THE HEART OF AFRICA!
A PRIVATE WILDLIFE VIEWING SAFARI
FEATURING
SERI SERI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, VICTORIA FALLS,
NAMIBIA’S CAPRIVI STRIP, BOTSWANA’S OKAVANGO DELTA,
CAPE TOWN & THE CAPE WINELANDS, SOUTH AFRICA
WITH AN OPTIONAL TRAIN JOURNEY ON ROVOS RAIL – THE PRIDE OF AFRICA

DESIGNED FOR & HOSTED BY
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JULY 1-17, 2018
As President and CEO, Tom Stalf leads the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Zoombezi Bay, Safari Golf Club and The Wilds conservation center with a single focus – inspire people to make a difference for wildlife and wild places. Tom brings to his leadership role more than 20 years’ experience gained by first working as zookeeper and then advancing quickly through every aspect of zoo management – from animal care to exhibit design to financial management to strategic visioning. He became the youngest zoo director in the country when tapped to manage Niabi Zoo in Illinois in 1995 and guided that zoo to gain national accreditation for the first time.

Tom joined Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in May of 2010 as the Senior Vice President of Operations and one year later was promoted to Chief Operations Officer. The Board of Directors appointed him President and CEO in February 2013. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Western Illinois University.

Tom places a high priority on animal welfare and conservation, and he has traveled to several countries where the Zoo supports programs that help people help protect wildlife.

A tireless champion for wildlife, Tom uses his gift of storytelling and love of education to help inspire people to join the Zoo’s mission to protecting animals globally and locally.
Join me as I return to the Heart of Africa – the continent that has fascinated and inspired me even before my first visit in the mid-1990’s. I was so intrigued by the culture and amazed to observe how the locals coexist with the wildlife on that initial adventure. Since then, I’ve had the privilege of exploring the continent on many occasions and while I have seen many thrilling sights, one of my favorite of all time was seeing a herd of elephants for the first time as the sun was setting on the savanna. It was breathtaking! I can assure you that during this spectacular Heart of Africa itinerary you, too, will find moments of awe that will last a lifetime.

Together, we will explore some of southern Africa’s most intriguing wildlife destinations. It is generally agreed that the top safari destination in South Africa is Sabi Sand, a group of private reserves that are located west of the world-famous Kruger National Park. With no fences separating the private reserves from the National Park, the wildlife is free to roam its over 250 square miles of wilderness and many choose to spend their time in these quieter private reserves.

We will start our safari with a visit to my favorite Sabi Sand reserve - Sabi Sabi – a place I know well. Sabi Sabi offers some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities, including “The Big Five” – African buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhino – along with cheetahs, African painted dogs and an amazing variety of other species. Here, we can explore at our own pace, far from the crowds of tourists found within Kruger National Park.

Our next destination takes us to the largest waterfalls in the world – Victoria Falls – one of the world’s seven natural wonders. At this time of year, the Zambezi River is usually close to its peak volume, with over 150 million gallons of water rushing over the edge of the chasm each minute. We will stay at the “Grand Old Lady of the Falls” - the Victoria Falls Hotel, which, since 1904, has retained its classic Edwardian elegance throughout the years.

Turning west, crossing into Botswana, where we will drive to one of the world’s more unique border crossings – a boat trip across the Chobe River into Namibia’s Caprivi Strip. We will explore the wildlife that lives along and on this great river before turning south to the largest inland delta on earth – the Okavango Delta. During this time of year, the waters that fell in the central African highlands of Angola have completed their six month journey to the broad open plains that make up the Okavango Delta. The water slowly floods this expanse of flat land, providing a veritable paradise for some of Africa’s most amazing creatures and a wide variety of unusual flora.

Our journey to the Heart of Africa ends in Cape Town, where Dutch traders established a port in a natural harbor to resupply the ships that sailed between Holland and India. Situated in one of the most beautiful locations on Earth, “The Mother City” offers dramatic natural beauty, coupled with a fascinating history. And it’s just an hour and a half overland drive to The Cape Winelands – the heart of South Africa’s world-renowned vineyards – where we will stay at one of the country’s oldest Dutch farms and sample the wines at some of South Africa’s finest vineyards.

I would love to share the incredible beauty of southern Africa and its amazing diversity of wildlife with you. In addition to the best wildlife destinations, you will enjoy accommodations offering an exceptional level of comfort and service and a great value. Our adventure is purposely limited to just 12 travelers to insure your comfort. Please let us know if you have any questions. Call me or Patti Cattey at (614) 724-3558.

