An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of Williams College

Accompanied by Hank Art, Former Director of the Center for Environmental Studies and Professor Emeritus of Biology and Environmental Studies

Africa’s Wildlife
On Safari in Botswana, Zambia & Victoria Falls
June 18-July 1, 2025

14 days from $10,284 total price from Boston, New York, Washington, DC
($9,095 air, land & safari inclusive plus $1,189 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, seven-time honoree Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Williams Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

We invite you to travel with us on an exclusive 14-day small group journey to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Zambia. Encounter some of the planet’s last unspoiled natural refuges in southern Africa’s great wildlife sanctuaries. You will be accompanied by Williams Study Leader Hank Art, former director of the Center for Environmental Studies and Robert F. Rosenburg Professor of Biology & Environmental Studies, Emeritus.

Begin in Johannesburg with a full day of touring the vibrant Soweto district, including a visit to Nelson Mandela’s former home. Then spend three nights in Zimbabwe and experience the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls/Mosi-oa-Tunya. Next is Botswana’s Chobe National Park, boasting one of Africa’s largest concentrations of wildlife, for a three-night stay featuring exhilarating boat safaris and game drives. Then, enjoy a tour highlight: unparalleled wildlife viewing at South Luangwa National Park and a relaxing stay at the intimate Mfuwe Lodge. Discover Cape Town, South Africa’s sparkling “Mother City,” including the Cape Peninsula and Winelands, with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

Space on this exclusive departure is limited to just 24 guests and will surely fill quickly. Please call Odysseys Unlimited today to reserve your place on what promises to be a memorable journey through Southern Africa!

Best wishes,

Leila Derstine
Director of Alumni Engagement Programs
alumni-travel@williams.edu

Please review the Williams College participation agreement information here: https://bit.ly/WilliamsAlumTravel-Agreement
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**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Johannesburg, South Africa**

**Day 2: Arrive Johannesburg**  Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in the suburb of Rosebank, where our rooms will be ready for our early check-in. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned. B

**Day 3: Johannesburg/Soweto**  We meet our fellow travelers today as we embark on a tour of the Soweto district of Johannesburg. Here we see the home of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu; visit Nelson Mandela’s home, which is now a museum; and tour the moving Hector Pieterson Memorial and Museum, where we learn more about apartheid and the Soweto uprising of 1976. Then we hear fascinating stories from a local Sowetan who was present during the uprising, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner together. B,L,D

**Day 4: Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**  We fly today to Victoria Falls and our lodge. This afternoon we see for ourselves the thundering falls, first “discovered” by David Livingstone and claimed for Queen Victoria in 1855. With its 300-foot-deep gorge and soaking spray, “Vic” Falls is a wonder of the natural world. B,D

**Day 5: Victoria Falls**  This morning we embark on a game drive to spot the elusive – and critically endangered – black rhino. Late afternoon we embark on a “Sundowner” dinner cruise on the Zambezi where we see wildlife on shore and in the water. B,D

**Day 6: Victoria Falls**  After a morning visit to Victoria Falls town and a local village, this afternoon is at leisure to relax at our lodge. This evening we hear a fascinating guest speaker on “The Story of David Livingstone,” followed by dinner together. B,D

**Day 7: Victoria Falls/Chobe National Park, Botswana**  This morning we visit a nearby school then travel two hours by motorcoach to Botswana and Chobe National Park, boasting one of the largest concentrations of game in all of Africa. After settling in and enjoying lunch at our lodge, this afternoon we embark on a game-viewing boat safari on the Chobe

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**Physical Activity Level**

Easy/Moderate  
Walk 1-3 miles per day; multiple flights, including on smaller aircraft only accessible by stairs; game drives in open safari vehicles over bumpy, often dusty roads; must climb short ladder to embark/disembark safari vehicles

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**Your Tour at a Glance**

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Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

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Cover photo: Leader of the pride: a male lion rests before his next hunt.
River, where we may see hippo, crocs, and some of the park's 450 species of birds (including the sacred ibis, carmine bee-eaters, fish eagles, and kingfishers). We dine tonight at our lodge.  \textit{B,L,D}

