

**TEXAS**  **EXES**<sup>®</sup>  
— FLYING LONGHORNS —

AUGUST 5-19, 2025

with optional  
Cape Town Pre-Tour

# AFRICAN EXPEDITION

## BY PRIVATE TRAIN



Orbridge





Dear Texas Ex,

Journey with us into the wilds of Africa as we explore the diverse sights of four countries during this private train expedition. Our specially curated 16-day tour uncovers a tapestry of cultural wonders, untamed dynamic landscapes and thrilling wildlife encounters in legendary national parks.

Traveling aboard a private train—your haven of comfort—embrace the stunning scenery and five-star luxuries. Enjoy time to unwind in the observation car and delight in three-course dinners prepared by talented chefs using the finest ingredients.

Game drives through Kruger National Park, Makalali Game Reserve, and Hwange National Park provide opportunities to observe the Big Five and other indigenous wildlife in their natural settings. Among other adventures, sojourn through the rugged Drakensberg mountain range, explore archaeological sites in Great Zimbabwe, and experience the raw beauty and power of Victoria Falls.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience stunning natural beauty and rich culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly.

To secure your spot, please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or [travel@texasexes.org](mailto:travel@texasexes.org) with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512-672-6134.

Best regards,  
Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team:  
Margaret, Janice, and Alysha

# African Expedition by Private Train | Itinerary and Highlights (subject to change)

Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, though spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Activities may be dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.

**Day 1: EN ROUTE FROM U.S.**

**Day 2: ARRIVE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

Upon arrival to O.R. Tambo International Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel.  
Overnight: DaVinci Hotel and Suites

**Day 3: PRETORIA**

Set out for a guided panoramic tour to see Pretoria's iconic landmarks including the Union Building and the Nelson Mandela Statue. As embarkation begins late afternoon, settle into your private sleeping car featuring large windows and en suite bathroom. Venture into the cozy lounge car to admire the passing scenery from its panoramic windows or observation porch. On board, four-course dinners are a highlight. Talented chefs prepare African and European cuisine served in two comfortable restaurant cars.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

**Day 4: FULL DAY ABOARD TRAIN**

Spend today on the luxurious train. Enjoy informative lectures, marvel at the landscapes and socialize with fellow travelers.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

**Day 5: KINGDOM OF ESWATINI**

Visit Ngwenya Glass to witness the art of glassblowing followed by time to peruse the showroom. Continue to the village of Mbabane to see a traditional Swazi dance performance. Before returning to the train explore the town of Piggs Peak.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,D)

**Day 6: MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE**

Set off on a guided panoramic city tour followed by a seafood lunch before returning to the train.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

**Day 7: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Prepare for an exhilarating full-day game drive through the park to spot for the Big Five and other wildlife. Gather for a traditional African boma dinner this evening.  
Overnight: Kruger Gate Hotel (B,L,D)

**Day 8: DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS**

After breakfast take a final safari through Kruger National Park before traveling by bus along the panoramic route through the rugged Drakensberg mountain range.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,D)

**Day 9: MAKALALI GAME RESERVE**

Immerse yourself in the untamed beauty of the Makalali Game Reserve, a diverse landscape providing a rich tapestry of habitats for a plethora of wildlife. Spot for the Big Five and an abundance of other species during a game drive, and gain insight into the area's history.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

**Day 10: FULL DAY ABOARD TRAIN**

En route through the Limpopo Province, pass by the Soutpansberg mountain range and the lands of South Africa's Rain Queen. Enjoy a biltong (traditional spiced jerky) tasting. Embrace time for introspection, listen to a presentation by the tour guide, or partake in stimulating conversation with fellow travelers.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,L,D)

**Day 11: GREAT ZIMBABWE**

Following breakfast embark on a bus journey to the ruins of Great Zimbabwe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and unravel the mysteries of this ancient civilization. The legacy of Great Zimbabwe lives on as one of the largest and most culturally important archaeological sites of its kind in Africa.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,D)

**Day 12: BULAWAYO | MATOBO NATIONAL PARK**

Take a guided panoramic city tour of Bulawayo. After lunch visit Matobo National Park—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later see the Grave of Cecil Rhodes.  
Overnight: Private Train (B,D)

