

Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

Southern Africa

June 24 to July 6, 2022

Fly from Cape Town to Botswana's Okavango Delta, visit the incomparable Victoria Falls in Zambia and fly to South Africa's private Sabi Sands Game Reserve. In Cape Town, we visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison. Near the Cape of Good Hope, observe African penguins, also called jackass penguins for their loud, donkey-like bray. Cruise down the Zambezi River in the wake of the legendary Scottish explorer to view the massive Victoria Falls. Search for the "Big Five" game animals in the marshlands of Botswana's Okavango Delta and the grasslands of South Africa's private Sabi Sands Game Reserve.

FACULTY LEADER

Dmitri Petrov

Dmitri Petrov is a professor of biology at Stanford. Born in Russia, he received his MSc in physics and biology from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology and his PhD in evolutionary genetics from Harvard University. After doing a stint as a junior fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows, he came to Stanford as a professor in 2000. Dmitri's research is focused on the genetics of rapid adaptive evolutionary change in a range of organisms, from viruses to elephants. He is the founding director of the Program for Conservation Genomics at Stanford, which develops genomic technology to assist with conservation efforts and fighting the illegal wildlife trade, especially in Southern and East Africa. He does research with lions, elephants, black rhinos and African wild dogs—all animals we hope to see during our trip.

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Friday, June 24

Cape Town, South Africa

Arrive in Cape Town. Home to Table Mountain and overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Cape Town is often described as one of the world's most beautiful cities, boasting beaches, mountains and plenty of greenery. It's also a rare cultural gem whose cuisines, languages and cultures reflect the rich diversity of Cape Town's unique population. Transfer to our hotel, then gather this evening for an orientation and welcome reception before dinner. TABLE BAY HOTEL (D)

Saturday, June 25

Cape Town / Cape of Good Hope / Boulders Beach

Travel along the Atlantic seaboard to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, within which lie the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point promontories. Here the windswept terrain and soaring cliffs showcase the reserve's distinctive fauna and flora. Take the funicular to Cape Point, the tip of the reserve, which offers a dramatic vista southward over the Atlantic Ocean. Visit the colony of endangered African penguins at Boulders Beach before returning to Cape Town. TABLE BAY HOTEL (B,L)

Sunday, June 26

Cape Town / Robben Island

Today board a boat in Table Bay for the short trip to Robben Island, well-known during the struggle against apartheid for its detention of many political leaders and activists, including Nelson Mandela, who spent 18 of his 27 years as a prisoner here. During our tour of the prison—which was abandoned in 1991, was formally closed in 1996 and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site—we'll view the cell occupied by Mandela, as well as the cells of other noted anti-apartheid activists. TABLE BAY HOTEL (B,L)

Monday, June 27

Cape Town / Maun, Botswana / Okavango Delta

This morning fly to Maun, then take chartered bush planes to exclusive tented safari camps in the Okavango Delta. The two camps available to us for the next two nights, Xakanaxa (pronounced "ka-ka-na-ka") and Moremi, situated in the heart of the Moremi Game Reserve on the banks of the Khwai River, make the perfect bases from which to experience Okavango Delta safari experiences on both land and water. This afternoon go on our first ride in search of the Big Five—elephants, rhinos, Cape buffalo, lions and leopards—or simply enjoy the peaceful surroundings of our lodgings. XAKANAXA AND MOREMI GAME LODGES (B,L,D)

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 28 & 29

Okavango Delta

Spend two full days discovering the riches of the Okavango Delta, one of the world's greatest unspoiled wildernesses. On our game drives and river safaris, view spectacular landscapes and wildlife, including elephants, hippos, lions, hyenas and more than 400 species of birds. XAKANAXA AND MOREMI GAME LODGES (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

Thursday, June 30

Okavango Delta / Kasane / Victoria Falls, Zambia

This morning board chartered bush planes bound for Kasane, then drive across the border into Zambia and transfer to our hotel, located in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park and overlooking the Zambezi River, with direct access to the incomparable Victoria Falls. After lunch spend time at leisure before delighting in an evening sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. ROYAL LIVINGSTONE VICTORIA FALLS ZAMBIA HOTEL (B,L)

Friday, July 1

Victoria Falls

After breakfast get a close-up look at Victoria Falls. Measuring one mile wide, these magnificent falls drop between 295 feet and 350 feet into the Batoka Gorge. An average of 1,804,000 cubic feet of water pours over the falls every minute, and they are known locally as "the smoke that thunders." The constant mist creates a tropical rain forest-like cloud visible from the winding footpath along the falls' rim. The afternoon is free to further explore the area on our own. ROYAL LIVINGSTONE VICTORIA FALLS ZAMBIA HOTEL (B,L)

Saturday, July 2

Livingstone / Sabi Sands Game Reserve

This morning board a flight from Livingstone to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, located near the town of Mbombela, South Africa. Upon arrival, transfer to Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge in the Sabi Sands Game Reserve, one of the first private game reserves in South Africa, which abuts the southwestern border of Kruger National Park. Check in to our luxury lodge and learn about the many safari activities that will be available to us during our stay. SABI SABI BUSH LODGE (B,L,D)

Sunday & Monday, July 3 & 4

Sabi Sands Game Reserve

Enjoy two delightful days exploring the African bush and relaxing at our lodge. Sharing an unfenced border with Kruger National Park, Sabi Sands Game Reserve offers exceptional game viewing, with plentiful opportunities to see the Big Five; the reserve is said to have the highest number of recorded leopard sightings. In addition to early-morning and late-afternoon safaris with our lodge's well-versed and intuitive rangers and trackers, activities include guided bush walks, moonlit bush dinners, guided stargazing trips and birdwatching. On Sunday celebrate the conclusion of our Africa adventure with a farewell dinner. SABI SABI BUSH LODGE (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

Tuesday & Wednesday, July 5 & 6

Sabi Sands Game Reserve / Johannesburg / Home

After one last safari this morning, board a charter flight bound for Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport, where we connect to flights home. (B-7/5)

INFORMATION

Covid-19 and Travel

Due to the fluid nature of travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions, travel protocols for our program will be shared closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's general approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit <https://alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/covidtravel>.

Size

This trip is limited to 37 participants. Single accommodations are limited.

Cost*

\$15,795 per person, double occupancy

\$18,995 per person, single occupancy

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

Included

- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- 5 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations and 6 nights of deluxe safari camp accommodations
- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 7 dinners
- Welcome reception
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- 4 internal flights: Cape Town/Maun/Okavango Delta, Okavango Delta/Kasane, Livingstone/Mbombela, Sabi Sands/Johannesburg
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance

Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

What to Expect

We consider this program to be moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding and busy. Daily programs involve one to three miles of walking, often on uneven terrain. Open-air vehicles are used on safari. Safaris may last several hours at a time and can be dusty and bumpy, as roads in the parks are unpaved. Our safari days, in particular, start early. We expect that participants will be a self-selecting group, people who are seeking a true adventure and whose interest in the places we visit far outweighs the need for creature comforts. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. The nonmember fee is waived for anyone traveling as a paid guest of a current member, as well as for emerita or emeritus faculty and staff. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership>.

Deposits, Payments and Cancellations

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and we resell your place(s), in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian residents with general medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to

provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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