SOUTHERN AFRICA'S GREAT RAIL JOURNEY

Via ROVOS RAIL
MAY 16 to 31, 2007

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Dear Columbian,

Join fellow alumni, family, and friends on this spectacular journey through a land of breathtaking beauty, rich cultural heritage, and abundant wildlife. Sweeping vistas evoke the romance of Isak Dinesen as we cross the southern expanse of the African continent.

The luxurious Rovos Rail recreates the golden age of train travel: unsurpassed service; private compartments featuring Edwardian furnishings and fine wood paneling; plush armchairs affording unobstructed views in the glass-paneled observation car; and an elegant, vintage dining carriage. Each historic coach has been meticulously restored to its original splendor.

Our program begins in Cape Town, cradled at the base of Table Mountain and offering one of the most dramatic settings in the world. Explore the highlights of the city and the unique plant life of the Cape Peninsula. Visit the vineyards and historic architecture of Stellenbosch in the company of expert local historians and naturalists. From Cape Town, board Rovos Rail for a five-day journey to Pietersburg. Tour Kimberley, site of the first diamond discoveries in South Africa, and Pretoria, South Africa’s administrative capital. Take an early-morning game drive in the Kapama Game Reserve and learn about conservation efforts at the Wild Dog and Cheetah Project.

Upon arrival in Pietersburg, fly by chartered plane to Livingstone, Zambia, to experience the power and splendor of Victoria Falls, one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. Then continue to Chobe National Park in Botswana, a superb animal-viewing region famous for its elephant population and the Savute Marsh, teeming with wildlife.

Our study leader team of David Welsh and Virginia van der Vliet are veterans of past Rovos Rail programs and will enrich our experiences on this unforgettable journey. Both are natives of South Africa and have taught at the University of Cape Town, David specializing in political studies and Virginia in social anthropology.

Join us and travelers from the American Museum of Natural History for a unique look at this fascinating region and the forces shaping the cultural, natural, and political landscapes of southern Africa.

Best regards,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

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LUXURY
Our programs are classified in three categories: Value, Superior, and Luxury

Rovos Rail recreates the golden age of rail travel.
David Welsh, a Capetonian by birth, received his PhD from the University of Cape Town and his MA from Oxford. He recently retired from teaching southern African studies in the Political Studies Department at the University of Cape Town. Widely published, he has authored three books, co-edited five books, and published more than 100 articles and chapters. In addition to his scholarly activities, he has been a commentator in the media and a campaigner for human rights. Currently he acts as a political consultant to Omega Investment Research.

Virginia van der Vliet was born in Johannesburg and educated at the University of Witwatersrand, where she obtained her MA degree. She taught social anthropology at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, from 1963 to 1980 and at the University of Cape Town from 1980 to 1990. Her principal scholarly interests have been the African family in transition, gender relations among Africans, and the sociology and politics of AIDS. Her book *The Politics of Aids* was published in 1996. She is currently a consultant to Omega Investment Research and edits a bimonthly bulletin, *AIDSAlert.*
Wednesday & Thursday, May 16 & 17

U.S. / CAPE TOWN

Depart the U.S. on the recommended overnight flight itinerary to Cape Town or independently. Arrive Thursday and transfer to the elegant Mt. Nelson Hotel.

MT. NELSON HOTEL (MEALS ALOFT)

Friday, May 18

CAPE TOWN

Stunningly set between the mountains and the sea, Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Drive through the beautiful and compelling landscape of the Cape Peninsula, over mountain passes, beside wide sandy beaches, and through historic ports and fishing settlements. Visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, an integral part of the Cape Floral Kingdom. An area of unsurpassed scenic beauty, the Cape Floral Kingdom is the smallest of the world's six floral kingdoms and has the highest known concentration of plant species in the world. Of the estimated 9,000 species, roughly seventy percent are endemic to South Africa. Continue to Cape Point, the tip of the reserve, to view the spectacular scenery at the southwesternmost point of Africa, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet. Enjoy a special welcome dinner this evening.

