

October 12 – 30, 2023

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Your host, John Apol, is a CALL member, a Calvin alumnus, and a frequent traveler to South Africa, including Calvin student interims and three tours for CALL and Calvin alumni. He has also led several tours to the western USA for CALL and Calvin alumni.

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\$7,599 per person from Grand Rapids, based on double occupancy

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### **Highlights**

- Roundtrip flights
- Intra-Africa flights between South Africa and Namibia
- Hotel accommodations
- Breakfast daily, 10 lunches, and 13 dinners
- Johannesburg and Soweto
- Cape Town Winelands Tour
- Day alongside Mama Clara at her service projects
- Blyde River Canyon
- Cape of Good Hope
- · Kruger National Park, South Africa
- Etosha National Park, Namibia
- Sesriem Canyon, Namibia
- Deadvlei, Sossusvlei, Namibia
- And more!

### 12, Thursday

## **Depart Grand Rapids**

Today we meet at the Gerald Ford International Airport for our overnight flights to South Africa. The journey has begun! (meals in-flight)

#### 13, Friday

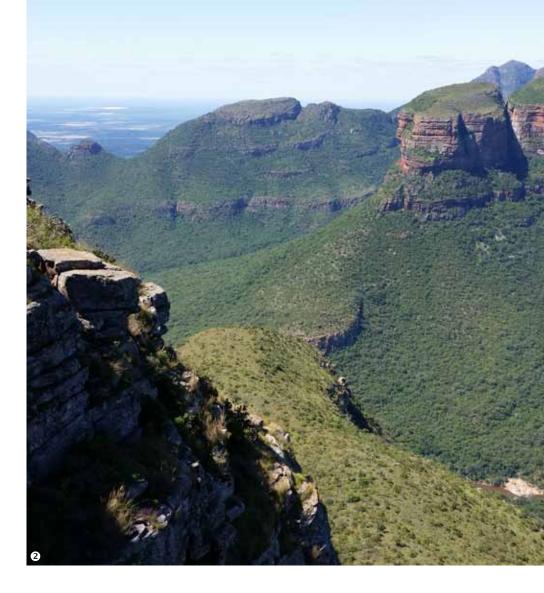
#### **Johannesburg**

Welcome to South Africa! After arriving and gathering our luggage, we'll meet our driver to then transfer to our hotel to freshen up before an independent dinner and evening. Take the evening to refresh and adapt to a new time zone. (B and L in-flight)

#### 14, Saturday

### Johannesburg, Soweto

Our first full day is spent in Greater Johannesburg, the financial hub of Southern Africa. We visit the (Apartheid 'black') township of Soweto. Both Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu lived here at one point. We tour Soweto and enjoy lunch on its famous Vilakazi Street. Next. we visit the excellent Apartheid Museum where we'll have ample time to browse the museum's exhibits at our own pace. In the evening there's an early group dinner next to the square of Nelson Mandela. If you're still feeling the effects of jet lag, you'll be able to turn in early this evening. (B, L, D)



#### 15, Sunday

#### Kgautswane

Today, we depart early for Kgautswane. After stopping for an independent lunch, we continue onwards through the rolling hills to the Panorama Route which follows the edge of the Blyde River Canyon. Along the route, enjoy spectacular views from World's View (God's Window), visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, and marvel at the canyon below at Three Rondavels viewpoint. After taking in the view, we go off the beaten track and into Kgautswane where we meet up with Clara Masinga or 'Mamma Clara' and her family. Some group members will stay in comfortably appointed traditional 'rondavels' at her place. The rest of the group is transferred to their accommodations for dinner and a good night's rest. (B, D)

#### 16, Monday

#### **Kgautswane**

Having a full day in Kgautswane, we'll explore the authentic community with Mamma Clara and other locals. This is rural Africa where traditional and modern values, technologies, religion, and farming mix into the brew that it is today. Life is tough and beautiful at the same time. Hardship and joy live very closely together here. Today will reveal a side of South Africa's kaleidoscope of life that few other outsiders get to experience up close and personal. Ultimately, it's the interactions with the people who live here that will leave you with fond memories. (B, L, D)

