

## *Travcoa Flying Safaris*

The Very Best Way to Explore Africa

# *By Royal Invitation*

A wildlife/eco-cultural expedition through Africa by private classic airliner.

20 days departing from Johannesburg August 30, 2009

In celebration of Travcoa's 55th year of blazing new trails in travel, we proudly offer a unique Flying Safari expedition to explore the culture, wildlife and natural beauty of Zululand, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa – and also to attend the spectacular King's Reed Dance as the guest of the Zulu King.



# Imagine

twenty thousand Zulu maidens dancing for their king, accompanied by his nobles and guests. The Zulu King's Reed Dance Festival is a traditional coming-out ceremony to introduce Zulu maidens to the nation. Held at the Enyokeni Royal Palace in the heart of the Zulu Kingdom, it is the most important and colorful cultural event in Africa. A meaningful ceremony celebrating the history and culture of the great Zulu nation, the King's Reed Dance festival is attended by few outsiders.

This is just one of the extraordinary events that you will experience as your flying safari expedition by classic airliner travels through five of southern and east Africa's most interesting countries – a journey specially created for up to 14 discerning, curious and intelligent adventurers. On this 3,200-mile luxury expedition you will explore the wildlife, peoples and natural beauty of the most intensely varied and beautiful regions of Africa – areas so aesthetically, culturally and ecologically important that they include six UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

You will fly directly to some of the most magnificent resorts, lodges and tented camps to be found anywhere in the world.

In addition to taking you to Zululand to participate in the Zulu King's Reed Dance Festival, this By Royal Invitation expedition introduces you to authentic, intimate experiences with Africa where you will



*Flying over Suikerbosrand*



*Leopard sighting*

discover peoples and places you never knew existed. You will fly directly to some of the most magnificent resorts, lodges and tented camps to be found anywhere in the world, landing on private airstrips and remote bush strips with no scheduled service.

Every place is unique, every day brings new experiences. Each of the places you visit has a completely different environment as you tour Zimbabwe's thunderous Victoria Falls, experience Zambia's unspoiled South Luangwa National Park, discover Malawi's seldom-seen cultural and natural beauty and relax on Mozambique's luxurious Bazaruto Island.

Journeying along the magnificent crescent of Africa's Indian Ocean coast to the Zulu Kingdom, you will be enchanted by the fascinating wildlife and superb hospitality of Zululand's Phinda game reserve and an insider's experience of South African hospitality. Skimming along the singularly beautiful Drakensberg mountains and the brooding Wild Coast to Plettenberg Bay, you'll luxuriate in world-leading accommodations while exploring the Cape Garden Route. A highlight of your flight will be a low-level view of the southern tip of the Cape Peninsula where the Indian Ocean meets the Atlantic at the "Fairest Cape of All".

This expedition is as much a quest as a journey, a cooperative mission to discover and understand the real Africa beyond the usual visitor experience. In this way, your expedition creates a bond with others and memories that are both special and long-lasting. If you were to see Africa only once, this life-changing experience is the way to do it.



## BY ROYAL INVITATION

- SOUTH AFRICA: JOHANNESBURG
- ZIMBABWE: VICTORIA FALLS
- ZAMBIA: S. LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK
- LAKE MALAWI: WORLD HERITAGE MARINE SITE
- MALAWI: KUNGONI CULTURAL CENTER AT MUA MISSION
- MOZAMBIQUE: BAZARUTO ISLAND
- ZULULAND: PHINDA GAME RESERVE
- ZULULAND: ZULU KING'S REED DANCE FESTIVAL
- KARROO DESERT: OUDTSHOORN
- CAPE GARDEN ROUTE: PLETTENBERG BAY
- CAPE PENINSULA: CAPE TOWN

### *An opportunity to make a difference*

We have chosen lodges and camps that support the needs of local wildlife and communities. As you journey beyond the cocoon of the standard visitor experience, you will personally discover some of the health, nutrition and education challenges of the Real Africa, and recognize that a small contribution can make a huge difference in the life of a child, the future of a species, or the health of a community.

Therefore, rather than the customary tour director's gratuity, (the only gratuity not included in any Travcoa program) your expedition leader suggests that those wishing to help a local cause instead contribute to a benefit fund to be distributed according to the wishes of the expedition group.

