



South Africa!

with MPR host **Angela Davis**
PLUS...BOTSWANA & VICTORIA FALLS

January 21 – February 1, 2023



Kick Africa off your bucket list with host Angela Davis and Minnesota Public Radio, and prepare for the experience of a lifetime to a destination unlike any other. On this small group expedition, you'll learn why Desmond Tutu coined the term "Rainbow Nation" to describe his South Africa. This young, diverse nation is a mix of ethnic groups from Africa and around the globe - all who have settled here and proudly call South Africa home. You'll be meeting community leaders, teachers, and local guides who will help bring to light the true South Africa and its amazing diversity.

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 been reserved for you. In addition, you'll discover the culturally rich town of SOWETO and discover the turbulent and fascinating history of this ancient land. 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 adventure to Botswana and Victoria Falls is also available. Join friends of Minnesota Public Radio and escape the cold winter days for sunny South Africa! Don't miss out! Space is limited.



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JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Overnight flight to Johannesburg, South Africa
2 Nights Sandton, Johannesburg
3 Nights historic Cape Town
2 Nights Stellenbosch, Wine Country
3 Nights in Pilanesberg National Park at a Safari Lodge
1 Overnight flight to the USA (optional)

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



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

SOWETO, including the homes of Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela * A 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 Minnesota Public Radio host Angela Davis
- Guided by Earthbound Expedition leader
- Accompanied by expert local guides
- Roundtrip domestic flights while in South Africa (Cape Town to Johannesburg)
- All services as specified in your MPR Travel Club itinerary
- All breakfasts & twelve additional multi-course meals (not including in-flight meals)
- Accommodation in superior four and five-star hotels and lodges
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned vehicles including qualified drivers
- Sightseeing as per itinerary led by an expert South African guide
- Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated
- Gratuities for your drivers and guides for base trip (excluding park rangers and hotel staff)
- A suggested video and reading list
- An informational pre-trip gathering



TRIP FACTS

11 Days/10 Nights (excluding air travel dates)

\$5,995 per person, double occupancy

\$1,295 single supplement

Optional group flight departs the USA on **January 20 2023** (details TBA)

Trip begins in Sandton, Johannesburg on **January 21, 2023**

Base Trip returns to USA on **February 1, 2023**

Extension trip to Victoria Falls returns to USA on **February 3, 2023**

Extension trip to Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park returns to USA on **February 6, 2023**

BOOK RISK FREE: Cancel for any reason before September 1, 2022 and receive a full refund.



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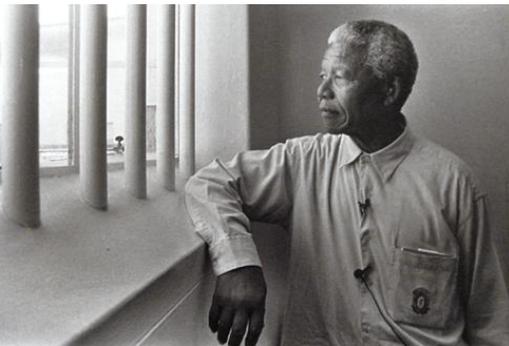
"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Nelson Mandela

Your Adventure Begins!

Day 0, January 20: Group Flight Departs for Sunny South Africa

Optional group flight departs Minneapolis – St. Paul for Johannesburg, South Africa. Travelers flying independently will need to depart the U.S. no later than today.



Day 1, January 21: Arrive in Johannesburg

On arrival at Johannesburg's airport, collect your luggage and clear Customs and Immigration. You will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Sleep in Sandton

Day 2, January 22: Discovering SOWETO

After breakfast, enjoy a private tour of Soweto (SOuth WEstern TOWnship), the largest black residential area in South Africa. In many ways, the story of Soweto is the story of South Africa: this is where the seeds of South African freedom took root. Our tour includes all the major points of interest, such as the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Baragwanath taxi rank, Freedom Square, Hector Pietersen Memorial and Nelson Mandela's former home. This sprawling township was the scene of the tragic riots of 1976. Despite crowded, chaotic conditions, there is a tangible sense of community in these neighborhoods which the ordered, walled suburbs lack. A traditional lunch will be served. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Sandton (B, L)*

Day 3, January 23: Fly South to Cape Town & Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

After breakfast, we fly south to beautiful Cape Town. Garden lovers won't want to miss this afternoon's excursion to Africa's finest botanical garden, Kirstenbosch. After, enjoy an orientation and walking tour of the historic city center and wharf. Enjoy dinner this evening together on the wharf. *Sleep in Cape Town (B, D)*

Day 4, January 24: Robben Island

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.



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Enjoy three stunning days in Cape Town

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 on the wharf, then a free afternoon in Cape Town. Dinner is included tonight on the wharf.

Sleep in Cape Town (B, D)

Day 5, January 25: An Excursion 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.



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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)*

Day 6, January 26: Stellenbosch Wine Country

Our day begins with a visit to the historic Vergelegen 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.

To top off our visit, we'll enjoy a wine tasting at the estate and then proceed to the historic Oude Werf Hotel conveniently situated in the center of colonial Stellenbosch. Tonight, a multi-course dinner is included. *Sleep in Stellenbosch (B, D)*



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Day 7, January 27: The Splendid Cape Winelands

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. Lunch and two tastings at two separate vineyards will be included this afternoon. *Sleep in Stellenbosch (B, L)*

Day 8, January 28: 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. *Bakabung Lodge (B, L, D)*

ABOUT BAKABUNG BUSH LODGE



Tucked in the expanses of the malaria-free Pilanesberg National Park, Bakabung 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.



