THE PRIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE
Chobe River Safari aboard M.S. Zambezi Queen
WITH Peter Del Tredici
March 3–17, 2016
TRAVEL ON AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY AND EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF FOUR NATIONS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHERE NATURE’S SPECTACLE IS AT ITS MOST DRAMATIC, history is rich, the culture is diverse, and the “Big Five” game viewing in pristine natural habitats is extraordinary.

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DR. PETER DEL TREDICI

Peter Del Tredici holds a BA degree in zoology from the University of California, Berkeley (1968), an MA degree in biology from the University of Oregon (1969), and a PhD in biology from Boston University (1991). He retired from the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University in 2014 after working there for 35 years as plant propagator, curator of the Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection, editor of Arnoldia, director of living collections and senior research scientist. Del Tredici is an associate professor in practice at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, where he has been teaching in the Department of Landscape Architecture since 1992. In 2013 he was awarded the Veitch Memorial Medal by The Royal Horticultural Society (England) “in recognition of services given in the advancement of the science and practice of horticulture.”

Del Tredici’s interests are wide ranging and include such subjects as plant exploration in China; the root systems of woody plants; the botany and horticulture of magnolias, stewartias, and hemlocks; and the natural and cultural history of the ginkgo tree. His recent work has focused on urban ecology, which resulted in the publication of the widely acclaimed Wild Urban Plants of the Northeast: A Field Guide (Cornell University Press, 2010). He has lectured widely in North America and Europe and is the author of more than 130 scientific and popular articles.
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### SCHEDULE BY DAY

**(B=BREAKFAST, L=LUNCH, R=RECEPTION, D=DINNER)**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**
**JOHANNESBURG/ MALAMALA GAME RESERVE**
Fly to Skukuza and drive to MalaMala, the country’s largest private “Big Five” game reserve, ideally nestled between Kruger National Park and the Sabi Sands Game Reserve. Check into the **MalaMala Main Camp** and embark on your first game drive into the African bush. Enjoy dinner in the lodge. *(B,L,D)*

**MONDAY, MARCH 7**
**MALAMALA**
Renowned especially for the quality of its leopard viewing, MalaMala shares an unfenced border with Kruger for a combined six-million-acre sanctuary for nearly 150 species of mammals, more than 500 bird species, 100 varieties of reptiles, dozens of fish and amphibian species, and 336 types of trees. Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives as well as a ranger-guided walking safari. *(B,L,D)*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**
**MALAMALA/CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**
After your morning game drive in MalaMala, fly to Cape Town. Check into the historic **Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel**. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *(e)*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**
**CAPE TOWN/ ROBBEN ISLAND**
Founded by the Dutch East India Company as a supply station, South Africa’s beautiful “garden city” of Cape Town is a cosmopolitan capital of meticulously preserved Edwardian and Victorian buildings and outstanding examples of Cape Dutch architecture. Ascend Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting) for sweeping city and coastal views. See the historic City Hall, where Mandela made his first public speech just hours after his release from prison. Cruise across Table Bay to visit Robben Island, where Mandela and other political prisoners were held. A former inmate will guide your tour, providing an invaluable perspective on South Africa’s social and political transformation. *(e)*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**
**CAPE TOWN**
Drive into Table Mountain National Park for a panoramic tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Cape Floral Region, which sustains over 4000 plant species, and ride a funicular to lofty Cape Point. After lunch, visit Boulders Beach in Simon’s Town for a rare, up-close look at a protected colony of endangered African penguins. Visit the picturesque winelands for a private wine tasting. *(B,L)*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**
**CAPE TOWN/ KASANE, BOTSWANA/ CHOBE RIVER, NAMIBIA**
This morning, fly to Kasane, Botswana, for entry into neighboring Namibia. Board the privately chartered, five-star **M.S. Zambezi Queen** for a world-class, uniquely African small river ship experience in one of the most remote locations on Earth, with extraordinary game-viewing opportunities distinctly different from a land safari. The M.S. **Zambezi Queen** is designed to navigate the Chobe River and to allow one’s eye to be drawn to the constant movement of wildlife—elephant, Cape buffalo, rhinoceros, crocodile, and a wide array of bird species. Local guides will lead you on unique game-viewing river safaris aboard small private excursion boats. *(B,L,D)*

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 12 AND 13**
**UNIQUE CHOBE RIVER SAFARI**
Visit a Namibian village to experience local culture firsthand, including a dance performance and artisanal crafts. Continue your unique river safari and join local guides on small excursion boats for fishing, game viewing or bird watching. *(B,L,D)*
MONDAY, MARCH 14

CHOBÉ NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA/
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Disembark the ship this morning and transfer to northern Botswana’s Chobe National Park, comprised of lush floodplains, marshland, and dense mahogany and teak woodland—a landscape reminiscent of the Africa of explorer David Livingstone, author Karen Blixen, and big game hunter Denys Finch Hatton. It is brimming with wildlife and especially so along the Chobe River, with water in plentiful supply year round. Enjoy a morning game drive where one of the densest Kalahari elephant populations (approximately 120,000) on the African continent resides, as well as lion, cheetah, leopard, zebra, impala, hyena, wildebeest, warthog, and more than 450 bird species, including helmeted guinea fowl and red-billed wood hoopoes. After lunch in a local restaurant, transfer to the legendary Victoria Falls Hotel for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

VICTORIA FALLS

This morning, walk the trail along the edge of thundering Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage site, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and among the largest waterfalls on earth. Here, the wide Zambezi River, after meandering through a basalt plateau, suddenly plummets into a 355-foot gorge, creating frothy rapids and vaulting a fine, rainbow-hued mist high into the air, lending this breathtaking cascade its local name, Mosi-oa-Tunya, “the smoke that thunders.” See the impressive Victoria Falls Bridge, an engineering marvel that was surveyed, designed, constructed in England, then transported to the Zambezi River gorge and finally reassembled in only five years, becoming the only rail link between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Enjoy the Farewell Dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
MARCH 16 AND 17

VICTORIA FALLS/
JOHANNESBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA/U.S.

Check out of the hotel and fly to Johannesburg for your return flight to the U.S. Arrive in the U.S. the next day. (B)

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions with Dr. Peter Del Tredici
- Three-night river safari in Namibia aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star M.S. Zambezi Queen
- Complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner on board the ship
- Two nights in the five-star Fairlains Boutique Hotel & Spa in Johannesburg, two nights in the five-star MalaMala Main Camp on the open boundary of Kruger National Park, three nights in the historic Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town, and two nights in the five-star Victoria Falls Hotel in Zimbabwe
- Guided game viewing by small excursion boats and four-wheel-drive safari vehicles
- All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Zimbabwe entry visa
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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