# Expedition Highlights

- Experience the wildlife, people and natural beauty of five countries and 11 of Africa's most interesting ecosystems – a region so beautiful and culturally significant that you will visit three different UNESCO World Heritage Sites during your expedition.
- Your 3,200-mile Africa expedition will be flown in the ambiance of the golden age of aviation. Two senior airline pilots, a flight hostess and your expedition leader will accompany you throughout the safari.
- You will fly directly and easily between some of the most magnificent hotels, lodges, tented camps and wildlife areas to be found anywhere in the world. By not having to return to airports, you will gain extra days to enjoy Africa.
- You will have special access to the best guides, the most knowledgeable local experts, the most extraordinary places and the most interesting people.
- African hosts will introduce you to the cultural, ecological and socio-political issues of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique.
- Experience the might of Victoria Falls from the dramatic Zimbabwe side.
- Explore Zambia's pristine South Luangwa National park.
- Experience "Theatre in the bush" at Mfuwe.
- Snorkel with millions of tropical fish in the clear waters of Lake Malawi.
- Meet Africa's finest traditional artists at a remote mission.
- Enjoy a special cultural performance by a Malawi tribal group.
- Relax on the beach of a tropical Island off Mozambique.
- See how a Zululand game reserve is bringing back endangered species.
- Attend the Zulu King's Reed Dance at the royal compound.
- Take a low-level flight along the Drakensberg and Transkei Wild Coast.
- See the famed Cape Garden Route by land and from the air.
- A private visit to Oudtshoorn's "Feather Palace".
- See the best of the Cape with noted historian Peter Fiske.



*4x4 safari vehicles to see and photograph wildlife*

## Your Aircraft

The legendary DC-3 is the ideal expeditionary aircraft for a flying safari. Operated to the highest airline standards and flown by two senior airline captains, our DC-3 provides the highest level of safety and security of any way to travel through Africa. The DC-3's range, propeller power, rugged landing gear and excellent short-field landing capability enable it to fly directly from one destination to the next without the constraints of airline routes, schedules, or exposure to crowded airports. This enhances safety and saves days of time over the course of a journey.

Long distances are traveled in comfort as you skim gracefully over rivers and mountains, over native villages and herds of animals in the ambiance of the golden age of aviation. With all-inclusive cabin service, generous leg-room and space to walk about, you can visit the cockpit, socialize, or view the scenery passing below – the best way to truly understand Africa's size, topography and diversity.



*Ready for work at Johannesburg*

## Your Expedition Staff

Your expedition will be hosted by some of the most experienced flying safari leaders in Africa, including Dr. Loel Fenwick, the son of a Zululand game ranger, and Captain Flippie Vermeulen, a senior airline training captain and demonstration pilot who is licensed to fly more than a hundred types of aircraft from 747 jumbo jets to antique biplanes. Flippie has pioneered many historic flying safaris throughout Africa, some extending to Europe and the United States.

Your aircraft, expedition leader and three flight crew members will remain with you throughout your journey to Cape Town, providing their insider's viewpoint of Africa while ensuring your comfort and safety. All are eager to introduce you to their favorite places, their best experiences, their friends and families, their heroes, their unique Africa.



*The crew*



*Group photo*

# Itinerary



*The Westcliff Hotel*

**DAYS 1 and 2: Sunday and Monday,  
August 30 and 31, 2009**

**Johannesburg and Pretoria, South Africa**

Your adventure begins upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport where you will be met and driven directly to the Westcliff Hotel in luxury cars or mini-buses. If you arrive by private aircraft, you will be met at Lanseria, the preferred general aviation airport, or at Johannesburg International Airport.

Situated in Johannesburg's most exclusive residential suburb, The Westcliff Hotel's hillside setting with cascading, sculpted gardens and elegantly opulent accommodation evoke a bygone era of leisure and refinement in one of the world's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities.

A favorite of visiting heads of state, the secure Westcliff offers spectacular views of Johannesburg and the surrounding parkland from beautifully appointed rooms, restaurants and expansive verandahs. This evening Captain Flippie Vermeulen and Dr. Loel Fenwick, your expedition leader, will host a welcoming cocktail party and dinner.

On the morning of Monday, August 31, Captain Flippie Vermeulen will take you on a coach and walking tour of his home town and South Africa's administrative capital, Pretoria. Flippie's insider's orientation to Africa's history, cultures and current affairs will include the South African capital buildings, the home of Boer President Paul Kruger, the iconic Voortrekker Monument, and the Anglo-Boer war Fort Klapperkop. Dinner will be at a Pretoria Restaurant, where we will be joined by South African friends.

□ *The Westcliff Hotel*



*Voortrekker Monument*





*Victoria Falls*

**Day 3: Tuesday, September 1, 2009**  
**Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

This morning we will enjoy an early breakfast at the Westcliff before departing to the airport for our flight to Victoria Falls aboard our private DC-3 classic airliner. Our 4 hour flight will take us to the Zambezi River where we have the opportunity to view the world's largest body of falling water from the air as we position for landing at the Victoria Falls Airport. After transiting Zimbabwean customs and immigration, the famous colonial Victoria Falls Hotel is a 30-minute air-conditioned transfer away.

Established in 1904, The Victoria Falls Hotel is set in The Victoria Falls National Park. For 100 years, visiting members of royal families, international and local statesmen, and celebrities worldwide, have chosen to stay at The Victoria Falls Hotel.

The hotel's atmosphere is steeped in history, combining the charm of the old with the comfort and convenience of today. Elegant lounges offer serenity and seclusion. Corridors reflect all the past glories of the Empire and suites and rooms are superbly furnished in Edwardian style. The courtyard entrance overlooks lily ponds, lush flowering shrubs and palm trees.

After a light lunch at the Victoria Falls Hotel, we will walk down the hotel's private path to Victoria Falls for a guided tour of the immense "Smoke That Thunders" at this UNESCO World Heritage site. Our next adventure will be a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River, an opportunity for spectacular photographs of the sunset over the river.

□ *Victoria Falls Hotel*



*Victoria Falls Hotel*

**DAYS 4 and 5: Wednesday and Thursday,  
September 2 and 3, 2009**  
**South Luangwa National Park, Zambia**

After an early breakfast at the Victoria Falls Hotel, we will depart to Mfuwe Airport, a 3 hour 30 minute flight. We take a scenic drive through native farmlands in open safari vehicles to the South Luangwa Game Reserve, and then on through the wildlife area to the Mfuwe Bushcamps.

Accommodations will be in three separate intimate Bush Camps, each with its own guide, expedition staff member, and personal chef. Enjoy bush walks, game tracking and private dining with a small group of companions.

□ *Mfuwe Bushcamps*



*Hippos sighting*

**DAY 6: Friday, September 4, 2009**  
**South Luangwa National Park, Zambia**

On our last evening in the South Luangwa reserve, the full expedition group will gather at the Mfuwe Lodge for dinner. We will sleep in chalets above a hippo-thronged horseshoe bend in the river below.

This evening we will be treated to a special performance by the SEKA Theater Group. This surprising theater in the bush is a small group of actors from the villages surrounding the park who have created a vibrant blend of traditional song and dance, puppetry, physical theatre and storytelling. The team of actors is a diverse group from single mothers to reformed poachers to royalty in line to the chieftainship throne. They have enchanted audiences in villages and at international environmental conferences.

After the performance there will be a private dinner for our party at the Mfuwe Lodge boma (outdoor dining area).

□ *Mfuwe Lodge*



*Nxabega Tented Camp*



*Sandibe Camp*



*Mfuwe Lodge*

**Days 7 and 8: Saturday and Sunday,  
September 5 and 6, 2009  
Lake Malawi, Malawi**

Our full English breakfast is followed by an early departure to the Mfuwe Airport for our flight to Club Makokola's private air strip on the shore of Lake Malawi. By special arrangement with the Malawian authorities, who will dispatch a team from the capital city to meet us, we will clear customs at Club Makokola.

Malawi is a beautiful, friendly and peaceful country as yet discovered by only a few Western travelers. Club Makokola is on the shore of Lake Malawi, which has the richest variety of tropical fish of any freshwater lake in the world. Up to 500 species of cichlids are unique to these waters. The southern part of this huge inland sea, which is Africa's third largest lake, is a UNESCO Marine World Heritage Site.

