

SOUTH AFRICA TRIP AUGUST 2008

Starting in [Cape Town](#) we stay at the [Parker Cottage B&B](#) for four nights (sumptuous daily breakfast included). In Cape Town, we will have the opportunity to explore Cape Town, take a day trip to the [wine country](#), and see [Cape Point](#) where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Indian Ocean.

Then, we leave Cape Town for two days aboard the fabulous [Rovos Rail](#) train (all meals and alcoholic beverages included while on the train) bound for [Pretoria](#). The vistas from the train traveling across the South African desert landscape are incredible. A lunch stop along the way allows you time to visit the [Kimberley](#). Overnight on the train is quiet as the train pulls off the main rail for a good night's sleep.

Arriving at the Rovos Rail station at Capital Park we overnight at [Stonecutters Lodge](#) (dinner and breakfast included) en route to the game reserve and [Kruger National Park](#).

On to Thornybush Private Game Reserve staying at [Chapungu Luxury Tented Camp](#). Our group will have exclusive use of the entire camp during our three day stay. While at Chapungu all meals, teas, coffees & snacks, game drives in open Land Rover and bushveld walks are included. After a few game drives you'll become a seasoned hand at spotting the [Big Five](#) most dangerous mammals: Lion, African elephant, Cape Buffalo, Leopard and Rhinoceros.

Then, we're off for an overnight at [Court Classique Suite Hotel](#) (includes breakfast) in Arcadia, Pretoria on the way to [Zambia](#) to see the spectacular [Victoria Falls](#).

A short flight from Johannesburg, South Africa to Livingstone, Zambia for a three night stay at the [David Livingstone Safari Lodge](#). During our stay we will have time to view Victoria Falls and possibly take in a few [adventuresome activities](#) like **The Flying Fox!** Imagine taking a running jump into thin air over the chasm, soaring horizontally through the air over the turmoil of the mighty Zambezi River below.

All venues quoted rates are in South African Rand (ZAR). At today's exchange rate that makes this portion of the trip the US\$ equivalent of approximately \$3,345 per person for fifteen days, including Zambia round trip air, Zambia visa and Zambia airport transfer. This US\$ equivalent amount will continue to fluctuate somewhat as the Rand has lately been hovering around 7.5 to the dollar. I noticed today it was up over 7.9 to the dollar. The higher the better our exchange rate. See current [exchange rates](#). All credit card deposits (and balance payments) for the land and Zambia package will be made directly to each venue for safety and security.

For the international air portion, I also have a quote for a group rate from Delta Airlines flying from Atlanta to Cape Town and return from Johannesburg to Atlanta of \$2,100. Further investigation of the same group fare base leaving from New York is \$1,899, leaving from San Francisco is \$2,014, and leaving from Los Angeles is \$2,000. So, after comparing many fares, this seems to be the best price for the time of year we are traveling. And it varies slightly depending on where you are starting your trip. We'll all start from our closest airport, meet in Atlanta and head for Cape Town together for a trip to remember! If you want to use your mileage points for the international air, that's fine. We only need 10 people minimum to qualify for the group rate.

As the group is limited to 16 total spaces and there are time limits for the deposits the various venues, please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to go with us on this exciting trip. As soon as I hear from you, I'll let you know the payment arrangements. If you have any questions, please email or call me at 760-320-7103. Feel free to forward this email to anyone else you think might be interested in this trip.

A PDF copy of the South Africa Trip 2008 Itinerary is available [here](#), but I'll also attach one here.

All the best,
Michael

South Africa Trip 2008 ITINERARY (SUMMARY)

- 14 Aug – Arrive Cape Town – Parker Cottage
 - 15 Aug – Cape Town – Parker Cottage
 - 16 Aug – Cape Town – Parker Cottage
 - 17 Aug – Cape Town – Parker Cottage
 - 18 Aug – Depart Cape Town – Rovos Rail
 - 19 Aug – In Route – Rovos Rail
 - 20 Aug – Arrive Pretoria – depart for Stonecutters Lodge for overnight
 - 21 Aug – Depart Stonecutters for Game Reserve – Chapungu Luxury Tented Camp/Thornybush
 - 22 Aug – Chapungu/Thornybush
 - 23 Aug – Chapungu/Thornybush
 - 24 Aug – Depart Chapungu/Thornybush for Johannesburg and Court Classique for overnight
 - 25 Aug – Depart JNB for Zambia – David Livingstone Safari Lodge
 - 26 Aug – Zambia – David Livingstone Safari Lodge
 - 27 Aug – Zambia – David Livingstone Safari Lodge
 - 28 Aug – Depart Zambia for Johannesburg/Arrive JNB and connect for flights to USA
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