THE PRIDE OF
SOUTH AFRICA
BOTSWANA
NAMIBIA
ZIMBABWE

Chobe River Safari
aboard the Five-Star
Zambezi Queen

February 22 to March 8, 2018
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Travel with us on this incredible journey to experience the wonders of four nations in southern Africa, where nature’s spectacle is at its most dramatic, history is rich, culture is diverse and the “Big Five” game viewing in pristine natural habitats is extraordinary. Witness the remarkable achievements of the young nations of Namibia and Botswana, unique in their way of life and home to one of the densest game populations on the planet; walk in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela in South Africa; and behold the majestic natural beauty of Zimbabwe’s incomparable Victoria Falls—one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Few experiences can match this exclusive, in-depth itinerary and exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel the breadth of southern Africa. On Namibia’s legendary Chobe River, enjoy a three-night river safari featuring naturalist-guided excursions by small watercraft—a fantastic perspective from which to observe the magnificent wildlife gathering along the banks of the Chobe—with accommodations aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star ZAMBEZI QUEEN, featuring only 14 beautifully appointed Staterooms, each with a private balcony. During your classic land safari aboard four-wheel-drive vehicles, enjoy superb game viewing in seldom-visited Botswana, a sanctuary for nearly all of the southern African mammal species.

Follow Mandela’s “long road to freedom” from Soweto to Robben Island, on to Johannesburg and the presidency of South Africa, “the rainbow nation.” Hear the unique insights of our special guest speaker, founder of the Liliesleaf Farm Trust. Savor glorious Cape Town, poised dramatically between Table Mountain and the sparkling waters of Table Bay. Revel in spectacular seaside views and South Africa’s sublime Cape Winelands, featuring visits to world-class wineries for specially arranged wine tastings and their distinct Cape Dutch architecture. Also enjoy an exclusive C'est Boy! CULINARY TRADITIONS™ Cape Malay cooking demonstration and traditional dinner.

Come join us on this unique journey to these must-see southern African destinations, a tremendous value visiting three UNESCO World Heritage sites and staying in carefully selected Five-Star hotels, including Johannesburg’s exclusive Grand Chateau Suites at the FAIRLAWNS BOUTIQUE HOTEL, Cape Town’s historic BELMOND MOUNT NELSON HOTEL and Zimbabwe’s legendary colonial VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL. Reserve your place now for this unforgettable experience while Early Booking Savings are still available, as space is limited and sells out quickly!

Go Green!

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association
“Ubuntu—the essence of being human… It speaks about our interconnectedness.”
— Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**Resilient Diversity**

Discover the incredible diversity of southern Africa, from the abundant flora and fauna along Namibia’s Chobe River, in one of Botswana’s vast game parks, to Zimbabwe’s awe-inspiring Victoria Falls—“the smoke that thunders”—and South Africa’s world-class cities of Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town. Traverse a kaleidoscope of landscapes—low-lying grassland, expansive highveld, rambling winelands, lush swampland, mountainous escarpments and breathtaking ocean coastline. Here, in their natural habitats, observe remarkable wildlife including the “Big Five”—African elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, lion and rhinoceros—and hundreds of bird species. Encounter a mosaic of welcoming people, descendants of the ancient San, Xhosa, Tswana and Zulu nations, Portuguese explorers and Dutch, British and German settlers. This cultural mélange of tribes, creeds and languages holds a rich history that spans from the dawn of humankind to victorious feats of democratic infrastructures, and they are eager to share their friendly ubuntu spirit with you.

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**Johannesburg, South Africa/Soweto/Pretoria**

“A world in one country,” South Africa is perhaps the most diverse, multifaceted country on Earth. Cosmopolitan Johannesburg, known colloquially as “Joburg,” is home to one of the world’s largest urban forests, where amid some of the tallest buildings on the continent, more than six million trees flourish in the pleasant subtropical highland climate. The city has been a fast-paced center of commerce and opportunity ever since European prospectors settled here upon the discovery of its gold reef in 1886.