- Bourke's Luck Potholes
- 2 Blyde River Canyon courtesy John Apol
- Soweto

Cover: Vineyard in Stellenbosch, South Africa and Etosha National Park, Namibia



## 17, Tuesday

## Namakgale, Kruger National Park

After an early breakfast, we meet back at Mamma Clara's place to say our goodbyes and start our journey through irrigation farmlands, wilderness, and rural settlements before descending into the Lowveld. We arrive in Namakgale, a rural area where we meet Rhody Kgohloane at one of her community projects. After an early lunch at Rhody's house, we visit Kruger National Park. The Park is the size of a small country and is home to an amazing diversity of fauna and flora. The rest of our afternoon is spent on a slow game drive en route to our overnight destination. We pull into our Rest Camp shortly before sunset. After catching views of the Olifants River (Elephant River) and the wilderness beyond before darkness descends, we settle into our thatch-roofed cottages and enjoy dinner at the camp's restaurant. (B, L, D)

#### 18, Wednesday

## **Kruger National Park**

Carpe diem! We're leaving the camp early this morning to head southwards into the park. After stopping at Satara Rest Camp for an early breakfast, our drive will be at leisure allowing us to search for wildlife and stop to encounter any special sightings. It's likely at this point in our day, we have already encountered elephants, giraffes, zebras, and impalas. Hoping to spot rhino, lion, and African buffalo; we continue our search for the incredibly rich biodiversity in Kruger, which includes over 500 bird species - some of which are only found here. Following, we should arrive at the Tshokwane Picnic Site around midmorning. After time to eat, drink, and relax in the shade, we'll continue further. The last stretch of our drive brings us to our overnight accommodation in time for lunch. Enjoy an independent lunch before we move into our accommodations. For those of us who want more, our tour coach will head out again for a game drive mid-afternoon. If choosing to stay back, siesta in the cottage or take in the surrounding wilderness from the comfort of the restaurant's river-side deck. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner together as a group. (B, D)



#### 19, Thursday Namibia

This morning we depart early and see if we can catch any last glimpses of wildlife as we exit the park. We head west to the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport where we board our flight to Windhoek, Namibia. On arriving, we meet our Namibian tour guide and driver who will accompany us for the duration of our Namibian journey. We check into our hotel before enjoying a group dinner this evening. (B, L in-flight, D)





## 20, Friday **Sesriem**

Today, we leave the capital city behind and head southwest. Along our route, our surroundings become even more barren as we arrive at our desert lodge. After checking into our rooms, we enjoy an independent lunch at the lodge's restaurant while enjoying the view of the waterhole and desert beyond. The afternoon is at leisure to recover in your unit, cool down in the swimming pool, browse for curios, or enjoy a drink. Late afternoon we set off on a nature drive just before sunset. Enjoy a drink out in nature on the lodge's private reserve, while watching the sunset over the Namib Desert. Tonight, we dine together under the stars. (B, D)





#### 21, Saturday

#### Sesriem

Departing early from our hotel, we enter Naukluft National Park just after sunrise. Following the course of the ephemeral Tsauchab River, we'll arrive at our destination, Sossusvlei. Being a drainage basin, Sossusvlei is almost always a dry clay/salt pan. It marks the end of the Tsauchab River and only receives water on the rare occasions that the river flows. After arriving, we head to Deadvlei trailhead. It's a threequarter-mile sandy hike over a low sand dune into the 'vlei' or wetland/ marsh. The centuries-old dead and black sun-scorched remnants of camel thorn trees on the white pan, combined with the red sand-dune backdrop make for spectacular photographs. For those with the energy, another shorter hike across the pan will deliver you to the base of Big Daddy, a monstrous dune over 1,000 feet high. Not many make it to the top but journeying a short distance up the dune provides breathtaking views coming down. Following, we return to our lodge before the intense heat of the day hits and in time for an independent lunch. Later, we head to the Sesriem Canyon close by. Being a narrow canyon cut into the rock by the Tsauchab River, we explore the canyon on foot. Tonight, we enjoy dinner back at the lodge before returning for the evening amidst the desert calm. (B, D)