"Club Mak" has been a favorite vacation refuge for inhabitants of the region for many decades. It is an authentic beach resort much loved by the local population. Traditional thatch-roofed bungalows are comfortable but not "over the top." Instead, Club Makokola provides a chance to meet Africa's business and farming families in a relaxed atmosphere.

After lunch on the verandah overlooking the lake, we visit the historical town of Mangochi, once a slave trading town and now the district capital. We can walk around this authentic African town, untouched by tourism, exploring its historical buildings and vibrant market in the company of local hosts.

A Malawi Night dinner will be served on the beach accompanied by local acrobats and traditional dancers. Authentic Malawian dishes will be served from traditional clay pots using local ingredients and prepared according to local custom.



*Lake Malawi*



*Club Makokola*

The next morning we depart by bus for the 35-year old Mua Mission. Its founder, Father Claude Bouchet, a missionary, artist and anthropologist, will arrange a traditional performance by the Kungoni Cultural Group which he established. The group performs rituals and dances of the Angoni tradition, dressed in full traditional Angoni regalia. Father Claude will explain the meaning of the various dances and their origin. This is a true traditional activity, not made up for tourists!

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After the show, we'll visit the Kungoni crafts center, also founded by Father Claude, to see artists producing the best carvings in Africa. Kungoni pieces are found in galleries all over the world, including the Vatican Museums.

After lunch in the Mua Mission Guest House, Father Claude will guide a visit to the Chamare Museum to discuss the way of life, beliefs and culture of the people from this part of Africa.

Upon our return to Club Makokola we meet for a drink at the pool bar. Weather permitting, we will board MV Sunbird for an exclusive dinner while sailing on the waters of Africa's "Lake of Stars".

□ *Club Makokola*



**DAYS 9 and 10: Monday and Tuesday,  
September 7 and 8, 2009  
Bazaruto Island, Mozambique**

We start this day with an early English breakfast on the verandah at Club Makokola before taking off for Mozambique. After a flight across Mozambique's magnificent mountain escarpment, we land at the town of Vilanculos to clear customs and immigration before a short flight across the Mozambique Channel to the private air strip at the Indigo Bay Resort.

Indigo Bay Island Resort and Spa is an exquisite island destination situated on Bazaruto Island, the largest island in the Mozambican archipelago of the same name. It offers visitors the quintessential Indian Ocean island holiday as well as a gateway to the unspoiled beauty of the surrounding area. State-of-the-art facilities include restaurants, swimming pools and an activity centre, which coordinates a wide variety of water sports, as well as diving and fishing activities.

The largest of the archipelago islands, Bazaruto has more than 100 species of coral, thousands of tropical fish species, five kinds of dolphins, four whale species, sharks, all five marine sea turtle species, and the largest population of the rare dugong on the African east coast.

The owners of the resort have built community centers and schools, provided transport facilities and access to fresh water for local islanders, and formed a partnership with local communities to conserve the ecosystem. On Bazaruto we will enjoy a wide range of beach and leisure activities such as snorkeling, kayaking, windsurfing, Hobie Cat sailing and hiking.

□ *Indigo Bay Resort*



*Indigo Bay Resort*



*Wildlife at Phinda Private Game Reserve*

**Days 11 and 12: Wednesday and Thursday,  
September 9 and 10, 2009**

**Phinda Private Game Reserve, Zululand**

This morning we board our waiting private airliner to fly to the Phinda Private Game Reserve, landing first at Vilanculos to clear Mozambique customs and at Richard's Bay, Zululand to clear South African customs and immigration.

Phinda Private Game Reserve is situated in the lush Maputaland region in northern KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Bordering the iSimangaliso/Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park – another World Heritage Site – Phinda comprises 55,000 acres of prime conservation land. Seven distinct habitats shelter an abundance of wildlife including Africa's Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, black and white rhino, buffalo) and over 380 bird species.

Phinda Forest Lodge is set deep in the heart of a rare dry sand forest, the spectacular stilted suites of this award-winning safari lodge are an exemplary exercise in building eco-sensitive structures with a light footprint. You will wake up to the sight of graceful nyala and duiker browsing in the foliage of the sand forest right outside the glass walls of your private suite. Inventively designed in what is often called "Zulu-Zen," each suite is a combination of glass, wood and minimalist design incorporating high-gloss wooden floors and crimson Zulu artifacts. Each spacious bungalow is tucked away at the end of a private sandy

path. All are air-conditioned with private viewing decks and luxurious en suite bathrooms. The lodge has a sparkling rim-flow swimming pool and a crafts gallery with a range of local Zulu crafts and artwork. Delicious Pan-African cuisine is served on the deck overlooking the grassy plains or in the boma illuminated by dozens of candles and lanterns.

