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ACTIVE TRAVEL
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EXPLORERS

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A World of Discovery

Your next adventure begins in the spectacular landscape of southern Africa! Experience the thrill of seeing elephants, zebras, lions and other extraordinary wonders of the Earth in world-class parks. From the incredible Victoria Falls to vibrant Cape Town and the elegant Rovos Rail, your travel story will be packed with exceptional tales!

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the Curious Traveler!

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Stalk big game in their native habitat while on **safari in South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe.**
- ▶ Experience nature's amazing grandeur at **Victoria Falls.**
- ▶ Surround yourself in classic luxury during a three-night journey aboard **Rovos Rail.**
- ▶ Walk in the 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.

Howdy, Ags!

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: Chobe National Park, Hwange National Park and Thornybush Nature Reserve. 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 new 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 that 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.

Gig 'em!

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AHI is committed to maximizing the benefits generated by tourism in South Africa. We've designed this program to feature suppliers who directly benefit the local economy and provide local jobs. In addition, we've developed partnerships with community-based improvement projects that stimulate cultural interaction and support conservation efforts.

ACTIVE TRAVEL for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities including long game drives on rough roads. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

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





Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town

Discover the rich natural and cultural heritage of southern Africa.

Cape Town is a showcase of Cape Dutch houses and inspiring landmarks, including Robben Island and St. George's Cathedral. Across the country, Soweto, once the main battleground in the war on apartheid, now offers opportunity and hope for a better future. No trip to southern Africa would be complete without a safari in its greatest parks and game reserves. Experience the thrill of up-close encounters with lions lazing in the grass after a kill or elephants quenching their thirst by a watering hole, and feel the power of thundering Victoria Falls.

Cape Town | South Africa

Sheltered by Table Mountain, South Africa's Mother City is one of the world's most beautiful cities. Centuries-old Cape Dutch houses and colorful gardens dot the cityscape. A bustling waterfront welcomes visitors with inviting cafés and boutiques set amid workaday harbor life.



Colorful Bo-Kaap, Cape Town

UNESCO World Heritage

- 1. Robben Island, South Africa
- 2. Cape Floral Region Protected Areas, South Africa
- 3. Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Robben Island | South Africa

Within sight of Cape Town, but still a world away, Robben Island was home to a prison that held Nelson Mandela and other political dissidents. From their remote prison, these prisoners helped draw attention to the injustices of apartheid. Today, former prisoners lead insightful tours of the prison.

Cape Peninsula | South Africa

In 1580, English navigator Sir Frances Drake described the Cape of Good Hope as the "fairest cape ... in the whole circumference of the earth." The peninsula is a part of the Cape Floral Region, considered to have the most diverse range of plant life in the world. At Cape Point, ascend the high sea cliffs by funicular to admire dramatic coastal views.



African penguins



Victoria Falls

Johannesburg | South Africa

If tranquil Cape Town is the country's oldest and most genteel city, Johannesburg is its rambunctious brother. In 1886, the discovery of a huge lode of gold triggered a gold rush. Today, Joburg, as it is often called, is the country's financial center, and many people come here to enjoy the fast-paced lifestyle.

Soweto | South Africa

Soweto began as a shantytown built to house black mine workers away from Johannesburg, but it turned into the heart of the fight against apartheid. It produced two Nobel Peace Prize laureates, Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. With a brave spirit, the residents of Soweto are embracing new opportunities and challenges presented to them.

Victoria Falls | Zimbabwe

Until the 19th century, the Zambezi River's great cascade was called Mosi-oa-Tunya, "the smoke that thunders," by the local Kololo tribe. "Discovered" in 1855 by Dr. David Livingstone and renamed for England's queen, Victoria Falls spans more than a mile. Twice the height of Niagara Falls, mighty Victoria Falls casts a veil of spray that at times can be seen up to 50 miles away.

ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart Gateway City 🌐
- Day 2** Arrive in Europe | Depart for Cape Town, South Africa 🌐
- Day 3** Arrive in Cape Town | Transfer ➡ to Belmont
Mount Nelson Hotel
- Day 4** Cape Town | Cape Point
- Day 5** Cape Town | Robben Island
- Day 6** Fly to Hoedspruit | Travel to Thornybush Nature Reserve
- Day 7** Thornybush
- Day 8** Thornybush
- Day 9** Travel to Hoedspruit | Fly to Johannesburg | Soweto
- Day 10** Pretoria | Rovos Rail | Zimbabwe
- Day 11** Rovos Rail
- Day 12** Rovos Rail | Hwange National Park
- Day 13** Victoria Falls
- Day 14** Chobe National Park, Botswana
- Day 15** Victoria Falls | Transfer to airport ➡ | Fly 🌐 to Johannesburg
- Day 16** Arrive in Gateway City 🌐

🌐 Flights and ➡ transfers are provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.



Nelson Mandela mural, Soweto



Soweto youth group



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.

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

Thornybush Nature Reserve | South Africa

This private game reserve is home to the big five: lion, leopard, Cape buffalo, rhino and elephant. As the sun peeks over the horizon, climb into your safari vehicle, which has stadium seating to ensure unimpeded views. The day is beginning for the reserve's diurnal animals, who are on the prowl for breakfast as the nocturnal residents wrap up a night of hunting. Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast and time at leisure to relax by the pool, or pamper yourself with a treatment at the spa. Later in the day, return to the trails to look for giraffes, zebra, hippo, impala and so many more majestic beasts.

