

## The Big Five of Sea and Land NOVEMBER 3 – 15, 2019

Dear traveler,

We invite you to join us on an adventure to one of our favorite places in the world: spectacular South Africa. We'll experience prominent Table Mountain, a stark backdrop to the Cape Town skyline, and make our way around Cape Point. Here at the southern tip of Africa, the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet, creating a dynamic, diverse marine ecosystem. We are visiting during the best time of year for whale watching, when endangered southern right whales and their calves often come right up to the boat. We'll experience the dramatic and rugged coastline and the unique vegetation of the native fynbos ecosystem as well as the rest of the marine "Big Five": great white sharks, African penguins, Cape fur seals and Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins. We'll fly to Madikwe Game Reserve, a conservation area in South Africa's North West province, bordering Botswana. Here we will enjoy a luxury safari experience and look for the "Big Five" of land: elephants, white rhinos, lions, leopards and Cape buffalo.

Brookfield Zoo is excited to partner with Shedd Aquarium, blending our organizations' expertise of land and sea for the ultimate wildlife experience in South Africa.

We hope you will join us on this trip of a lifetime.



**Christopher Panek**  
*Vice President of Membership,  
Brookfield Zoo*

A Brookfield Zoo enthusiast since childhood, Chris's role there includes overseeing the travel program. He's been to Africa three times. At the zoo and on safari, his favorite animals are elephants.



**Cheryl Mell**  
*Senior Vice President, Conservation,  
Shedd Aquarium*

A marine biologist and educator, Cheryl includes travel as a way to inspire conservation advocacy. Among the 100-plus countries on seven continents that she has visited, Cape Town is her favorite city.



**Graham Johannson**  
*Naturalist guide  
and wildlife photographer*

Graham has led tours and safaris in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia, where he grew up, for 25 years. He'll be your photography as well as natural history guide.



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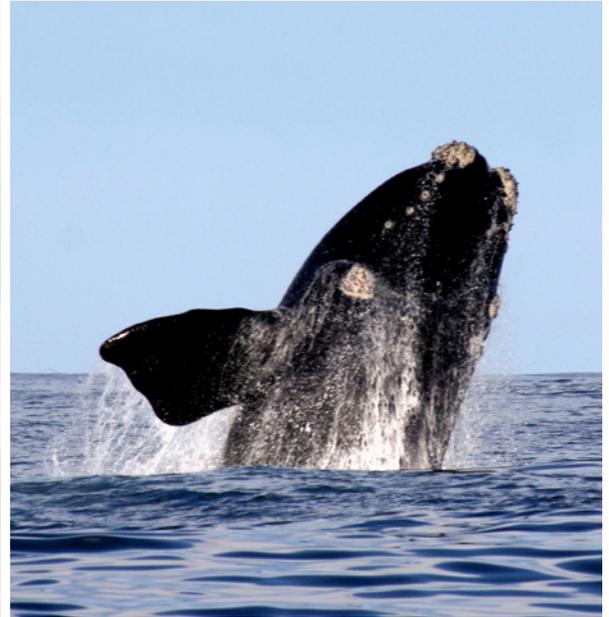
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## 13-Day Itinerary

### Day 1: Sunday, November 3

#### Chicago/En route

Your adventure begins! Depart from Chicago on your overnight flight to Johannesburg. (Meals aloft)

### Day 2: Monday, November 4

#### Cape Town

This afternoon, arrive in Johannesburg, where you connect with your flight to Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City." Upon arrival, you will be met by our guide, Graham Johannson, and escorted to the hotel. The provincial capital, Cape Town, is a sophisticated city with plenty to see and do, especially around the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront area, where Cape Dutch and Victorian-era buildings have been restored as shops, restaurants, museums and pubs. Overnight at the Vineyard Hotel. (Meals aloft)

### Day 3: Tuesday, November 5

#### Cape Town/Cape Peninsula/Hout Bay/Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens/Two Oceans Aquarium

On the coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope, you are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines and the blue sea below. Stop at Hout Bay and take a boat ride to discover the seal colony. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. Pass quaint seaside towns as you continue to Cape Point where the stormy waters of the Atlantic meet up with the calm waters of the Indian Ocean. At Cape Point, climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top where you can explore a lighthouse, enjoy the views, or even indulge in a bit of shopping. From this vantage point, you might see dolphins and a variety of seabirds. You can also explore the Cape Point Nature Reserve, host to approximately half of the 2,700 species of indigenous plants found on the Cape Peninsula, including the bush the Dutch called "fynbos." There are 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from towering ostriches to minuscule sunbirds.