MT. NELSON HOTEL (B, L, D)

Saturday, May 19

CAPE TOWN

Weather permitting, board cable cars this morning and ride to the top of Table Mountain for breathtaking views of the city and Cape Peninsula. Afterward, visit the Company Gardens, established in 1652 to provide fresh vegetables for ships en route to the Dutch East Indies. Today, “The Gardens” is home to the Parliament, galleries, and museums, including the South Africa Museum, a leading research and educational institution displaying the art and culture of the area’s indigenous populations. This afternoon, stroll through Kirstenbosch Botanic Gardens, one of the world’s largest botanical gardens. Only native plants are cultivated in Kirstenbosch, including the characteristic heathland vegetation known as fynbos.

MT. NELSON HOTEL (B, L)

Sunday, May 20

CAPE TOWN

Board a morning ferry to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela and other freedom fighters were imprisoned during the apartheid era. After lunch, visit the beautifully restored town of Stellenbosch, founded in 1679 and renowned for its Cape Dutch architecture and stately oaks. Since French Huguenots introduced winemaking to the area in the late-seventeenth century, the region has evolved to become the center of the Cape’s wine industry. Visit a nearby vineyard and sample a selection of South Africa’s finest wines.

MT. NELSON HOTEL (B, L, D)

Monday, May 21

CAPE TOWN / ROVOS RAIL

Transfer to the Cape Town train station for a late-morning departure aboard Rovos Rail. From the comfort of the observation car or a private suite, watch the landscape transform from the lush valleys, vineyards, and sculpted mountains of the Western Cape to the stark desolation of the Great Karoo Desert, once an enormous inland sea. Arrive in Matjiesfontein, a lush oasis in the Little Karoo, in time to take a stroll through the historic town before dinner onboard. ROVOS RAIL (B, L, D)

Tuesday, May 22

KIMBERLEY

Enjoy a relaxing morning aboard the train before disembarking for an afternoon in Kimberley, famous for its diamond mines and one of the finest Victorian railway stations in Africa. Visit the Diamond Museum and the “Big Hole,” the largest man-made excavation in the world. This astonishing site was once the location of a small hill where diamondiferous kimberlite ore was discovered. Millions of tons of ore were removed as miners continued their search hundreds of feet below ground level. ROVOS RAIL (B, L, D)
Wednesday, May 23

JOHANNESBURG / PRETORIA
Continuing on the train, cross the Vaal River into the Gauteng province and climb steadily toward the skyscrapers of Johannesburg, the largest city in sub-Saharan Africa. Disembark the train and visit the Apartheid Museum for a sobering examination of South Africa’s racial history. Continue to Soweto, which played a crucial role in the struggle against apartheid. Drive to Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa. In the company of a local historian, explore the treasures of this city, including historic Church Square and the impressive Union Buildings, headquarters for the South African government since 1913.
SHERATON PRETORIA (B, L, D)

Thursday, May 24

ELANDS RIVER VALLEY
Board Rovos Rail late this morning and continue eastward. Relax and observe the spectacular scenery as the train descends from the highest point on the line into the dramatic Elands River Valley. The descent is marked by a striking change in vegetation, from the stark highveld grassland to the lush, subtropical landscape of the Mpumalanga lowveld.
ROVOS RAIL (B, L, D)

Friday, May 25

HOEDSPRUIT / KAPAMA GAME RESERVE
Disembark at Hoedspruit for an early-morning game drive in the Kapama Game Reserve, followed by a visit to the Wild Dog and Cheetah Project. The objective of the project is to breed endangered species and release them to the wild. Reboard the train and continue to Pietersburg, along the way passing close to the edge of the escarpment where the highveld drops precipitously from 4,000 feet to 2,000 feet. In the afternoon, travel through the stunning landscape between Tzaneen and Soekmekaar.
ROVOS RAIL (B, L, D)

