

Southern Africa Adventure

on Zambezi Queen
March 12-28, 2020
with **Leeanne & Alfonso Alonso**, Conservation Biologists





During the dry season it is possible to walk across parts of Victoria Falls, but at peak levels the water flows at over 132,000 gallons per minute.

Experience the wonders of four nations in southern Africa, where nature's spectacle is at its most dramatic, history is rich, culture is diverse, and "Big Five" game viewing is extraordinary.

Follow Nelson Mandela's "Long Walk to Freedom" from Soweto to Robben Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and on to Johannesburg and his presidency of South Africa. Become captivated by seaside views and South Africa's sublime Cape Winelands, featuring visits to world-class wineries for specially arranged wine tastings.

Enjoy a three-night river safari aboard the ZAMBEZI QUEEN on Namibia's legendary Chobe River guided by expert naturalists on excursions by small watercraft. During your classic land safaris in four-wheel drive vehicles, enjoy superb game viewing in MalaMala Private Game Reserve and Botswana's Chobe National Park.

Stay in carefully selected five-star hotels, including Johannesburg's exclusive Grand Chateau Suites at the Fairlawns Boutique Hotel, Cape Town's historic Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, MalaMala Private GAME RESERVE, and Zimbabwe's legendary colonial Victoria Falls Hotel.

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UP FOR A CHALLENGE

Generally, the river safaris and game drives are not physically demanding. and participation in these activities is optional and at your discretion. Excursions may involve some walking over stone floors, brick streets, or uneven terrain, and may require climbing stairs. You must be able to step into and out of safari vehicles and excursion boats alone or with minimal assistance from your travel companion. The itinerary involves long, bumpy drives over very rough, dusty terrain. This program also includes several flights, and you must be able to go up and down stairs to board and deplane the airplanes.

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Study Leaders



Dr. Leeanne Alonso earned her PhD in Biology from Harvard University where she studied under renowned biodiversity expert,

Dr. E.O. Wilson, Leeanne has over 20 years of experience working in the biodiversity conservation field around the world, particularly in the tropics. As the Director of Global Wildlife Conservation's Global Biodiversity Exploration Program from 2012-2015 and Rapid Assessment Program (RAP) at Conservation International from 1998-2011, Leeanne coordinated and led more than 45 biodiversity field surveys through which she developed her expertise in the collection and analysis of biodiversity data.



Dr. Alfonso Alonso is a conservation biologist with the Smithsonian **Conservation Biology** Institute. He is passionate in finding

how species of plants and animals are distributed in different ecosystems and implementing monitoring programs to assure their persistence. Alfonso's interest in nature commenced early in his life as he traveled with his parents to different regions within Mexico, his country of origin. His undergraduate degree in biology led him to study the ecology and conservation of monarch butterflies as they overwinter in Mexico. He studied this endangered phenomenon also for his master's and PhD degrees at the University of Florida.



Ride up to Cape Point, within a UNESCO Protected Area, and enjoy views of the Cape of Good Hope.

Schedule by Day

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

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MARCH 12 AND 13

U.S. / Johannesburg, South Africa

Depart the U.S. for Johannesburg. Upon arrival, check into the five-star Fairlawns Boutique Hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Johannesburg / Pretoria

Pretoria is known for its diverse architecture and distinctly Afrikaans culture. Visit historic Liliesleaf Farm, once the epicenter of the liberation movement and now an important heritage site, and the Voortrekker Monument, honoring the mid-19th-century Dutch Voortrekkers (pioneers), who emigrated from the Cape Colony to the inland highveld. See the Union Buildings and formal garden where Mandela gave his presidential inauguration speech in 1994.

Enjoy the welcome reception in the hotel this evening. (B,L,R)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Johannesburg / Soweto

Johannesburg's South Western Townships community, better known as Soweto, is a cultural beacon and reminder of the long-lasting effects of segregationist politics. Here, follow in the footsteps of Mandela—visit his house and the Hector Pieterson Memorial, an iconic symbol of the 1976 apartheid protests; see the

FNB Stadium, where he delivered his first speech in Johannesburg following his 1990 release from prison; and tour Johannesburg's Apartheid Museum.

Enjoy a specially arranged dinner with guest speaker Nicholas Wolpe, founder and CEO of the Liliesleaf Farm Trust. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Johannesburg / Cape Town

This morning, fly to Cape Town, South Africa via Tambo International Airport and check into the historic Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Cape Town / Robben Island

Today, see Cape Town's historic City Hall, where Mandela made his first public speech mere hours after his release from prison, and ascend Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting) for spectacular sweeping city and coastal views.