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JULY 1 – Depart from Columbus (flight not included)
JULY 2 – Arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa – private VIP assistance with immigration, luggage retrieval and customs – private escort to the Airport Sun InterContinental Hotel – dinner at The Quills Restaurant (D)
JULY 3 – Private transfer to the Federal Air Terminal for our flight to Sabi Sabi (flight included) – accommodations and safari activities at Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge (BLD)
JULY 4-5 – Accommodations and safari activities at Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge (BLD)
JULY 6 – Light aircraft flight to Mpumalanga Kruger International Airport (flight included) – scheduled flight to Livingstone, Zambia (flight included) – VIP assistance upon arrival - private transfer to our accommodations at The Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River – dinner in The Livingstone Room (B)
JULY 7 – Private morning walking tour of Victoria Falls National Park – Private overland transfer to the banks of the Chobe River - riverboat crossing to Namibia’s Caprivi Strip – activities and accommodations at Chobe Savanna Lodge (BD)
JULY 8 — Riverboat crossing to Botswana – private overland transfer to Kasane Airport – light aircraft flight to Kanana Airstrip, Okavango Delta (flight included) – safari activities and accommodations at Kanana (BLD)
JULY 9 – Safari activities and accommodations at Kanana (BLD)
JULY 10 - Light aircraft flight to Shinde Airstrip, Okavango Delta (flight included) – safari activities and accommodations at Shinde (BLD)
JULY 11 – Safari activities and accommodations at Shinde (BLD)
JULY 12 - Light aircraft flight to Maun, Botswana (flight included) – scheduled flight to Cape Town (flight included) - private VIP assistance with immigration, luggage retrieval and customs – private transfer to our accommodations at More Quarters Apartment Hotel (BD)
JULY 13 – Private full day tour of Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula, including lunch – accommodations at More Quarters Apartment Hotel (BL)
JULY 14 – Optional morning Great White Shark Cage Diving – Optional afternoon motorcycle side card excursion – Optional additional tours of Cape Town – dinner at The Green House Restaurant – accommodations at More Quarters Apartment Hotel (BD)
JULY 15 – Full day tour of the Cape Winelands, including lunch and wine tastings – accommodations at Babylonstoren (BL)
JULY 16 – Private transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your departing flight (flight not included) (B)
JULY 17 – Arrive in Columbus

OPTIONAL JOURNEY ON ROVOS RAIL – THE PRIDE OF AFRICA:
JULY 16 - Private transfer to the Cape Town Train Station – 11am boarding on Rovos Rail - visit to historic village of Matjiesfontein - accommodations on Rovos Rail (BD)
JULY 17 — Visit to Kimberley - accommodations on Rovos Rail (BLD)
JULY 18 — 12:00pm arrival at Pretoria Rail Station – private transfer to OR Tambo International Airport for your departing flight (flight not included) (B)
JULY 19 – Arrive in Columbus
OUR HEART OF AFRICA ITINERARY:

July 1 (Sun) - Depart USA
International flights to and from Africa are not included in order to provide flexibility in making your flight arrangements. We have an air travel professional available to assist you with your flight arrangements.

July 2 (Mon) – Arrival at OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg, South Africa
Your adventure starts with your arrival at Johannesburg’s OR Tambo International Airport. As you leave the aircraft, you are met by a member of the World Safaris team, who will guide you through immigration, retrieve your luggage and escort you through customs. He or she will then escort you on the short walk of approximately 300 feet to your overnight accommodations at the 5-star Airport Sun InterContinental Hotel. As a group, you will enjoy a welcome dinner at The Quills Restaurant. (D)
July 3-5 (Tue-Thu) – Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve, Sabi Sand, South Africa

After breakfast, we will be transferred to the Federal Air terminal for our flight to perhaps the most famous private wildlife reserve in southern Africa - Sabi Sand. Located just west of the renowned Kruger National Park, Sabi Sand has earned its reputation based on its extraordinary wildlife viewing, as well as the freedom to explore that only private lands can give us. The wildlife diversity and density is among the best in South Africa, with the great predators – leopards and lions - headlining as the wildlife “stars” of the region.

