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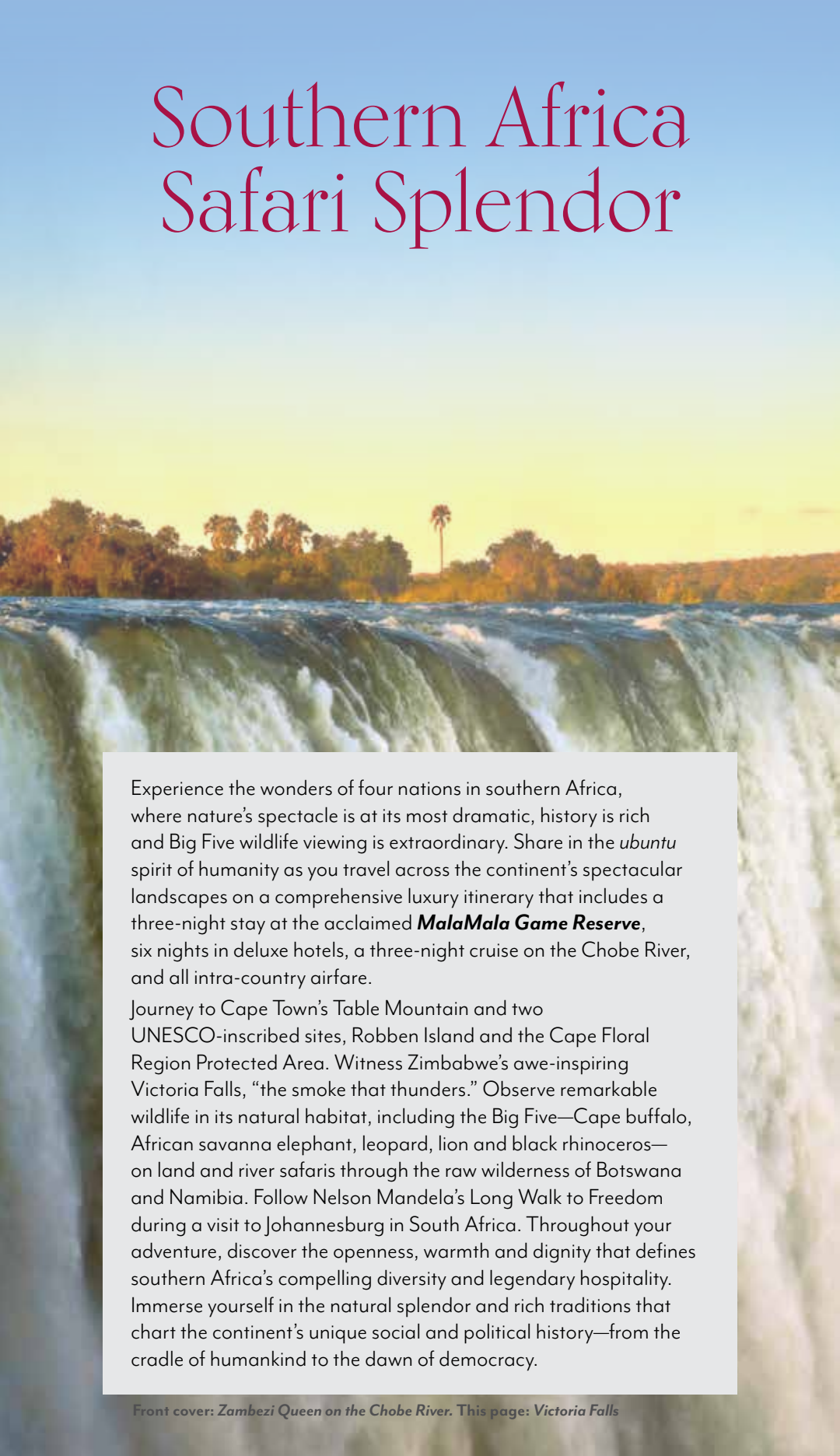
July 29 to August 12, 2025

