



South Africa!

with Joe Lamp'l
PLUS... VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

November 6 - 16, 2024



Check Africa off your bucket list with garden host Joe Lamp'l and prepare for the experience of a lifetime to a destination unlike any other. On this small group expedition, you'll visit the amazing Cape Floral Region, one of only six floral kingdoms in the world. The region supports over 9,000 plant species, 70% of which are found nowhere else on the planet.

Along the way, you'll enjoy the stunning beauty of Cape Town, a breathtaking cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain and the biodiversity and landscape of the Cape of Good Hope. A special visit to Mandela's prison on Robben Island and a musical event featuring the music of South Africa have also been reserved for you. In addition, you'll visit multiple gardens including Kirstenbosch Botanical gardens. Your journey culminates at a first-class safari lodge where you'll ride in an open jeep into the African bush to view lions, giraffes, rhinos, elephants and more. A post-tour extension to Botswana and Victoria Falls is also available. Join garden loving friends and discover South Africa! Space is limited.



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JOURNEY OVERVIEW

4 Nights historic Cape Town, Floral Kingdom

3 Nights Franschhoek, Wine Country

3 Nights in Pilanesberg National Park at a Safari Lodge

**Post tour extension to Botswana and Victoria Falls available*



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

The Cape Floral Region * Stellenberg and Vergelegen Gardens and Estate * Rustenburg Gardens and Estate * Babylonstoren Gardens * An event featuring the music of South Africa * Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens * Table Mountain * A tour of Nelson Mandela's prison at Robben Island * Wine tastings * Visits to lush, colorful gardens * Visit to the District Six Museum in Cape Town * Four game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicle with expert trackers

IT'S INCLUDED

- With garden host, Joe Lamp'l
- Guided by an Earthbound Expedition leader
- Accompanied by expert local guides
- Multiple garden visits with local experts
- Domestic flight while in South Africa (Cape Town to Johannesburg)
- All services as specified in your custom itinerary
- All breakfasts, plus twelve additional multi-course meals
- Accommodation in superior four and five-star hotels and lodges
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned vehicles including qualified drivers
- Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated
- Gratuities for your drivers and guides for base trip (excludes park rangers and hotel staff)
- A suggested reading list
- An informational pre-trip gathering

TRIP FACTS

11 Days/10 Nights (*excluding air travel dates*)

\$7,395 per person, double occupancy

\$1,995 single supplement

November 6: Journey officially begins at 6pm in Cape Town

November 16: Journey ends at Johannesburg airport (arrive USA November 17)

November 18: Post-tour extension to Victoria Falls ends at Johannesburg airport (arrive USA November 19)

November 21: Post-tour extension to Victoria Falls *and* Botswana ends at Johannesburg airport (arrive USA November 22)



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"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Nelson Mandela

Your Adventure Begins!

Day 0: Depart US for Cape Town, South Africa

Day 1: November 6: Arrive in Cape Town

Plan to meet host Joe Lamp'l, along with your Earthbound Expeditions guide along with fellow travelers at the hotel for introductions and a welcome orientation. *Sleep in Cape Town*

Day 2: November 7: Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and Stellenberg Manor Gardens

After breakfast, we tour majestic Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens – undoubtedly the most breathtaking garden in South Africa.

After lunch, our journey continues to the historic Stellenberg Gardens. This Cape Dutch homestead was built in 1697 and has played many roles during its long and interesting history: farm dwelling, manor house, country retreat, patrician residence, provincial heritage site and much-loved family home. Today, the manor house and gardens have been lovingly restored. Enjoy dinner this evening together on the wharf.

Sleep in Cape Town (B, D)



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Day 3: November 8: Robben Island and the Rustenburg Gardens and Estate

It's a short walk from your hotel to the jetty at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, where we will board the ferry for notorious Robben Island. For nearly 400 years, Robben Island, 12 kilometers from Cape Town, was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. It was here that rulers sent those they regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society.

