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Africa On My Mind A Safari for the Soul & Senses

A captivating two-week journey to the preeminent wonders and wildlife of Zimbabwe and South Africa

Choose May 21 - June 3 or June 7 - June 20, 2012
(Plus air travel days)

Come with The Hawaii Connection to two of the most enticing lands of southern Africa where wildlife, native cultures and landscapes are like nowhere else on earth. For nearly 400 years the grandeur and promise of this region has seduced the adventurous, the romantic and the greedy. Today, curious travelers continue to be fascinated by the astonishing flora and fauna, riveting history and unparalleled scenic and cultural bounty of Zimbabwe and South Africa. Join us to savor the mesmerizing beauty and awe and excitement that only Africa —the Cradle of Mankind— can deliver. Anticipate that this safari, distinguished by our signature bells and whistles, will indeed stir the soul and arouse the senses.

The carefully crafted itinerary of Africa On My Mind goes beyond the ordinary tourist circuit to explore less familiar regions rich with natural splendors. First-timers as well as veteran safari hands will be beguiled by the diversity of the environs, the vast populations of wild creatures, great and small, and by the simple pleasures of thoroughly enriching bush experiences. Welcome to extraordinary Africa.

Orchestrated by Hawaii's Irene Croft, Jr., and South Africa's Ethne Cameron, our program will offer priceless one-of-a-kind encounters as well as pricey once-in-a-lifetime indulgences. We've discovered (and rediscovered) inviting private lodges and remote tented camps that will satisfy the loftiest standards for luxe in the wild. Imagine handsomely appointed accommodations with ensuite facilities, memorable meals prepared from fresh local ingredients

and accompanied by outstanding regional wines, attentive service from a friendly staff, plus unexpected and welcomed opportunities to pamper your body and engage your mind.

On safari we'll track by boat, open Land Rover and on foot, if you like, the majestic elephant and lion as well as the more elusive leopard and cheetah and rhino among hundreds of amazing birds and mammals, some quite rare. Our destinations are home to many of the storied wonders of the animal universe, and by day and night we can expect to observe them, unobtrusively, in their natural habitats.



Participants will arrive into Johannesburg, the lively commercial hub of South Africa, for an overnight respite, then fly on to Vic Falls, Zimbabwe. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, magnificent Victoria Falls, at 5,604 feet wide, comprises the largest curtain of water on the planet and is revered by locals as the mighty 'Smoke that Thunders.' Here at our charming hotel everyone will be personally introduced during cocktails and dinner.

The next morning, travel on a chartered, restored antique steam train into legendary Hwange National Park, Zim's largest reserve at 3.6 million acres. Watering holes attract herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra, and giraffe, plus many predators and endangered species. Tracking from your classic tented camp, you may spot many of the park's 105 mammal and 400 bird species.

Board light aircraft for a flight to Lake Kariba, one of Africa's hidden gems. This exquisitely beautiful manmade



Itinerary Outline

- Day 1 Fly into JNB and rest overnight at an airport hotel *City Lodge, SA*
- Day 2-3 Fly to Victoria Falls for sight-seeing and welcome events *Ilala Lodge, Zim*
- Day 3-6 By chartered steam train into Hwange National Park for tented camp wildlife adventures *The Hide, Davisons Camp, Little Makalolo, Zim*
- Day 6-9 Charter flights to gorgeous Lake Kariba for gameviewing and water activities *Bumi Hills Safari Lodge, Zim*
- Day 9-11 Fly to White River for "city-escape" indulgences *Casterbridge Hollow, SA*
- Day 11-14 Drive into the Greater Kruger National Park area for game-spotting in Africa's most prolific, private wildlife reserve *MalaMala, SA*
- Day 14 Transfer to MQP airport for connecting flights to USA



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lake stretching more than 180,000 miles along the border between Zim and Zambia was created in 1958 by completion of the second largest dam on earth. On the shores of the lake, fed by waters of the mighty Zambezi River, live the culturally distinctive Batonga people who share their environment with dense concentrations of animal, bird and aquatic life. From our luxury lake-side lodge explore by land and water the treasures of this stunning scenic and recreational wilderness.

