Featuring Robert Schrire, Political Analyst

With two nights aboard Rovos Rail
October 23–November 4, 2015
Enjoy superior animal and bird watching—from lilac-breasted rollers and regal lions to graceful leopards and curious giraffes—at Kapama Private Game Reserve.
Dear Smith Alumnae,

Travel to South Africa to experience the diverse threads of South Africa’s history, an animal kingdom of enormous diversity, the birthplace of mankind’s earliest ancestors, the meeting place of two great oceans, and the juxtaposition of transplanted European values and indigenous tribal norms. Discover the rich history of South Africa’s oldest city, Cape Town; marvel at the beauty of the Cape Peninsula; and explore the justly acclaimed Stellenbosch wine region. Then board the luxurious Rovos Rail for a two-day journey across South Africa’s sweeping landscapes, enjoying all the comforts of the golden age of train travel: unsurpassed service, sumptuous furnishings, panoramic views of spectacular landscapes, and fine dining. Visit Kimberley, site of the first diamond discoveries in South Africa; Pretoria, South Africa’s administrative capital; and Johannesburg, where the struggles of apartheid played out so dramatically. End your adventure at Kapama Private Game Reserve for a magnificent safari experience. You may also extend your trip, if you wish, and fly to Zimbabwe to see the thundering wonder of Victoria Falls.

We are sharing this exciting program with travelers from Princeton, so space is limited. If you have any questions, or wish to reserve your place on this visual, cultural, and intellectual adventure in one of the African continent’s most intriguing countries, call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or go to http://alumnae.smith.edu/travel.

Best regards,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations

**STUDY LEADER**

ROBERT SCHRIRE, is an emeritus professor and senior scholar at the University of Cape Town and an internationally recognized expert on African, South African, and international issues. Described by the editor of the New York Times as “one of South Africa’s leading political analysts,” Schrire has been a regular contributor to the BBC, ABC, and NBC television networks, and his views have been published in a wide range of media, including The Economist, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and Time magazine. He is the author or editor of numerous publications, and his book, Critical Choices for South Africa, was praised by Nelson Mandela and several apartheid cabinet ministers. Schrire has taught at a number of universities around the world, including Princeton and Johns Hopkins in the U.S., and has consulted for many organizations, among them the French bank Société Générale and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations. Educated at the University of Cape Town, Columbia University, The American University in Washington, D.C., and the University of California, Schrire lives in Cape Town with his Dutch wife, a Russian grey wolf, and a Great Dane.
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Friday–Saturday, October 23–24
Home to Cape Town, South Africa
Depart from the U.S. and travel overnight to Cape Town. Upon arrival, transfer to the elegant Mount Nelson Hotel and enjoy a welcome reception. MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (R)

Sunday, October 25
Cape Town
Set between the mountains and the sea, Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Weather permitting, ride cable cars to the top of Table Mountain for breathtaking views of the city and the Cape Peninsula. Depart to visit the beautifully restored town of Stellenbosch, founded in 1679. The center of the Cape’s wine industry, Stellenbosch is renowned for its Cape Dutch architecture. Visit a local vineyard and sample a selection of South Africa’s excellent wines. MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (B,L)

Monday, October 26
Cape Town
This morning, meet with a Princeton in Africa Fellow working at Equal Education, an organization that advocates for quality and equality in South Africa’s educational system. Speak to staff researchers about their evidence-based activism for improving the nation’s
In addition to viewing compelling wildlife, explore South Africa’s complex history and enjoy its diverse natural beauty.

schools. In the afternoon, visit the District Six Museum, which commemorates the 60,000 inhabitants who were forcibly removed from their homes and neighborhoods during the apartheid regime. Explore the delightful Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, established in 1913 as a center for the study and preservation of the indigenous flora of South Africa. The garden boasts a spectacular collection of proteas, including the King Protea, South Africa’s national flower. MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 27
Cape Town + Cape Peninsula
Depart for the Atlantic seaboard and the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve for a visit to Cape Point, at the tip of the African continent. Continue on to Boulders Beach to observe the colony of African penguins that live there. After lunch, return to Cape Town along the scenic False Bay coastline. MOUNT NELSON HOTEL (B,L)

Wednesday, October 28
Cape Town + Board Rovos Rail
Board Rovos Rail and depart Cape Town this morning. From the comfort of the observation car or a private compartment, watch the South African landscape transform from the lush valleys, vineyards, and sculpted mountains of the Western Cape to the stark desolation of the Great Karoo Desert. Arrive in Matjiesfontein, a charming oasis in the Little Karoo, and stroll through the historic town before dinner on board the train. ROVOS RAIL (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 29
Kimberley
Disembark in Kimberley, famous for its diamond mines, at 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, where millions of tons of diamondiferous kimberlite ore were discovered and excavated. ROVOS RAIL (B,L,D)

Friday, October 30
Pretoria + Johannesburg
Continuing on the train, cross the Vaal River into the Transvaal and disembark in Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa. Tour historic Church Square and the impressive Union Buildings, headquarters for the South African government since 1913. This evening check into the Palazzo Hotel in Johannesburg. PALAZZO HOTEL (B,L)

Saturday, October 31
Johannesburg
Visit the African Leadership Academy, a pan-African secondary institution that aims to educate and develop outstanding students into the next generation of African leaders; and the Apartheid Museum, a sobering examination of South Africa’s turbulent racial history. PALAZZO HOTEL (B,L,D)