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Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and continue to Boulders Beach for close-up views of endangered African penguins. They are found only on the southern African coast and are the only penguins on this continent.

Continue with a guided tour of Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Founded in 1913, Kirstenbosch lies on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. Its landscaped gardens feature 9,000 of South Africa's estimated 20,000 species of indigenous plants and trees as well as a natural forest that extends up the lower slopes.

Dinner this evening is at the Two Oceans Aquarium, located on Cape Town's waterfront. The aquarium showcases the unique marine life of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, which lie on either side of the Cape of Good Hope, including sharks, penguins, sea turtles and a huge variety of fishes and marine plants.

Overnight at the Vineyard Hotel. (B,L,D)

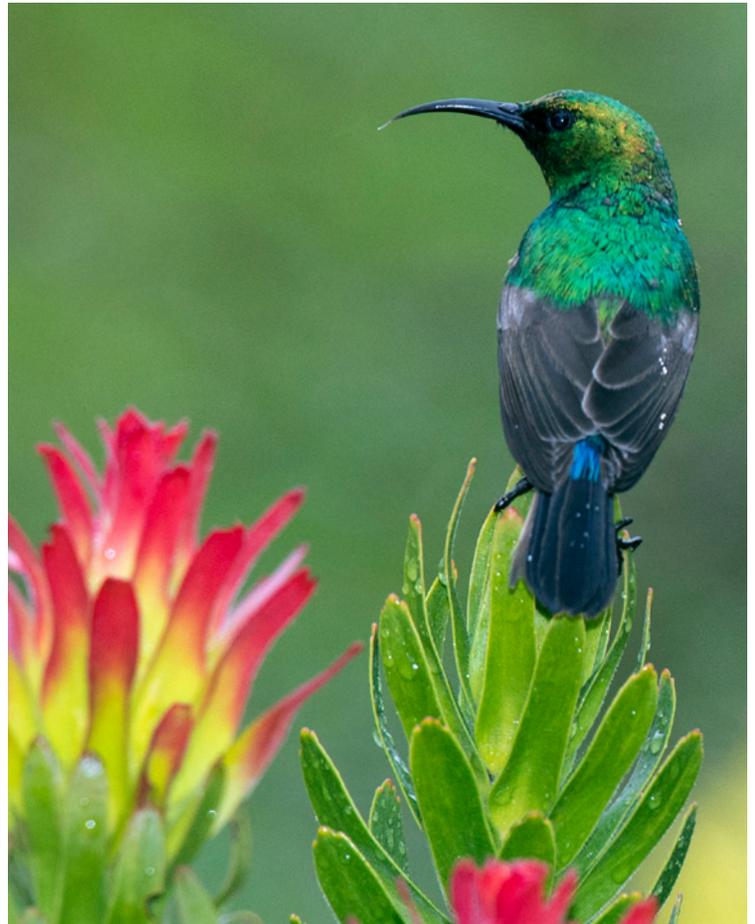
## Day 4: Wednesday, November 6

### Cape Town/Table Mountain/SANCCOB

Wind and cloud cover permitting, we take a cable car to the top of Table Mountain (3,563 feet above sea level), the hallmark of this city. A cloud often covers this flat-topped mountain and cascades over the edge, creating the illusion of it being shrouded in a "white tablecloth," the nickname locals call this phenomenon. For centuries Table Mountain has been a guiding beacon to mariners rounding the cape.

Lunch is at a lovely seaside eatery, Lily's, in Mouille Point. This afternoon, we'll visit the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB), a not-for-profit seabird rehabilitation center. Since 2014, members of Shedd's Animal Response Team have helped SANCCOB rehabilitate hundreds of abandoned African penguin chicks. SANCCOB has treated more than 85,000 birds since its inception in 1968. In addition to rehabilitation, especially for threatened species, they aim to raise awareness about conservation through education. In the evening, you'll have dinner on your own.

