cape town to cairo

AFRICA BY PRIVATE AIR

August 18 to September 6, 2016
Join us on the adventure of a lifetime as we traverse the length of the entire continent of Africa, discovering people, wildlife, natural wonders, cultures and traditions as we work our way from south to north on a journey of nearly 5,000 miles. Our air expedition by private jet offers easy access to remote and exotic destinations such as the Okavango Delta in Botswana, the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania, the Maasai Mara in Kenya, and the ancient pyramids and temples of Egypt. These are places of the heart and the imagination, and our adventures together offer the promise of rare and authentic experiences that only a few fortunate travelers ever have the opportunity to realize. We hope you will join us on this extraordinary journey.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, '83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**ENounter** some of Africa’s most exotic and intriguing wildlife as we observe the spectacle of the great wildebeest migration in the Maasai Mara.

**MARvel** at some of Africa’s most spectacular natural wonders, including the thundering mists of Zambia’s Victoria Falls.

**LEARN** about the cultures and customs of people living in isolated communities and the rich histories of the regions we visit.

**FLy** from the southern tip to the top of Africa aboard our privately chartered jet, watching the continent’s diverse landscapes unfold dramatically below us.
Stanford Faculty Leader

LARRY DIAMOND, ’73, MA ’78, PHD ’80, is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. He served for more than six years as director of the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, and he continues to lead its research programs on Arab reform and democracy and on liberation technology. He is also founding co-editor of the Journal of Democracy and a senior consultant to the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the National Endowment for Democracy. His latest book, In Search of Democracy, is a collection of many of his writings over the past three decades on democratic development, particularly in Africa and Asia. This is the fourth Travel/Study tour he has led to Africa.

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— Bass University Fellow in Undergraduate Education
— Named “Teacher of the Year” by the Associated Students of Stanford, 2007
— Recipient of the Dinkelspiel Award for Distinctive Contributions to Undergraduate Education and the Stanford Alumni Association’s Richard W. Lyman Award.

"Larry was exceptional in [regard to] information and accessibility. We learned so much."

CAROL MACCORKLE, BURMA, 2013

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**Itinerary**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 & 19**
**U.S. / CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**
Board international overnight flights for Cape Town, arriving on Friday and transferring to the five-star One&Only Cape Town hotel, set like a jewel on the banks of the Atlantic Ocean. This evening gather for cocktails and a special welcome dinner at our hotel. ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN (B,L,D)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**
**CAPE TOWN**
This morning go on a historical guided walking tour with a Cape Town specialist who brings the city’s complex past into focus for us. After lunch and wine tasting in the Constantia wine lands, dine independently tonight at one of the city’s renowned restaurants. ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN (B,L,D)

**SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 22 & 23**
**OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA**
On Sunday, we board our private jet and fly to Maun, followed by a light aircraft transfer to our luxury tented camps in the Okavango Delta, the world’s largest inland delta.

This verdant region, where we spend the next three nights, is home to lily-dressed waterways, mopane and acacia forests, and superb savannah game drives with naturalist guides. Also go on evening trips by boat on the lagoons of the Okavango to enjoy wonderful sunsets and sightings of a variety of birds, including wattled cranes and African fish eagles. Here we sleep in luxurious twin tents with en suite bathrooms and take our meals in a central thatched dining room. After each day’s game viewing of elephants, buffalos, lions, leopards, giraffes and red lechwe antelopes, enjoy ice-cold sundowners, followed by dinner and coffee around the campfire. CAMP MOREMI AND CAMP XAKANAXA (B,L,D—ALL 3 DAYS)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**
**LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA**
As we fly to Livingstone, enjoy aerial views of the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls. Check into the Royal Livingstone Hotel, which offers one of the best overlooks of the falls. In the afternoon, walk along the edge of the falls with our guide and hear how the falls got their local name of Mosi-oa-tunya (“smoke that thunders”). As the sun sets, savor a delicious dinner at a private boma site on the banks of the Zambezi. ROYAL LIVINGSTONE HOTEL (B,L,D)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**
**ARUSHA, TANZANIA / LAKE MANYARA / NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA**
This morning board our private jet and fly to Kilimanjaro Airport outside Arusha. From here we take private bush flights to Lake Manyara, located on the edge of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The resident wildlife populations in the crater and seasonal migratory populations of wildlife around the adjacent Serengeti make this an integral part of Tanzania’s ecology. In addition, the numerous Maasai settlements in the area make it a cultural epicenter of northern Tanzania. NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE (B,L,D)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**
**NGORONGORO CRATER**
This morning we descend from the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater to the crater floor for a remarkable day of wildlife viewing. The floor of the crater—some 10 miles in diameter and the world’s largest intact caldera (an ancient sunken volcano)—is home to the highest concentration of mammals on the planet. NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE (B,L,D)
SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 28 & 29
MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE, KENYA
Fly by private jet to Nairobi, then board light aircraft for a private flight over the Mara plains to our classic tented safari camp set on private land adjacent to the Maasai Mara National Reserve. In the days that follow, on our game excursions in four-wheel drive vehicles, we discover why this vast reserve’s reputation for wildlife viewing is second to none. Lions and buffalos are plentiful, and herds of giraffes, elephants, and hippos congregate on the savannahs and along the Mara River. Watch, too, for the Mara’s formidable predators, such as black-maned lions, cheetahs and leopards, who thrive on wild, craggy mountains and vast, rocky escarpments. We explore the churches here, which are divided into two clusters separated by the Jordan River, named after its more famous counterpart in the Holy Land. Known in the past as Roha, Lalibela was the capital of the Zagwe Dynasty, which ruled over Ethiopia from the 10th to the mid-13th century. Its modern name, Lalibela, derives from the most famous of the Zagwe rulers, the 12th-century King Lalibela. As soon as he became king, Lalibela set about gathering the world’s greatest craftsmen and artisans in order to carve a number of churches that he is said to have seen in a visionary dream.
SHERATON ADDIS (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
ABU SIMBEL, EGYPT / LUXOR
This morning we head for Egypt on our private jet, stopping first at Abu Simbel. Here, Pharaoh Ramses II constructed his colossal Great Temple, a masterpiece carved into the sides of the sandstone cliffs rising above the west bank of the Nile. This afternoon fly to Luxor, home to the immense temples of Karnak and Luxor, once linked by a processional avenue lined more than 3,000 years ago with sphinxes and decorated with gold, silver, alabaster and marble.
HILTON LUXOR (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
LUXOR
After breakfast explore the opposite side of the Nile, the west bank and the spectacular Valley of the Kings—a vast City of the Dead—where the tombs of ancient pharaohs were carved out of desert rock formations. This stark canyon-like necropolis was kept secret for centuries, but gradually became known to the world as looters discovered its location and made off with the precious contents of many tombs. Visit the tomb of Tutankhamun, and the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the first woman to become a pharaoh; her temple is a superb monument with delicate stone relief carvings.
HILTON LUXOR (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
CAIRO
Today we visit Karnak just north of Luxor, a splendid complex of ancient temples, shrines, columns and pylons, before flying to Cairo. This afternoon, learn from Egyptology experts during a special “back room” tour of the spectacular Egyptian National Museum.
FOUR SEASONS CAIRO (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
CAIRO
Spend a full day exploring the pyramids at the Giza Plateau, the only surviving structures of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. Return to our hotel for a cocktail reception and special farewell dinner to celebrate our extraordinary trans-Africa odyssey.
FOUR SEASONS CAIRO (B,L,D)