Deep within Sabi Sand lies the exclusive reserve known as Sabi Sabi. This award winning reserve offers world-class standards in luxury accommodation, exceptionally close wildlife encounters, the highest level of personal service and delicious cuisine. In addition to the traditional Land Rover-based game drives, we will have the opportunity to explore the South African bush on foot, accompanied by our ranger and our tracker – a team of professionals who will share their knowledge of and passion for the reserve’s wildlife.

With over 100 years of safari experience Sabi Sabi’s rich history is woven into each of its four uniquely individual lodges especially in our home for the next three nights - Earth Lodge - a sanctuary that symbolizes a new era in luxury South African safari lodges. Sculpted into a slope of the earth, almost invisible in the landscape, the lodge uses texture, light and space to present a lodge like no other. Taking its cue from the surrounding environment, it has been described as the most environmentally sensitive lodge in Africa. On arrival, a hidden corridor leads you to a unique and unforgettable experience, with an unexpected entrance opening to a panorama of uninterrupted bushveld. Each of its 13 suites features individually designed furniture, private plunge pool, en-suite glass fronted bathroom and indoor and outdoor showers. (BLD)
July 6 (Fri) – Livingstone, Zambia & Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

On November 16, 1855, Dr. David Livingstone traveled down the Zambezi River in a canoe, guided by his Kololo hosts. He was in search of the place called “Mosi-oa-Tunya” - “the smoke that thunders.” Gently gliding down the river, he saw and heard “the columns of vapor appropriately called 'smoke,' rising at a distance of five or six miles, exactly as when large tracts of grass are burned in Africa.” Naming the falls after his queen, Livingstone became the first European to observe the Zambezi River tumbling down into the gorge below – Victoria Falls.

Following a short light aircraft flight to Mpumalanga Kruger International Airport, we board our scheduled South African Airways flight to experience one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World, Victoria Falls. A quick hint – sitting on the left side of the aircraft will usually provide the best view of the falls as we approach. Landing at Livingstone Airport on the Zambian side of the falls, we will be assisted by our VIP team members and driven to the famous Victoria Falls Bridge, where we will cross into the town of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Our destination today is the classic Victoria Falls Hotel. The “Grand Old Lady of the Falls” has been watching over the cascading waters since its opening in 1904. Located within Victoria Falls National Park, the rising clouds of mist of the falls are easily seen from the hotel’s veranda. Our accommodations are located in the private portion of the hotel known as The Stables Wing. We will be escorted into a private reception area by our concierge, provided with refreshments and, after a briefing, escorted to our rooms. The colonial elegance of a bygone era has been preserved through careful renovations that allow us to enjoy the modern conveniences we are accustomed to.
Later in the afternoon, we will venture out on to the upper Zambezi River for a cruise and raise a glass in celebration of the beautiful African sunset. Upon returning, we will dine in The Livingstone Room – long recognized as one of the finest restaurants in southern Africa. The former dress code that required men to wear jacket and tie has been relaxed. The new guidelines describe the dress code as “smart casual.” (BD)

July 7 (Sat) – Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – Botswana – Caprivi Strip, Namibia

Our busy day begins with our private tour of Victoria Falls National Park, where we will visit the famous memorial to Dr. David Livingstone before moving on to view the “Devil’s Cataract.” Trekking through the rain forest we end up at “Danger Point,” the furthest we can go on this side of the falls. From here we will look down to see a deep pool known as the “Boiling Pot.”
Returning to our vehicle, our driver turns west and, after a 30 minute drive through the countryside, we enter Botswana. Continuing on, we head north until we reach the Chobe River. Boarding a motorized river boat, we leave Botswana on a two-hour voyage that will deliver us to the Caprivi Strip – a narrow piece of land that provides Namibia with important access to the Chobe-Zambezi River system. The wildlife that thrives along the river is the focus of our riverine activities this afternoon. Large herds of elephant, giraffe and African buffalo are often found here, as are large pods of hippos. With a bit of luck, we may spot the rare puku antelope, which feeds in marshy areas in the early morning and late afternoon.

The Chobe Savanna Lodge will provide our accommodations for our brief visit to Namibia. The lodge is set in a classic African Savanna environment of sweeping vistas. The focal point of the lodge is a thatched, open-sided main building that features a 270 degree view over the Chobe River and beyond to the Chobe National Park. Our accommodations are in comfortably furnished thatched chalets – each with its own private deck, a combined bedroom and lounge area and full en-suite bath. Air-conditioning and a complimentary mini-bar complete the amenities of our chalet. (BD)

**July 8-9 (Sat) – Kanana Camp, Okavango Delta, Botswana**

We will venture back out onto the Chobe River and return to the dock that serves as the border crossing into Botswana. Our driver will then drive us to the Kasane Airport, where we will board our light aircraft for our flight south (flight included).