#### 22, Sunday

## Solitaire, Moon Landscape, Swakopmund

Say goodbye to magical Sesriem, today we travel to Swakopmund on the Atlantic Ocean coast. On our journey, we stop at Solitaire, a remote settlement where we stop for a quick bite to eat and to stretch our legs over a cup of coffee. Continuing, we cross a mountain pass, descend on the other side to cross the Kuiseb River, and continue through rocky and vast open landscapes. Our next stop is at The Moon Landscape, a desolate area resembling the surface of the moon. After taking in the unearthly landscape, we have a short distance left before arriving in Swakopmund. Namibia was a German colony for about a century until 1915. Much of the town's architecture reflects this German heritage and the language is still widely spoken. Being central to the beach and many restaurants and cafes, our accommodation for the next two nights will be a great spot for an independent evening before we enjoy a group dinner. (B, L, D)

- Kruger National Park
- 2 Deadvlei, Sossusvlei
- Sesriem Canyon
- 4 Sand dunes in the pan of Sossusvlei



#### 23, Monday

### Walvis Bay, Swakopmund

Today we head into the neighboring town of Walvis Bay. After driving south with the coast on our right and the Namib desert dunes to our left, we arrive at the town's harbor to board a catamaran cruising vessel and head out onto the bay. Passing oyster farms, Pelican Point's landmark lighthouse, and 60,000 resident cape fur seals, there's a good chance we'll spot larger mammals such as the Southern Right and Humpback whales. Additionally, dolphins, Mola Molas, and Leatherback turtles have also made appearances. During our cruise, we'll enjoy some refreshments including coffee, tea, and sparkling wine as well as desserts, savory snacks, and fresh oysters! We return to Swakopmund mid-afternoon to have the rest of the evening at leisure. Enjoy exploring the town on foot; restaurant recommendations will be provided. (B, L-onboard)

- Waterhole in Etosha National Park
- 2 Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings
- 3 Damara Living Museum
- 4 Boulder's Beach
- **5** Lighthouse at Cape Point

## 24, Tuesday

#### **Damaraland**

On departing Swakopmund, we take our leave of the West coast and head inland. We have Namibia's highest mountain, Brandberg, at 8,500 feet on the horizon as we head into Damaraland. After arriving, we visit the Damara Living Museum, a cultural village depicting traditional Damara life. It is both educational, as well as providing income for rural Damara people. The village also contributes to preserving traditions and skills. We will be introduced to the history of the

Damara, their traditional way of life, their mythology, and their traditional dances. Following, we continue to Khorixas Petrified Forest. Although not a full forest, the site contains magnificent samples of petrified tree stumps. Our last stop for the day is at Twyfelfontein Country lodge. The area is home to the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our lodge is an oasis in the desert where we can settle in and relax, perhaps spending some time in the pool or sipping a drink on the deck. Enjoy the evening! (B, L, D)



#### 25, Wednesday

#### **Etosha**

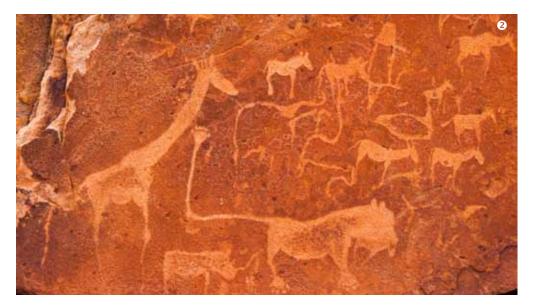
This morning we depart early for Etosha Safari Lodge. Check in and enjoy lunch before we depart for nearby Etosha National Park. While spending the afternoon exploring Etosha, we visit water holes along the edges of the massive salt pans. The vegetation and topography of Etosha are vastly different from that of Kruger Park. In general, it's easier to find wildlife in Etosha, thus we should experience a lot in a short amount of time here. Later, we exit Etosha and head back to our lodge for a group dinner and a leisurely night. (B, L, D)