Saturday & Sunday, May 26 & 27

LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA / VICTORIA FALLS
Bid farewell to Rovos Rail in Pietersburg and transfer to the airport for a chartered flight to Livingstone, Zambia, for two days at spectacular Victoria Falls. One of the world’s greatest natural wonders, Victoria Falls drops 350 feet into the Zambezi Gorge. An average of almost two million cubic feet of water cascades every minute over the edge of the falls, which stretch an amazing one-mile in width. The constant mist, nicknamed “the smoke that thunders,” creates an environment simulating a tropical rainforest and is visible from the winding footpath along the rim. Enjoy leisure time for optional activities and to relax in our luxurious hotel, set on the banks of the Zambezi River within sight of Victoria Falls’ eastern cataract.
ROYAL LIVINGSTONE HOTEL (B, L; B, D)

Monday & Tuesday, May 28 & 29

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA
Fly from Livingstone to Kasane in northern Botswana. Upon arrival, drive to the deluxe Mowana Safari Lodge at the edge of Botswana’s Chobe National Park. Take early-morning and late-afternoon game-viewing drives, when Chobe’s animal residents are most active. Look for giraffe, hippopotamus, baboon, impala, and elephant - their numbers make Chobe home to one of the largest wildlife populations in Africa. Birders may be able to add cormorant, kingfisher, and bee-eater, among others, to their lists. Take a sunset cruise along the Chobe River and look for elephants as they appear to “snorkel” their trunks along the surface of the water, or an African fish eagle as it makes its evening hunting foray. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner our final evening as we toast the end of our African adventure.
MOWANA SAFARI LODGE (B, L, D; B, L, D)

Wednesday & Thursday, May 30 & 31

KASANE / JOHANNESBURG / U.S.
Awaken early in anticipation of spotting a diverse array of wildlife. Following this morning’s game drive and breakfast, depart Kasane on the chartered flight to Johannesburg. For those not continuing on the extension, depart on the recommended overnight flight itinerary to the U.S. or independently. (B; MEALS ALOFT)
Optional
POST-TRIP EXTENSION
TO THE OKAVANGO REGION IN BOTSWANA
MAY 30 TO JUNE 5, 2007

The Okavango Delta is one of the world’s greatest natural and unspoiled wildernesses. Created by the Okavango River, this remote region presents a spectacular range of flora and fauna that has evolved from a combination of climate and geography over thousands of years. This extension is designed to provide an unparalleled introduction to this vast wilderness and the incomparable wildlife and birdlife it shelters while providing travelers with the ultimate in comfort, cuisine, and service. Accommodations are at two exceptional tented safari camps, Savute Elephant Camp and Khwai River Lodge.

Savute Elephant Camp, famous for its elephant herds and large lion prides, is located on the Savute Channel in the arid desert of the Kalahari Sandveld, in a corner of Chobe National Park. Ranger-guided, four-wheel-drive safaris put us in close proximity to herds of elephant and within close sight of impala, lion, wildebeest, warthog, kudu, jackal, hornbill, and eagle. Each of Savute’s luxury tents has a private viewing deck, en suite facilities, air conditioning, and heating.

Khwai River Lodge stands on the banks of the Khwai River in Moremi Game Reserve, at a point where the river narrows and disappears into the sand. Each twin-bedded tent has en suite facilities, air conditioning, heating, and a shaded deck facing the river from which to view elephant, hippo, and vast numbers of birds. From the camp’s observation platform, you can spot waterbuck, crocodile, and antelope while lion, hyena, and wild dog may also come into view. During an evening game drive, spotlights illuminate the night creatures hunting and foraging for food.

Return to Johannesburg for a relaxing final night in South Africa before international flights home.

Extension rates and further details will be sent with the tour information package.

About ROVOS RAIL

The many pleasures inherent in train travel are grandly amplified aboard the distinguished Rovos Rail, our luxurious home for five days of travel during this program. Aboard a train, one can intimately feel, as well as leisurely see, the vast open spaces synonymous with Africa. An extensive search was conducted to find the unique, pre-1970 South African Railway coaches and locomotives that convey passengers under the Rovos Rail flag. Each coach has been meticulously restored to provide world-class standards of sleeping accommodations, dining, and sightseeing.