The Victorian explorer, Charles John Andersson, wrote the following description of the Okavango Delta in 1859: “On every side as far as the eye could see, lay stretched a sea of fresh water, in many places concealed from sight by a covering of reeds and rushes of every shade and hue; whilst numerous islands, spread over its whole surface, and adorned with rich vegetation, gave to the whole an indescribably beautiful appearance.”

His description could be written today, for the same sight greets those of us lucky enough to visit this enchanting water wonderland. From its origins in the highlands of Angola, the Okavango River delivers an
unimaginable volume of water to the massive floodplains we know collectively as the Okavango Delta. Due to the flatness of the land, it can take up to six months for the water to make its journey to the Delta.

At this time of year, the Delta generally spreads out over 1500 square miles, offering a wide variety of different habitats for its resident wildlife. Red lechwe, impala, kudu, reedbuck and tsessebe are the most numerous of the antelope species. Wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, bushbuck, warthog, steenbok and elephants are most often seen on game drives. All of the large predators are here – lions, cheetahs and leopards – and wild dogs are frequently found. The predominance of water also makes this one of the best places in Africa to watch hippos.

We will visit two distinctly different regions with the Okavango’s territories, starting with Kanana Camp, a hidden jewel on the Xudum River – located in the southwest of the Delta. The area encompasses a necklace of islands dotted with palms, figs, ebony and knobthorn, and is home to a myriad of birds, plants and animals. The nature of the habitat means it is the perfect place to experience the diversity of species found within the Okavango Delta. Here, we will search for wildlife in two ways – on land, in safari vehicles and on the water.

The activity that stands out as the most unique experience the Okavango Delta has to offer is a ride in a traditional mokoro – a type of local canoe that is propelled through the shallow waters by a boatman standing in the stern and pushing with a pole. Traditionally carved from local trees, many of today’s mokoros are made of fiberglass, while they retain the shape that has proven to work so well over hundreds of years. Sitting just inches from the waterline, our guide steers us through the reeds and papyrus beds as we float through this peaceful aquatic world, the quiet broken only by the calls of countless birds, the rustling of wildlife on the shores and the boatman’s pole as it enters and leaves the water. Approaching the various islands, we search the drier landscapes, paying special attention to the trees in the hopes of finding a sleeping leopard.
The small size of Kanana Camp allows us to be the only travelers staying here during our visit. A true tented camp, Kanana’s accommodations are reminiscent of the classic safaris of a hundred years ago – but with all the amenities that provide us with an exceptional level of comfort that the explorers of a century ago would never have dreamed of. These large safari tents are well-space to afford privacy, while remaining within comfortable distance from the main camp area. Each en-suite bathroom has hot and cold running water, a shower and flush toilet. There is even a sleep-out deck at each of our tents – the perfect place to spend a night under the splendid African star-filled sky. (BLD)
July 10-11 (Mon-Tue) – Shinde Camp, Okavango Delta, Botswana

Although our next destination is only about 35 miles away, “as the crow flies,” there is no easy way to get there without a second light aircraft flight (flight included). Our short flight will take us to the northern reaches of the Okavango Delta, where the slowly flowing water meets broad expanses of grassland. While we will again travel along the streams and channels by motor boat, the fertile savannas provide us with more opportunities to explore further afield in search of the wildlife typically found on the plains: African buffalo, elephant, zebra, giraffe and several varieties of antelope, including impala, tsessebe, kudu and the gorgeous sable antelope. During our game drives we will also be on the lookout for their accompanying predators: lion, leopard, hyena and packs of African wild dogs. In addition, the extensive plains provide the perfect setting for a unique wildlife adventure – a night game drive in search of those creatures who are most active during the hours of darkness.
Shinde Camp will serve as our temporary home for the next three nights and we will, again, have the exclusive use of the entire camp. Like Kanana, it has been awarded the coveted five-star rating by the Botswana Tourism Board and it is consistently rated among the top safari destinations in the Okavango Delta on Trip Advisor. Nestled on a lush palm island, Shinde is an intimate, classic camp located on the edge of Shinde Lagoon, which simply teems with animal and birdlife. The camp’s unique main area comprises a multi-tiered dining room and lounge, which is set under canvas under the shade of ebony and mangosteen trees.