**Day 13: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK | VICTORIA FALLS**

Disembark for a morning game drive through Zimbabwe's largest and most important game reserve.  
Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge (B,L)

**Day 14: VICTORIA FALLS**

Explore Victoria Falls followed by a boat safari down the Zambezi River. Tonight gather for a farewell dinner.  
Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge (B,D)

**Day 15: VICTORIA FALLS | DEPART FOR U.S.**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

**Day 16: ARRIVE IN U.S.**

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



## What's Included

- 9 nights aboard the private train plus 4 nights deluxe hotel/lodge accommodations
- 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 11 dinners including a special farewell dinner
- All excursions described in the itinerary including admission and park fees
- Expert naturalist guides throughout including an Orbridge Travel Director Team
- Access to onboard physician
- Transfer and excursion transportation aboard air conditioned buses
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Directors, onboard guides, drivers, porters, attendants and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



**Activity Level:** This safari program requires an ability to board and disembark a train as well as walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, get in and out of a 4x4 vehicle, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on sometimes bumpy roads.

# Onboard Your Private Train

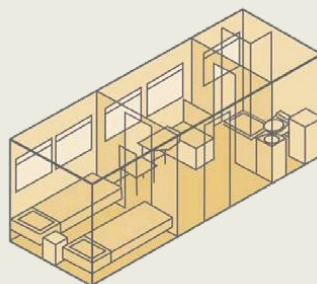
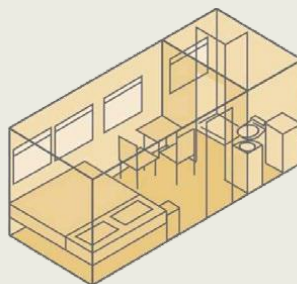
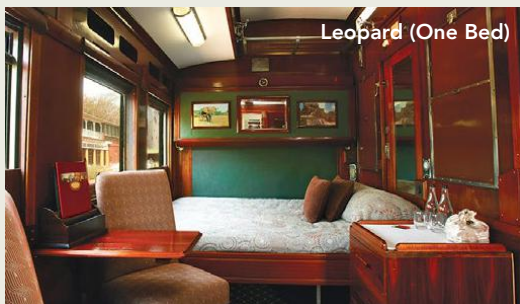
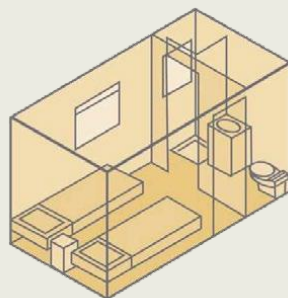
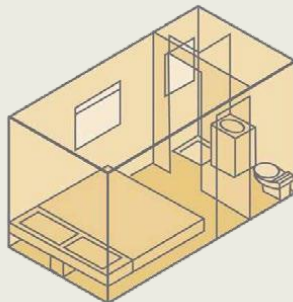
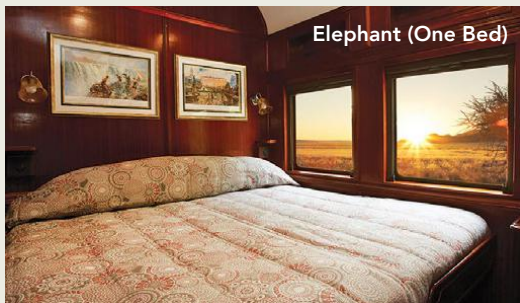
Evenings include four-course dinners featuring African and European culinary specialties. During leisure time, relax in the bar car with a cool Windhoek lager or one of South Africa's famous wines, listen to an intriguing presentation, or sit back with a book. Take advantage of the open observation platform with uninterrupted views of passing wilderness, providing endless opportunities to take amazing photographs.

