

SERA (State Employees Recreation Association) presents...

Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

with Optional 3-Night Dubai Pre Tour Extension

February 16 – March 2, 2026



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15 Days • 29 Meals: 13 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 10 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Pilanesberg National Park, 8 Wildlife Safaris, Choice on Tour: Chobe Game Viewing by 4x4 or by Cruise, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Southern Sun O.R. Tambo*, Johannesburg
Days 3, 4	The Wallow, Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls
Days 5, 6	Chobe Marina Lodge, Chobe
Days 7 – 9	Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg Game Reserve
Days 10, 11	Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West
Days 12 – 14	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Monday, February 16, 2026 Overnight Flight You're on your way to southern Africa, where incredible landscapes lead the way to a blend of cultural diversity, an abundance of wildlife, and a remarkable history. From urban centers to wild safaris, Africa takes you by surprise, delighting you again and again until its unique spirit claims you, heart and soul.

Day 2: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins Your adventure starts in Johannesburg – a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild.

Day 3: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Fly to Victoria Falls today – an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge – an authentic African tent camp with all the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when the chance to see rainbows is highest, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. (B, D)

Day 4: Thursday, February 19, 2026 Victoria Falls Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and witness some of their unique behaviors. Then, experience an **impact moment** during our visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and learn how their programs are having a positive impact in the local communities and animals. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Friday, February 20, 2026 Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead, meet the village chief, and come to understand more about traditional ways of living in this part of the world. Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe – an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Saturday, February 21, 2026 Chobe National Park On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Tonight, gather by the river for an unforgettable dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional braai, complete with some local favorites and delicacies. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Sunday, February 22, 2026 Chobe - Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park This morning transfer to Victoria Falls Airport where you will fly to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg transfer to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater and where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of – now laid out before you just waiting to be discovered. Venture out in a 4x4 in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes, and while you're out there, enjoy a traditional African sundowner with a drink and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. (B, D)

Day 8: Monday, February 23, 2026 Pilanesberg National Park Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in your 4x4 on a search for the elusive "Big 5." Later on, an afternoon game drive could take you past the big cats preparing for the hunt. Back at the lodge tonight, indulge in a bush dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Pilanesberg National Park Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs. (B, L, D)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$8,699; Single \$9,599

Included in Price: Attraction Taxes and Fees, Round Trip Air from Washington, Inter-flights from Johannesburg, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$699 per person.

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Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$2,490; Business Class \$7,490

- * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 10: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 Pilanesberg - Cape Town, South Africa - Somerset West The winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Head to Johannesburg and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the town of Somerset West – located in South Africa's most famous wine region and overlooking the majestic False Bay. Settle in for a two-night stay among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

Day 11: Thursday, February 26, 2026 Somerset West - Franschhoek - Somerset West Sip the South African specialties with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the local favorite, crossed between a Pinot Noir and a Cinsaut, the Pinotage is a specialty of South Africa. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Friday, February 27, 2026 Somerset West - Cape Town Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates you at every turn. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South

Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain,* taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Return to the city via Table Bay. Pass through the Moorish Malay Quarter and pause at Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

Day 13: Saturday, February 28, 2026 Cape Town Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honored guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 14: Sunday, March 1, 2026 Cape Town Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner to taste the country's beloved flavors, starring a host of South African specialties and delicacies. (B, D)

Day 15: Monday, March 2, 2026 Cape Town - Tour Ends Today you bid farewell to your fellow travelers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 5 Days 3-Night Dubai Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$2,999.00 USD double, \$3,299.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1265833>

PLEASE NOTE:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

When traveling in Africa you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be traveling by custom built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and travel on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all guests be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, passengers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour.

Travel with no more than 19 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Maximum Elevation: 5,535 feet / 1816 meters.

*Table Mountain Cableway is subject to weather conditions.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple accommodations are not available.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

For guests transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Park fees (approximately \$181 USD) are not included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment.

