2019 WORLDWIDE TRAVEL PROGRAM

THE PRIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA & ZIMBABWE

featuring a Chobe River Safari aboard ZAMBEZI QUEEN

with SUZANNE PRESTON BLIER,
Allen Whitehill Clowes Chair of Fine Arts and of African and African American Studies

March 14-30, 2019
ON THIS EXCITING, IN-DEPTH ITINERARY TRAVEL THE BREADTH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHERE NATURE’S SPECTACLE IS AT ITS MOST DRAMATIC, HISTORY IS RICH, CULTURE IS DIVERSE, AND THE “BIG FIVE” GAME VIEWING IN PRISTINE NATURAL HABITATS IS EXTRAORDINARY.

Discover the wonders of Namibia and Botswana, home to dense populations of game; walk in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela in South Africa; and behold the majestic natural beauty of Zimbabwe’s incomparable Victoria Falls—one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Enjoy a three-night river safari on Namibia’s legendary Chobe River featuring naturalist-guided excursions by small watercraft—a fantastic perspective from which to observe magnificent wildlife. The exclusively chartered, five-star Zambezi Queen has just 14 beautifully appointed staterooms, each with a private balcony. During your classic land safaris aboard four-wheel-drive vehicles, enjoy superb game viewing in both seldom-visited Botswana, a sanctuary for nearly all of the southern African mammal species, and in MalaMala Private Game Reserve, an extension of South Africa’s renowned Kruger National Park.

Follow Mandela’s “long road to freedom,” where each stop is its own poignant reminder of the struggle for democracy: from his former home in Soweto to UNESCO World Heritage-designated Robben Island, on to Johannesburg and the presidency of South Africa, “the rainbow nation.” Hear the unique insights of a special guest speaker, founder of the Liliesleaf Farm Trust. Savor glorious Cape Town, poised dramatically between Table Mountain and the sparkling waters of Table Bay. Revel in spectacular seaside views and South Africa’s sublime Cape Winelands, featuring visits to world-class wineries for specially arranged wine tastings and their distinct Cape Dutch architecture.

The carefully selected, five-star accommodations include Johannesburg’s exclusive Grand Chateau Suites at the Fairlawns Boutique Hotel, MalaMala Private Game Reserve, Cape Town’s historic Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, and Zimbabwe’s legendary colonial Victoria Falls Hotel.

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Suzanne Preston Blier is Allen Whitehill Clowes Professor of Fine Arts and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. She is also a member of the Institute for Quantitative Social Science and a faculty associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

Her work focuses primarily on African art, architecture, and culture. Blier’s interests in mapping led to the creation of the “The Baobab Project” in 1993 (an electronic media project focusing on African visual culture, which represented one of the largest academic studies of African art). The Baobab Project led to the creation of AfricaMap in 2007, followed by WorldMap in 2011, an online, open source mapping platform developed to lower barriers for scholars who wish to explore, visualize, edit, and publish geospatial information. Blier also currently serves as president of the College Art Association, the professional association of art historians and artists, and has previously served on the board of directors of the Society of Architecture.


LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

Step back in time to the most pivotal moments in South Africa’s anti-apartheid movement and Nelson Mandela’s “long walk to freedom” with inspiring visits that reveal the historic, 20th-century milestones that culminated in the inauguration of South Africa’s first black president and stimulated the most progressive economic, social, political, and educational prosperity the country has seen.

In Rivonia, tour Liliesleaf Farm, a key meeting place for members of the African National Congress (ANC) and the liberation movement in the early 1960s. Specially arranged guest speaker Nicholas Wolpe will discuss his role as founder and CEO of the Liliesleaf Farm Trust. Follow in Mandela’s footsteps through Soweto, and explore UNESCO World Heritage-designated Robben Island, the isolated former outpost for political prisoners off the coast of Cape Town. Stand at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, site of Mandela’s historic 1994 inauguration following South Africa’s first multiracial democratic general election.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.
Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15

**U.S. / JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

Depart on an overnight flight and arrive the following day in Johannesburg. This charismatic city is home to one of the world’s largest urban forests, where more than six million trees flourish in the subtropical highland climate. Upon arrival, check into the five-star **FAIRLAWNS BOUTIQUE HOTEL.**

Saturday, March 16

**JOHANNESBURG / PRETORIA**

North of Johannesburg lies vibrant Pretoria, known for its diverse architecture, purple-blossomed jacaranda trees, and distinctly Afrikaans culture. Trace South Africa’s journey to democracy in the historic Liliesleaf Farm, once the epicenter of the liberation movement and now a cultural heritage site. Visit the Voortrekker Monument, honoring the mid-19th-century Dutch Voortrekkers (pioneers), who emigrated from the Cape Colony to the inland highveld, and see the Union Buildings and the formal garden where Mandela gave his historic presidential inauguration speech (1994).