You can look forward to exciting twice-daily interpretive game-drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles, and nature walks led by experienced rangers and Zulu trackers.

□ *Phinda Forest Lodge*



*Phinda Forest Lodge*

**Days 13 and 14 Friday and Saturday,  
September 11 and 12, 2009**  
**Zulu King's Reed Dance,  
Kwa Nyokeni Royal Palace, Zululand**

By special invitation of His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelethini, our party will attend the colorful cultural festival of Umkhosi woMhlanga, the King's Reed Dance, as VIP guests of the king.

Steeped in the history of the rise of the Zulu kingdom under the great King Shaka, the Reed Dance festival is an annual coming-out celebration for the youth of the Zulu nation. A dignified traditional ceremony, the festival performs the role of unifying the Zulu nation and the king, who presides over the ceremony. The Reed Dance is also a vibrant, festive occasion depicting the rich cultural heritage of the Kingdom of the Zulu and celebrating the proud origin of the Zulu people.

The Reed Dance ceremony has been celebrated by countless generations of Zulus, and is enjoying a renaissance under the present King. Led by senior Zulu women, including queens and princesses, the Reed Dance promotes purity among the virgin girls and respect for women. Only virgins are allowed to participate in the rituals of the festival. This is an important means of promoting traditional Zulu culture and virtue, and also an effective method of reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS in young people.

Girls from throughout the Zulu Kingdom prepare for this event with great excitement. The day before the event, the girls converge near the King's Palace. On the day of the reed dance, thousands of maidens, together with senior women of the community, converge on the



*Zulu Dancers*

banks of a nearby river. Here the girls ritually bathe in the river and adorn themselves with beautiful traditional beadwork made especially for the occasion. Each virgin chooses a long reed to represent her purity. More than twenty thousand maidens then join a spectacular procession to the royal Enyokeni Palace, where each girl presents her reed to the king at a dance enjoyed by the king, the royal family and invited guests.

We will have privileged access to the ceremony and the King's other VIP guests. We will have our own hospitality tent with refreshments for our party and Zulu guests who we invite to join us. English-speaking Zulu hosts will be selected to explain the ceremony to our guests, and to facilitate discussions between ourselves and Zulu community leaders.

At the conclusion of the festivities, we will retire to the uMuzi homestead, secured for the exclusive use of our expedition group. This traditional Zulu Kraal in the eMakhosini Valley – the Valley of the Kings – is carefully reconstructed with classic Zulu huts. Here we will enjoy a traditional Zulu feast, along with Western food for the less adventurous. Choosing authenticity over luxury, each hut has two comfortable twin beds and an en-suite bathroom with an indoor toilet and shower.

□ *uMuzi Bush Camp*



*Zulu warriors battle dance*



*The Drakensberg Mountains*

**Day 15: Sunday, September 13, 2009**  
**Fly along the Drakensberg Mountains and Transkei Wild Coast to Plettenberg Bay, Cape Garden Route, South Africa.**

This day we embark on a spectacular flight from Ulundi, along the face of the serenely beautiful Drakensberg Mountains, and down the Eastern Cape coast to the Cape Garden Route. On the way to Plettenberg Bay, we will fly along the remote cliffs of the Transkei Wild Coast where rivers cascade into the sea. Known for its ancient hardwood forests, impenetrable mountain ranges and spectacular coasts, the Garden Route has been one of South Africa's favorite retreats for 200 years.

The Plettenberg is a 5-star Relais & Chateaux Hotel built on a rocky headland with breathtaking vistas of the sea, mountains and miles of golden sand in one of the most spectacular resorts in Africa – Plettenberg Bay.

We have reserved luxury ocean-view rooms. All are air-conditioned and offer a truly idyllic and indulgent experience. The hotel has two swimming pools, one of which is heated, and both visually flow into the ocean below. Other hotel facilities include an award-winning wine cellar stocked with a selection of the best local wines, and a Collection McGrath boutique – offering a unique selection of specialty items and clothing from the area. Supper will be at The Plettenberg, with guests from the town of Plettenberg Bay.