Sunday–Wednesday, November 1–4
Kapama Private Game Reserve
Fly from Johannesburg to Kapama Private Game Reserve adjacent to Kruger National Park and check in to the luxurious Kapama Southern Camp, which overlooks the bushveld and a waterhole frequented by elephants. Participate in morning and afternoon game drives, looking for lions, leopards, cheetahs, buffalos, black rhinos, giraffes, zebras, elephants, and other large mammals that inhabit the reserve. Kapama is also a birdwatcher’s paradise, with a great diversity of bird species in residence. KAPAMA SOUTHERN CAMP (2B,2L,2D)

Tuesday–Wednesday, November 3–4
Kapama Private Game Reserve + Johannesburg + Home
After a final morning game drive, fly to Johannesburg and relax in day rooms at an airport hotel before boarding flights home, arriving on November 4. (B,L)
**ROVOS RAIL**

Enjoy the many pleasures of sophisticated train travel aboard the distinguished Rovos Rail. Each coach has been meticulously restored to world-class standards of sleeping accommodations, dining, and sightseeing. Each sleeping carriage has three Deluxe Suites (118 square feet with shower), two Royal Suites (172 square feet with bathtub and shower), or five Pullman Suites (75 square feet with shower). All accommodations offer en suite facilities, individual temperature controls, mini-bar, sitting area, and wardrobe. Complimentary bar service is included throughout your stay on board the train, and meals feature the finest in continental and local cuisine, including internationally recognized wines.

**PROGRAM RATES**

**DELUXE SUITE**
DOUBLE: $9,950  SINGLE: $14,440  
BED CONFIGURATION: Queen, adjoining Twins, or L-shaped Twins

**ROYAL SUITE**
DOUBLE: $10,750  
BED CONFIGURATION: Queen or adjoining Twins

**PULLMAN SUITE**
SINGLE: $12,940  
BED CONFIGURATION: Fold-away Double or Twin

On-tour airfare between Johannesburg and Kapama Private Game Reserve is included in the program rates.

**Optional Post-Tour Extension to Victoria Falls**

*Tuesday–Friday, November 3–6*

Fly from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and check in to the elegant Victoria Falls Hotel, which overlooks the Zambezi River within sight of the eastern cataract of spectacular Victoria Falls. This grand Edwardian-style hotel was recently redecorated and refurbished. The first hotel built at Victoria Falls, it is a gracious refuge set in lush tropical gardens a few minutes’ walk to the falls. Hike to the falls for fascinating views and enjoy a cruise on the Zambezi River. Additional details will be sent to confirmed participants. **Rates:** $2,350 per person, double occupancy; $3,050 per person, single occupancy.

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE**

Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site guides, and local experts  •  All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary  •  On-tour round-trip airfare between Johannesburg and Kapama Private Game Reserve  •  All excursions as specified in the itinerary  •  Private transfer by car on arrival day and group transfer by motorcoach on departure day  •  Baggage handling for one checked piece and one carry-on piece per person  •  Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and train crew for all group activities  •  Entrance fees and airport/hotel taxes  •  Welcome and farewell wine receptions  •  Bottled water on motorcoaches  •  Complete packet of pre-departure information including educational materials  •  Professional tour management throughout

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of available air travel options, you are free to make your own air arrangements through your travel agent or directly with your choice of airlines. Economy-class airfare between New York and Cape Town with return from Johannesburg is approximately $1,225 as of September 2014 and is subject to change without notice.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

The pace of this tour is active and all participants should be in good health and capable of walking over rough terrain without assistance from tour staff. Adventure-filled days will be balanced by relaxed periods on the train and between game drives at Kapama Southern Camp. Game drives depart early in the morning or late in the afternoon to avoid the hottest part of the day. Open-air safari vehicles, which greatly enhance the game-viewing experience, can be dusty and the ride somewhat bumpy. In October, average daily high and low temperatures in Cape Town are 69 °F and 54 °F and in Johannesburg are 73 °F and 54 °F, with occasional rain. Daily highs at Kapama in November can reach into the 80s °F, with cooler evenings. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants.
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:** U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included: dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Alcohol except as otherwise indicated in Inclusions • Excess baggage charges • Trip-cancellation/ interruption and baggage insurance • Independent airport transfers • Laundry, room service, telephone/email/fax charges, and other items of a personal nature

**INSURANCE:** A trip protection plan is available at extra cost. Upon receiving your reservation, Smith Travel will send you information on this policy. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost baggage, and medical evacuation.

**SIZE:** This program is limited to 32 participants, including travelers from Smith College and Princeton.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:** To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Smith Travel, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063, or fax to (413) 585-2015. Balance of payment is due June 26, 2015. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Alumnae Association of Smith College.

Deposits are refundable (less a $250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due June 26, 2015 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Alumnae Association of Smith College or our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Neither the Alumnae Association of Smith College nor Criterion Travel, Inc., the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

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If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

- I prefer to have single accommodations. I understand that there is a supplemental charge for single accommodations. OR
- I plan to share accommodations with __________________________ OR
- I am willing to share with another participant (not guaranteed). I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of June 26, 2015, I will pay the single rate.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Suite preference aboard train:

| 1ST CHOICE | 2ND CHOICE |
| Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed): ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds |
| PAYMENT |

Enclosed is my check for $ ____________ ($1,000 per person), to hold ______ place(s) on Grand South Africa. OR

Charge my deposit to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

| CARD # | EXP. DATE |
| CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE | SECURITY CODE |

☐ I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated herein.

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- Visit the STELLENBOSCH WINE REGION and sample some of South Africa’s renowned wines.
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- Enjoy fascinating lecture presentations by ROBERT SCHRIRE, an acclaimed political analyst and educator in his native South Africa.
- Discover the CULTURAL RICHNESS OF SOUTH AFRICA, where many peoples from many parts of the world have, over time, created a diverse and engaging population.
- Fly to the private KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE and thrill at close-up views of the “Big Five” (lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, and rhino).