

## *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 setting 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 through 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 Westcliff 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 game runs here, 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 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 a 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 Mara Explorer 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 2008: Per Person		
Land Arrangements (per person)	April & May	Balance of Year
Double Occupancy	\$13,875	\$16,875
Single Supplement	\$2,790	\$3,475
Internal Airfare ( <i>business class sectors available; please enquire</i> )	\$3,995	\$3,995

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

Private-Use Vehicle Supplement	
Per person from	\$1,995

Sample Airfare from New York to Cape Town returning from Nairobi to New York	
Economy Class from	\$1,450
Business Class from	\$5,380

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:	\$435	Zanzibar:	\$2,070
Lend a Helping Hand:	\$495	Kilimanjaro:	\$3,950

**Tour Dates: Every date is a guaranteed departure.**  
**2008 Departure Dates (From USA)**

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

2009 Departure Dates (New rates and dates may apply)							
Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return
Jan 07	– Jan 23*	Mar 04	– Mar 20	Apr 29	– May 15	Jun 24	– Jul 10
Jan 14	– Jan 30	Mar 11	– Mar 27	May 06	– May 22	Jul 01	– Jul 17
Jan 21	– Feb 06	Mar 18	– Apr 03	May 13	– May 29	Jul 08	– Jul 24
Jan 28	– Feb 13	Mar 25	– Apr 10	May 20	– Jun 05	Jul 15	– Jul 31
Feb 04	– Feb 20	Apr 01	– Apr 17	May 27	– Jun 12	Jul 22	– Aug 07
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Feb 25	– Mar 13	Apr 22	– May 08	Jun 17	– Jul 03	Aug 12	– Aug 28

\*Holiday supplement may apply.