Lake Arbor Travel Invites You On

An Adventure To

SOUTH AFRICA AND VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE



DECEMBER 8-20, 2025

\$5,700.00* Per Person, Double Occupancy

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Monday, December 8: Depart the U.S. on a non-stop flight.

Tuesday, December 9: Arrival in Johannesburg, South Africa

You will be met at the airport and transferred to **The DaVinci Hotel and Suites**, located within the Legacy Corner Mall in Nelson Mandela Square, where the finest shops await you. The DaVinci is a contemporary masterpiece with unparalleled attention to detail with rooms designed to captivate you. Enjoy fine dining, free Wi-Fi, Spa, pool, shopping and gaming.

Overnight: The DaVinci Hotel and Suites



Wednesday, December 10: Full DayTour of Johannesburg and Soweto



This full-day tour combines two of Johannesburg's most popular attractions providing you with an opportunity to take a closer look at South Africa's turbulent past. We first travel across Johannesburg to the south of the city to visit the Apartheid Museum, which opened in 2002. Here visitors embark on a historical voyage of discovery, a personal exploration of the past that examines the story of apartheid right up to the first democratic elections held in 1994. The tour of the museum lasts approximately two hours. We then continue to **SOWETO (SO**uth **WE**stern **TO**wnship), the largest former all-black township established by apartheid government policies. Our tour route takes you to all the major points of interest in the city of Johannesburg, such as Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Baragwanath taxi rank, Freedom Square, Hector Pieterson Memorial, Constitution Hill and Nelson Mandela's former home.

Overnight: The DaVinci Hotel and Suites Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Thursday, December 11: Sun City Resort, The Palace of the Lost City Hotel

Today you leave Johannesburg and continue to the **Sun City Resort** and the **The Palace Hotel**. The Lost City covers 62 acres which is set on the slopes of a picturesque valley in the Pilanesberg mountains and captures the essence of

an ancient African kingdom in the opulence and astonishing architecture, and has a unique heartbeat and an African rhythm of its own. The skyline is dominated by The Palace, with its 10 towers framed by faux elephant tusks and uniquely furnished rooms. Afternoon game drive in the **Pilanesberg Game Reserve.** Also, you may explore the many attractions – Valley of the Waves at the beach, casinos, golf, spa, live theatre, botanical gardens, tennis, pools, zip slide, and much more!



Several nights a week, The Palace Hotel explodes with sensational extravaganza shows which could have come straight from the theatres of Paris or Las Vegas. Pulsating music, spectacular sets and high-kicking dancers in glorious costumes transport you into a world of high energy fantasy. The hotel's restaurants ranges from exotic Asian cuisine to an African-themed Calabash with authentic African dishes and carvery. The dramatic Lobby Lounge is suspended above the slots casino and serves refreshing cocktails, light snacks and dreamy desserts. After-dinner entertainment includes one of the largest casinos in the world outside America. There is no place on earth like the The Palace Resort!

Overnight: The Palace Hotel Meal: Breakfast

Friday, December 12: Sun City Resort, Game Drive

Morning game drive in the **Pilanesberg Game Reserve**. The Pilanesberg Game Park is home to Africa's Big Five – Lion, African Elephant, Cape Buffalo, Rhinoceros and Leopard – and they, along with zebras, hyenas, giraffes, hippos, crocodiles and over 300 bird species, roam free within the Pilanesberg's 135,905 acres.



The crater of a long extinct volcano is the setting of Pilanesberg National Park - a fascinating alkaline complex produced by volcanic action some 1,300 million years ago. Pilanesberg is one of the largest volcanic complexes of its kind in the world. Its rare rock types and structure make it a unique geological feature. The area is fringed by three concentric ridges or rings of hills - the formation rises from the surrounding plains like a bubble. Pilanesberg has survived ages of erosion and stands high above the surrounding bushveld plains. The early presence of man can be seen in the numerous Stone and Iron Age sites throughout the park

Off the center of the Park is Thabayadiotso, "the Proud Mountain". The Park ranks among the largest of the <u>national</u> <u>parks in South Africa</u> (it is the fourth largest park) and covers an area of 55,000 hectare. The beauty of Pilanesberg is reflected in a large central lake, the Mankwe Dam. Over time, wind and water have carved a spectacular landscape with rocky outcrops.



Enjoy a free afternoon.

Overnight: The Palace Hotel Meal: Breakfast

Saturday, December 13: Cape Town, South Africa

Early transfer back to Johannesburg Airport for your departure flight to Cape Town. On arrival in Cape Town, you will be met and transferred to **The Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel**. This prestigious hotel offers a blend of old-world elegance with modern comforts and overlooks the Victoria & Albert Waterfront. Luxury rooms are spacious and well-equipped. Enjoy the Camelot Spa, swimming pool, gym and dine in the hotel's restaurants, relax in the lounges and bars or linger on the terrace with panoramic views of the entire city and bay. Venture out to explore the many restaurants and shops on The Waterfront.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel Meal: Breakfast

Sunday, December 14: Cape Town City Tour and Robben Island

Private morning city tour of **Cape Town** including **Robben Island** and ascent to **Table Mountain** (weather permitting). Cape Town, arguably one of the most beautiful cities in the world, is encircled by hills, sandy beaches and vineyards that add to its charm.



Table Mountain rises behind the city to a height of 1,087m, cutting the skyline with a horizontal front three kilometers in length. From the Lower Cableway Station, the cableway takes you to the summit in less than ten minutes in rotating gondola's ensuring stunning 360 degree views of the city and surrounds. We will stop at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront for lunch (on your own). The Waterfront is set against a backdrop of magnificent sea and mountain views, exciting shopping and entertainment venues are intermingled with world-class restaurants, hotels and luxury apartments in the residential marina. After lunch, enjoy the Waterfront before walking to the Robben Island Ferry Dock for our afternoon visit to Robben Island.