Featuring **Dr. Karin Shapiro, Associate Professor
of the Practice in the Department of African
and African American Studies**



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Southern Africa Safari Splendor



Experience the wonders of four nations in southern Africa, where nature's spectacle is at its most dramatic, history is rich and Big Five wildlife viewing is extraordinary. Share in the *ubuntu* spirit of humanity as you travel across the continent's spectacular landscapes on a comprehensive luxury itinerary that includes a three-night stay at the acclaimed **MalaMala Game Reserve**, six nights in deluxe hotels, a three-night cruise on the Chobe River, and all intra-country airfare.

Journey to Cape Town's Table Mountain and two UNESCO-inscribed sites, Robben Island and the Cape Floral Region Protected Area. Witness Zimbabwe's awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, "the smoke that thunders." Observe remarkable wildlife in its natural habitat, including the Big Five—Cape buffalo, African savanna elephant, leopard, lion and black rhinoceros—on land and river safaris through the raw wilderness of Botswana and Namibia. Follow Nelson Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom during a visit to Johannesburg in South Africa. Throughout your adventure, discover the openness, warmth and dignity that defines southern Africa's compelling diversity and legendary hospitality. Immerse yourself in the natural splendor and rich traditions that chart the continent's unique social and political history—from the cradle of humankind to the dawn of democracy.



Cape Town

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Dear Duke Travelers:

Immerse yourself in the heart of four southern African nations on a journey that reveals some of the continent's most magnificent natural wonders. This exclusive, comprehensive land and river safari cruise itinerary provides an incredible opportunity to explore the rich cultural mosaic of southern Africa.

Learn about Nelson Mandela's path from Johannesburg's Soweto neighborhood on to his presidency of South Africa. Behold Zimbabwe's awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and watch for the Big Five African animals in the MalaMala Game Reserve and at Chobe National Park. Encounter the penguin colony at Boulders Beach at Cape Point and marvel at the flora and fauna of Table Mountain National Park.

Duke Travels is pleased to have engaged Gohagan & Company to operate this program. Joining you from Duke on this program is **Dr. Karin Shapiro**, an expert on southern Africa. Please call Duke Travels at **(919) 684-2988** to hold your space while you decide or to reserve and take advantage of the early booking savings.

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder '83
Senior Director, Duke Travels
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Faculty Host

Dr. Karin Shapiro is Associate Professor of the Practice in the Department of African and African American Studies, a social historian of South Africa and the American South. Originally from South Africa, she attended the University of the Witwatersrand and Yale University. The author of *A New South Rebellion: The Battle against Convict Labor in the Tennessee Coalfields, 1871-96*, co-editor of *History from South Africa: Alternative Visions and Practices*, she has long had a particular interest in the connections between South African and American history. In addition to her written scholarship, she has directed several films, including *Double Vision*, about the South African diaspora in NC and *John Henry Lives On: Sherman James and the John Henryism Hypothesis*, which examined James' ground-breaking research into stress and racial health disparities. Shapiro is currently working on two projects: a biography of the South African born Archbishop of Central Africa, Khotso Makhulu; and a documentary about social medics who came to North Carolina from apartheid South Africa, bringing ideas that transformed social epidemiology in the American South and beyond.

To secure your spot, call (919) 684-2988 or email DukeTravels@duke.edu



The Big Five

The term hails from the 19th Century and a time when hunters traveled to Africa and identified these five African mammal species as “the Big Five”: Cape buffalo, African Savanna elephant, leopard, lion and black rhinoceros. The thrill of modern safari is to witness these spectacular creatures and many others in their natural habitat without disturbance. It is the opportunity to see and photograph some of the most awesome wildlife on the planet. Keep your cameras and binoculars ready for Big Five wildlife viewing and bird watching on our land safaris at the acclaimed MalaMala Game Reserve and through Chobe National Park, followed by a three-day cruise down the Chobe River to the edge of Namibia.