□ *The Plettenberg*



*The Plettenberg*

**Day 16: Monday, September 14, 2009**  
**Plettenberg Bay, South Africa**

You'll want to keep your eyes open for sightings of dolphins and whales in the bay from the hotel terraces. Lunch and supper will be included at The Plettenberg, or you may choose to Dine Around. For the more adventurous, a luxury coach and local guide will take us on a whale-watching boat expedition led by a marine biologist. This will be followed by lunch in the historic town of Knysna. After lunch we visit a primate reserve before returning to The Plettenberg. This evening we will dine at a fine Plettenberg Bay restaurant.

□ *The Plettenberg*

**Day 17: Tuesday, September 15, 2009**  
**Safari Ostrich Farm, Oudtshoorn, Klein Karoo Desert**

Today we take a short scenic flight over the coastal mountain range to Oudtshoorn in the Karoo desert. Commercial ostrich farming began during the 1880s in South Africa, starting the ostrich industry worldwide. Fashion demand in Europe for ostrich feathers inspired the growth of the industry, with the Oudtshoorn district quickly being established as the Ostrich capital of the world. During the first decade of the previous century, ostrich feathers gained record prices on foreign markets, ranking 4th on the list of South African exports, after gold, diamonds and wool. The consequence of this newly found opulence meant that ostrich farmers were able to build beautiful sandstone mansions.

Safari Ostrich Show Farm was established by 4th generation ostrich farmers. One of the owners, Ida Lipchitz, will host us as special guests and treat us to a rare tour of her homestead, the Ostrich Palace “Welgeluk” which was built at the height of the feather boom in 1910. Welgeluk is a national monument and a superb example of the eclectic architecture in fashion at the time.

Safari is an operating farm where we will see large flocks of ostriches at different stages of development in the surrounding fields. We will learn about every aspect of ostrich farming, from breeding to rearing. In the breeding camp we will get to test the strength of the eggs by standing on them – a great photo opportunity. Those who are brave enough can even try their hand at riding an ostrich!

Before we enjoy the special VIP lunch that Ida has promised for us, we will visit Safari’s Ostrich Gallery



*The Cellars-Hohenort Hotel*

which contains some of the finest ostrich leather articles to be found anywhere.

After lunch we return to our waiting DC-3 for the last flight of this expedition. We will cross the coastal mountain range to drop down over False Bay (where Great White sharks have been known to explode from the ocean to swallow whole seals) then fly around the Riviera-like western coast of the Cape Peninsula to cross Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years. Here we will experience the best view of Table Mountain and Cape Town before landing at Cape Town International airport.

A 40-minute transfer along the foothills of Table Mountain takes us to the Constantia wine lands, where we bid farewell to our flight crew over dinner at the serene 5-star Relais & Chateaux Cellars-Hohenort Hotel.

□ *The Cellars-Hohenort Hotel*



*Ostriches at the Safari Ostrich Farm*



*The Safari Ostrich Farm Palace*



*Flying over Cape Town*

**Days 18 and 19: Wednesday and Thursday, September 16 and 17, 2009**  
**Cape Peninsula, South Africa**

This morning we meet our Cape Town host, Peter Fiske. Peter is a lifetime Cape Town resident, world traveler, connoisseur of music and literature, ardent fly-fisherman and extraordinary font of knowledge about African history, politics and culture. Peter will accompany us during the remainder of our visit to the Cape Town region.

On the first two full days in Cape Town, Peter Fiske and Loel Fenwick will show you the best of the Cape peninsula. In addition to a tour of the Cape Peninsula and the Cape Wine Lands, Peter is planning a wide choice of exclusive excursions to places that few visitors see.

Choices include a private tasting of award-winning wines at a famous vineyard (arranged by Africa's top sommelier, who reigns at The Cellars), a visit with members of the Cape Malay and Xhosa communities, a visit to the spectacular Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, or a day at leisure in the city.

Arrangements will be flexible to accommodate the Cape's famously changeable weather. Peter Fiske will also offer a number of choices to satisfy individual interests, suggesting activities and places that can be visited independently.

