

Stunning South Africa: Rhinos, Dinos, Diamonds and Wine

March 1 – 15, 2019



See one of the world's truly magnificent countries. South Africa is amazingly diverse with seascapes where two oceans meet, mountains and highlands, picturesque wineries, diamond mines and the modern thriving cities of Cape Town and Johannesburg. Of course, it's famous for the African savannah where you will experience open vehicle game drives and bush walks from our base at a stunning private game lodge on the border of Kruger National Park. Here we traverse off road and into the bush tracking the "Big 5" and many other animals in their natural habitat. If you have never experienced a safari, it's thrilling and the setting is magical.

South Africa's history is equally diverse, from the 300-year colonial era with its Zulu wars to the Boer war against Britain, to the apartheid era and the remarkable freedom struggle led by one of the world's truly great figures, Nelson Mandela.

We will visit Robben Island, near Cape Town, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will see Nelson Mandela's prison and hear about his long captivity from a former political prisoner. We will learn about the apartheid era in Soweto, have lunch in a local diner, and see the house where Mandela lived when he was arrested.

South Africa's pre-history is as fascinating as its recent history. Dr. David Evans, the ROM's renowned palaeontologist, will take us to the "Cradle of Humankind", a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where caves have seen three million years of human activity. We will also be privileged to visit the site of David's remarkable find: a dinosaur nursery where he found dinosaur eggs! This is not something you can access on any other trip and will be a moment to remember.

Of course, the finer things in life play a big role in our trip as well. We will tour the award-winning wine district for some fabulous food and drink. South Africa is famous for diamonds and we will see some being cut. We will experience traditional African dances, art and village life. In

addition to our safari, we will see penguins, seals and baboons at the tip of Africa, the Cape of Good Hope.

All along the way we will have unique experiences, be stimulated and even entertained by our guides, see phenomenal scenery, and have a most memorable trip under the wide African skies.

Tour Itinerary and Highlights

Day 1 Cape Town

Individual arrivals.

Day 2 Cape Town

City tour including Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden and Table Mountain.

Welcome dinner.

Day 3 Cape Town

Cape Peninsula tour to see nature reserves with baboons, seals and penguin colonies.

Day 4 Cape Town

Robben Island. Zeitz Gallery.

Day 5 Franschhoek

Wine country tour including 300-year-old Stellenbosch, and the Graff Estate.

Day 6 Franschhoek

Wine and cheese makers. Lunch with wine pairings.

Day 7 Bloemfontein to Clarens

Visit Clarens, an artist's haven in the foothills.

A remarkable tour of the dinosaur dig where Dr. Evans unearthed the dinosaur nursery.

Day 8 Clarens to Johannesburg

Basotho village and Golden Gate Highlands National Park en route.

Day 9 Johannesburg

Apartheid Museum and Soweto including Mandela's house.

Day 10 Johannesburg

The "Cradle of Humankind" with a tour by Dr. Evans.

Day 11 Johannesburg

Tour of the famous Cullinan Diamond Mine.

Day 12 Kruger National Park

See rhino, elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo, bird life, and many other species.

Day 13 and 14 Kruger

Game drives, bush walks and other special events. Farewell dinner under the stars.

Day 15 Kruger to Johannesburg

Morning game drive. Individual departures.

Hotels

Cape Town	Table Bay Hotel
Franschhoek	L'Ermitage Chateau
Clarens	Protea Hotel
Johannesburg	Hallmark House Hotel
Kruger	Lion Sands River Lodge

Resource Person

Dr. David Evans is Curator, Vertebrate Palaeontology at the ROM and Assistant Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at U of T. He has lead dinosaur digs in South Africa and around the world for the ROM, including the one we will visit.



ROMTravel Coordinator

Eric Morrison is a ROM volunteer. He has wide experience as a world traveller in his various roles as a journalist with CTV News and past president of The Canadian Press news agency. Eric led ROMTravel trips to Argentina, Chile and Japan.

Travel Agency Escort

Brian Ratcliff is a biological consultant. He has worked extensively with species at risk and recently led a very successful Tanzania safari.

Tour Cost Per Person

Double Occupancy	\$10,775
Single Supplement	2,995

Tour begins at Cape Town International Airport (CPT) and ends at Johannesburg Airport (JNB). International flight costs to/from your home and South Africa are NOT included.

Photos

- Table Mountain in Cape Town, courtesy of Worldwide Quest and Shutterstock.
- Giraffes in South Africa, courtesy of Wikipedia and Luca Galuzzi.
- Stellenbosch wine region, courtesy of Wikipedia.

