?schoolId=578>.

## AHI FlexAir

### *Let us arrange your flights*

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

## AHI Travel Expertise

**Travel Consultants** guide you through the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** offer assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides** and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



# Accommodations



Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel | Cape Town



The Victoria Falls Hotel | Victoria Falls



54 on Bath | Johannesburg



Kapama River Lodge | Kapama Private Game Reserve



Book your journey today!

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