During the apartheid years, Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality. The duty of those who ran the Island and its prison was to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. Some freedom fighters spent more than a quarter of a century in prison for their beliefs. Those imprisoned on the Island succeeded on a psychological and political level in turning a prison 'hell-hole' into a symbol of freedom and personal liberation. Robben Island came to symbolize, not only for South Africa and the African continent, but also for the entire world, the triumph of the human spirit over enormous hardship and adversity. Today, you will be escorted around the island by an ex-political prisoner.

Return to the Cape waterfront and enjoy an independent lunch followed by an excursion to Rustenburg Gardens. Dinner is included tonight on the wharf.

Sleep in Cape Town (B, D)





Day 4: November 9: An outing to the Cape of Good Hope

We'll drive past the pristine beaches of Camps Bay, Clifton and Llandudno - currently the hottest real estate in the world - to Hout Bay, a functioning harbor and heart of the local crayfish industry. From the harbor of Hout Bay to the rocky coastline and Chapman's Peak, there are magnificent views of the sandy bays below.

After a stop for lunch, it's on to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, where we have a funicular ride to the scenic viewing point where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans' currents meet. The spectacular sea and mountain views are reason enough to make the 41-mile trip from Cape Town. Amid the rocky landscape, home to mountain zebra, eland and ostriches, blooms magnificent Cape flora.

Continuing along the coastline, we arrive at beautiful Boulders Beach, where you can sit among a colony of penguins. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy an evening dinner together. *Sleep in Cape Town (B, D)*



The Cape Floristic Region: One of its most remarkable - and best kept - secrets, is the incredible diversity of plant species found in the Cape Floral Kingdom (or the Cape Floristic Region) on the country's Western Cape.

One of only six floral kingdoms in the world and unique to this small area, the region supports over 9,000 plant species, 70% of which are found nowhere else on the planet. These include exquisite species such as the King Protea (South Africa's national flower) and the Exotic Pincushion.



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Vergelegen Gardens and Estate

Days 5 & 6: November 10 & 11: Discover the Stellenbosch Wine Country

During the course of the next two days we will visit multiple stunning gardens and vineyards. One of our favorites is the historic Vergelegen Gardens and Estate, established by Governor Willem Adriaan van der Stel in the beginning of the 18th century. Beautifully restored, the estate consists of a well-preserved Dutch manor house, outbuildings with a famous octagonal garden, a rose garden, a white garden and a wonderful herb garden.

Vergelegen has been a gardener's paradise from the time the land was first farmed by Governor Willem Adriaan van der Stel in 1700. Willem Adriaan was also a botanist, forester and a horticulturist and wrote *The African Gardeners' and Agriculturists' Calendar*. Much of which he wrote centuries ago is still relevant to this day. Evidence of his interests is still visible at Vergelegen: the five camphor trees he imported from the East (declared historical monuments) gracing the front of the Homestead, the oldest oak tree in South Africa and an ancient mulberry tree. Van der Stel recognized the terroir as suitable for vines and Vergelegen wines are now universally accepted as outstanding.

While here, you'll enjoy wine tastings, markets and charming historic towns.

Sleep in Franschhoek (B, D)



Day 7: November 12: The Splendid Cape Winelands and Babylonstoren Gardens

Stellenbosch, known as the "village of the oaks", is the second oldest town in South Africa and is today a vibrant university town. Admire the charm and harmony of Cape Dutch architecture, unique to South Africa, as you walk through the shady oak avenues bounded by the water furrows of the Mill Stream. On our morning walk we'll visit the Village Museum, which comprises four houses, each depicting a different period in the early history of the Cape. After a bit of time for shopping and a visit to a local café, we set off to explore the vineyards surrounding Stellenbosch. We will also visit Babylonstoren Gardens.

These gardens comprise 15 clusters spanning vegetable areas, stone and pome fruits, nuts, citrus, berries, bees, herbs, ducks and chickens, a prickly pear maze, and more. Gravity feeds water from a stream by rills into the garden, flowing through ponds planted with edible lotus, nymphaea lilies and waterblommetjies. Every one of the more than 300 varieties of plants in the garden is edible or has medicinal value. Lunch and a wine tasting at a vineyard will be included this afternoon. *Sleep in Franschhoek (B, L)*

Day 8: November 13: Fly North to Your Safari Lodge

This morning we say goodbye to our Cape guide and board a flight north for Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg Airport, we will be met by an Earthbound Expeditions guide and transferred to our 4-star lodge in the Pilanesberg National Park. A traditional lunch will be served in Soweto, and dinner will be upon arrival at the lodge.