Tour Robben Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Mandela and other political prisoners made strides in attaining equal rights during apartheid. The prison provides an invaluable perspective on South Africa's social and political transformation. (B)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Cape Town / Cape Point

Visit Boulders Beach in Simon's Town for an up-close look at a protected colony of



endangered African penguins. Journey on to Table Mountain National Park and ride a funicular up to lofty Cape Point.

In a private home in Cape Town's Bo-Kaap neighborhood, savor the spices of Cape Malay cuisine—a fusion of South African, Dutch, and Malaysian flavors—during a specially arranged dinner. (B,L,D)



Watch heards of South African oryx gather at watering holes in Chobe National Park.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Cape Town / Cape Winelands

Experience the world-class Cape Winelands along the Stellenbosch Wine Route. Enjoy a private tasting of the region's signature Pinotage red wine at Vergelegen Estate, then enjoy a specially arranged lunch with wine pairings at Boschendal, one of South Africa's oldest wine estates. (B,L)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Cape Town / Kasane, Botswana / Chobe River, Namibia

This morning, fly to Kasane, Botswana, for entry into Namibia.





species in this unspoiled ecosystem. of

After lunch in a local
restaurant, transfer to The Victoria



Vergelegen Cape Dutch Manor House is among the lea of Cape cultural heritage.

Embark the Zambezi Queen for extraordinary game viewing. Local guides will lead you on river safaris aboard small excursion boats. (B,D)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 21 AND 22

Chobe River Safari

Visit a village along the river to experience local culture firsthand, and join local guides on small excursion boats for game viewing, fishing, or bird watching. (2B,2L,2D)

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Chobe River / Chobe National Park, Botswana / Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Disembark the ship this morning and transfer to Botswana's Chobe National Park, home to the largest Kalahari elephant population (approximately 120,000) on the continent. Enjoy a morning game drive and look for antelope, crocodiles, zebras, spotted hyenas, blue wildebeests, hippopotamuses, and more than 450 bird species.

After lunch in a local restaurant, transfer to The Victorial Falls Hotel for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Victoria Falls

Walk the trail along the edge of thundering Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Here, the Zambezi River plummets into a 355-foot gorge, vaulting a colorful mist almost one thousand feet into the air. See Victoria Falls Bridge, an engineering marvel that was designed and prefabricated in England and assembled over the Zambezi River gorge in 1905.

Enjoy dinner in the hotel. (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Victoria Falls / MalaMala Game Reserve

This morning, fly to MalaMala Private Game Reserve, an extension of Kruger National Park, to check into the five-star lodge.

Dinner is in the lodge this evening. (B,D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

MalaMala

MalaMala is South Africa's largest private "Big Five" game reserve. Enjoy game drives to search for the lions, leopards, cheetahs, impalas, painted wolves, and Cape buffalo that roam freely between Kruger National Park and MalaMala in this sanctuary for nearly 150 species of mammals, more than 500 bird species, and nearly 350 types of trees. (B,L,D)



Navigate the Chobe River on a safari, where hippopotamus can be found cooling themselves.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 27 AND 28

MalaMala / Johannesburg, South Africa / U.S.

After a morning game drive and breakfast, fly to Johannesburg for your return flight to the U.S.

Arrive in the U.S. the next day. (B)

What is Included:

- Expert insights from guest speakers Dr. Leeanne Alonso and Dr. Alfonso Alonso
- Eleven nights in five-star accommodations
- Three-night cruise aboard the Zambezi Queen
- Elegantly appointed, five-star stateroom aboard ship
- Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner
- · Zimbabwe and Zambia entry visas

- All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom and during excursions
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance



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Look for a dazzle of zebra grazing the plains of MalaMala Private Game Reserve.

Seek out elephants and other wildlife during the Chobe River safari by small excursion boat.

Five-Star Hotels

These exclusive five-star hotels have been specially selected to enhance your experience in each fascinating destination we visit.

FAIRLAWNS BOUTIQUE HOTEL provides extraordinary luxury, tranquility and stately ambiance in Johannesburg. Stay in the exclusive Grand Chateau Suites, each individually decorated, featuring a beautiful communal lounge with large fireplace and complimentary Wi-Fi.

Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel is a timeless garden estate in Cape Town's vibrant cultural center at the foot of Table Mountain. Enjoy stylish accommodations with modern amenities in this world-famous hotel.

THE VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL features dramatic views looking out toward the beautiful, rainbow-hued mist of Victoria Falls. Built in 1904 to house railway workers, it has transformed into one of the Leading Hotels of the World.

MALAMALA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE is a unique, unforgettable safari destination situated in one of the top game-viewing destinations. The Victoria Falls Hotel is renowned for impeccable service and in the world. It offers an authentic lodge experience without compromising comfort or luxury.



luxurious accommodations.