Overnight at the Vineyard Hotel. (B,L)





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### Day 5-Day 6: Thursday, November 7– Friday November 8

#### Cape Town/Grootbos Nature Reserve

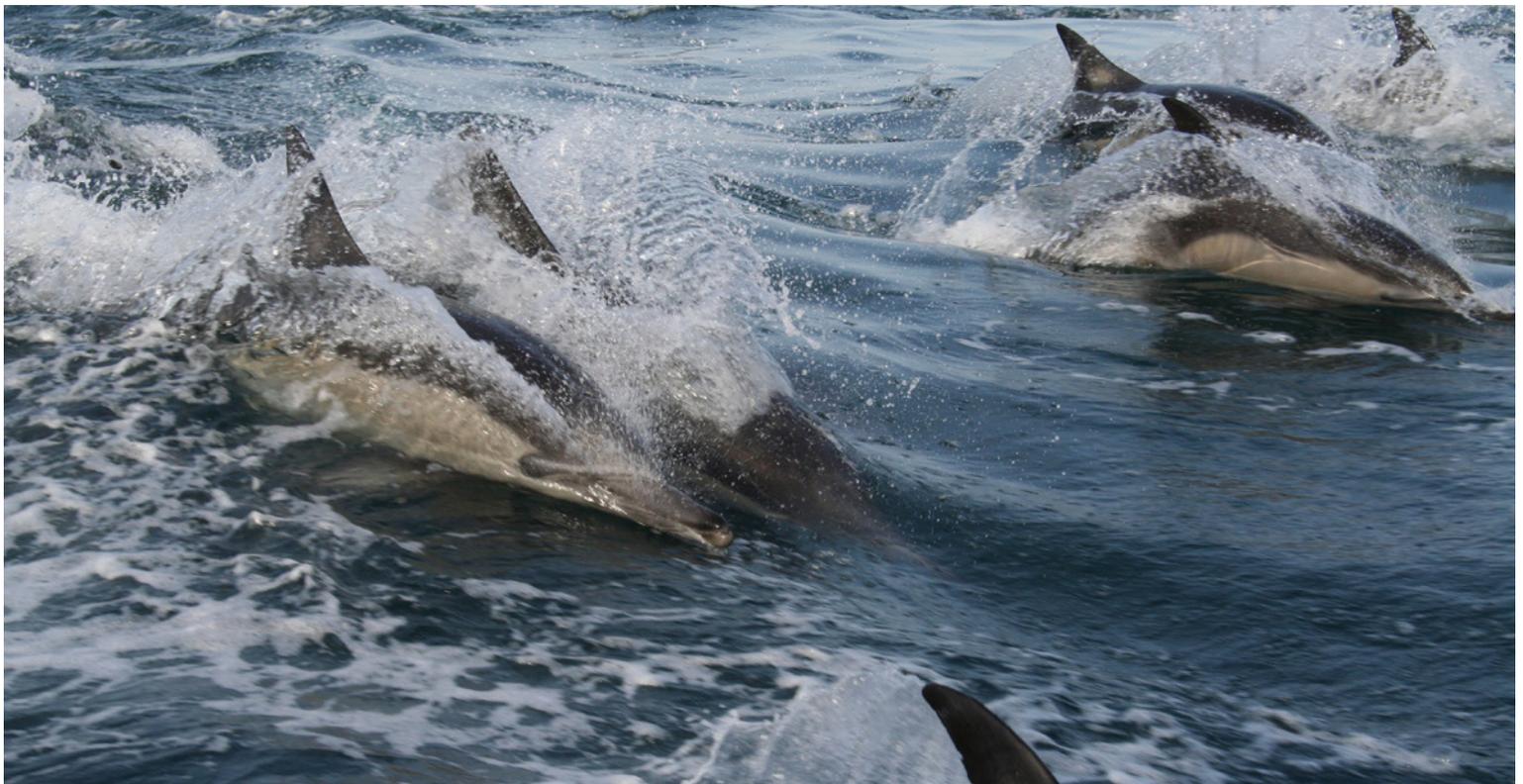
Start your day with a drive to Grootbos Nature Reserve, situated just past Hermanus, overlooking Walker Bay and Cape Point. Activities include coastal walks, beach excursions, horseback riding and 4x4 drives.

This pristine botanical reserve has some of the most beautiful wildflowers and striking landscapes in the country. During a “plant safari,” botanical guides will open your eyes to the intricacies of South Africa’s unique fynbos ecosystem.