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Discover South Africa with Minnesota Public Radio

Days 9 and 10, January 29 & 30: 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 the evening safari, you will enjoy a fabulous outdoor dinner on the terrace overlooking the park. *Sleep in Pilanesberg National Park at Bakubung Bush 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.



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Day 11, January 31: Depart South Africa for the USA or Continue Your Journey to Victoria Falls and/or Botswana: For those travelers returning to the US today, there is time this morning to enjoy a third game drive. 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 South African Airways 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, February 1: Arrive home with a lifetime of memories!

Meet Your Host!



Angela Davis is the host of MPR News with Angela Davis, which airs weekdays at 11 a.m. Prior to launching a career in public radio, she was a news anchor and reporter at WCCO-TV and KSTP-TV, the CBS and ABC affiliates in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Angela has won five regional Emmy Awards for anchoring and covering breaking news. She holds a journalism degree from the University of Maryland, College Park and is a longtime member of the National Association of Black Journalists. She's the mother of two teenagers and serves on the board of YWCA Minneapolis. She is a native of southern Virginia.

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- Itinerary Details Subject to Change -



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Spend a morning exploring Victoria Falls

VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION

VICTORIA FALLS 2 NIGHTS/ 3 DAYS

2 Nights Victoria Falls Hotel

\$1,995 per person double occupancy

\$395 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 Hotel
- Accommodation in five-star hotel
- Zambezi evening river cruise and guided walking tour of the falls
- Sight-seeing as per itinerary led by qualified English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated above
- Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Porterage for 1 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



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Day 11, January 31: 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 outstanding 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 wander the beautiful grounds of the hotel. Enjoy an included dinner this evening. *Sleep at Victoria Falls (B, D)*

Day 12, February 1: 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, the bird life and wildlife. *Sleep at Victoria Falls (B, D)*

Day 13, February 2: Victoria Falls to the USA via Johannesburg

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 & 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 International terminal for your flight back home. (B)

Day 14, February 3: Arrive home With Lifetime of Memories



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Experience Botswana!

VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA EXTENSION

CHOBE AND VICTORIA FALLS 5 NIGHTS/ 6 DAYS

3 Nights Chobe National Park, Botswana

2 Nights Victoria Falls Lodge

\$3,395 per person double occupancy

\$599 Single Supplement

INCLUDED IN POST TOUR EXTENSION

- Round trip airfare Johannesburg to Victoria Falls and Botswana
- Fully guided by informative local guides
- All services as specified: breakfasts, lunch and dinner while in Chobe and breakfast and dinners in Victoria Falls
- Accommodation in four and five-star hotels and lodges
- Three evening river cruises and three morning drives in Botswana
- Transportation in air-conditioned vehicles, including qualified drivers
- Sight-seeing as per itinerary led by qualified English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated above
- Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Porterage for one reasonable size bag per person



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Enjoy evening wildlife cruises on the Chobe River

POST-TOUR EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS – BOTSWANA & VICTORIA FALLS

Zambezi River cruise * Victoria Falls and surrounding rainforest * Early morning safaris and sunset evening cruises in Chobe National Park in 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. The Botswana's elephant population is currently estimated at around 120,000.



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Day 11, January 31: Transfer to Chobe Safari Lodge, 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 12 & 13, February 1 & 2: 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)*

Day 14, February 3: Depart for Victoria Falls

Enjoy a final day in the African bush with another early morning game drive, then transfer by 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 this afternoon or wander the beautiful grounds of the hotel. Enjoy an included dinner this evening. *Sleep at Victoria Falls (B, D)*

Day 15, February 4: A Day at 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.



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Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River

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, the bird life and wildlife. *Sleep at Victoria Falls (B, D)*

Day 16, February 5: Victoria Falls to the USA via Johannesburg

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Day 17, February 6: Arrive home With Lifetime of Memories!

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Environmental Commitment

Through Earthbound's proud partnership with the Carbonfund.org, Earthbound Expeditions makes annual donations so as to help offset a guest's carbon footprint. For every guest who signs up on an Earthbound Expedition, a donation will be made to the Carbonfund.

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HEALTH MATTERS

It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations, and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. To make the most of your journey and participate in the various planned group activities, you should be able to be on your feet and walk unassisted for two to three hours (often over uneven cobblestones or pathways) with frequent standing. If you have questions about the physical requirements for your journey, please email or call our travel office. Any preexisting physical, mental, or emotional disability that may require attention must be reported in writing prior to the beginning the journey. Although it is not mandatory to participate in every planned and included group activity, not doing so isn't cause for a refund. For those desiring additional exercise, our trips allow free time to explore at your own pace. On boats, planes, ships and ferries, guests will need to be able to maneuver unassisted up and down gangways, stairs and in between decks. Smokers may smoke outside and downwind of the group.

RESERVATIONS

Early reservations are essential to guarantee space on the date you wish to travel. A per person deposit of \$500 is needed to confirm your space on most journeys. An additional \$200 per person is requested if opting for group air. New deposits for this journey (made after September 1, 2020) are fully refundable until September 1, 2022. You can make your secure credit card deposit online, by phone or by mail.

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If (for any reason) the organizers of a scheduled concert, festival or event cancel or postpone a planned activity with little or no notice, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to secure a similar event or secure another concert(s). Strikes, unscheduled delays, lack of funds and acts of God are beyond the control of Earthbound Expeditions. Cancellation of an event, festival or concert is not cause for refund.

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