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

Sunday, March 17

**JOHANNESBURG / SOWETO**

Few places reflect South Africa’s history like Johannesburg’s South Western Townships, better known as Soweto. A broad cross section of South African daily life—from shack settlements to a rising middle class to millionaires—this thriving community is a cultural beacon and reminder of the long-lasting effects of segregationist politics. Its Vilakazi Street fostered two Nobel Peace Prize laureates, Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

Follow in the footsteps of Mandela—visit his house and the Hector Pieterson Memorial, an iconic symbol of the historic 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 evocative Apartheid Museum.

Enjoy a specially arranged dinner featuring guest speaker Nicholas Wolpe, founder and CEO of the Liliesleaf Farm Trust. Wolpe will share an insider’s perspective on the historic events surrounding Liliesleaf and the African National Congress (ANC). (B,L,D)

Monday, March 18

**JOHANNESBURG / CAPE TOWN**

Late this morning, fly to Cape Town and check into the historic **BELMONT MOUNT NELSON HOTEL.** The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Tuesday, March 19

**CAPE TOWN / ROBBEN ISLAND**

Cape Town today is a cosmopolitan city of meticulously preserved Edwardian and Victorian buildings and outstanding examples of Cape Dutch architecture. See the historic City Hall, where Mandela made his first public speech mere hours after his release from prison. Ascend Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting) for 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’s storied interior and its guides—former prisoners, many of whom served with Mandela—provide an invaluable perspective on South Africa’s social and political transformation. (B)

Wednesday, March 20

**CAPE TOWN / CAPE WINELANDS**

Experience the world-class Cape Winelands along the Stellenbosch Wine Route. During a visit to the historic Vergelegen Cape Dutch Manor House, enjoy a private tasting of the region’s signature Pinotage red wine. Then enjoy a specially arranged lunch with wine pairings at Boschendal, one of the oldest wine estates in South Africa. (B,L,D)

Friday, March 22

**CAPE TOWN / KASANE, BOTSWANA / CHOBE RIVER, NAMIBIA**

This morning, fly to Kasane, Botswana, for entry into Namibia. Board the ZamBezi Queen for extraordinary game viewing, distinctly different from a land safari. Local guides will lead you on river safaris aboard small excursion boats. (B,D)

SCHEDULE BY DAY (B=BREAKFAST, L=LUNCH, R=RECEPTION, D=DINNER)

**THE 300-YEAR-OLD VERGELEGEN ESTATE**
WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by our Harvard study leader, Suzanne Preston Blier
- Three-night river safari aboard the five-star Zambezi Queen
- Complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner on board the ship
- Three nights in Johannesburg, South Africa, in the five-star Fairlawns Boutique Hotel; four nights in Cape Town in the historic Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel; two nights in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, in the five-star Victoria Falls Hotel; and two nights in the five-star MalaMala Private Game Reserve
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C'est Bon! Culinary Traditions™ cooking demonstration and dinner featuring traditional Cape Malay cuisine

- All activities, excursions, game drives, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
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SEE GIRAFFE AND ZEBRA ON SAFARI.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**MS ZAMBEZI QUEEN**

**CATEGORY 5, $10,245**
Private-balcony stateroom, 233 square feet including balcony. Lower Deck.

**CATEGORY 4, $10,645**
Private-balcony smaller stateroom, 211 square feet including balcony. Middle Deck, midship.

**CATEGORY 3, $11,045**
Private-balcony stateroom, 231 square feet including balcony. Middle Deck, midship and aft.  

**CATEGORY 2, $11,245**
Private-balcony larger stateroom. Larger, second shared balcony. 283 square feet including balcony. Middle Deck, forward.

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**THE BO-KAAP TOWNSHIP OF CAPE TOWN**