During your stay at Grootbos, you’re just a short distance from the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas. On your first afternoon here, you will enjoy a whale-watching/discovery cruise and look for the marine Big Five: southern right whales, Cape fur seals, great white sharks, African penguins and Indo-Pacific

bottlenose dolphins. The coastline offers a marine experience like no other. See 40-ton southern right whales surface only feet from your boat. Travel to the island refuge of huge seabird colonies and a 60,000-strong Cape fur seal population. Be amazed by the spectacle of a great white shark breaking the surface and transfixing you with an unblinking stare. The cliffs of Walker Bay, right at your doorstep, offer the best land-based whale viewing in the world, where southern right whale mothers, calves and energetic bulls come within 30 meters of the rocky shoreline—so close that you can smell their fishy breath! In late afternoon you will enjoy a spectacular sunset over Walker Bay.

The following morning, the sunrise is no less spectacular and makes for magnificent landscape or floral photography. This is the day you’ll have a chance to go shark diving for an optional additional cost, or participate in one of the other included activities such as horseback riding, 4x4 rides, or coastal or forest walks.



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## Great white shark cage diving (\$245 per person, additional)

For the thrill of a lifetime, feel the exposure of snorkeling with one of nature's most impressive predators while remaining safe inside the shark cage. The trip focuses on the natural predation and breaching of great white sharks as well as shark cage-diving. The expedition operates in small groups and takes a maximum of seven guests per trip, providing an intimate experience as well as an opportunity to pass on knowledge and passion for the sharks and the area. The cage is fixed to the boat and guests snorkel in the cage (diving certification is not required for this purpose).

Overnights at the Grootbos Forest Lodge. (B,L,D daily)

## Day 7: Saturday, November 9 Grootbos/Stanford/Winlands

This morning, depart Grootbos for the Winelands region of the Cape. En route, stop in Stanford and board the *African Queen* for a birding cruise down the Klein River. The region is home to more than 127 species of birds, saltwater and freshwater fishes, otters, terrapins and more, along with breathtaking views.

Continue on to Creation Wine Estate for a tasting, followed by lunch at Forage at the Wildekrans Wine Estate. Products used by the chefs are foraged and sourced from local artisans and farmers within a 100-km radius of the restaurant. The restaurant prepares plates daily, using old-world techniques with modern inspiration and promoting a sustainable and unique dining experience. End the day in Franschhoek, where you will check into your hotel.

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The balance of your day is free for discovering lovely antique shops and gardens nestled in the “Valley of the Huguenots,” where the French first settled in 1688. Dinner is on your own at one of the many fine restaurants along the main road downtown.

Overnight at Le Quartier Francais in Auberge Suites. (B,L)

## Day 8: Sunday, November 10

### Winelands

This morning, your first stop is the University town of Stellenbosch to tour the exquisitely preserved historic estate of Boschendal. Then enjoy a drive in this town where oak-lined streets next to water furrows compliment the many fine examples of elegant Cape Dutch, Victorian and Georgian architecture—all part of this unique “Town of Oaks.”

Lunch today is at 300-year-old Babylonstoren, one of the oldest and best-preserved Cape Dutch farms. The garden is divided into 15 sections, filled with vegetables, gorgeous flowering plants, a maze of prickly pears and plenty of room for roaming ducks and chickens. A shaded path winds through the gardens along a stream, perfect for taking in the blossoms of the clivia in the springtime.

Return to Franschhoek for dinner on your own.

Overnight at Le Quartier Français. (B,L)

## Day 9 - Day 11: Monday – Wednesday, November 11 – 13

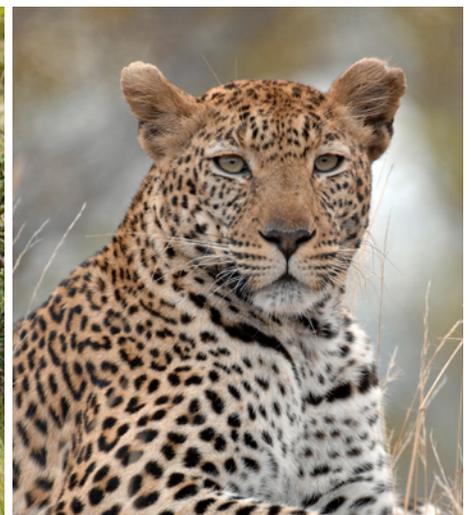
### Cape Town/Johannesburg/Madikwe Game Reserve

Return to Cape Town for your flight to Johannesburg. Then board your short light-aircraft flight to Madikwe Game Reserve in search of the Big Five: Cape buffalo, lion, leopard, elephant and rhino.