MONDAY & TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 & 6
CAIRO / DEPART / U.S.
Depart Cairo on international overnight flights, arriving back in the U.S. on Tuesday and connecting to flights home. (9/5: B)
Today’s mass air transport typically flies its planes at very high altitudes, leaving passengers with little sense of what is below. Our voyage by private air gives us the benefits of flying lower and sometimes at a slower speed to better view some of Africa’s most inaccessible and unspoiled places.

We fly only by day, so views unfold on every flight: sparkling green inland deltas, rift valley landscapes and geological formations, crater lakes, rivers and remote villages—a magnificent backdrop to our exotic adventure.

Our chartered British Aerospace BAe 146 jet is able to access shorter rural runways, which translates to direct flights that get us close to remote destinations securely and comfortably. This also minimizes long road transfers and travel time, allowing for the ultimate luxury: more time on the ground to explore and to visit with the local people.

With the jet carrying just half of its designed-for capacity—40 guests, plus expedition staff—we enjoy above-the-norm cabin space and comfort. Inside the well-appointed pressurized cabin, overhead lockers provide storage space for hand luggage and small en-route purchases, and comfortable two-by-two seating offers a business class pitch of 34”. Our cabin crew provides first-class meals and wine and attentive cabin service throughout our expedition.

After each adventure on the ground, our “home away from home” awaits on the runway, where our familiar staff looks after our every need as we relax and savor the anticipation of the next touchdown and exotic exploration.
Informations

**D A T E S**
August 18 to September 6, 2016 (20 days)

**S I Z E**
This program can accommodate 40 participants. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

**C O S T**
$39,885 per person, double occupancy
$45,675 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person

**I N C L U D E D**
17 nights of accommodations, ranging from tented safari camps and park lodges to 4- and 5-star hotels • 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 16 dinners • Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions • Gratuities for all group activities • All private air in Africa aboard a privately chartered jet aircraft and small aircraft bush planes • All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days • Drinking water (bottled water not always available), coffee and tea throughout the program • All laundry, where available, at stays of two nights or more • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**N O T I N C L U D E D**
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Laundry charges in Cape Town and Victoria Falls • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, and gratuities for nongroup services

**A I R A R R A N G E M E N T S**
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare from San Francisco to Cape Town, South Africa, and return from Cairo, Egypt, is approximately $2,000 as of September 2015 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent to confirmed participants.

**W H A T T O E X P E C T**
This journey through Africa explores some extremely remote places. Travelers can expect an expedition experience in the truest sense of the word, where new discoveries are accompanied by changing conditions, which may necessitate variations to the itinerary. For this reason, participants will need to travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility in the face of unexpected changes. Accommodations and facilities range from rustic lodges to luxurious 4- and 5-star hotels. All travelers must be in good health and prepared for travel in places without medical facilities. This program includes some isolated destinations with modest infrastructures and a wide variation in comfort and guiding levels. Patience with local service standards will greatly improve one’s enjoyment of the trip. We expect that participants will be a self-selecting group whose interest in the places we visit far outweighs the need for creature comforts. The reward will be an unusual and authentic expeditionary experience available to a select few. For more information on what to expect, visit alumni.stanford.edu/trip/cape-town-2016.

**D e p o s i t & F i n a l P a y m e n t**
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space on this program. A second deposit of $5,000 per person is due February 10, 2016. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?/cape-town-2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

**C a n c e l l a t i o n s & R e f u n d s**
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

**I n s u r a n c e**
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

**E l i g i b i l i t y**
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and travel companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

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VIRGINIA FANELLI, ’58, CAPE TOWN TO CAIRO, 2007