Depart the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront at Nelson Mandela Gateway for a 30-minute ferry trip to the World Heritage site of **Robben Island.** A prison for 450 years for slaves, lepers and political dissidents, this historic landmark is now a museum. Experience the conditions of incarceration, view **Nelson Mandela's maximum security prison cell (Cell 5)** and see the lime quarries. This is where hard labor was served and prisoners discussed strategy, freedom and the future. This well-preserved landmark is a monument to the triumph of freedom, dignity and determination over humiliation and oppression.



Overnight: The Taj Cape Town Hotel Meal: Breakfast

Monday, December 15: Half Day Winelands Tour and Lunch



Feast your senses in the sumptuous beauty the Winelands of the Cape has to offer at two Wine Estates. A dramatic backdrop of craggy mountains and fertile valleys, covered with ever-changing colors of the vineyards, sets the scene for enjoyment and relaxation. Sample the fruit of the vine in every glass of our world-renowned wines, while enjoying lunch filled with culinary delights of regional cuisine. Discover the rich historical and cultural heritage of this area where splendid examples of Cape Dutch, Victorian and Georgian architecture have been preserved. The Winelands will leave you with lasting memories of warm hospitality and unsurpassed natural beauty.

Overnight: The Taj Cape Town Hotel Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Tuesday, December 16: Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour

Cape Peninsula is at the southwestern extreme of the African continent and the tour takes you around the entire peninsula showcasing the pristine beaches and the spectacular Cape Point, where the oceans meet. Here you will see the Cape of Good Hope, Hout Bay, Clifton and Camps Bay, Simons Town, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, among other sites. Lunch reservations can been made at the famous Two Oceans Restaurant, many seafood specialties (at your expense).

Overnight: The Taj Cape Town Hotel Meal: Breakfast

Wednesday, December 17: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Transfer to Cape Town Airport for your flight to **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe** via Johannesburg. Meet and greet at Victoria Falls airport and transfer to **The Victoria Falls Hotel**. This elegant hotel commands a prime location overlooking Victoria Falls. Your beautiful central deluxe guest room features wooden furnishings and regional style décor and are equipped with amenities for a very enjoyable stay. Enjoy restaurants, a trendy café, poolside bar and English High Tea on the terrace.



Relax in your luxury room and prepare for a sunset cruise on the **Zambezi River**. Cruise along the banks of the river, and view the spectacular scenery that is nature's own sanctuary, and home to the "laughing hippos," the "singing birds" and the "snapping crocodiles", as you sip on your drink and indulge on mouthwatering snacks.



Overnight: The Victoria Falls Hotel Meals: Breakfast

Thursday, December 18: Tour of Victoria Falls and Boma Dinner

Join your guide for a tour of one of the **Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls**. Victoria Falls is a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800's as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' – 'The Smoke that

Thunders.' In more modern terms, Victoria Falls is known as the greatest curtain of falling water in the world. Stop at Victoria Falls Crafts Market before returning to the hotel.



Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as, at the height of the rainy season, more than five hundred million cubic meters of water per minute plummet over the edge, over a width of nearly two kilometers, into a gorge over one hundred meters below. The wide, basalt cliff over which the falls thunder, transforms the Zambezi from a placid river into a ferocious torrent cutting through a series of dramatic gorges. Facing the Falls is another sheer wall of basalt, rising to the same height, and capped by a mist-soaked rain forest. A path along the edge of the forest provides the visitor prepared to brave the tremendous spray, with an unparalleled series of views of the Falls.

Enjoy an unforgettable dinner at **The Boma – Place of Eating**, an African experience infused with Zimbabwean cuisine. Partially open to the African skies, it offers a unique experience that bombards the senses with the tastes, sights, sounds and smells of Africa - together with the warmth and hospitality of Zimbabwe and its people. Guests are welcomed with a traditional greeting in the local languages, Shona and Ndebele. The guests are then dressed in 'chitenges' (traditional robes) and prepared to enter the main enclosure. You are invited to take part in a hand-washing ceremony before sampling traditional beer and snacks, as a prelude to dinner and entertainment.

Specializing in a superb selection of traditional Zimbabwean dishes, The Boma offers a four-course meal combining a mouth-watering choice of starters from the kitchen, soup from the campfire and a substantial barbeque buffet served on cast iron plates. They offer a wide variety of salads from the salad bar and a choice of delicious desserts from the buffet area.



Overnight: The Victoria Falls Hotel Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Friday, December 19: Depart Zimbabwe for Return to the United States

Hotel check out and transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for flight to Johannesburg, onto United Airlines non-stop flight to Newark International Airport.

Meal: Breakfast

Saturday, December 20: Arrive U.S. Airport

Connect to flight home, if applicable.

Included:

2 Nights accommodations at The DaVinci Hotel and Suites 2 Nights accommodations at The Palace of The Lost City Hotel 4 Nights accommodations at The Taj Hotel Cape Town 2 Nights accommodations at The Victoria Falls Hotel Breakfast daily Lunch and dinner per Itinerary Airport/Hotel transfers Game drives per Itinerary Sightseeing and tours per Itinerary Entrance fees and tickets relating to tours

Not Included:

Single entry Zimbabwe Visa, available on-line
Guide and Driver Gratuities
Meals not mentioned
Personal expenses
Travel Insurance – www.allianztravelinsurance.com, Travel Agent ACCAM: F030217

PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID THROUGH JUNE 2026.

*Based on current currency conversion and estimated airline costs.

Airline schedules and prices will be available in November 2024.

RESERVATION FORM – Complete and email/mail to:

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My deposit of \$ is enclosed			
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Dietary Restrictions:

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