Situated on the border of Botswana in the North West province of South Africa, Madikwe Reserve is a world-renowned 165,000-acre, malaria-free wildlife reserve. Since it was founded in 1991, the park has undergone extensive transformations. Its main goal upon opening was the reintroduction of wildlife species that once roamed the lands. Madikwe is managed by the North West Parks and Tourism Board (NWPTB), a conservation organization that is world-renowned for its approach to people-based wildlife conservation. NWPTB believes that for conservation to succeed, local communities and individuals must benefit from wildlife conservation.

During your three-night/four-day stay at Madikwe, you’ll go on morning and evening game drives in open safari vehicles. Bush walks, birding and a local community village tour are all available.

Madikwe is home to 66 mammal species and approximately 300 resident and migratory bird species. In addition to the Big Five, you’ll also see hippos, giraffes, wild dogs, hyenas and cheetahs. Due to its closeness to the Kalahari Desert, there’s an overlap of





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a number of species, offering guests more diversity in wildlife viewing: many large antelope species, such as eland, gemsbok, sable and nyala, and smaller buck species such as springbok, oribi, duiker and klipspringer. Also search for the smaller mammals like honey badger, otter, serval, fox, meerkat, ant bear, baboon, porcupine, warthog, bush baby and hedgehog. Madikwe is also an ornithologist's paradise, with a plethora of birds such as flycatchers, firefinches, babblers and buzzards.

Overnights at Madikwe Lelapa Lodge or Madikwe Dithaba Lodge. See Accommodations section for details. (B,L,D daily)

## Day 12: Thursday – November 14

### Madikwe Game Reserve/Johannesburg/En route

In the morning, transfer to your flight to Johannesburg, where you connect with your afternoon flight home.

(B, meals aloft)

## Day 13: Friday, November 15

### Chicago

Today you land in Chicago, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of South Africa. (Meals aloft)

## Optional Post-Extension to Johannesburg and Victoria Falls – Zimbabwe

### Day 12: Thursday, November 14

#### Johannesburg

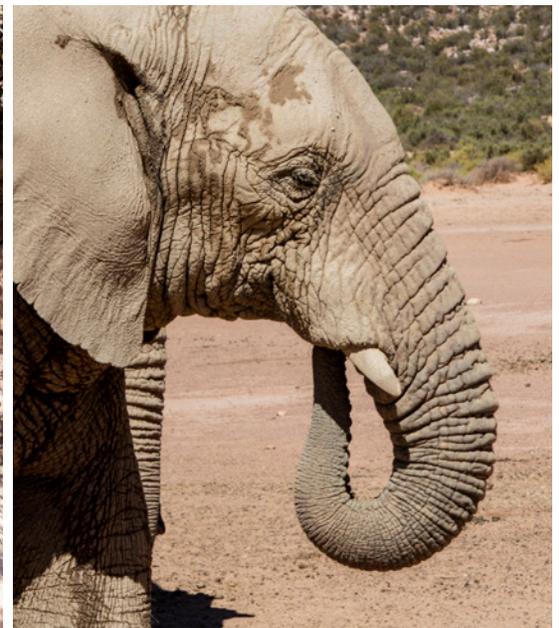
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg. Here bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to the United States and continue your adventure.