Trip Sampling

LAND & RAIL

Village Life around the Italian Lakes SEP 21-29, 2019 Sue Schopf

Exploring the Wine Regions of Bordeaux & Rioja OCT 12-20, 2019 Tom Conley

Cultural Legacy of Pittsburgh, America's Steel Town OCT 24-28, 2019 Alice Delana

Budapest and Central Europe on GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS (with New Year's in Vienna) DEC 28, 2019-JAN 5, 2020

Village Life in Dordogne MAY 14-22, 2020

Robert J. Kiely

CRUISES

Trade Routes Of Coastal Iberia on LE LYRIAI OCT 13-21, 2019

Harvey V. Fineberg & Mary Wilson

Expedition to Antarctica on Le Boréal

JAN 15-28, 2020 James Salzman

European Coastal Civilizations: Lisbon to London's Tower Bridge on LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE APR 27-MAY 6, 2020 John Stewart

The Red Sea on Le Bougainville MAY 5-18. 2020 Michael McCormick

Ancient Empires: Rome to Malta on LE BOUGAINVILLE MAY 24-JUN 1, 2020 Daniel Donoghue

Scottish Isles & Norway's Fiords on LE CHAMPLAIN MAY 30-JUN 7, 2020 Lizabeth Cohen & Herrick Chapman

Cruising Alaska's Glaciers & the Inside Passage on LE Soléal

JUL 29-AUG 5, 2020 Harvey Fineberg & Mary Wilson

Great Lakes on LE CHAMPLAIN SFP 12-19 2020

Island Life: Greek Islands on LE BOUGAINVILLE OCT 8-16, 2020

RIVERS & LAKES

Egypt & The Nile: A Journey Into Antiquity on SANCTUARY SUN BOAT III DEC 26, 2019-JAN 6, 2020 David Aguilar

Springtime in Provence & Burgandy (Lyon to Arles) on AMADEUS PROVENCE MAY 6-14, 2020 **Richard Thomas**

Passage of the Danube River on AMADEUS SILVER II (Featuring Bavaria & the Oberammergau Passion Play) JUN 21-JUL 1, 2020



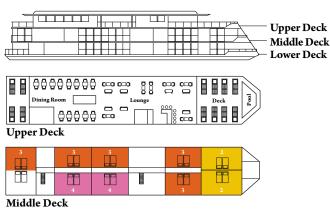






Upper Deck

ms Zambezi Queen





Lower Deck

The exclusively chartered, five-star Zambezi Queen is a specially designed, stylish "floating lodge" built to offer sophistication on the Chobe River. The Zambezi Queen was named the World's Leading Boutique Cruise by the World Travel Awards in 2018. This world-class, unique African river safari offers remarkable opportunities for unobstructed viewing of wildlife and river vistas, whether from the comfort of your bedside or from the classic and contemporary lounge, bar, or open-air deck with plunge pool.

Each of the 14 tastefully appointed, air-conditioned, spacious staterooms features expansive sliding glass doors that open onto a private balcony, one gueen bed or two twin beds, and private bathroom with shower.

Regional cuisine is prepared by the South African-trained culinary staff with fresh, local ingredients and an international flair; the spacious dining room has windows on three sides for optimal game viewing as animals gather at the water's edge. Onboard meals include early-risers' coffee, American buffet breakfast, lunch, and three-course dinner. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

The environmentally sensitive Zambezi Queen meets inland water safety standards and is specially designed to prevent damage to the riverbed. It is fuel efficient with low-emission generators and features solar-heated hot water and an onboard water purification system. There is no doctor on board the ship.



Rates Per Person

CATEGORY/DECK

CATEGORY 5

\$10,145

Private-balcony stateroom. 233 square feet including balcony. Lower Deck.

CATEGORY 4

\$10.945

Private-balcony smaller stateroom. 211 square feet including balcony. Middle Deck, midship.

CATEGORY 3

Private-balcony stateroom. 230 square feet including balcony. Middle Deck, midship and aft. Single Pricing: \$17,145

CATEGORY 2

Private-balcony larger stateroom. Larger, second balcony adjacent to bridge. 283 square feet including balcony. Middle Deck, forward.

CATEGORY 1

\$12,145

Private-balcony larger stateroom. Larger, second private balcony. 340 square feet including balcony. Lower Deck, forward.

Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.





Terms & Conditions

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS:

Enrichment program of lectures: taxes and port charges; Zimbabwe and Zambia visas; all transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/ departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s); all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodation, and meals and gratuities to restaurant staff per detailed itinerary; complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner aboard ship: gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, naturalist guides, and drivers; tour manager throughout; \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

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International airfare from the U.S.; internal program airfare; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes: associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the "Inclusions" section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); passport, visas, and associated fees (excluding Zimbabwe and Zambia entry visas); personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and Internet access unless otherwise specified; accident/ sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the "Inclusions" section: and all other services not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" section.

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