Sleep in Pilanesberg National Park at Ivory Tree Game Lodge (B, L, D)

ABOUT IVORY TREE GAME LODGE



Tucked in the expanses of the malaria-free Pilanesberg National Park, Ivory Tree Lodge offers the best of both worlds when combining the peaceful bush environment with luxury and comfort. The lodge offers plush rooms, each with air-conditioning, DSTV, and en-suite bathrooms. The rooms are decorated to reflect the mood and ambience of the bush and are equipped with the necessary amenities to ensure supreme comfort. Enjoy a fine dinner in the restaurant terrace overlooking the vastness of the game reserve. **Note: Pilanesberg is reportedly a Malaria free park.**



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Days 9 and 10: November 14 and 15: Africa's Big 5

Not even two shots of espresso will wake you up like a 6:00am game drive into the African Bush! Accompanied by a park ranger, you'll travel in an open 4X4 jeep in pursuit of lions, giraffes, hippos, rhinos and more. Upon your return to the lodge each day, enjoy a delicious breakfast. Four game drives, two per day, are included.

Grab a good book this afternoon and lay by the pool or enjoy a siesta. Around 4:00pm, set off on another three-hour game drive in search of more wildlife. Following one of the evening safaris, you will enjoy a fabulous outdoor dinner on the terrace overlooking the park. *Sleep in Pilanesberg National Park at Ivory Tree Game Lodge (B, D)*

About Pilanesberg National Park

The Pilanesberg National Park is malaria-free and borders on the entertainment complex of Sun City. It is almost perfectly circular because it comprises the area of a 1.3-billion-year-old volcano crater with a small lake in the center. The park exists within the transition zone between the dry Kalahari and wetter Lowveld vegetation, commonly referred to as "Bushveld". Unlike any other large park, unique overlaps of mammals, birds and vegetation occur because of this transition zone. Virtually all the animal species of southern Africa exist here, including healthy populations of lion, black and white rhino, elephant, buffalo and leopard - Africa's "Big Five." Bird watching is excellent with over 300 species recorded. The park offers a number of wonderful picnic spots, numerous hiding spots for game watching, huge walk-in aviaries, safe hiking trails, safari drives at night and flights over the park in a hot-air balloon. **Note: Pilanesberg is reportedly a Malaria free park.**



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Day 11: November 16: Depart South Africa for the USA or Continue Your Journey to Victoria Falls and Botswana: For those travelers returning to the US today, there is time this morning to enjoy a third game drive (at your own expense). In the early afternoon you will be transferred by coach from the lodge back to Johannesburg Airport. On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport, connect with your scheduled international flight back to the USA. (B, L)

Note: For those travelers participating in the post-tour extensions, your flight to Victoria Falls will depart this morning.

Day 12: November 17: Arrive home with a lifetime of memories!

Meet Your Host!



Joe Lamp'1 is the host and executive producer of the Emmy Award-winning national series *Growing a Greener World* on PBS, currently airing in 96% of the US and in 38 countries. He has been featured on NBC's *Today Show*, ABC's *Good Morning America*, The Weather Channel, and the DIY Network.

Joe has been the recipient of The American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award, which recognizes effective and inspirational communication, as well as the Garden Writers Association Gold Award for Best On-Air Talent, and more.

Joe has traveled the US and beyond showing people beautiful gardens and, more importantly, telling the stories of the people behind those gardens. Joe aims to highlight the heroes doing great things for the plant through organic gardening, green living, small farming, and simple yet significant ways to lighten their footprint on this planet.

Joe lives with his family on their north Atlanta, Georgia farm.

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VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION

(Space is Limited!)