Terms & Conditions

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- Group coach transfer from Cape Town (CPT) Airport to hotel on Day 1 for those arriving before or at the arrival time of the ROMTravel Coordinator. Group coach transfer from hotel to Johannesburg (JNB) Airport on Day 15 for those departing at or after the departure time of the ROMTravel Coordinator.
- Portage of one standard sized suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Flights: Cape Town–Bloemfontein & Johannesburg–Skukuza– Johannesburg. Ground transport in private air-conditioned coach for transfers/excursions as per itinerary.
- Shared accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: Buffet breakfast daily, 7 lunches and 9 dinners, including choice of water, coffee or tea. Bottled water daily on the bus. Welcome and Farewell dinners with wine.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a Resource Person, a ROMTravel Coordinator, and a Travel Agency Escort.
- Services of English-speaking local guides. Services of Worldwide Quest.
- Pre-trip orientations; post-trip reunion. A travel handbook.

Not Included

- International flight costs to/from your home & South Africa. Fuel surcharges.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet access.
- Airline baggage and camera/video fees, if any. Tourist Visa fees, if any.
- Meals, snacks, beverages, and other services unless specified. Additional meals and accommodations due to delays. Emergency evacuation costs.
- Trip cancellation and out-of-province health insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of November 1, 2017. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Worldwide Quest (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Worldwide Quest reserves the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond their control. Any change to itinerary will not result in eligibility for a refund.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. For a full list of membership levels and benefits, visit rom.on.ca/membership. Only one person per room must be a member.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required at the time of booking. A second non-refundable deposit of \$2,500.00 is due on September 1, 2018. The balance of payment, \$6,775.00, and single supplement of \$2,995.00, if applicable, are due on December 1, 2018.

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made or when it occurs, if later. Worldwide Quest and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Worldwide Quest. No refund will be issued for payments made or for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Worldwide Quest within 30 days of the termination of the tour. All payments are non-refundable.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return date is required. It is the individual participant's responsibility to ensure proper visas or affidavits. Neither Worldwide Quest nor ROMTravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents. Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

ROMTravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMTravel and the travel agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that they have adequate out-of-province health and trip cancellation insurance to cover changes in health or other circumstances prior to, or during, the trip. All losses suffered or additional costs incurred associated with failure to have insurance, or to have sufficient insurance, are the sole responsibility of the participant. Insurance purchased through Worldwide Quest is underwritten by First North American Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Manulife Financial. The insurance premium is non-refundable. Insurance may be purchased up to the time the initial deposit is processed, or at a later time but, if purchased later, would be subject to any changes to the premiums and/or to the participant's health or other circumstances at the time of purchase. A waiver will be required if the participant does not purchase insurance from Worldwide Quest. Ontario taxes are included in the quoted prices. The prices quoted are subject to change until the insurance policy is issued. Deluxe is all-inclusive health and cancellation.

Based on accommodation in double occupancy room (Ontario tax included)					
Age	Cancellation Only	Deluxe	Age	Cancellation Only	Deluxe
To 59	\$608.04	\$740.88	70-74	\$937.44	\$1,311.12
60-64	\$708.48	\$894.24	75-79	\$1,185.84	\$1,737.72
65-69	\$814.32	\$1,054.08	80-84	\$1,431.00	\$2,320.92

For single accommodation, or for those aged 85 and over, or for more coverage options and for complete coverage details, limitations and exclusions, please contact Worldwide Quest.

Royal Ontario Museum Responsibility

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Responsibility and Jurisdiction

Worldwide Quest and their agents act only as agents for the passengers with respect to services supplied to passengers by others, including but not limited to transportation, hotel and restaurant services, on the express condition that they are not liable for any failure in such services, or injury, loss or damage, delay or inconvenience arising out of or in connection with any defect in any vehicle or any act, omission, accident or error in providing such transportation, hotel, restaurant or other services. There is no refund for unused portions of the tour. In case of an accident occurring during the land portion of any tour, the passenger must submit any claim therefore only to the competent judicial authorities of the jurisdiction where such accident occurred, to be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction. By accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, the passenger agrees that neither the Royal Ontario Museum nor Worldwide Quest nor any affiliated or subsidiary companies or representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to the passenger or belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or resulting directly from any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Worldwide Quest and its agents reserve the right to refuse to accept or to retain any person as a member of this tour for any reason. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all of the tour or portions thereof. All tour services including, but not limited to hotel accommodations, restaurants, guide services and transportation are furnished by independent contractors. Living standards and practices at the destination and the standards and conditions there with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodation may differ from those found in Canada.

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