Fully refurbished in 2015, each tent is strategically positioned to offer splendid views, whether across the Okavango Delta’s mysterious waterways or its neighboring open grasslands. The elegance and historical charm of the iconic Shinde camp has been enhanced by enlarging the eight classic safari guest tents to incorporate a spacious bathroom with a large walk in shower and luxurious fittings. The larger bedroom with new linen and furniture in tasteful colors provide the perfect retreat. Wide sliding doors leading onto the extended front decks afford breath-taking views over the open floodplains or the mysterious waterways of the Delta. (BLD)

July 12-14 (Wed-Fri) – Maun, Botswana – Cape Town, South Africa

This morning’s light aircraft flight brings us to Maun – a small city that serves as the southern gateway to and from Botswana’s most popular safari destinations – where we will board our scheduled direct flight to Cape Town (flights included). Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, we will again be greeted by members of the World Safaris team as we step off our aircraft. They will assist us with clearing immigration, retrieving our luggage, clearing customs and introducing us to our private Cape Town guide – who will drive us into Cape Town to our accommodations at the More Quarters Apartment Hotel.

The More family has developed a unique approach to offering exceptional hospitality in “The Mother City.” They have purchased a number of houses on a quiet dead end street, located within the neighborhood known locally as The Gardens. Each house has been beautifully renovated into one or more apartments, offering an incomparable level of privacy and comfort. Dominated by Table Mountain and its natural harbor, Cape Town offers a wide variety of places to explore over the next two days. We will start with a full day of private touring in Cape Town and throughout the Cape
Peninsula. The city’s celebrated sites provide insights into the remarkable history of the city – ranging from its role as a supply station for Dutch merchant ships on their way to India to its modern role as the home of the South African Legislature and host to the World Cup soccer tournament.

We will travel to the top of Table Mountain via a revolving cable car, before venturing into the Cape Peninsula. Passing through picturesque fishing villages along the beautiful coastal roadway, we will arrive at Boulders Beach – the site of a breeding colony of African penguins. Each tour of the Cape Peninsula is different and our guide will make recommendations for additional destinations we may wish to visit.

Our second day of exploring will provide us with several options. The oceans are the dominate feature of the Cape and, this morning, one option will allow you to venture out into False Bay on a morning expedition in search of the ultimate ocean predator - the Great White Shark. The shark professionals of Apex Shark Expeditions are the leaders in developing safe shark excursions, while promoting the protection of these often persecuted fish. Once the sharks are located, you may put on a wet suit and slide into the water – protected by a sturdy cage that remains firmly attached to the boat. This is not a scuba diving exercise and no diving experience is needed. When the shark approaches, you simply take a breath through your snorkel and duck your head under the waves for a view of the passing shark. For those who do not wish to enter the shark cage, viewing from the deck is usually excellent, as well.

This afternoon’s optional adventure is a ride along some of the Cape’s most beautiful coastal roads as passengers in motorcycle sidecars. These classic motorcycles and their sidecars have been fully restored to provide an opportunity to experience the beauty of the Cape Town region in a unique and exciting way - one person climbs into the side car, while the second passenger sits behind the professional driver. Together, you venture out to explore in a uniquely intimate journey.
For those who do not wish to participate in the shark encounter or the motorcycle adventure, you will have the option of exploring other destinations within the greater Cape Town region in the company of our private guide.

On July 14, we will enjoy dinner at one of Cape Town’s top-rated restaurants – The Greenhouse at The Cellars-Hohenort. Cape Town is well known as a center of outstanding dining and The Greenhouse has been frequently recognized as one of the best restaurants in Cape Town. Chefs Peter Tempelhoff and Ashley Moss, along with their team, look to the sea and the gardens, as well as the fields and the orchards to find the fresh ingredients they use in creating an exceptional South African dining adventure. (July 12 BD / July 13 BL / July 14 BD)

**July 15 (Sat) – Cape Winelands**
After breakfast, we join our guide as he or she turns eastward toward South Africa’s Cape Winelands, which have become renowned for producing some of the finest wines in the world. It’s just a 60 minute journey to the fertile valleys that provide the perfect conditions for growing a variety of wine-producing grapes. Enjoy a full day of exploring this scenic region, visiting some of South Africa’s finest wine estates and tasting their vintages. We will also visit the region’s quaint towns, including Stellenbosch, with its historical Dutch architecture and tree-lined street.

