

# South Africa in Bloom



**Day One** Depart Chicago on an overnight flight to the wild continent of Africa.

**Day Two** We start our touring with a city tour of **Cape Town** including the Parliament and the wonderfully restored colonial buildings and gardens.

**Day Three** Today we head to the end of the world or at least the southern tip of Africa—the Cape of Good Hope. The Nature Reserve at the Cape Point has wild baboons, bontebok, hartebeest and ostrich. Then is off to the Boulders where we will observe **African penguins** up close as they nest on the beach.

**Day Four** We leave Cape Town and head north to West Coast National Park noted for its wildlife and this time of the year—flowers. This is the peak of the **best wild blooms in the world**. Over 4000 flower species are represented here.

**Day Five** We continue north to two natural wonders of South Africa. Geogap Nature Reserve is home to 45 species of mammals and over 580 plant species. **Augrabies Falls**, one of the most spectacular sites in South Africa, will be our second wonder of the day. Best of all, this is another day where the drive and the flowers may overshadow the wildlife and scenery of the parks.

**Day Six** We enter **Kalahari Gemsbok National Park** today—one of the wonders of Africa. The Kalahari desert literally blooms with life as we come face-to-face with the park's namesake

**August 15-30, 2013**

**Double Occupancy**  
**\$7599.00 per person**

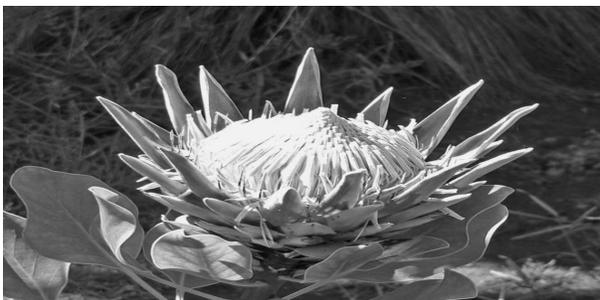
**Single Supplement**  
**\$780.00**

gemsbok as well as **lions, cheetah, meerkats**, springsbok and hyena. We overnight in the park.

**Day Seven** We continue to explore Kalahari Gemsbok National Park staying on the look out for its abundant bird life and mammals. Many of the species in this part of Africa are found no where else. We continue our park stay tonight.

**Day Eight** We head out of the park today, using our morning time in the park to spot some of the more elusive wildlife. We head to Upington where we catch a flight to the Johannesburg area.

**Day Nine** We enter our most exciting national park today—**Kruger**. Considered one of the all time great national parks in Africa, Kruger offers the best chance of seeing the **Big Five** in the world. We will have great opportunities to spot lions, leopards, **elephant**, buffalo and the **rare rhino**. Some of the largest zebra and **giraffe** populations mingle near rivers with hippos and crocodiles. We will stay in the park the next three nights, moving northward.



### **By the Numbers....**

- 6 National Parks
- 1 Natural Wonder of the World
- 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- 1 of the Top 5 Wildlife Parks of Africa
- 3 "1000 Places to See Before You Die"
- 4 Ecosystems for wildlife diversity

**Day Ten** Another fabulous day in the park. One of the special treats of Kruger are night drives where rare nocturnal animals like serval, wild cats, **mongoose, hyena** and bushbabies are often seen. Each tour member will get **two night drives** where encounters with lions are almost too close!

**Day Eleven** As we move north in Kruger, the woodlands give way to more savanna where **wildebeest** and cheetah are found. Kruger contains several ecosystems of its own as it is the size of Massachusetts.

**Day Twelve** We have one last morning exploring Kruger before we head back to Johannesburg through some of the most scenic landscape in southern Africa.

**Day Thirteen** We fly to **Livingston** today to learn about the town's namesake. Here he explored and discovered one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World.

**Day Fourteen** Today will be, simply put, one of the most exciting days of your life as you come face to face with one of the most incredible sites of the world—**Victoria Falls**.

**Day Fifteen** We begin our trek home this evening counting the number of species we photographed, the natural wonders seen and once in a lifetime experiences.

**Day Sixteen** We arrive home today.

### **Your Tour Includes:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Chicago
- First class Hotel Accommodations
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- All Breakfasts, Lunches & Dinners
- Services of an Expert Guide throughout
- Baggage Handling
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- All Gratuities