Cover photo: The water level at Victoria Falls varies throughout the year; during the dry season it is possible to walk across parts of the falls, but at peak levels the water flows at over 132,000 gallons per minute.

Photo this page: Table Mountain, the most iconic landmark of South Africa, reaches 3563 feet above sea level and supports over 2200 species of plants, making a spectacular backdrop to Cape Town and its stunning harbor.

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”
—Nelson Mandela
Few places reflect South Africa’s history like Johannesburg’s once-infamous South Western Townships, better known as Soweto. No longer a shantytown of segregated goldmine workers, this thriving community, pivotal in the anti-apartheid movement, endures as a broad cross section of South African daily life—from shack settlements to a rising middle class to millionaires. Its Vilakazi Street even fostered two Nobel Peace Prize laureates, Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

Commence your journey in the footsteps of Mandela in Soweto. Visit his house and the Hector Pieterson Memorial, an iconic symbol of the historic 1976 apartheid protests. Tour the evocative exhibits in Johannesburg’s Apartheid Museum, and visit historic Liliesleaf Farm, once the epicenter of the liberation movement and a refuge for its leaders and today a museum and world-famous cultural heritage site.

North of Johannesburg is the vibrant capital city of Pretoria, known for its diverse architecture, purple-blossomed jacaranda trees and distinctly Afrikaans culture. See the Union Buildings and the formal garden where Mandela gave his historic presidential inauguration speech (1994). Visit the Voortrekker Monument, built to honor the mid-19th-century Dutch Voortrekkers (pioneers), who emigrated from the Cape Colony to the inland highveld.

Enjoy the Welcome Dinner featuring special guest speaker Nicholas Wolpe, founder and CEO of the Liliesleaf Farm Trust. Wolpe will share an insider’s perspective on the historic events surrounding Liliesleaf and the African National Congress (ANC).

Seek out Africa’s “Big Five” wildlife species, including leopard, during a game drive in Chobe National Park.

Cape Town/Robben Island
South Africa’s “Garden City” of Cape Town is one of the world’s most beautiful cities, adjacent to the UNESCO World Heritage Cape Floral Kingdom, which sustains over 4000 plant species; majestic Table Mountain National Park; and the world-class Cape Winelands. Founded by the Dutch East India Company as a supply station, today Cape Town is a vibrant, cosmopolitan capital city of meticulously preserved Edwardian and Victorian buildings with outstanding examples of Cape Dutch architecture. Ascend Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting) for sweeping city and coastal views, and ride a funicular up to lofty Cape Point. See the historic City Hall, where Mandela made his first public speech just hours after his release from prison, and visit Boulders Beach in Simon’s Town for a rare, up-close look at a protected colony of endangered African penguins nesting in sand burrows.

Tour Robben Island prison, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Mandela and other political prisoners made strides in attaining equal rights during apartheid despite the inhumane conditions they experienced. The prison’s storied interior provides an invaluable perspective on South Africa’s social and political transformation.

In a private home in Cape Town’s Bo-Kaap township, savor the aromatic spices of traditional Cape Malay cuisine—a unique fusion of South African, Dutch and Malaysian flavors—during an intimate, specially arranged C’EST BON! CULINARY TRADITIONS™ dinner. Experience the extraordinary Cape Winelands along the world-renowned Stellenbosch Wine Route.

Observe the unique symbiosis between species in this unspoiled ecosystem.
During a visit to the historic Vergelegen Cape Dutch Manor House, founded in 1700, enjoy a private tasting of the region’s signature Pinotage red wine. Stroll through its picturesque formal gardens underneath the vast camphor laurel trees, planted in 1705, which constitute a protected provincial heritage site. Then, enjoy a specially arranged lunch with wine pairings at Boschendal, one of the oldest wine estates in South Africa, founded in 1685 and once owned by Cecil Rhodes. Located in the picturesque Drakenstein Valley between the Drakenstein and Simonsberg mountains, the rolling vineyards at Boschendal are planted with five different types of grape.