Tonight, we will be hosted at one of the Cape’s oldest Dutch farms – Babylonstoren. Dating back to 1692, Babylonstoren is an historic Cape Dutch farm that boasts one of the best preserved farmyards in the Cape. Beloved for its magnificent garden that is laid out over eight acres, the garden is divided into 15 sections that comprise fruit, vegetables, berries, bees for pollinating, indigenous plants, fragrant lawns, a prickly pear maze, ducks and chickens, and more. A secluded path runs along the stream where thousands of clivias flower in spring. In addition to its lush gardens, Babylonstoren is a farm hotel, a spa, a bakery and a farm shop – each a contemporary part of the farm’s operation that honors its historical heritage.

We will enjoy a restful night, nestled in Babylonstoren’s Farmhouse Suites. The overall effect is relaxed, yet comfortably elegant, with some of the existing farm buildings having been transformed into sophisticated guest accommodations, with a contemporary flair that seems to fit within this historic setting. Each one-bedroom Farmhouse Suite features a moody interior theme, with a large four-poster king-size bed, dusted moss walls and a luxurious en-suite marble bathroom. It can get chilly overnight at this time of year, so each Farmhouse Suite is equipped with underfloor heating and a cast-iron stove to ward off any potential chill. Free Wi-Fi and a well-stocked personalized bar/fridge are included. (BL)
July 16-17 (Sun-Mon) – Cape Town departure and arrival in the USA
As our journey throughout southern Africa comes to an end, we will return to the Cape Town International Airport to board flights that will return us home (flights not included). As our aircraft lifts off, we look out over the South African landscape and bid farewell to the Heart of Africa. (B)
B=Breakfast L = Lunch D=Dinner

OPTIONAL POST-SAFARI RAIL JOURNEY ON ROVOS RAIL - “THE PRIDE OF AFRICA!”
July 16 (Sun) – Cape Town Station & Rovos Rail
Our driver will take us to the Cape Town Rail Station for an 11:00am departure on our two-night/three-day rail journey to Pretoria on Rovos Rail - “The Pride of Africa.” This 1000 mile meander is a perfect illustration of South Africa as a world in one country. After passing through the beautiful valleys of the Cape Winelands, we arrive at the historic village of Matjiesfontein, an authentic perfectly preserved Victorian Village, which was founded as a refreshment stop in 1890. Our overnight accommodations are in our choice of a Pullman, Deluxe or Royal suite on the Rovos Rail Train. Please note: For days on the train dress is smart casual. Evening attire is more formal – for the gentlemen a jacket and tie is a minimum requirement at dinner, while for ladies we suggest cocktail/evening dresses or suits. Please include warm clothing for cold mornings and evenings. (BLD)
July 17 (Mon) – Rovos Rail
Our rail journey continues into the gold and diamond-rich Highveld, stopping in Kimberley – the center of South Africa’s diamond mining industry. We will view The Big Hole - the largest hand-excavated open pit mine in the world – and learn about the history of diamond mining in South Africa.

July 18-19 (Tue-Wed) – Rovos Rail, departure and return to the USA
We pass through the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo, arriving at the Rovos Rail Pretoria Station around noon. After collecting our luggage, we will be taken to OR Tambo International Airport for our departing flight (flight not included).
(End of optional post-safari rail journey)
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$19,990 per person in double or twin occupancy, based on twelve paying travelers. A minimum of twelve paying passengers is required to maintain the quoted prices. *

Single accommodations may be available at $17,565, subject to availability. A non-refundable deposit of $6,500 per person ($11,900 per single traveler) is required no later than November 30, 2017 to confirm your safari reservation.

Optional Rovos Rail Train Journey: Royal Suite $3,195 / Deluxe Suite $2,395 / Pullman Suite $1,695 per person in double or twin occupancy. Single Pullman Suite $2,695

Full payment of the balance is due no later than March 15, 2018. Payments by check are accepted.

To give you maximum flexibility in your air arrangements, international air transportation is not included. You may arrange your own air transportation arrangements to and from Southern Africa. We recommend you make your international travel arrangements through Cathy King, an independent air travel professional, so she may coordinate everyone’s flight schedule. You may contact Cathy at 828-421-5000 or adventuretrips@hotmail.com.

Please note that if your return flight departs from Johannesburg in the morning or early afternoon, you should book your departure a day later than shown in this itinerary. An additional night in Johannesburg can be arranged at additional cost. Included in the Safari Price: The safari leadership services of Tom LaRock, managing director of World Safaris Land and Air Transportation in Africa: All safari drives are conducted in customized 4-wheel drive safari vehicles with a maximum of four or six travelers per vehicle. Safari vehicles have been designed to maximize your game viewing. Air transportation within Africa, as described in the itinerary, is provided through chartered and scheduled airlines, and may involve flying in light aircraft.

Accommodations and Meals: All your hotel, lodge and tented camp accommodations are based on two people sharing a room. At the permanent camps, your accommodations will have comfortable beds, flush toilets, hot showers and electricity. We include full-board table d’hôte meals (with some picnic lunches) as shown in the itinerary. Some meals are not included to provide flexibility. Beverages (including alcoholic beverages designated as “local”) and laundry service are included at Sabi Sabi, Chobe Savanna Lodge, Kanana Camp, Shinde Camp and on Rovos Rail. Babylustoren includes a personalized bar in each Farmhouse Suite. Beverages and laundry services are not included at the Airport Sun InterContinental Hotel, Victoria Falls Hotel and More Quarters Apartment Hotel.

Miscellaneous Fees: All service charges, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies and park and reserve entrance fees are included.

Pre-departure Preparation: You will receive extensive, personalized information on all aspects of your safari, including health and safety, passports and visas, packing recommendations, electricity, currency and local customs.

Not included in the safari price:

Transportation between your home and Africa, passports and visas (visas are currently required for U.S. passport holders entering Zimbabwe and Zambia), tips and gratuities, travel insurance, immunizations and medical precautions, excess baggage charges (luggage is strictly limited to a total of 44 lbs. of checked and carry-on luggage per person in soft luggage no bigger than 10”x12”x24” on light aircraft flights within Southern Africa), airline fuel surcharges, and items of a personal nature, such as medical expenses and room service; film and processing; souvenirs; telephone and internet charges; and any activities not included in the safari itinerary or those activities listed as optional.

For the comfort of all safari travelers, smoking is not permitted in safari vehicles or at meals.

* Arrangements in South Africa are priced using the South African Rand. If the currency exchange rate is different when payments for arrangements in South Africa are wired, the safari balance will be adjusted accordingly.
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- A $6500 non-refundable deposit ($11,900 per single traveler) is required to reserve a place for each traveler on this safari. The balance is due no later than March 15, 2018

The stated, per-person price of this safari, as shown in the itinerary, is based on twin or double occupancy.

Enclosed is $________________________ as a deposit for a total of ______ persons on this safari.

Accommodations requested:
( ) Double – two travelers sharing a room in a double bed – sharing with ________________________________

( ) Twin – two travelers sharing a room in twin beds – sharing with ________________________________

( ) Single – one traveler in a twin room

Rovos Rail Train Journey (Optional):
( ) Royal Suite ( ) Deluxe Suite ( ) Pullman Suite / ( ) Double / ( ) Twin / ( ) Single Pullman

Air transportation to and from Africa is not included in the safari price. You may make your own flight arrangements. If you would like assistance, please contact Cathy King at 828-421-5000 or adventuretrips@hotmail.com.

SCHEDULES & FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY RESULT IN PRICE INCREASES

I certify that I have read, understand and accept the terms of the "Cancellations" and "Terms and Conditions" included on this sheet, and;

1. I am aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available during all or part of my trip. This includes emergency medical care, presence of physicians, and adequate medication. I hereby release World Safaris, their staff and safari escorts from liability in case of accident or illness while I am participating in this safari and do further agree to absolve from all responsibility World Safaris and their staff from all loss, damage or expense which I may incur by reason of any such accident or illness.

2. I shall be responsible for all uninsured medical expenses.

3. I hereby authorize necessary hospitalization and/or treatment while I am participating in this safari.

4. I assume the risk for traveling in countries where standards of safety, maintenance, and health may not be common to those in the United States.

5. I understand that weather and other conditions may necessitate changes in the activities and schedule of this safari.

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Please note: Your signature on this form indicates that you understand and accept the terms and conditions of this safari. Registrations cannot be accepted without a signature. The signature of a parent or legal guardian is required for anyone under 18 at the time of registration.

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Please read the other side and complete the personal information form. We are unable to finalize your registration without a completed personal information form and a copy of your passport.
COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM DISCLAIMER: Columbus Zoo and Aquarium (hereafter “Zoo”) is not the tour operator. Zoo is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or car rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, acts of God, or any other event beyond Zoo’s control. Zoo acts only as agent for participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, Zoo shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of any participants due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond its control. Zoo shall not be responsible for alteration of the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality. The right is further reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure; in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on Zoo’s part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should such person’s health, actions or general deportment in the opinion of Zoo impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. Applicants for participation in this tour accept in full all the conditions set forth above.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium strongly recommends that you purchase travel insurance which covers baggage, medical costs, trip interruption and cancellation. World Safaris nor the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium are liable for any accident, injury, or illness, and are not liable for theft, damage, or loss of personal effects or baggage. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium offers a comprehensive insurance package which allows the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion to be waived if purchased within 21 days of the initial trip payment. Information will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation and deposit. For details you can call the Zoo at 614-724-3558, or go to the Zoo’s website at: https://www.travelinsure.com/select/?pcode=33004/.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – World Safaris and our representatives agree to work for you in the making of reservations and/or other arrangements with travel service providers on the following terms: We do not own, manage, control, or operate any of the travel service providers with whom we make your travel arrangements. We serve as agents for certain travel service providers, including Airlines Corporation carriers and in-country operators and we make your travel arrangements with these travel service providers in accordance with their terms and conditions. Should you have any questions concerning those, please contact either the travel service provider or World Safaris. All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by us or a travel service provider are subject to applicable tariffs as well as any terms or conditions imposed by the travel service provider. We are not responsible for events of force majeure including disease, acts of war, terrorist attacks, unfavorable weather conditions, earthquakes, political instability or for inadequate visas or passports. Any and all controversies, claims or disputes of any nature arising before, on and after the date of this agreement and claims brought by or against the client, this travel agency, or a third party, shall be settled by a single arbitrator in Forsyth County, North Carolina in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. You acknowledge that this agreement involves interstate commerce. Our sole knowledge and the expertise on which you may rely are in the making of travel arrangements. In the case of all travel arrangements the contract in use by the provider of such transportation or lodging, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and such travel supplier. World Safaris reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the safari prior to departure and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant of the safari if their actions impose upon or disturb the other participants of the safari. The right is also reserved to amend the itinerary should it be found necessary for the benefit of the participants of the safari or for other reasons. By accepting these travel arrangements you confirm that you have read this agreement and understand that it is the sum total of our agreement with you and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings. This agreement cannot be changed except in writing and signed by Michael Hutchins or Thomas LaRock.

CANCELLATION: All cancellations must be submitted in writing and are subject to the following cancellation fees:

The deposit generally covers the costs of canceling the services already booked, if the cancellation is received in our office no later than November 30, 2017. If the fees charged by our suppliers exceed the deposit, an extra charge may apply.

Cancellations received in our office after March 15, 2018 is subject to cancellation fees of 100% of the safari price. Refunds for any services that are voluntarily not used will not be issued.

HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS: To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported in writing to World Safaris when the reservation is made. World Safaris reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of World Safaris, in such physical or mental condition as to be incapable of group travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which World Safaris can provide.

To assist you in preparing to make the most of your safari, you will receive a detailed personal Safari Guide after you register for your safari. We strongly recommend you read it thoroughly when you receive it and, again, a few weeks before your departure. You may call us at any time for answers to your questions.
TRAVELER INFORMATION: Please complete the following for each traveler:

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT

(Please enclose a copy of the photo page of your passport)

Name____________________________________________________ Date of Birth______________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Phones: Home __________________________ Office __________________ Mobile_____________________________

E-mail Address: __________________________ Nickname________________________

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Passport Number ______________________ Country of Issue __________________ Date of Expiration ___________

Person to contact in case of emergency: __________________________ Relationship (please identify as spouse, child, parent, neighbor, etc.)

Their Phones: Home __________________________ Mobile __________________________ Other __________________________

List the names of medications you are currently taking, dietary preferences or requirements, allergies (including food allergies), disabilities or special health care needs that may affect your ability to fully participate in this safari:

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Health Insurance Company: __________________________ Policy #________________________

Please give us any other information you feel would be helpful __________________________

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