

South Africa, Victoria Falls, Kenya and Tanzania

AFRICAN SPLENDOUR

17 DAYS – DEPARTS WEDNESDAY, RETURNS FRIDAY

This journey is a magnificent passage through fabled African lands. Travellers will delight in the civilised charms of South Africa, thrill at the majesty of Victoria Falls and fall silent in awesome appreciation of East Africa's eternal wildlife. From graceful Cape Town at the southernmost tip of the continent, to the wild heart of Africa's legendary game reserves, this programme has been carefully crafted to present the best of Africa in luxury, including seven flights to add to the comfort of your travels.

The adventure begins in Cape Town at the gracious Mount Nelson Hotel or a similarly lovely venue. South Africa's "Mother City" will open her arms and reveal her many delights during our stay here, including a spectacular cable car ride up Table Mountain, from where we see the beauty of Cape Town sparkling beneath us.

During our two-day visit, we tour the winelands outside of town where some of the world's finest vintages are grown, and visit Cape Point Nature Reserve where the cool currents of the Atlantic meet for the first time with the warmth of the Indian Ocean. Another delightful surprise awaits us at Boulders Beach where we visit with a colony of penguins that have made Cape Town their home against all odds!

Then we fly to Victoria Falls and check into the magnificent Royal Livingstone or Victoria Falls Hotel, just the right settings for the astounding sight we have come so far to see. Here the mighty Zambezi River races over a mile-wide cliff and thunders over 300 feet downward, casting its spray high into the glorious African sky. After we have recovered our breath, we explore the river on a Sundowner Cruise, enjoying a far more tranquil stretch of her waters.

Leaving behind the beauty of Southern Africa, we embark next on the East African leg of our adventure, travelling into the heart of big game country.

In Nairobi, Kenya, we are welcomed by Felix and Jane Pinto and share a meal at their home on Lavington Hill or at their country residence, Ideal Farms in Karen.

Always a warm and congenial gathering with fine food and good conversation, we feel as though the Pintos are already lifelong friends.

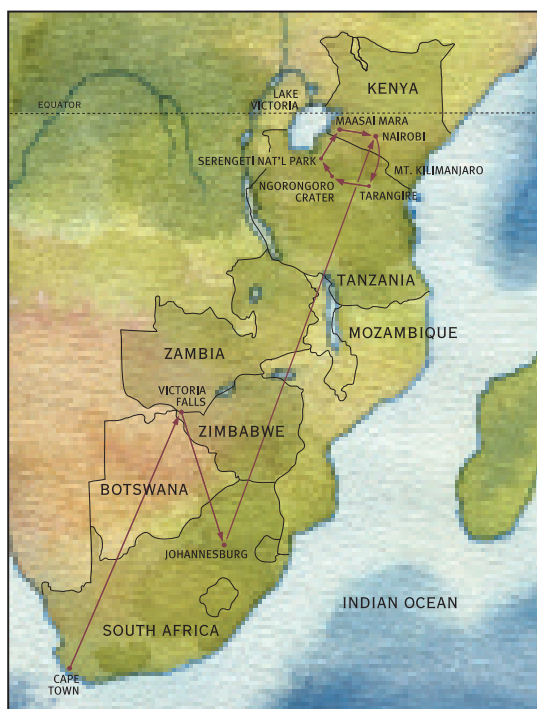
After a sound evening's rest, we begin our safari with an introductory briefing by our Safari Director, along with an insightful lecture by Maasai Elder and renowned Safari Guide, Rakita. Then we are off to Tanzania's Lake Manyara. This gem of a park is known for its amazing tree-climbing lions, high density of elephants and tremendous birdlife, as well as flamingos and hippos in the lake. And here we have the remarkable experience of a Bush Walk, absorbing the sights and the sounds of

Africa at close proximity. Our journey continues to the Ngorongoro Crater, an astonishing natural caldera spanning over 100 square miles with perhaps the best game viewing in all of Africa. Stunning vistas combine with the drama of the wildlife to take your breath away.

The vast expanse of the legendary Serengeti is next, where we find ourselves in the very heart of the migration corridor, a path travelled by nearly every species known to man. The park, quite literally, teems with wildlife—over 3 million large mammals roam the plains with at least 35 different species of plain-dwelling animals. Myriad game drives will be devoted to an in-depth exploration of this natural wonderland.

After two heady days in the Serengeti, we fly to the Maasai Mara where exceptional events await. Here we visit a Maasai village, glimpsing the lives, homes and social structure of these proud and ancient people. And for the pinnacle of our journey, we surrender to the pleasures of sundowners in the bush, high upon a hill with endless savannah views and a bonfire to warm the night air. In the Mara our accommodations evoke the safaris of yesteryear with two nights under canvas in a luxurious tented camp.