## 26, Thursday Windhoek

After an early breakfast, we head back to Etosha. We spend another half-day in the park, marveling at the wildlife and the landscapes that are so unique to Etosha. Following, we make our way to Windhoek, where our Namibian adventure started. After arriving in Windhoek late afternoon, we will join for a group dinner before heading off to bed as tomorrow will be another early departure. (B, L, D)

## 27, Friday Cape Town

Our Namibian journey comes to an end as we board our flight from Windhoek to Cape Town, South Africa. We meet our driver and guide for the rest of our tour. Our first visit is the Cape Winelands where we visit the historic and attractive towns of Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. After time to explore both towns on foot and sample their street cafes, we will dine at a top-notch wine estate for lunch and a wine tasting. Following, we head to Cape Town proper and the highly rated Victoria & Alfred Waterfront where our hotel is located. Tonight, we end our evening with a group dinner. (B, L, D)



#### 28, Saturday

### Hout Bay, Cape of Good Hope, Simon's Town, Cape Town

Leaving the hotel this morning, we follow the coastline through Sea Point, Bantry Bay, and one of the most expensive neighborhoods in South Africa, Clifton. We briefly disembark from the coach at Maiden's Cove to photograph the spectacular Twelve Apostles, the eighteen mountain buttresses beyond Table Mountain. On arrival in Hout Bay, we embark on a cruise to the nearby 'Seal' (Duiker) Island before returning to Hout Bay. From here, we continue further along the bay's rugged mountainous coastline, utilizing the breathtakingly scenic Chapmans Peak Drive. After stopping at the main viewpoint to snap some photos, we continue with elevated views over the Atlantic Ocean. We pass the picturesque hamlets of Misty Cliffs and Scarborough before arriving at the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, within which lies the southernmost section of the peninsula. We have time to walk along the paved pathway, onto the rocky ridgeline, and to the old lighthouse that sits atop it. There are options for an independent lunch, or if up for an adventure, a group can hike down to Diaz Beach and towards Cape of Good Hope. Approximately one mile long, light sack lunches will be prepared independently. After spending a short time at the beach, the motorcoach will arrive with the rest of the group to exit the reserve. Following, we stop in Simon's Town to experience the African Penguin protected area at Boulder's Beach. After taking in a week's worth of scenery in a single day, we arrive back at our hotel. Later this evening we set off to a special location for our farewell dinner. (B, D)





#### **Visit Victoria Falls!**

Consider extending your stay in Africa. Travel to the lengendary Victoria Falls on the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Contact Witte for more information and arrangement options.



#### 29, Sunday

## **Depart South Africa**

Today we drive up the foothills of Table Mountain to the Lower Cable Way Station. Here, we have a guided tour to give context to the amazing views below before having time to browse the flat 'table top' of the mountain. Following, we walk to the nearby waterfront before hopping aboard the ferry to Robben Island, known for being where the majority of Nelson Mandela's political incarceration was. From the island's harbor, we board our bus and have a short tour across part of the island. Our guide will fill us in on the history of the small settlement, the prison, and the lime quarry among other things. Following, we head to the section of the prison where Nelson Mandela and some of his political comrades were held. Amongst other points of interest, we get to view Mandela's cell. It's a remarkable experience and we have lots to ponder as we board the ferry for the return journey. Next, we visit the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. Known for flora indigenous to Southern Africa, it boasts over 5,000 species. We have a short orientation hike to experience the natural flora and sit down for refreshments at the tea garden. Time permitting, we then return to our hotel to freshen up before heading to the airport where we start the journey home.

#### 30, Monday

### **Arrive Grand Rapids**

After our connecting flights from South Africa, we arrive at the Gerald Ford International Airport full of new experiences and memories!







- Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens
- 2 Cape Town's Table Mountain cable car
- Nelson Mandela's cell
- Robben Island



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Meals. Breakfast daily and dinners and lunches as indicated in the itinerary. Dinners do not include beverages.

**Tour Personnel.** A South African tour manager to accompany the group from arrival in Johannesburg, South Africa until departure. A Namibian tour manager to accompany the group from arrival in Windhoek, Namibia until departure. The tour managers may be assisted by local guides as needed.

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	(up to the limits shown below)
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Trip Interruption	150% of Insured Trip Cost
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The service fee noted under "Special Flight Arrangements" and the nonrefundable portion of any special arrangements, or any other non-refundable arrangements made on behalf of the cancelling participant, are also added to the above penalties. Allow two to four weeks for processing of refunds. Depending on volume, refunds may take up to eight to 12 weeks to process. Note that payments made by check are refunded by check to the person or organization that made the payments, and payments charged to a credit card are credited back to the same credit card.

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requires commitment from every individual on the tour to assume personal responsibility for protecting their own health and wellbeing, as well as the health and wellbeing of other travelers and tour personnel. You pledge to follow local and state laws as well as tour and sightseeing requirements related to COVID and/or any other community health concern. If you refuse to comply with these rules of conduct, you understand that Witte Travel & Tours reserves the right to remove you from the trip and you are responsible for any associated expenses. Witte reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a member of the tour and to expel from the tour any participant whose conduct or condition is incompatible with the interest of the group.

Land-only participants. If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, contact Witte for the landonly cost at least 90 days prior to departure. Participants who make their own flight arrangements are strongly encouraged to coordinate their flight schedules with the group's flight schedule and to use the same airports. The group's airport transfers on the arrival and return days will be timed to the group's flight schedule. Land-only participants may need to arrange for their own airport transfers. Contact Witte for information and costs on options for private transfers. Witte cannot be responsible for any inconveniences to land-only participants resulting from changes in the group's flight schedule. Participants who change their status to land-only less than 90 days prior to departure may be subject to penalties imposed by the airlines.

**Domestic flight connections.** Note on your registration form if you would like to fly to and from the international departure city. You will be contacted with schedule options and costs. Witte must receive requests for connecting flights at least 45 days prior to departure.

Special flight arrangements. Note on your registration form if you would like to extend your stay and/ or depart from and/or return to another city. The number of passengers who can deviate from the group's flight schedule is restricted. You will be contacted to let you know if the arrangements you requested are possible and to advise you of schedule options and costs. Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply. In the event of cancellation, the service fee and any nonrefundable portion of special air or land arrangements made for you will be added to the penalties noted under "Cancellations and Refunds." Witte must receive requests for special flight arrangements at least 45 days prior to departure.

Special meal requests and food allergies. Note special meal requests and food allergies on your registration form. Witte cannot be responsible if special requests are not met but we will pass them on to the airlines, hotels and restaurants. If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, be sure to carry your medications with you at all times. Also, discuss your special needs with your tour personnel and ask the wait staff about the foods you are served.

**Mobility Concerns.** Sightseeing on Witte tours almost always includes walking. Visits to historical places often mean climbing stairs and walking on uneven surfaces or cobblestones. The Americans with bisabilities Act ("ADA") is only applicable within the U.S., and facilities for disabled individuals are limited outside its borders. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travelers who need such assistance. Motorized scooters and wheelchairs are unsuitable for many trips. Transportation services, including many tour motor coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Handicap accessibility is not always available. Witte tour personnel are not able to provide attendant services.

Consult your physician if you have any concerns about your ability to participate

Time away from the tour. Advise Witte in writing at least 45 days before departure if you plan to spend some time away from the tour. Wherever possible, you will be credited for missed hotel nights.

**Final tour documents**—including itinerary, hotel list, passenger list, flight schedules with departure instructions, and luggage tags—are sent about 10 days prior to departure. Flight tickets are usually made available at the airport at check-in.

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Witte shall not assume any responsibility for any air and/or ground schedule changes.