Hwange National Park | Zimbabwe

During your train journey, stop at Hwange National Park for a game drive at The Hide, a private concession within the park. Explore the savanna and acacia forests in search of elephants, zebra, lions, kudu and other wild residents. The Hide's water hole serves a wide area, so many animals come in for a drink.

Chobe National Park | Botswana

Chobe National Park is one of the most famous game parks in southern Africa. While you can see lions, leopards, giraffes, impalas and baboons in the park, you will be amazed by the number of elephants who make their home here. During your game drive, you are sure to see several herds of elephants wandering the plains or stopping by the river for a drink or a bath. With a large bird population of more than 460 species, Chobe also is a favored destination for birdwatchers. During a safari cruise on the Chobe River, (weather permitting) observe predators and prey gathering at the river's edge to quench their thirst.





Rovos Rail The Pride of Africa

Discover the glamour of the Golden Age of train travel during a three-night rail journey between Pretoria and Victoria Falls aboard the luxurious Rovos Rail, the Pride of Africa. Ride in vintage carriages, restored to mint condition and impeccably appointed. Suites are decorated in late Victorian and Edwardian style. Spend your days in the Observation Car or mingle with your fellow travelers in the lounge. Enjoy attentive service and a touch of formality at dinner, as passengers dress for the occasion. 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 excellent South African wines. For your accommodations, choose between a Pullman Suite with joined twin beds or a double bed that converts to a sofa and a Deluxe Suite with a choice of twin or double beds and a lounge area. Each air-conditioned suite features a minibar and a private bathroom with a shower.



Chobe National Park



ACCOMMODATIONS



Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel | Cape Town 



The Victoria Falls Hotel | Victoria Falls 



54 on Bath | Johannesburg 



Thornybush Game Lodge | Thornybush Nature Reserve 

Our travel experts have selected these luxury properties for your comfort. The hotels' prime locations put the cities at your doorstep, and the game lodges sit in the heart of game-rich parks, allowing you to immerse yourself fully in the safari experience. Details in the design and décor celebrate the local culture and enhance the ambience of each hotel and lodge. Their restaurants feature menus of elegantly prepared local and international cuisine. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.



Stellenbosch



Franschhoek



ELECTIVE | PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN CAPE TOWN

Enjoy more of Cape Town with a two-night extension in this beautiful, vibrant city. The extension features a full-day tour of the Cape Winelands. Visit a premier wine estate for a wine tasting followed by lunch. Continue to Stellenbosch and Franschhoek, two delightful and historic towns in South Africa's wine country. During your free time, stroll on the waterfront or dine at one of Cape Town's world-class restaurants.

This extension includes two nights at the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, two breakfasts, one lunch, a guided Cape Winelands tour, guide and meal gratuities, baggage handling at the hotel and all taxes and service charges.

\$1,195 per person, double occupancy | \$1,650 single occupancy

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Call our travel experts at **800-633-7514** to reserve your place! (Preferred registration method.)

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office.

Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

Send to: The Association of Former Students, Attn: Traveling Aggies
505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840-2918

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s). Deposit amount is \$600/person.

Please select category desired: B-Pullman Suite or A-Deluxe Suite

I/we would also like to request _____ place(s) on the Cape Town extension.

Full Legal Name (Exactly how it appears on your passport)

Guest 1

Title	First	Middle	Last	Date of Birth
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Class Year	Email	Name you would like on your name badge
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Guest 2

Title	First	Middle	Last	Date of Birth
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Class Year	Email	Name you would like on your name badge
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Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Sharing room with _____
Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional cost (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Flights

- Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Cape Town, South Africa, with return from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, to depart from:

_____ Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

- First Class Business Class Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are to be paid in full by **August 19, 2021** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: November 2-17, 2021

Land Program dates: November 4-16, 2021

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*	
B-Pullman Suite (76 sq. ft.)	\$8,045	\$250	\$7,795*
A-Deluxe Suite (108 sq. ft.)	\$9,045	\$250	\$8,795*

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$495 per person.

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

The Pullman Suite single supplement is an additional \$2,725. The Deluxe Suite single supplement is an additional \$3,930. There is limited availability for all single accommodations.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | 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 reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.

Travel stress-free with AHI FlexAir.

Below: Dining in the bush



TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

Spectacular views from Table Mountain



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Cape Town, South Africa, at the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel.
- **3 nights** at Thornybush Nature Reserve at the Thornybush Game 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}

- Flights from Cape Town, South Africa, to Hoedspruit and Hoedspruit to Johannesburg.
- Train from Pretoria to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner. All beverages are complimentary aboard Rovos Rail.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Take a scenic drive on the Cape Peninsula and see an African penguin colony.
 - Discover the highlights of Cape Town.
 - Explore historic Soweto.
 - Witness the majesty of Victoria Falls.
 - Marvel at African wildlife during game drives at Thornybush Nature Reserve, South Africa; Chobe National Park, Botswana; and Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe. Ride in a safari vehicle outfitted with stadium seating so you can enjoy unimpeded views.
 - Explore Chobe National Park on a full-day excursion, including a safari cruise.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
 - Free time to pursue your own interests.
 - Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
 - Tipping of Cape Town and Soweto guides and drivers



AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

- Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.
- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
 - ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
 - ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



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Explore vibrant Cape Town, and see exotic animals on luxury safaris!

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With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



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