Each sleeping carriage has two Royal Suites (172 square feet with bathtub and shower), three Deluxe Suites (118 square feet with shower), or five Pullman Suites (75 square feet with shower). Each suite provides a private bath, individual temperature controls, minibar, sitting area, and wardrobe. Complimentary bar service is included throughout our stay on board and meals feature the finest in continental and local cuisine, including internationally recognized wines.

PROGRAM RATES (per person)

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*Limited availability

Call for information on an all-suite hotel package.

Airfare

International and domestic airfares are not included in the program rates, with the exception of on-tour flights within southern Africa. We are happy to assist you in making all of your air travel arrangements for this program.

“A+++! We loved our suite—so roomy and comfortable. The views of the countryside and the dining...unforgettable. Luxurious and elegant. They treated us like royalty!” – Rovos Rail traveler
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Program Inclusions Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Welcome and farewell receptions • All on-tour transportation within southern Africa, including chartered flights • Comprehensive program of lectures, excursions, and special events • Entrance fees • Gratuities to porters, train crew, waiters, guides, and drivers for all group activities • Transfers and baggage handling between airports and hotels for those traveling on group flights • Complete packet of predeparture information including reading list and baggage tags • Alcoholic beverages on board Rovos Rail • Airport departure tax • Zambia visa • Professional tour management throughout the tour

Not Included International and domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees (except where noted above) • Immunizations cost • Excess baggage charges • Transfers and baggage handling for those not participating in group flights • Baggage and trip cancellation insurance • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Laundry, room service, telephone, email, fax, and other items of a purely personal nature and not specifically mentioned as included • Airport security fees imposed by the government or airline • Optional excursions and gratuities for non-group services

Payments A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for the program. Please make your check payable to High Country Passage and mail it with the completed reservation form to Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program, P.O. Box 169, New York, NY 10028. MasterCard and VISA are also accepted for deposit and final payment. Final payment is due January 16, 2007, 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds Deposits are refundable, less a $200 per person cancellation fee, if a written notice of cancellation is received by Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program before the final payment date of January 16, 2007. After final payment, refunds cannot be made. We strongly recommend trip-cancellation insurance; information will be sent upon registration.

Itinerary Modifications The itinerary, as contained in this brochure, is subject to modifications and change by Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program and High Country Passage, the tour operator. Every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, but alterations may still occur after the final itinerary is sent.

Insurance The Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program strongly recommends that all tour participants purchase Trip Cancellation, Emergency Medical Evacuation, Baggage, Accident and Medical insurance for their tour.

Health All participants should be in good health and capable of walking over sometimes steep, rough terrain. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

Eligibility This program is open to Columbia University alumni, family, and friends.

For more information contact the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program at 866-325-8664 or, for New York residents, at 212-472-4365.

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Reservation Form

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☐ I am a smoker. ☐ I am a non-smoker.

☐ Yes, I am interested in the Okavango Delta Extension.

☐ I agree to the terms and conditions as set forth in the quoted rates and agree to them.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Responsibility Columbia University, its agent, TSS LLC, and the tour operator, High Country Passage (HCP), act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity in connection with the service of any boat, automobile, motor coach, or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure, or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations in the published itinerary as may be deemed necessary, and to cancel or substitute lecturers. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither Columbia University, TSS, nor HCP accepts liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable air ticket connected with this program. We cannot guarantee the size of the Columbia Alumni Travel Study group.

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Final payment date is January 16, 2007.

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Please indicate suite preference: ☐ Deluxe Suite ☐ Royal Suite ☐ Pullman Suite (single)

☐ I plan to share accommodations with ___________________________.

☐ I prefer single accommodations.

☐ I agree to the terms and conditions as set forth in the quoted rates and agree to them.

☐ I have read the schedule of activities for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions as set forth in the tour brochure, and agree to them.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

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Single Applicants only: ☐ Queen bed ☐ Twin beds

☐ Please arrange a share for me (not guaranteed). If a share cannot be arranged, I agree to the single rate.

☐ I am a ☐ non-smoker or ☐ smoker.

☐ Please charge the deposit of $1,000 per person to my: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard.

Enclosed is my check for $______________($1,000 per person), payable to High Country Passage to secure _______ place(s) on this study tour.

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