**Chobe National Park, Botswana**

Comprised of lush floodplains, marshland and dense mahogany and teak woodland, northern Botswana’s vast, diverse Chobe National Park is one of the last surviving wild areas on the continent, with a landscape reminiscent of the Africa known by explorer David Livingstone, author Karen Blixen and big game hunter Denys Finch Hatton. It is brimming with wildlife and especially so along the Chobe River, with water in plentiful supply year round. This park is home to one of the densest Kalahari elephant populations on the African continent (approximately 120,000) as well as lion, cheetah, leopard, zebra, impala, hyena, wildebeest, warthog, hippopotamus, crocodile, water buffalo and more than 450 bird species, including helmeted guinea fowl and red-billed wood hoopoes.

**Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

Walk the trail along the edge of thundering Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage site, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and among the largest waterfalls on Earth. Here, the wide Zambezi River, after meandering through a basalt plateau, suddenly plummets into a 355-foot gorge, creating frothy rapids and vaulting a majestic, rainbow-hued mist almost 1000 feet into the air, lending this breathtaking cascade its local name, Mosi-oa-Tunya—“the smoke that thunders.” Scottish missionary and explorer David Livingstone was the first European to witness this extraordinary natural wonder in 1855 and named his discovery after Queen Victoria. See the impressive Victoria Falls Bridge, an engineering marvel that was designed and constructed in England and then transported to the Zambezi River gorge, where it was reassembled—all in only five years—becoming the only rail link between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

**MalaMala Private Game Reserve**

**Pre-Program Option**

Experience of South Africa’s natural wonders in its largest private “Big Five” game reserve. Renowned for the quality of its leopard viewing, MalaMala is ideally nestled between the Sabi Sands Game Reserve and Kruger National Park. Spend two nights in the Five-Star MalaMala Main Camp along the banks of the Sand River.

**Botswana’s Khwai River Lodge**

**Post-Program Option**

Extend your journey with two nights in the Five-Star Belmond Khwai River Lodge featuring luxurious, air-conditioned, thatched-roof accommodations, each with a private outdoor porch offering incredible panoramic views. Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Moremi Wildlife Reserve, and in the evenings, storytelling around a roaring bonfire and stargazing beneath the vast, twinkling night sky.

**Five-Star Hotels**

These exclusive Five-Star hotels have been specially selected to enhance your southern Africa experience and individual exploration of each exciting and historic destination we visit.

**Fairlawns Boutique Hotel, Johannesburg**

Provides extraordinary luxury, tranquility and a stately ambiance. Stay in the exclusive Grand Chateau Suites, each elegant and individually decorated, featuring a beautiful communal lounge with large fireplace and complimentary Wi-Fi.

**Bilmond Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town**

Is a timeless garden estate located in the vibrant heart of Cape Town’s cultural center at the foothills of Table Mountain. Enjoy stylish accommodations with modern amenities in this world-renowned hotel.

**The Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls**

Features dramatic views looking out toward the incredible, thundering Victoria Falls and its rainbow-hued mist. Originally built in 1904 to house railway workers, it was transformed into one of the Leading Hotels of the World in the late 20th century.
Board small excursion boats and encounter wildlife up close, like Kalahari elephant along the Chobe River.
Included Features

In Johannesburg, South Africa

- Three nights in the Five-Star Fairlawns Boutique Hotel, located in the upscale Sandton neighborhood of Morningside.
- Full American buffet breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Presentation by special guest speaker Nicholas Wolpe, Founder and CEO of the Liliesleaf Farm Trust.
- Excursion to Soweto including a visit to Nelson Mandela's former home on Vilakazi Street and lunch in a local restaurant.
- Tours of the Apartheid Museum and Liliesleaf Farm.
- Excursion to Pretoria to see the Union Buildings and visit the Voortrekker Monument, including lunch in a local restaurant.

