

# Stunning South Africa

## Dinos, Rhinos & So Much More

### March 1 – 16, 2013



190 million year old dinosaur nest, courtesy of ROM and Diana Scott



Table Mountain in Cape Town, courtesy of Worldwide Quest and shutterstock



A lion in Kruger Park, courtesy of Jodie Louth Gray

Join ROM paleontologist, Dr. David Evans, while we explore the incredible and varied highlights of South Africa including: magnificent scenery of beaches, mountains, canyons and waterfalls; world-renowned vineyards and meals to complement the wine; a newly-discovered dinosaur nesting site with eggs and embryos; ancient human fossils dating back more than 4 million years; diamond and gold mines; the tragic history of apartheid; and of course, the wonders of the animal kingdom seen from open vehicles from our special private safari lodge.

### Tour Itinerary & Hotels

#### Day 1 Cape Town

Individual arrivals and transfer to hotel.

**Table Bay Hotel – 4 nights**

#### Day 2 Cape Town

Begin in Cape Town with an ascent to Table Mountain. On the slopes of the mountain, visit the Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### Day 3 Cape Town

Today is a spectacular marine drive to the tip of South Africa. Visit a Nature Reserve with a variety of animals, birds and indigenous flora. Cruise to Seal Island, and stop to visit Boulders Beach African Penguin colony.

#### Day 4 Cape Town

This morning, take a ferry to Robben Island to tour Nelson Mandela's prison of 27 years. The afternoon is free to enjoy the entertaining Victoria & Alfred waterfront.

#### Day 5 Franschhoek

Driving to the Cape Winelands, visit the towns of Paarl and the country's second oldest town of Stellenbosch to view the architecture of 300 years of colonization, meticulously restored. Enjoy tastings and lunch at leading wineries and continue to Franschhoek, named after the French Huguenots who settled here in the 1600s. Eight of the country's top 100 restaurants are here.

**Le Quartier Français Hotel – 2 nights**

#### Day 6 Franschhoek

The drive today follows the Wine Valley Food & Wine Route where there will be more wine tastings, a cheese tasting and another delicious wine-pairing luncheon.

#### Day 7 Clarens

A flight and drive take us to Clarens, a charming artist's haven near David Evan's dinosaur nesting dig site.

**Protea Hotel – 1 night**

#### Day 8 Johannesburg

Exclusive access to the recent exciting finds by David Evans, the oldest dinosaur 'nursery' unearthed. Drive to Johannesburg.

**Crowne Plaza Rosebank Hotel – 4 nights**

#### Day 9 Johannesburg

Tour the extremely powerful Apartheid Museum and travel through Soweto where the struggles of the 1970s-1980s took place.

#### Day 10 Johannesburg

Forty km away is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the 'Cradle of Humankind', where 4 million years of human activity have taken place.

#### Day 11 Johannesburg

Drive to the Cullinan Diamond Mine where the world's largest diamond was uncovered, and then to the Johannesburg Art Gallery that was financed by the sale of a diamond.

#### Day 12 Mpumalanga Province

After a short flight, drive on the scenic Panorama Route stopping to tour a 125 year old gold mining town. Tonight, stay in a lodge nestled in the Drakensberg Escarpment Mountains.

**Lone Creek River Lodge – 1 night**

#### Days 13-15 Sabi Sand Reserve

Continue to the private, dream safari lodge adjacent to Kruger National Park. Here, search for Africa's BIG FIVE in open vehicle game drives, sip sundowners in the bush as we watch the sun set and enjoy Africa's night sky by a bonfire. A magical finale to our fantastic adventure in South Africa!

**Sabi Sand River Lodge – 3 nights**

#### Day 16 Johannesburg

After a leisurely morning, fly to Johannesburg Airport for individual departures home.

### Tour Resource Person

**Dr. David Evans**, Associate Curator of Vertebrate Palaeontology, oversees dinosaur research. He is also a cross-appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Toronto. David will be with us to provide special entrées and expert insights.

### ROMtravel Coordinator

**Jodie Louth Gray** is a long-time ROM volunteer, with extensive travel experience, including South Africa.

### Tour Escort

**Chris Earley** is the University of Guelph Arboretum's Interpretive Biologist and Education Coordinator and has led many safaris in East Africa. He brings consummate knowledge of African wildlife.



### Tour Cost

**Double Occupancy \$9,290**  
**Single Supplement 2,895**

Does NOT include international flight costs.

# Terms & Conditions

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### Tour Cost Includes

- Airport arrival and departure transfers for participants on the group flights booked with Worldwide Quest.
- Internal flights: Cape Town/Bloemfontein; Johannesburg/Hoedspruit; Neilspruit/Johannesburg.
- Porterage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.
- Accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: breakfast daily; 9 lunches; 9 dinners; including coffee or tea.
- 2 pre-dinner receptions. Bottled water on the bus as necessary.
- 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 Tour Resource Person, a ROMtravel Coordinator, a Tour Escort, and English-speaking local guides.
- Pre-trip orientations, a travel handbook, and a post-trip reunion.
- Services of Worldwide Quest International Inc.

### Not Included

- International flight costs. Airline baggage fees where applicable.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, phone calls, Internet access.
- Meals, snacks, and beverages unless specified.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

### Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of April 10, 2012. 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%. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

### ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$97; family annual membership is \$149 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L/M postal zones) is \$102. Prices are subject to change without notice.

### Deposits and Final Payment

A **non-refundable deposit of \$800.00 per person** is required at the time of booking. Optional trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement are also payable at this time. A **second deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is due September 4, 2012. The balance of payment is due December 3, 2012.**

### 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. Worldwide Quest and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care or attention beyond that which can be provided.

### Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Worldwide Quest. All payments are non-refundable. Optional trip cancellation insurance may provide compensation in the event of cancellation. No refund will be issued 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.

### Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required. Neither Worldwide Quest nor ROMtravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents.

### 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

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by RBC Insurance. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. HST is included in the quoted prices. The rates quoted below are subject to change until insurance policy is issued.

Based on accommodation in double occupancy room					
Age	Deluxe	Cancellation & Interruption	Age	Deluxe	Cancellation & Interruption
To 59	\$522.72	\$480.60	65-69	\$777.60	\$664.20
60-64	\$648.00	\$571.32	70-74	\$981.72	\$765.72

For single accommodation or for those aged 75 and over, or for non-comprehensive coverage, please contact Worldwide Quest.

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