During our visit to the Cape, we will have a luxury coach at our disposal throughout each day and evening, until we return to the hotel after supper. Lunch will be

at selected restaurants in the region. On Thursday evening we will gather for a festive farewell dinner.

□ *The Cellars-Hohenort Hotel*

**Day 20: Friday, September 18, 2009**

On this last day in Africa, breakfast will again be at The Cellars-Hohenort Hotel before we take our coach to the Table Bay Waterfront, which is a vibrant cosmopolitan gathering place in the heart of a working harbor. Peter and Loel will be glad to accompany you on your exploration of this bustling shopping district (a wide selection of African arts and crafts is available), with entertainment and a maritime museum. We will gather for lunch at a Waterfront restaurant before taking our coach to Cape Town Airport for outgoing flights.



*The Cellars-Hohenort Hotel*

# Travel Planning Details

The 19-night By Royal Invitation expedition begins in Johannesburg on August 30th, 2009, and ends in Cape Town on September 18th, 2009.

Price per person is \$34,900, based on two people sharing a room. Airfares within the expedition are included. Airfare to and from South Africa is additional. Check with Travcoa for special international airfares and single supplement.

## Expedition Pace

Fast-paced travel, moderate physical activity.

## Expectations and Eligibility

All guests are expected to be in good health. This journey is fast-paced, with travel every one or two days. Moderate exertion, including long walks and climbing stairs is sometimes an integral part of this expedition. Flying aboard a classic airliner and aboard small aircraft is required. This expedition will have many early mornings and late nights, with occasional down time in the middle of the day.



Farewell group photo

## Private Expeditions

Private custom flying safari expeditions can also be planned for 4 to 18 guests. This option is ideal for small groups of family or friends, and it enables you to choose the places, itineraries and departure dates that are most interesting to you. Please contact a Travcoa journey planner at 800.992.2005.

## Rendezvous and Schedule Points

Below are the times and locations where the expedition officially begins and ends. Travcoa is pleased to provide arrival and departure transfers between the designated airport city and the rendezvous location when confirmed flight details are provided with final payment.

### Sunday, September 20, 2009.

Leave home for 19-day expedition

### Day 1: Sunday, August 30, 2009 Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa.

Rendezvous Point: *Westcliff Hotel*, Johannesburg, before cocktails and supper.

Journey accommodations begin with the hotel night of Day 1.

Check-in from 2 pm.

Included meal services begin with refreshments after 2pm on Day 1.

### Day 20 Friday, September 18, 2009 Depart Cape Town, South Africa.

Farewell Point: Cape Town Airport, 3:30 pm.

Journey accommodations end with the hotel night of Day 19.

## YOUR TRAVCOA EXPEDITION INCLUDES:

- Deluxe accommodations
- Three meals per day, including our unique Dine-Around program that lets you enjoy any restaurant you choose with à la carte dining, or relax with room service when available\*
- Expedition Staff
- Local sightseeing with professional English-speaking guides with unparalleled knowledge, including entrance fees for places visited
- Active participation and up-close encounters to experience the cultures of your journey
- Bottled water, soft drinks, coffee and tea included with meals; bottled water during sightseeing excursions
- Gratuities to all staff except for the Expedition Leader\*\*
- Group or individual airport transfers on arrival and departure flights
- The TravcoAssist Travel Protection Plan, including emergency medical evacuation insurance coverage for injury or illness, and 24-hour Worldwide Live Travel Assistance through Travel Guard Assistance

*\* Due to remote or undeveloped locations on some journeys, accommodations may not always meet Western standards. Dine-Around opportunities will be limited in remote or unsecured locations.*

## THE COST OF YOUR JOURNEY DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International Air transportation; airport taxes; passport expenses
- Inoculations and medications
- Visas if required
- Alcoholic beverages (except as noted in itinerary) and caviar
- Expenses of guides, buses or cars for sightseeing or activities not included in the itinerary
- Laundry, expenses of a personal nature and gratuity for any personal services
- Health, accident, baggage and trip cancellation insurance
- Excessive baggage charges imposed by airlines
- TravcoAssist GOLD Protection (optional additional coverage)

*\*\*Your expedition leader suggests contributing to a benefit fund to be distributed according to the wishes of the expedition group in lieu of a gratuity.*

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