In Cape Town

- Four nights in the historic, Five-Star Bilmond Mount Nelson Hotel located in the vibrant heart of Cape Town.
- Full American buffet breakfast each morning.
- City tour including a cable car ascent up Table Mountain (weather permitting).
- Excursion to UNESCO World Heritage site Robben Island, the former prison where Nelson Mandela and other political dissidents were held.
- Panoramic tour in the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Table Mountain National Park, featuring spectacular views from Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, with lunch.
- Visit to the protected African penguin colony at Boulders Beach.
- Specially arranged C'est Bon! CULINARY TRADITIONS™ cooking demonstration and dinner featuring traditional Cape Malay cuisine.
- Excursion to Cape Winelands vineyards, including the historic Vergelegen Cape Dutch Manor House and winery and a private lunch with wine pairings at Boschendal.

Transfer from Kasane, Botswana, to the Chobe River, Namibia.

River Safari on the Chobe River, Namibia

- Three nights aboard the exclusively chartered, air-conditioned, Five-Star Zambezi Queen.
- Air-conditioned, private-balcony Staterooms, each with private bathroom facilities.
- Early-risers' coffee, breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.
- Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
- Striking onboard game-viewing opportunities from nearly 360-degree vantage points.
- Unique game viewing and fishing aboard excursion boats accompanied by naturalist guides.
- Specially arranged visit to a Namibian village to learn more about their traditional culture.

Transfer from Chobe River, Namibia, to Chobe National Park in Botswana, with lunch in a local restaurant and a land safari game drive en route to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

In Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

- Two nights in the Five-Star Victoria Falls Hotel, which offers magnificent views of the Victoria Falls gorge and bridge.
- Guided tour of Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Full American buffet breakfast each morning.
- Farewell Dinner in the hotel.

Enhanced Travel Services

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Stateroom aboard the ship, during excursions and on game drives.
- Zimbabwe entry visa.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotels.
- The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Step back in time to the most pivotal moments in South Africa’s anti-apartheid movement and Nelson Mandela’s “Long Walk to Freedom,” with inspiring visits that reveal the historic, 20th-century milestones that culminated in the momentous inauguration of South Africa’s first black president and stimulated the most progressive economic, social, political and educational prosperity the country has ever seen.

In Rivonia, tour Liliesleaf Farm, a key meeting place for members of the African National Congress (ANC) and the liberation movement in the early 1960s. Specially arranged guest speaker Nicholas Wolpe will discuss his role as founder and CEO of the Liliesleaf Farm Trust. Follow in Mandela’s footsteps through Soweto, visiting his former home on renowned Vilakazi Street. Stand at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, site of Mandela’s historic 1994 inauguration following South Africa’s first-ever multiracial democratic general election.

And, explore UNESCO World Heritage-designated Robben Island, the isolated former outpost for political prisoners off the coast of Cape Town.

On April 27, 1995, the first commemoration of Freedom Day—a public holiday celebrating the anniversary of the democratic election—President Mandela addressed the people of South Africa with considerable optimism about the “past from which we come as a nation; the great possibilities that we now have; and the bright future that beckons us”—a legacy and bright future that thrives in South Africa today.
be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association.

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will

*Taxes are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.

‡Singles are available in category 3 at $12495* on or before June 20, 2017.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Double occupancy (two twin beds).

Double occupancy (one queen bed).

Single accommodations.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

MalaMala Private Game Reserve Pre-Program Option

Double at $2495 per person.

Single at $3595 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Botswana’s Khwai River Lodge Post-Program Option

Double at $2695 per person.

Single at $4695 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

MS ZAMBEZI QUEEN

**LAND/Cruise TARIFF excluding taxes**

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All internal program air (Johannesburg/Cape Town, Cape Town/Kasane and Victoria Falls/Johannesburg) and transatlantic air is not included in the Land/Cruise Tariff. Attractively priced Air Packages are available.

The Pride of South Africa • Botswana • Namibia • Zimbabwe Reservation Form

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Or, for more information, please call the MSU Alumni Association at (888) 697-2863.

Please make my/our reservation(s) from  Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person MalaMala Private Game Reserve Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Botswana’s Khwai River Lodge Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I agree to the terms of the Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

Make checks payable to 2018 The Pride of South Africa.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

Visa □ MasterCard □

Card Number __________________ Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by November 17, 2017.

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association.
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