## COMPARTMENT CATEGORIES

**Elephant:** approx. 75 sq. ft. accommodating two guests in either two single beds or one double bed

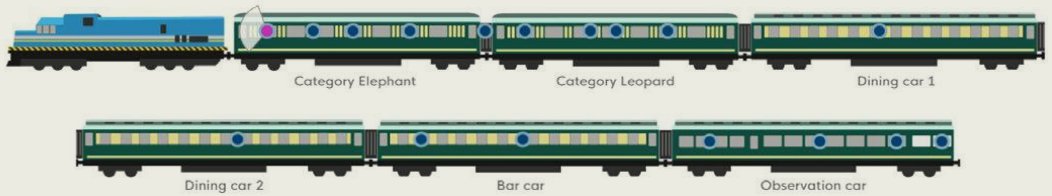
**Leopard:** approx. 107 sq. ft. accommodating two guests in either two single beds or one double bed

*Single travelers can select from either category. There is no internet access on the train.*



## SLEEPING COMPARTMENT DETAILS

Each sleeping compartment features: Private bathroom with shower, windows that open (equipped with blinds and sunshades), individual air-conditioning control, 220/230V electricity sockets, safe, closet, bedside cabinets, hairdryer, towels and toiletries, complimentary bottled water.



*Train car configuration may vary.*



## Hotel Accommodations *(subject to change)*

### DAVINCI HOTEL AND SUITES

This property features a private art collection, elegant dining options and an outdoor infinity pool.



### KRUGER GATE HOTEL

This lodge-style property is famed for its soaring wooden walkways and treetop ambiance.



### VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE

This lodge is renowned for its views of a wildlife-rich waterhole visited by herds of elephant, buffalo and kudu.



# Optional Pre-Tour Cape Town

At the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Town offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, cultural richness and outdoor experiences. Explore this vibrant region's iconic landmarks, sample its exquisite flavors and admire the peninsula's captivating landscape.

**Day +1: EN ROUTE FROM U.S.**

**Day +2: ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA** Upon arrival to Cape Town International Airport, transfer to the hotel to enjoy an evening at leisure.  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond

**Day +3: CAPE TOWN** Today's first highlight is a cable car ride ascending Table Mountain (weather permitting). At the summit, take a leisurely walk to the various lookout points. Continue with a panoramic tour of the city, passing by some of Cape Town's most iconic landmarks. Next visit Company's Garden and Greenmarket Square with time to browse local goods. Afterwards enter the eye-catching Bo-Kaap neighborhood where you'll delve into South Africa's rich and complex food heritage during a food tasting featuring a delicious blend of flavors and techniques.  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond (B,L)

**Day +4: CAPE TOWN | CAPE PENINSULA** Set off on a scenic drive south along the Atlantic Seaboard towards Cape of Good Hope. En route, take advantage of brief photography stops at Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak Drive. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Hout Bay Market, a bustling hub of local artisans, craftsmen and food vendors. Journey into the heart of the winelands for an exclusive food and wine pairing experience. Continue to the iconic Cape of Good Hope, a legendary promontory where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans converge. Ascend to the summit aboard the historic Flying Dutchman Funicular. Visit Boulders Beach to observe a charming colony of African Penguins, then return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.  
Overnight: Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond (B,L)

**Day +5: CAPE TOWN | FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS** After breakfast transfer to the airport for the group flight to Johannesburg to join the main program. (B,D)

## What's Included

- 3 nights at five-star Mount Nelson Hotel by Belmond (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner
- Guided Cape Town city tour and food tasting experience
- Guided Cape Peninsula excursion including a market visit, vineyard food and wine pairing experience, and Cape of Good Hope visit
- Admission and fees for included activities
- Transportation for included activities
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, porters, hotel staff and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times
- Internal airfare from Cape Town to Johannesburg





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Cape Town Pre-Tour: August 2-6, 2025

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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
<b>Double Occupancy</b>		
Elephant	<del>\$12,499</del>	\$11,995
Leopard	<del>\$14,499</del>	\$13,995
<b>Single Occupancy</b>		
Elephant	<del>\$19,499</del>	\$18,995
Leopard	<del>\$21,999</del>	\$21,495
Cape Town Pre-Tour		
Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	<del>\$3,499</del>	\$2,995
Single	<del>\$4,199</del>	\$3,995

Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars.

## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #1 Name (as preferred on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (as preferred on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

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## DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

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## CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Configuration:  One Bed  Two Beds


# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$2,500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](http://terms.orbridge.com); and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Final payment is due 195 days prior to departure, that is, on or before, January 22, 2025.

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\*Special group rate; limited offer. Single availability limited. Airfare from Cape Town to Johannesburg is included in the pre-tour rate. Airfare otherwise not included. \*\*A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of reading and resources tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.



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