\textbf{Day 8: Chobe National Park}  Known for its diverse terrain that attracts an exceptional array of wildlife – including the world's largest elephant population (some 120,000), along with zebra, lion, giraffe, impala, and buffalo – Chobe covers 4,517 square miles of protected parkland. We'll see a portion of this natural wonder on our early morning game drive and this afternoon's boat safari. And this evening perhaps we'll see one of the sublime sunsets for which Chobe is known. \textit{B,L,D}

\textbf{Day 9: Chobe National Park}  We’re settling into a comfortable routine, with early morning and late afternoon game drives. In between game-viewing activities, we’re at leisure to enjoy the amenities of our lodge on the banks of the Chobe River, adjacent to the park itself. \textit{B,L,D}

\textbf{Day 10: Chobe National Park/South Luangwa National Park, Zambia}  This morning we board a plane for the flight to South Luangwa National Park. Here in one of Africa's last stretches of pristine wilderness we have the chance to get closer to the animals than anywhere else. Late afternoon we engage in some of the lodge's game-viewing activities that include open-vehicle game drives and walking safaris, which originated in South Luangwa. \textit{B,L,D}

\textbf{Day 11: South Luangwa National Park}  From our lodge situated inside the 3,500-square-mile national park established in 1972 and just a short drive from the main entrance, we embark on morning and evening game viewing excursions today. Thanks to its remote location, South Luangwa was protected from mass tourism and today boasts one of Africa's highest concentrations of game. Among the fauna living here: lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, giraffe, zebra, hippos, wild dogs, and antelope. We also may catch some special sights, such as Zambia's Crawshay's zebras with their distinctive stripes, the

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  \item Known as the “Smoke that Thunders,” Victoria Falls is one of the wonders of the natural world.
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\textbf{Post-Tour Extension} \tabularnewline \hline
\textbf{June 30-July 5, 2025} \tabularnewline \textbf{Cape Town, South Africa} \tabularnewline
\textbf{4 days/3 nights for $1,695 total price} \tabularnewline
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\textit{Discover South Africa's sparkling “Mother City,” from Table Mountain and the Malay Quarter to the Cape Peninsula and the Winelands.} \tabularnewline
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\textit{Please note that guests on the extension will proceed directly to Cape Town and will not use the hotel day room in Lusaka on Day 13.}
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elusive bushbuck, and the spiral-horned kudu. In addition, South Luangwa teems with almost 400 species of birds, including 39 birds of prey. When not out on safari, we visit a local school, and also see a borehole project which provides water for the community. B,L,D

Day 12: South Luangwa National Park We have another day to savor life in the bush and engage in morning and evening game viewing activities. Set amidst a grove of ebony and mahogany trees, our 18-chalet lodge overlooks two lagoons that attract a steady stream of crocodiles, hippos, giraffe, buffalo, antelope, and other animals, which we can watch from lodge's open deck. Tonight, we celebrate our wildlife adventure at a farewell dinner. B,L,D

Africa was going its own way at its own pace …”
— Paul Theroux

Meet Your Williams Study Leader
Accompanying this journey is Hank Art, former Director of CES and the Environmental Studies Program, and the Rosenburg Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology, Emeritus. Hank has shared his expertise as a biologist, ecologist, and environmentalist on over 30 Williams trips to six continents. This will be his 14th Williams Alumni Safari in Africa. He is a Dartmouth graduate and holds a Ph.D. from Yale. He taught in the Environmental Studies Program and Biology Department at Williams College from 1970 to 2020, and continues to conduct research in the Hopkins Memorial Forest.

South Luangwa giraffe

Your Tour Price Includes
• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
• 11 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels and lodges
• 29 meals: 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 10 dinners
• Extensive game viewing as described, including all park entrance fees
• Mineral/purified water while on safari
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
• Luggage handling for one bag per person
• Gratuities for driver/guides, hotel and lodge staff, and porters

Day 13: South Luangwa National Park/Lusaka/Depart for U.S. We travel by charter flight today to Lusaka, Zambia’s capital, where we have hotel day rooms until our departure this evening for the airport and our overnight flight to the U.S. B

Day 14: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our flights home.

Tour Departs: June 18, 2025

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $1,189, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed. Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. cities may require a departure one day prior to the listed schedule above.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $5,995 per person from Chicago, Los Angeles, New York; $7,495 from all other cities (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765 Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches, safari vehicles, and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the President and Trustees of Williams College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own air arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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