Often called Jo'burg, Johannesburg is the country's largest city and financial center, with ultramodern skyscrapers and a bustling way of life. It is the city of gold, as its claim to fame is the gold that was discovered close by. There are many things to do in Johannesburg: relax, shop, sightsee and take in the local flavor. Overnight at D'oreale Grande. (B)

### Day 13-14: Friday – Saturday, November 15 – 16

#### Johannesburg/Victoria Falls

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Zimbabwe to view the mighty Victoria Falls. At more than twice the size of Niagara Falls,



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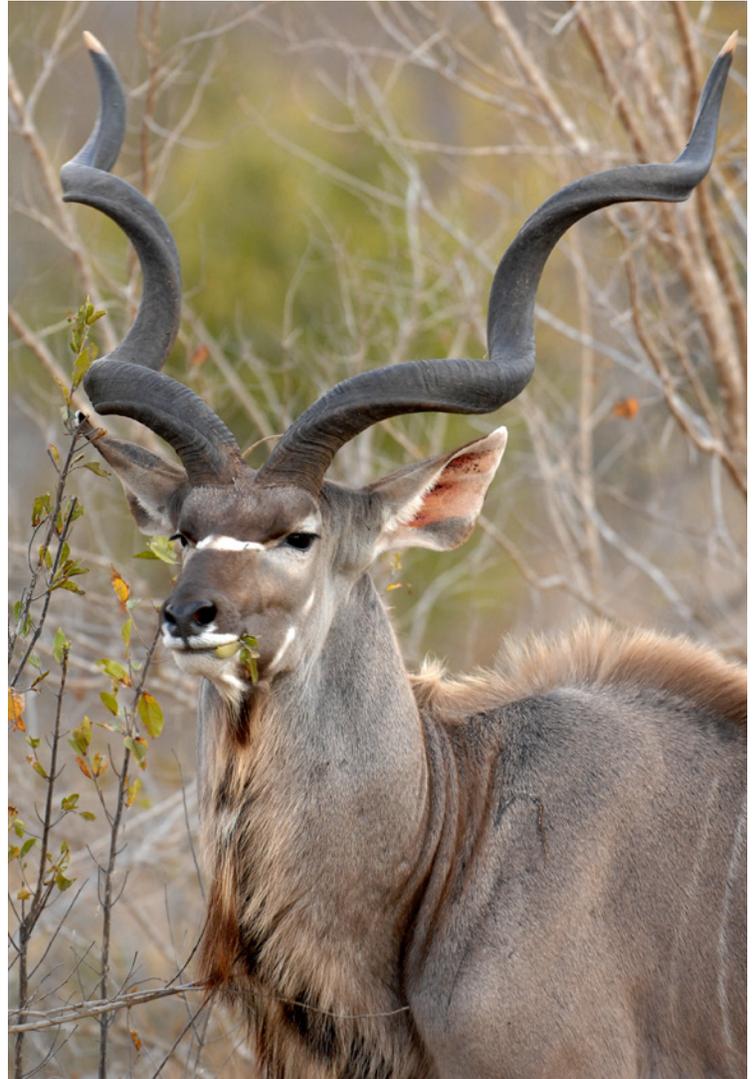


it's no surprise that Victoria Falls is among the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. Mosi-oa-Tunya—"The Smoke That Thunders," derived from the towering column of spray when the Zambezi River runs high—is the name that Zimbabweans have given to this awesome natural phenomenon. But in 1855, Dr. David Livingstone was probably thinking of his royal duty when he named the falls after his queen. Five separate falls make up this incredible spectacle that plunges more than 328 feet into a sheer-sided chasm that separates Zimbabwe from Zambia. The awe-inspiring abyss is spanned by a 1905 Edwardian bridge that links the two countries, and many adventurers now use the bridge to bungee jump. The massive volume of water plunging down the falls and into the gorge below originates from the mighty Zambezi River, which meanders through more than 1,677 miles of African countryside.

On an afternoon sundowner cruise, you'll glide along the Zambezi River, watching hippos snort, elephants drink on the riverbank, monkeys jump from branch to branch, birds fly overhead or perch among branches and much more. Enjoy your gin and tonic, cool beer, or drink of choice as the sun dips below the horizon, painting the whole area in unbelievable colors of brilliant reds, yellows, purples and mauves.

Your English-speaking guide will escort you through an authentic native village to see how the local people live. Their culture and ways of life have remained virtually unchanged through the ages. View their daily rituals, from the women cooking and mending their huts, to the artistic wood carvings created right in front of you by the village artisans. You are welcome to mingle and take photographs. Long after you've left, this cultural visit will remain with you, as you'll feel as though you've experienced a different part of Africa, quite essential if you're to understand the complexity of this continent.

Overnights at Stanley & Livingstone. (B,L,D daily)



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## Day 15: Sunday, November 17

Victoria Falls/Johannesburg/En route

Your morning is open to enjoy the falls on your own before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg and home.