Experience the awe of this region as we journey from the vast array of habitat types in South Africa to the fertile floodplains of Botswana, a sanctuary for one of Africa’s largest elephant populations. In addition to the Big Five, look for elephants, zebras, giraffes, a multitude of birds, and the rare puku antelope. And don't forget to look down, as the elusive hippo and crocodile have been known to make an appearance in the river itself.



Long Walk To Freedom



Step back in time to pivotal moments in South Africa's anti-apartheid movement and Nelson Mandela's autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*. Inspiring visits and illuminating discussions reveal the historic 20th-century milestones that culminated in the momentous inauguration of South Africa's first Black president—laying the foundation for progressive economic, social and political prosperity. Follow in Mandela's footsteps through Soweto, visiting his former home on renowned Vilakazi Street, 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 that historic moment—Mandela addressed the people of South Africa with considerable optimism about the “past from which we now have; and the bright future that beckons us.” Mandela's legacy as an activist, leader and great humanitarian still resonates today.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
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- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
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- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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2025 | 15-DAY/14-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1 | July 29

Depart your home city.

Cape Town, South Africa

Day 2 | July 30

Arrive in Cape Town and transfer to **Cape Grace Hotel**. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner. (R,D)

Cape Town

Day 3 | July 31

Take a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain for spectacular views, followed by a scenic drive through the city and the Bo-Kaap and District Six areas. This afternoon, take an included excursion to UNESCO-designated Robben Island, where Mandela and other political prisoners made strides during apartheid. The prison's storied interior and its guides—former prisoners, many of whom served with Mandela—provide an

invaluable perspective on South Africa's social and political transformation. (B,L)

Cape Town/Cape Point

Day 4 | August 1

Embark on a panoramic drive with photo stops en route to Cape Point, a nature reserve within Table Mountain National Park. Visit the African penguin colony on Boulders Beach. Arrive at Cape Point and take the Flying Dutchman funicular for incredible views over the Cape of Good Hope. (B,L)

Cape Town/ MalaMala Game Reserve

Day 5 | August 2

MalaMala Game Reserve is South Africa's largest private game reserve boasting the Big Five—Cape buffalo, African savanna elephant, leopard, lion and black rhinoceros. The reserve is renowned for its extraordinarily up-close wildlife sightings and elusive leopard viewing. Ideally located in the exclusive Sabi

Sands Game Reserve, and sharing an unfenced boundary with Kruger National Park, this combined six-million-acre sanctuary affords exceptional wildlife viewing. (B,L,D)

MalaMala Game Reserve

Day 6 and 7 | August 3 and 4

Enjoy early morning and late afternoon wildlife drives each day, plus walking safaris. In addition to the Big Five, you may see impalas, warthogs, giraffes, painted wolves and the kudus for which the reserve was named. (2B,2L,2D)

MalaMala Game Reserve/ Johannesburg

Day 8 | August 5

After a morning safari, fly to Johannesburg and check in to the **Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa**, a deluxe luxury hotel. Enjoy dinner on your own. (B,L)

Johannesburg

Day 9 | August 6

Follow in the footsteps of

Bo-Kaap neighborhood





Boulders Beach penguin colony



Hippos in Chobe River

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Nelson Mandela along Vilakazi Street and visit the house where he lived from 1946 to 1962, a short distance from the former home of fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu. Visit Johannesburg's poignant Apartheid Museum to trace South Africa's 21st-century journey to democracy. (B,L)

Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Day 10 | August 7

Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Walk the jungle-fringed trail along the edge of UNESCO-inscribed Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Here, the Zambezi River plunges into a narrow, 360-foot gorge—twice the height of Niagara Falls—creating frothy rapids and vaulting a colorful mist into the air.