November 16 - 18, 2024

VICTORIA FALLS 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2 Nights Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

\$1,995 per person double occupancy

\$595 Single Supplement

INCLUDED IN POST TOUR EXTENSION

- Regional round trip airfare Johannesburg-Victoria Falls
- Airport transfers to and from the hotel in air-conditioned vehicles
- All services as specified: breakfasts and dinners while at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge
- Zambezi evening river cruise and guided walking tour of the falls
- Sight-seeing as per itinerary led by a qualified English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated above
- Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Porterage for one reasonable size bag per person



PACKAGE EXCLUDES

Gratuities for your post-tour guides and hotel staff * Items of a personal nature

such as laundry, telephone calls, etc. * Cost of obtaining passports or visa *

Some meals not mentioned * Alcoholic beverages * Travel insurance *

Airline baggage fees * Any items not mentioned in Included section or itinerary



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Day 11: November 16: Transfer to Victoria Falls

Today you will be transferred to Johannesburg airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival at Victoria Falls airport, you will be met by an Earthbound local guide and transferred directly to your hotel at the falls, where a welcome drink and brief orientation have been arranged for you. Relax by the pool or wander the beautiful grounds of the hotel. Enjoy an included dinner this evening.

Sleep at Victoria Falls (B, D)

Day 12: November 17: A Day in Victoria Falls

After breakfast, you'll go on a tour of Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The Falls are 1690m wide and have a maximum drop of 103m (the average drop is 92m). This immense curtain of water is broken up by small islands on the lip of the falls. These islands effectively break the falls into smaller falls, which are known as (from the Zambian side to Zimbabwe side) the Eastern Cataract, the Rainbow Falls, the Horseshoe Falls and the Main Falls.

"Rainforests" on either side of the river are sustained entirely by the spray of the falls. There is a paved path which leads onto the Knife Edge Bridge for a spectacular view up the main gorge and the Eastern Cataract, and numerous other paths which give different views of the falls and the bridge.

Late in the afternoon, take a Sundowner Cruise along the mighty Zambezi River above the falls. Enjoy a drink while cruising slowly on the river, viewing the wildlife from a unique vantage point. You're sure to see hippo and elephants, a variety of other wildlife and birds. Your guides will be on hand to describe the flora and fauna.

Sleep at Victoria Falls (B, D)

Day 13: November 18: Victoria Falls to the USA via Johannesburg or...continue on to Botswana! This morning you will be transferred by road back to Victoria Falls Airport where you will take your return flight to Johannesburg.

Please Note: Have your Multiple Entry Visa ready for the Zimbabwe border and USD \$25 cash per person for the Airport Departure Tax upon leaving Zimbabwe. (Departure taxes are subject to change without notice). Upon arrival in Johannesburg, proceed to the international terminal for your flight back home. (B)

Day 14: November 19: Arrive home with Lifetime of Memories!



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VICTORIA FALLS + BOTSWANA EXTENSION

(Space is Limited!)

November 16 - 21, 2024

CHOBE AND VICTORIA FALLS 6 DAYS/ 5 NIGHTS

2 Nights Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

3 Nights Chobe National Park, Botswana

\$3,795 per person double occupancy

\$1,699 Single Supplement

INCLUDED IN POST TOUR EXTENSION

- Round trip airfare Johannesburg to Victoria Falls and via road to Botswana
- Fully guided by informative local guides
- Two river cruises, one at Victoria Falls and one in Chobe
- Three morning safari drives in Chobe National Park
- All services as specified: breakfast and dinners in Victoria Falls. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner while in Chobe
- Accommodation in four and five-star hotels and lodges
- Transportation in air-conditioned vehicles, including qualified drivers
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Enjoy evening wildlife cruises on the Chobe River

POST-TOUR EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS –VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

Zambezi River cruise * Victoria Falls and surrounding rainforest * Early morning safaris and sunset evening cruise in Chobe National Park, Botswana, home to 450 species of birds and the largest concentration of elephants in Africa.