And now for something completely different, we'll fly into Mpumalanga, the former Eastern Transvaal province, for a bit of indulgent R&R. White River, an historic English enclave, offers a score of diversions including golf, trendy shops, horseback riding, mountain biking, and renowned chimp and elephant sanctuaries. We'll be guests at Ethne and Malcolm Cameron's atmospheric vintage farmhouse for an alfresco dinner, with our hosts' delightful friends sharing, up close and personal, their views on the hardships and rewards of life in contemporary South Africa.

Head to the spectacular Blyde River Canyon, one of Africa's top geologi-

cal formations and third largest canyon in the world, for a catered picnic on the very edge of the cliff at breathtaking God's Window. Continue into the Greater Kruger Park area to the 33,000-acre private concession of MalaMala Game Reserve, home to Africa's Big Five (once considered to be a hunter's most dangerous prey) — lion, leopard, buffalo, rhinoceros and elephant. Acknowledged pioneer, since 1927, of the authentic safari experience, fabled MalaMala remains today the embodiment of elegant old-colonial ambience in the bush. Immerse in three days of refined creature comforts paired with incomparable gameviewing.

Cap our unforgettable sojourn in southern Africa with a final rollicking evening-to-remember, then fly to Johannesburg to connect to overnight flights homeward-bound.

Look forward on this dazzling journey not only to the infinite cerebral and sensory satisfactions of discovery in distant Africa but also to the exceptional cossetting, meticulous arrangements and uncommon extras that are a hallmark— and highlight!— of travels around the globe with The Hawaii Connection.

ALL-INCLUSIVE

- ❑ RT Group Economy air HNL/Johannesburg
- ❑ 14 days in deluxe hotels and premier private safari lodges/camps with 3 excellent meals daily accompanied by beverages, plus excursions and twice-daily game drives on land, water or on foot led by experienced rangers and trackers
- ❑ Bonus: special dinners, private cocktail gatherings, antique steam train expedition, and even local spirits and laundry while in the bush
- ❑ All internal transport — scheduled and charter aircraft, coaches, kombis, etc.
- ❑ Generous ranger/staff gratuities, all service fees, and portage for one 33-pound bag
- ❑ Insurance premium for covered medical and emergency assistance while on journey
- ❑ \$500 tax-deductible donation to TRR

Absolutely Unbeatable Fare of \$13,290 per person, sharing

Only 3 singles available: + \$2,600

Biz Class supplement from HNL: approximately + \$3,800

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Africa On My Mind is offered for benefit of Kona's Three Ring Ranch —one of only 33 fully accredited, USDA-licensed animal sanctuaries in the U.S.— in conjunction with other Hawaii nonprofits. This innovative travel program is organized and managed entirely by knowledgeable, experienced volunteers who have raised, to date, \$982,240 for worthy community organizations in the Aloha State. Our goal is to offer irresistible itineraries with deluxe creature comforts to uncommon destinations for absolutely unbeatable value at lowest all-inclusive fares. Your included tax-deductible donations will support our educational programs and rehabilitation work with rare, endangered and exotic creatures.

For this program TRR has negotiated exclusive features and benefits at rates that simply cannot be matched on your own. In order to secure these substantial advantages for our participants, we make firm

commitments to travel providers guaranteeing our group's minimum numbers as well as compliance with any imposed restrictions. Payments for this benefit journey are accepted solely by check. Trip deposit as well as final payment — due by Dec. 2, 2011— are refundable, less \$500 donation to TRR, subject to the terms and conditions of providers' cancellation policies. Airfare contract requires 10 minimum for same itinerary and class. Deduct \$2,000 to organize own air.

In our pricing for this journey we have included the premium for Travel Insured International's Group Deluxe Protection Plan. Benefits of this comprehensive insurance coverage, provided to participants residing in the U.S., include up to \$250,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation/Repatriation, \$50,000 Medical Expense, and invaluable 24/7 Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services while traveling with The Hawaii Connection.

Reservations Close July 8, 2011
 Always a Swift Sellout for Africa!
 Deposit of \$ 1,500.00 per person to book
Call our TRR volunteer today:
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