Witte reserves the right to make alterations in the itinerary as it deems necessary.

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Witte shall not be deemed to be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, by reason of delay in performance, or by non-performance, of any of its obligations hereunder to the extent that any such delay or non-performance is due to any Force Majeure.

If Witte, and/or any of its travel suppliers, are affected by Force Majeure, they shall be entitled to, and may in their sole and absolute discretion, vary or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation to the trip. Payment of any refund by Witte to you as a result of the non-performance of any obligations due to Force Majeure shall remain in its sole and absolute discretion, although Witte shall use its reasonable efforts to reimburse you where possible. However, Witte shall be entitled to deduct from any refund recoverable the reasonable actual and potential costs to Witte of the Force Majeure and applicable cancellation fees.

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In case of insufficient participation, geopolitical, or natural cause, or other circumstances beyond its control to the extent travel services cannot be provided wholly or partially. Witte may cancel the tour. In such cases, Witte will use its best efforts to supply alternative services and accommodations, and no refunds will be granted provided that the alternatives are comparable to the original services and accommodations included in the tour cost. In the event of cancellation of the tour by Witte, its liability will be limited to a refund in full of all monies paid by the participants. If available, Witte will offer an alternative trip, which the participants may accept or reject.

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Assumption of Risks/Safety. Travel to certain destinations may involve greater risk than others. Witte urges all participants to remain informed daily as to current news events, as well as to review travel prohibitions, warnings, announcements, and advisories issued by the U.S. Government prior to booking travel to international destinations. Information on conditions in various countries and the level of risk associated with travel to particular international destinations may be found at http://www.state.gov, https:// rravel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html, http://www.tsa.gov, http://www.dot.gov, http://www.cdc.gov, and https://www.cbp.gov/travel

In recognition of the inherent risk of travel and related activities in which you are intending to engage, you confirm that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the travel booked and that you willingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage suffered by you or caused by you. By registering for any related travel activities, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or other participants.

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#### COVID 19

Different destinations, venues, sites and transportation organizations may have their own health and safety related requirements. We recommend you keep your vaccinations current and carry your vaccine card with you.

#### **Optional Travel Protection**

Witte Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your trip investment. The per person premium for this travel protection is \$646.67\* for double occupancy and \$758.58\* for single occupancy.

I/we wish to purchase the travel protection at this time. Full payment of the plan cost is included with my deposit. I have read and understand the policy, which includes the full coverage term details, including exclusions and limitations.

I/we wish to decline the travel protection at this time. I understand that travel protection can be purchased later, as long as it is done prior to making final payment on the tour.

\*It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan for participants who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. This could increase the plan cost.

The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. To view/download the Policy based on your state of residence at: <a href="http://policy.travelexinsurance.com/335A-1217">http://policy.travelexinsurance.com/335A-1217</a>. Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. 4PZ

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- You can enroll in this plan when you register for the tour or at any time prior to making final payment on the tour.
- The pre-existing medical condition exclusion is waived if you purchase within 15 days of your initial trip payment, provided all insureds are medically able to travel and all prepaid nonrefundable trip costs are insured. This exclusion applies to You and Traveling Companions as well as Business Partners and Family Members, whether traveling or not.
- This travel protection plan is refundable during the 15 day (30 day for IN residents) review period following the purchase of the plan; as long as you have not departed on your trip or filed a claim.
- For more information and an outline of the included benefits, see "Optional travel protection" in the Terms and Conditions of your tour brochure.
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Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply.

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Special Air Arrangements: To spend additional time abroad, I/we would like to depart on \_\_\_\_\_ and return on \_\_\_\_\_

To request special land arrangements (car rentals, hotels, rail, etc.), include a note and we'll contact you.

☐ I/we would like information about extending our travels to Victoria Falls. Please contact me with available details.

#### Signature

I/we have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the tour brochure. I/we acknowledge receipt of information about Witte's Travel Protection Plan as well as the Price Increase Rules.

1	Date
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