(B, meals aloft)

## Day 16: Monday, November 18

Chicago

Today you land in Chicago, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of South Africa. (Meals aloft)

## Accommodations

### The Vineyard Hotel & Spa – Cape Town

[www.vineyard.co.za](http://www.vineyard.co.za)

Your home for three nights, the Vineyard Hotel and Spa is situated on 6 acres of parkland on the banks of the Liesbeeck River. It's within easy walking distance of the up-market Cavendish Shopping Centre and is just 10 minutes away from the City Center and the popular Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. The two-centuries-old estate features luxurious contemporary bedrooms. The hotel is filled with works by leading South African artists.

### Grootbos Forest Lodge – Gaansbai

[www.grootbos.com/en/home/](http://www.grootbos.com/en/home/)

Situated just past Hermanus, overlooking Walker Bay and Cape Point, the lodge is also a short distance from the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas, and is located on the best whale-watching coast in South Africa. Luxury suites boast spectacular views. Awaken to the calls of forest birds in your cottage set among ancient milkwood trees deep in the nature reserve. Chefs conjure up gourmet dishes with fish caught that day, fresh vegetables and succulent meats enhanced with flavors from the flourishing herb garden. Award-winning South African wines compliment dinner.

### Le Quartier Français – Franschhoek

[www.lqf.co.za/](http://www.lqf.co.za/)

Le Quartier Français is a splash of Provençal style in the heart of the historic village of Franschhoek, a quaint corner of the Cape Winelands that is forever a little French. You'll dine in fine style and sleep in rooms overlooking a central landscaped garden with a natural pool. The colorful restaurant is considered one of the top 100 restaurants in South Africa and features a delightful mélange of French, Malay and traditional South African dishes.

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## Madikwe Safari Lodge – Madikwe Game Reserve

[www.madikwesafarilodge.co.za/](http://www.madikwesafarilodge.co.za/)

Madikwe is one of the largest game reserves in South Africa and a prime safari destination to see an incredible diversity of wildlife. (It is also one of the few wildlife reserves in southern Africa that is malaria-free.) The luxury accommodations include Lelapa Lodge (12 suites) and Dithaba Lodge (4 suites), and we will spread over both to accommodate the group. Suites in both lodges come equipped with private plunge pools and wood-burning fireplaces, and all offer stunning views of the surrounding savanna.

## Optional Extension Accommodations D’Oreale Grande – Johannesburg

[www.doreale.com/](http://www.doreale.com/)

The D’Oreale Grande is situated near Johannesburg International Airport. Its palatial buildings are set in a display of gardens,

fountains and statues. Classically elegant interiors feature marble floors, plush carpets, magnificent stained-glass domes, highly decorated murals and frescos, sculptures, intricate mosaics and Roman columns and arches.

## Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel – Zambezi National Park

[www.stanleyandlivingstone.co.zw](http://www.stanleyandlivingstone.co.zw)

The Stanley & Livingstone Hotel sits within a 6,000-acre private reserve bordering Zambezi National Park. Edwardian charm, marvelous accommodations, hospitable staff and numerous bush activities will make your stay a most memorable one. Morning and evening wildlife drives, wildlife walks, rhino interactions and elephant experiences round out the diverse activities offered.

## Journey Costs

Cost: Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy	Main Program	Johannesburg & Victoria Falls Post-Extension
	BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
Land package only	\$8,295 per person	\$2,995 per person
Single-room supplement*	\$3,295 per person, additional	\$795 per person, additional
Estimated international air from Chicago, including fuel surcharges and airline taxes (subject to change) as well as internal air in South Africa	\$1,960 per person, additional	N/A
Internal air in South Africa if international air is not purchased through classic escapes	\$390 per person	N/A



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## Inclusions

- Superior accommodations throughout at hotels and lodges as listed in the itinerary or similar.
- Breakfasts daily, all meals while on safari and other meals as indicated in itinerary.
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned motorcoach. Wildlife viewing in open land cruisers.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- Round-trip light aircraft flights between Johannesburg and Madikwe Game Reserve.
- Round-trip flight Johannesburg/Victoria Falls on the post-extension.
- All applicable hotel/lodge gratuities and taxes.
- Local naturalist guide on the main program and the extension.
- A trip host from Shedd Aquarium and Brookfield Zoo.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

## Exclusions

- Round-trip air from Chicago to Cape Town, returning from Johannesburg, including U.S. and foreign airport taxes (quoted separately).
- Flight between Cape Town/Kruger/Johannesburg on the main program, including foreign airport taxes (quoted separately).
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. **No visas are required for South Africa.** Visas are required for Zimbabwe.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants. Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

*Please note the itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing, but is subject to change.*



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## Things You Need to Know about South Africa

### Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles or minibuses, small aircraft and boats/canoes unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-8 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns, or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.

### In General, This Trip Requires

- Flexibility and good humor—unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land-only” rate for this program. The start city for this program is Cape Town and the end city is Johannesburg, South Africa.

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it*

*appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*

## Your Journey at a Glance

### Including

Cape Town, Cape Point, Grootbos Nature Reserve, Winelands and Madikwe Game Reserve

Extension to Johannesburg and Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

**Hosted By:** Shedd Aquarium and Brookfield Zoo

**Trip hosts:** Cheryl Mell (Shedd Aquarium) and Christopher Panek (Brookfield Zoo)

**Dates:** November 3–15, 2019

\*Single supplement: Rate is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

\*\*All international airfares are subject to change and based on minimum of 10 travelers. Taxes are subject to change until ticketed. If fewer than 10 travelers register, the fare will increase and be given to the travelers prior to issuing the tickets, approximately two months prior to departure.

### Departure Cities

#### Chicago

(Other departure cities are available upon request at additional cost.)

## Conditions of Travel

### Registration

#### HOW TO BOOK:

Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve



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your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

### Payments

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$1,600 per person for the main trip and \$600 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days (July 31, 2019) before departure. You will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

### Cancellations, Deviations & Changes

#### Trip Insurance

Because of the array of unforeseen circumstances that could delay or cancel a guest's trip, we highly recommend that guests purchase an optional insurance policy. Information will be sent to registrants.

#### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to July 31, 2019, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$500 nonrefundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- August 1 to August 20, 2019, deposit is forfeited.
- August 21 to August 30, 2019, less 75% of tour cost.
- After August 30, 2019, no refund is possible

These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.



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## Change Fees

Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible at a fee of \$150 per person, subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

## Special Arrangements

We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

## Documents

### Passport & Visas

The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc., not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas. No visa is required for South Africa. Visa is required for extension in Zimbabwe.

### Pre-Departure Information

Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

### Final Documents

Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.



## Transportation

### Optional Air Transportation

Round-trip economy-class flights via **KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES** and/or other **IATAN** carriers are between **CHICAGO** and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued.

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Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

## Airline Seating

For **KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES**, we request seats together for the group. All planes are nonsmoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check-in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

## Frequent Flyer Mileage

As mentioned, we work primarily with **KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES**. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <https://www.skyteam.com/en/about/>. Become a member of the mileage program for any of these airlines and present your frequent flyer card at all flight check-ins to obtain credit for your flights. Remember to keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

## Transfers

Round-trip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.



## Departure Taxes

Please note the amount of departure tax reflected in the airfare is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

## Trip Details

### Accommodations

You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

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## Meals

All meals are as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

## Inoculations

When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

## Water

It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

## Baggage

On average, international flights from the USA allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however, your light aircraft flight from Johannesburg to the Madikwe Game Reserve limits travelers to just one piece of checked luggage no more than 44 pounds plus one carry-on bag no more than 17 pounds (22 x 14 x 9 inches). Despite these weight allowances, we always suggest guests travel light. Also, soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

## Terms & Conditions

### Responsibilities

Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through, or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury, or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its



discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price, or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal, or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference, or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

### Photography

The company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.



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## Changes to Schedules

Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

## Refunds

While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

## Airline Clause

The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not onboard their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

## Delays

We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness, etc., we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the safari takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

## Consent

The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

## Insurance

It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents, will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to enroll: <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>

For any questions you may have on insurance, contact **Travel Guard** at 1-866-385-4839 and refer to ARC #71298.





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### Included Emergency Evacuation Coverage

For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary medical insurance plan during this trip through Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes

- emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000;
- up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy; and
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Please click here to view complete coverage of details:

<https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval>

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