PACKAGE EXCLUDES

Gratuities for your post-tour guides and trackers and hotel staff * Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc. * Cost of obtaining passports or visa * Some meals not mentioned * Alcoholic beverages * Travel insurance * Airline baggage fees

ABOUT CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA

Chobe is your gateway to a truly unique African wildlife experience. The park is ideally situated for exploration of the surrounding areas. It is only 50 miles from the Victoria Falls and is the second largest national park in Botswana and covers 10,566 square kilometers. The park has one of the greatest concentrations of game found on the African continent. Its uniqueness in the abundance of wildlife and the true African nature of the region, offers a safari experience of a lifetime. A major feature of Chobe National Park is its elephant population. The Chobe elephant comprises part of what is probably the largest surviving continuous elephant population. This population covers most of northern Botswana plus northwestern Zimbabwe. Botswana's elephant population is currently estimated at around 120,000.



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Day 11: November 16: Transfer to Victoria Falls

Enjoy a final day in the African bush with another early morning game drive, then transfer via road to Victoria Falls. Upon arrival at your hotel, you will be met by a local guide where a welcome drink and brief orientation have been arranged for you. Relax by the pool or wander the beautiful grounds of the hotel. Enjoy an included dinner this evening. *Sleep at Victoria Falls (B, D)*

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Sleep at Victoria Falls (B, D)

Day 13: November 18: Transfer to Chobe, Botswana via Victoria Falls Airport

Today you will be transferred to Johannesburg airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival at the Victoria Falls airport, you will be met by an outstanding Earthbound local guide and transferred by private coach to your lodge in Kasane, Botswana. *Sleep at Chobe National Park. (B, D)*

Days 14 & 15: November 19 & 20: Days in the African Bush

Enjoy daily, early morning game drives and return to the lodge for brunch. Spend the afternoons relaxing at the pool, enjoying the gardens and views of the river or exploring the local town. This evening, bring your camera! You will witness the vast herds and abundant wildlife as you enjoy a game drive from the lodge into the national park in open safari vehicles. The game drives follow the routes along the Chobe riverfront, which supports the greatest abundance of wildlife in the game park. On the last evening, you will enjoy a relaxing late afternoon cruise for a completely different perspective on the wildlife you have been viewing from land. *Sleep at Chobe National Park. (B, D)*



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Day 16: November 21: Chobe to USA via Victoria Falls & Johannesburg

This morning you will be transferred by road back to Victoria Falls Airport where you will take your return flight to Johannesburg. From there, you will catch your USA bound flight.

Please Note: Have your Multiple Entry Visa ready for the Zimbabwe border and USD \$25 cash per person for the Airport Departure Tax upon leaving Zimbabwe. (Departure taxes are subject to change without notice). Wishing you Bon Voyage! (B)

Day 17: November 22: Arrive home with Lifetime of Memories!

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Know Before You Go!

Reservations and Deposits: A \$500 per person deposit is needed to confirm your space on this journey. You can make a credit card deposit online or by phone. Once the deposit is processed, a deposit packet is emailed with pertinent journey details. Deposits are refundable, minus a \$150 per person cancellation fee, for 60 days from the processing date or 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. Final payment is also non-refundable which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance. Questions? Call our helpful travel staff at 800-723-8454.

Not Included: International airline tickets, alcoholic beverages, room service and gratuities for hotel staff, travel insurance, meals not listed in brochure, and any activities or items not listed in your itinerary.

Physical Requirements: In order to make the most of your custom journey and join all included activities, you should be able to walk at a moderate pace, independently for two to three miles, often over uneven cobblestones and be able to stand for a period of time during walking or museum tours or visits to other sights. Naturally, you may always choose to opt out of an activity and enjoy the sites while sipping a tea or coffee in a café or, hire a taxi, at your own expense to get you to the next attraction. Some museums may not have an elevator which means that to participate, you'll need to climb a few stairs. Remember, you'll also need to be able to maneuver your luggage through the airport. Please call our staff with any questions.

Travel Insurance: Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

Events and Hosted Journeys: If a planned event is cancelled for any reason, another event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund. Events are subject to change. Also, if a host or special guest is unable to attend as planned, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to find another host who has similar interests, talents expertise. The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

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