Later, check in to the elegant and historic deluxe **Victoria Falls Hotel**. (B,L,D)

Kasane, Botswana/ Namibia/Embark

Day 11 | August 8

Travel to Botswana for a morning wildlife drive in Chobe National Park, home to one of the world's largest elephant populations. In addition, watch for wild dogs, zebras, giraffes and impalas. In the afternoon, embark the **Zambezi Queen**, a deluxe riverboat, for your safari cruise along the Chobe River. (B,L,D)

Cruising the Chobe River

Day 12 | August 9

Visit a local Namibian village to experience its unique culture firsthand. This afternoon, view wildlife from a different perspective as the animals venture to the Chobe River, to slake their thirst or just cool off during the afternoon heat. Expert local guides

will lead wildlife-viewing river safaris aboard small excursion boats through this unspoiled ecosystem. (B,L,D)

Cruising the Chobe River

Day 13 | August 10

Enjoy up-close views of wildlife, including the Big Five as well as kudus, oryxes and an astounding array of bird species as you cruise. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Reception, followed by a special dinner and cultural show. (B,L,R,D)

Kasane, Botswana/ Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe/ Return to Home City

Day 14 | August 11

After breakfast, disembark the boat and transfer to the Victoria Falls Airport for your overnight flight home. (B)

Arrive in Home City

Day 15 | August 12

Arrive in your home city.



Elephant on safari



Zambezi Queen

The exclusively chartered, deluxe **Zambezi Queen** is a specially designed, stylish “floating lodge” built to provide sophisticated comfort on the Chobe River. This unique, world-class African riverboat offers remarkable opportunities for unobstructed wildlife viewing, whether from the comfort of your bedside or from the contemporary lounge, bar or open-air deck with plunge pool. Each of the 14 tastefully appointed, spacious, air-conditioned staterooms feature en suite bathroom and expansive sliding glass doors that open onto a private balcony.



2025 DEPARTURE DATE

July 29 to August 12
(Tour Begins: July 30)

Category-Description	Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
SB Outside standard suite with luxurious amenities, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Balcony. <i>Middle Deck.</i>	\$11,845	\$10,845
SA Outside standard suite with luxurious amenities, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Balcony. <i>Middle Deck.</i>	\$13,445	\$12,445
Master Suite Outside standard suite with luxurious amenities, private bathroom with shower, floor to ceiling sliding windows/doors - Forward Balcony. <i>Lower and Middle Decks.</i>	\$15,645	\$14,645

***Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 11/5/24 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes.
Single supplements at 200% of the standard rate and subject to availability. Early Booking Savings still apply.

Port taxes in the amount of \$50 per person are included in the above prices. Deck plans available upon request.

Intra-country air is included in the cost of this tour.

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Deluxe Accommodations

MalaMala Game Reserve—Enhance your safari experience with three nights in MalaMala’s deluxe lodge, with luxury accommodations ideally located between the open boundaries of Kruger National Park and the Sabi Sands Game Reserve.

Cape Grace Hotel—At the heart of the waterfront and the foot of Table Mountain, this newly renovated hotel is elegantly appointed. All rooms overlook the marina, harbor or mountains.

Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa—Opulent suites are individually decorated to the highest standard. Indulge in the Balinese Spa, offering the ultimate relaxation with tranquil indoor or outdoor massage and treatment areas.

Victoria Falls Hotel—Featuring dramatic views overlooking Victoria Falls, this luxury gem was built to house railway workers. Nowadays the grand Edwardian-era hotel is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World.



PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Cape Town, South Africa

July 27 to 30, 2025 (Program Begins: July 28)

Experience the warm sunshine and sunny disposition of the people in Cape Town, a modern metropolis surrounded by natural beauty. Beneath the magnificent Table Mountain, this “Mother City” offers much to discover. Stay at the deluxe luxury **Cape Grace Hotel**, with its lovely waterfront setting. Enjoy the sublime Cape Winelands and visit world-class vineyards for specially arranged wine tastings. At Vergelegen, explore the beautiful gardens and country manor, dating back to the 1700s; at Boschendal Farm, savor a lunch and wine pairing at their iconic restaurant.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,565

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$2,035

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