Our sojourn ends in Nairobi, witnessing the Africa of today as it mingles with the Africa of legend. As we bid farewell we recall the old adage, "You may leave Africa, but Africa will never leave you."



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Day 1 United States

We board our international flight this evening bound for South Africa.

Day 2 Cape Town

Following an afternoon or evening arrival, we settle happily into the city's grande dame hotel, the Mount Nelson, set in nine acres of lush gardens, reclining elegantly at the foot of Table Mountain. The balance of the day is to relax and enjoy the surroundings. A sound rest tonight prepares us for tomorrow's adventures.

Day 3 Cape Town

A full day tour explores this dramatically beautiful city, including a spectacular cable car ride up Table Mountain, offering a splendid view of Cape Town. Then it's off to the Cape Point Nature Reserve of Flying Dutchman fame, and

the fabled Cape of Good Hope, revealing dramatic and beautiful panoramas along the way.

Day 4 Cape Town

The area's famed vineyards, home to some of the world's finest vintages, are on our agenda today. We enjoy a tour and sumptuous lunch at one of the wine estates and stroll quaint colonial Dutch villages. This lyrically lovely region, with vistas of majestic mountains, lush vineyards and whitewashed Cape Dutch homes, will leave us breathless.

Day 5 Victoria Falls

This morning we enplane for Victoria Falls, connecting in Johannesburg. In the afternoon we check into either the magnificent Royal Livingstone Hotel (Zambia-side of the Falls) or the old world Victoria Falls Hotel (Zimbabwe-side). From both hotels we hear the roar of the plummeting torrents and see cascades of billowing mist. Lunch is served on the hotel's stunning veranda and the afternoon is at leisure, delighting in the views and the hotel's delightful amenities.

Day 6 Victoria Falls

Breathtaking! This morning we tour the Falls, stopping at various vantage points to marvel at one of mother nature's most dazzling spectacles. A scenic flight over the Falls is also included. The day ends with a sunset cruise along the upper Zambezi, the perfect venue to enjoy "sundowners" and watch elephants and giraffes drink at the water's edge.

Day 7 Johannesburg

We fly to South Africa and find ourselves absolutely enchanted with our accommodations at the Westcliffe Hotel, evocative of a sprawling Mediterranean village cascading down landscaped gardens with lush greenery, fountains and panoramic views over the leafy suburbs.

Day 8 Nairobi

Another hop on the plane and we touch down in Nairobi, Kenya, where our home will be the celebrated Norfolk Hotel. This evening Jane and Felix Pinto invite us for cocktails and dinner at their home. The Pintos take great pleasure in meeting all of their travellers and delight in counting them as friends.

Day 9 Lake Manyara

We depart by air to Lake Manyara via Arusha where mahogany forests, marsh, grass, scrubland and over 350 species of birds populate this magnificent tangle of vegetation. On our afternoon game run we seek the famous tree-climbing lions, a sight not as rare as you might think. Charming rooms at the Lake Manyara Serena Lodge and a superb dinner await us.

Day 10
Lake Manyara – Ngorongoro Crater

A Bush Walk is a magical way to begin our day in Manyara. Our guide is busy every minute pointing out animal tracks, flora, fauna and birdlife. Then we're off to Ngorongoro Crater where our lodge, the stunning Ngorongoro Serena, is spectacularly situated on the rim of the caldera, revealing an awesome panorama below.

Day 11
Ngorongoro Crater

We descend into the giant crater of this extinct volcano and spend the morning tracking animals. This magnificent natural amphitheatre contains the largest concentration of animals in all of Africa, including a high density of lions and thousands of flamingos inhabiting an alkaline lake. Because the grass is short, game is easily spotted. The ever-changing mood and tenor of this great caldera will endlessly hold our attention.

Day 12 – Day 13
Serengeti National Park

Returning to the Manyara airstrip, we fly to the Serengeti, the jewel in the crown of Tanzania, located deep in the heart of the famous migration corridor. Its far-reaching plains of endless grass, tinged with the twisted shadows of acacia trees, have made it the quintessential image of a wild and untarnished Africa. After two days of intensive game runs we will be passionate about this land. Our lodgings are at the exquisite Kirawira Tented Camp, the epitome of classic safari camp luxury and a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

Day 14 – Day 15
Maasai Mara

Our journey continues by air across the tapestry of East Africa to Arusha and Nairobi, where we pause for a lunch before continuing by air to the Maasai Mara. And here, once again, we find the Africa of our imagination—a pristine wilderness of haunting beauty, arcing vistas and sea of richly rolling grasslands. And here, our splendid expedition reaches a grand finale with Bush Cocktails on the plains and a visit to a Maasai village. Two glorious days and nights are enjoyed in the cosseted comfort of Intrepids or Governors tented camps.



Day 16
Nairobi – Europe

Having traversed the African continent from the Cape to Kenya, we return by air to Nairobi. We may wish to visit an AmericaShare project this afternoon or revisit a favourite site. Our international flight departs this evening.

Day 17
Europe – United States

We arrive in Europe and connect to homebound flights.

Tariff 2007: Per Person		
Land Arrangements (per person)		
	April 1- June 15	Balance of Year
Double Occupancy	\$9,795	\$11,785
Single Supplement	\$2,295	\$2,890
Internal Airfare	\$3,585	\$3,585

(Cape Town/Victoria Falls/Johannesburg/Nairobi/Manyara/Serengeti/Maasai Mara/Nairobi)
 Connections may apply.

Private-Use Vehicle Supplement	
Per person from	\$1,675
Sample Airfare from New York to Cape Town returning from Nairobi to New York	
Economy Class from	\$1,550
Business Class from	\$6,380

The airfares listed above are provided *only* as indications of fares that might be available when booking your flights. Micato does not supply international air tickets, only the "Internal Airfare" flights within Africa during the safari. Travellers should purchase international flights through travel agents or via the Micato preferred air purveyor—complete details will be provided upon booking. Airfares are subject to change, carry penalties and seasonal surcharges. Add-on fares are generally available from major U.S. cities.

Options that complement this safari:			
Ballooning in Maasai Mara:	\$425	Zanzibar:	\$1,745
Lend a Helping Hand:	\$395	Lake Victoria:	\$2,915

Tour Dates: Every date is a guaranteed departure.
 2007 Departure Dates (From USA)

Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return
Jan 03	– Jan 19	Apr 04	– Apr 20	Jul 04	– Jul 20	Oct 03	– Oct 19
Jan 10	– Jan 26	Apr 11	– Apr 27	Jul 11	– Jul 27	Oct 10	– Oct 26
Jan 17	– Feb 02	Apr 18	– May 04	Jul 18	– Aug 03	Oct 17	– Nov 02
Jan 24	– Feb 09	Apr 25	– May 11	Jul 25	– Aug 10	Oct 24	– Nov 09
Jan 31	– Feb 16	May 02	– May 18	Aug 01	– Aug 17	Oct 31	– Nov 16
Feb 07	– Feb 23	May 09	– May 25	Aug 08	– Aug 24	Nov 07	– Nov 23
Feb 14	– Mar 02	May 16	– Jun 01	Aug 15	– Aug 31	Nov 14	– Nov 30
Feb 21	– Mar 09	May 23	– Jun 08	Aug 22	– Sep 07	Nov 21	– Dec 07
Feb 28	– Mar 16	May 30	– Jun 15	Aug 29	– Sep 14	Nov 28	– Dec 14
Mar 07	– Mar 23	Jun 06	– Jun 22	Sep 05	– Sep 21	Dec 05	– Dec 21*
Mar 14	– Mar 30	Jun 13	– Jun 29	Sep 12	– Sep 28	Dec 12	– Dec 28*
Mar 21	– Apr 06	Jun 20	– Jul 06	Sep 19	– Oct 05	Dec 19	– Jan 04*
Mar 28	– Apr 13	Jun 27	– Jul 13	Sep 26	– Oct 12	Dec 26	– Jan 11*

2008 Departure Dates (New rates and dates may apply)							
Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return
Jan 02	– Jan 18*	Feb 27	– Mar 14	Apr 23	– May 09	Jun 18	– Jul 04
Jan 09	– Jan 25	Mar 05	– Mar 21	Apr 30	– May 16	Jun 25	– Jul 11
Jan 16	– Feb 01	Mar 12	– Mar 28	May 07	– May 23	Jul 02	– Jul 18
Jan 23	– Feb 08	Mar 19	– Apr 04	May 14	– May 30	Jul 09	– Jul 25
Jan 30	– Feb 15	Mar 26	– Apr 11	May 21	– Jun 06	Jul 16	– Aug 01
Feb 06	– Feb 22	Apr 02	– Apr 18	May 28	– Jun 13	Jul 23	– Aug 08
Feb 13	– Feb 29	Apr 09	– Apr 25	Jun 04	– Jun 20	Jul 30	– Aug 15
Feb 20	– Mar 07	Apr 16	– May 02	Jun 11	– Jun 27	Aug 06	– Aug 22

*Holiday supplement may apply.