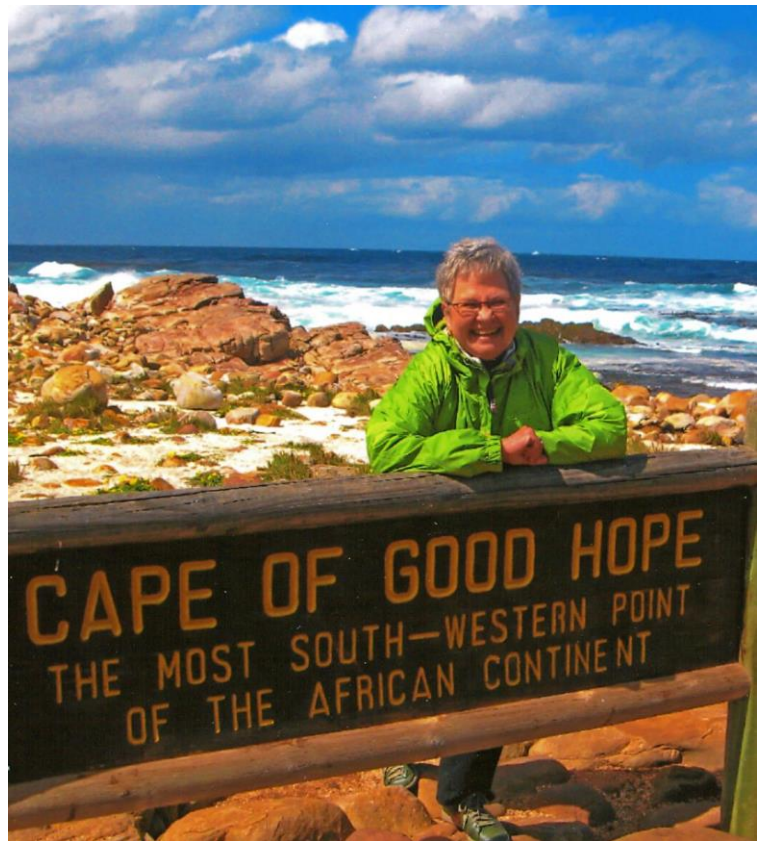
IDENTIFICATION

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our guests traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

A valid multiple entry visa is required for Zimbabwe. Multiple entry visa cost is approximately \$45 USD for US citizens. Canadian citizens are required to purchase two single entry visas at a cost of \$75 USD for each visa (total of \$150 USD). The visa may be purchased upon arrival, in cash only. Payments at Ports of Entry for visa can be made in USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

If you are traveling with children under the age of 18, South Africa requires that those children must have proper documentation and/or consent when traveling into or out of the Republic. Please refer to www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/621-advisory-new-requirements-for-children-travelling-through-south-african-ports-of-entry-effective-1-june-2015 for the most up-to-date details on requirements. Please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper



documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

Important Passport Information: You must have at least 6 blank pages remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamps issued for South Africa and Botswana as well as the visa for Zimbabwe. The 2 pages for South Africa MUST be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. If you have questions please see your travel professional or call us.

Due to economic difficulty in Zimbabwe, local shops only accept payment in local currency or credit card. US dollars, Canadian dollars, British pounds, Australian dollars, New Zealand dollars, and South African rand are no longer accepted for local payment. Foreign credit cards continue to be accepted at hotels, shops, and restaurants. For tipping, US dollars are acceptable, and we advise all our guests to carry smaller denominations, as change is not always available.

Each traveler is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai and if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-import-medicines-for-personal-use> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of June 10, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 18, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until June 17, 2025.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1265833

TOUR: Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls &
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DEPARTURE DATE: February 16, 2026

GROUP NAME: SERA (State Employees Recreation
Association)

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Victoria Falls



Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River

\$75 USD

Set sail on the majestic Zambezi River! Find yourself surrounded by amazing views during one of the most magical times of the day – sunset. It is Africa’s fourth largest river and a lifeline for crocodiles, hippos, elephants and a variety of wildlife. Be welcomed aboard with a glass of champagne and toast to the start of your scenic adventure. Enjoy an all-inclusive bar menu and complimentary hot and cold snacks as you sit and gaze at the calm waters of the river. Get your cameras ready as the sun sets and fills the sky with a warm glow. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 2 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Extend your vacation with

Optional 5 Days 3-Night Dubai Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$2,999.00 USD double, \$3,299.00 USD single, land & air inclusive
4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your tour begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Tour Begins

Today you arrive in Dubai, one of the world's most exciting destinations. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city independently. As one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is considered the shopping capital of the Middle East. With its many world-famous man-made structures built in recent years, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveler and will surely be an experience you will always remember.

Day 3: Dubai

Today, take a 4x4 vehicle for a light dune drive through the desert.* Later in the morning, stop at a flamingo hide where you'll see wild flamingos mingle in their sanctuary. Then, visit the Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood where a local guide will take you on a walking tour to see the sites. Along the way, stop at the coffee museum before heading to Sheikh Mohammad Cultural Centre of Understanding (SMCCU). While visiting SMCCU, enjoy a cultural Arabic lunch followed by a Q & A session hosted by a local. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 4: Dubai

This morning, visit the Dubai Museum – located in the oldest existing building in Dubai – then head to the Al Shindagha Museum located on the waterfront. After, venture across the creek in a private Abra and visit the Spice and Gold Souk to get a closer look at local life and culture found in Dubai. This afternoon, take an optional tour to visit Burj Khalifa – the world's tallest building. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Dubai - Johannesburg, South Africa

Today, board your flight** to Johannesburg, South Africa. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 2. This means you can partake in a two-hour walking tour covering up to 2 miles (including breaks), over a variety of terrains. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease and handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

A **Hosted Extension** is great for travelers who like to spend full days exploring places on their own by foot or public transportation. A dedicated Tour Manager will not be present during this extension.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

*The Desert Safari experience is not private. If less than 6 guests are booked on this extension, the vehicles will be shared with other travelers.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

**An additional air segment is required for this extension, quoted at time of booking. Additional air charges may apply.

For US, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canadian citizens, no advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days. Simply disembark your flight at Dubai International Airport and proceed to Immigration where your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority.