



South Africa

As South Africa celebrates ten years of democracy, the tourism industry is rallying to contribute to the country's ongoing stability and peaceful transformation. In 2002, South Africa attracted more than 6.4 million tourists, making it the fastest growing tourist destination in the world. It is now a world-class destination, combining a wealth of diverse cultures, wildlife and scenic beauty.

Our November 12 departure is designed to be an intimate experience for a small group of very lucky people. In addition to visiting the most important highlights of this remarkable country, including Cape Town, the Garden Route, Zululand and Kruger National Park, there are also many special features that will make this THE trip of a lifetime:

- ❖ Cable-car to Table Mountain
- ❖ Wine-tasting and cellar tour
- ❖ Ferry to Robben Island (where Mandela was imprisoned)
- ❖ Dinner at Africa Café

- ❖ Ride on the Outeniqua Choo-Tjoe Train
- ❖ Barbecue lunch on Ostrich Farm
- ❖ Boat ride on Lake St. Lucia
- ❖ Three open-vehicle game drives
- ❖ Dumazula cultural experience
- ❖ Dinner at Carnivore Restaurant

Of course our price includes comfortable accommodation, at least two meals each day, tipping for guides and drivers, all foreign taxes, and a comprehensive sightseeing program. Don't miss this opportunity to experience an exhilarating journey to one of the most captivating destinations in the world.



Looking for the perfect escape for the upcoming winter? Consider taking one of our winter tours which have proved to be popular over the last few years. Early booking discounts of \$300 per person are currently in effect for the following departures:

Costa Rica Discovery

February 2 - 16, 2005 15 Days

San José • Tortuguero National Park • Arenal Volcano • Tabacon Hot Springs • Monte Verde Cloud Forest • Ocotal Beach Resort

Cuban Heritage Tour

February 28 - March 14, 2005 15 Days

Havana • Hemingway's Haunts • Vinales Valley • Trinidad • Santiago de Cuba • Baconao Park • Varadero

Cultural Treasures of Mexico

January 26 - February 9, 2005 15 Days
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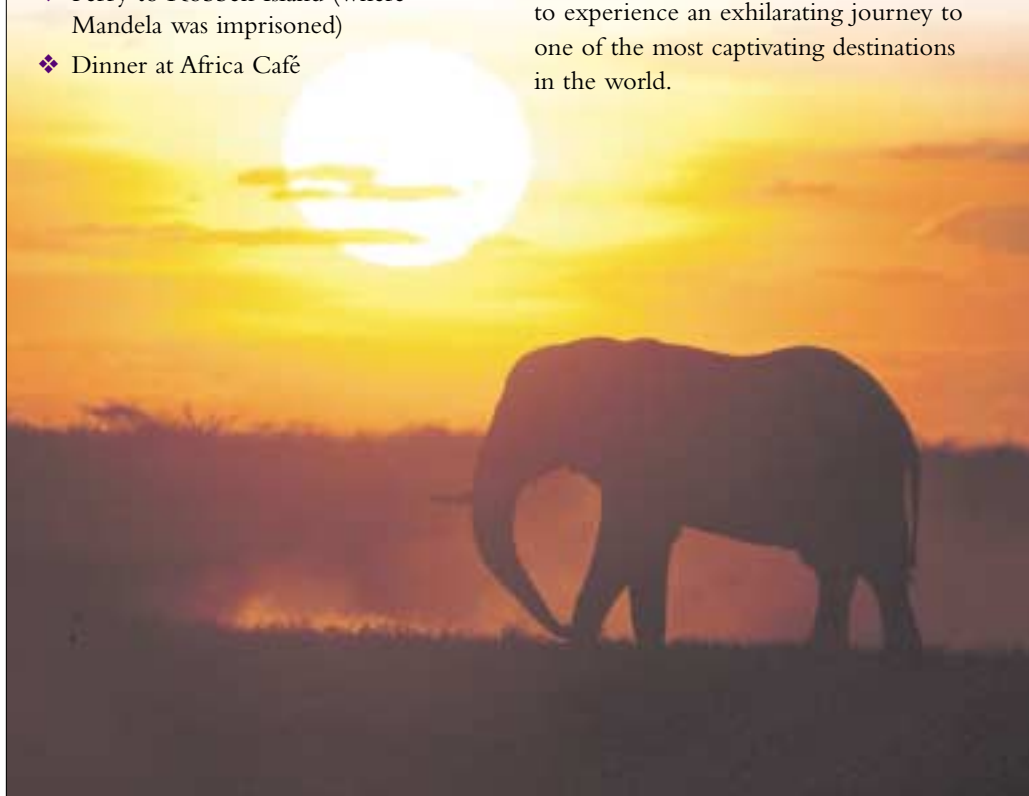
February 16 - March 2, 2005 15 Days

Mexico City • Oaxaca • Monte Alban • Palenque • Campeche • Uxmal • Merida • Chichen Itza • Cancun

South Pacific Adventure

February 27 - March 20, 2005 22 Days

Rarotonga • Auckland • Rotorua • Christchurch • Mount Cook • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Dunedin • Melbourne • Canberra • Sydney





SWING WITH THE PHAROHS

If you have ever dreamt of visiting Egypt and you enjoy playing golf, you should consider joining David and Tracy Rostad on our very special 18-day tour departing in November. We will stay at deluxe hotels in Cairo and at a resort on the Red Sea plus enjoy a four-night Nile cruise onboard the luxurious Sonesta Moon Goddess. We'll even experience the Sound and Light show at the Giza Pyramids and also at the extraordinary Karnak Temple.

Why Egypt? It's one of the most interesting places in the whole world. We'll be entering pyramids over 4000 years old, riding camels and snorkelling in the Red Sea. We'll visit the amazing Egyptian Archaeological

Museum to see mummies, Pharaonic relics, and the incredible artifacts discovered in King Tut's tomb. Don't forget the relaxing Nile cruise, from the Aswan Dam to Luxor, visiting remarkable temples along the way. We'll shop for bargains in the Khan el Khalili bazaar – with over 3000 shops to tempt us.

You can golf in Egypt? Yes. We are playing seven different golf courses (one twice) – and there are even more. We've chosen the six best golf courses plus a nine-hole course situated almost at the foot of the pyramids.

Why November? Simply, it's the best time to visit. The weather is perfect (26C-32C) and the water in the Red Sea should be ideal

for swimming. Any earlier and the weather is too hot, any later the weather becomes questionable and the water considerably cooler. Hopefully our golf games will still be in good shape as the season will have just ended in Canada. Finally, it is the perfect time to shop for unique Christmas presents for all those people on your list that are normally hard to buy for!

David and Tracy have been to Egypt several times and are eager to share this ultimate travel opportunity with fellow golfers. Even non-golfers are welcome to come along at a very special price, but space is limited to 28 people so we encourage you to make a decision right away.

ACADEMIC
 · ATHENS ·

November 10 - 25, 2004

Looking for an exciting program that combines education and sightseeing? How about two weeks in luxurious hotels in Athens, the host city of this year's Olympic Games? Each week includes sightseeing plus four lectures by University professors on such topics as...

- ❖ The Great Philosophers
- ❖ Mythology and the Arts
- ❖ Alexander the Great
- ❖ The Golden Age of Athens
- ❖ Temples and Oracles
- ❖ The Heroic Age

The first week is in a fabulous deluxe resort hotel and spa located in the most exclusive area of the Athenian Riviera. Besides its great location, this resort is known for its excellent service, gourmet cuisine, and a state-of-the-art spa and thalassotherapy centre.

The second week is at a five-star hotel in the shadow of the Acropolis, within walking distance of the city centre. The hotel is an ideal base from which to visit the many museums and cultural venues of Athens or for shopping in the famous Plaka district.

The attractive price, at well under \$4000, is a bargain when you consider that it includes breakfast and dinner each day plus other activities such as dancing lessons, films and Greek language lessons. If you are looking for a cultural enrichment program with excellent value, this is the perfect opportunity.



NEW YEAR'S CRUISE



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**Fantastic Savings
 on a 10-day Caribbean New Year's Cruise**

You can take advantage of an incredible group rate we just received from Holland America. Save 67% off brochure rates on Holland America's Volendam departing December 26 from Ft. Lauderdale for ten days of cruising the sunny Caribbean. Ports of call include Nassau (Bahamas), St. Thomas (U.S.V.I.), Roseau (Dominica), Bridgetown (Barbados) and San Juan (Puerto Rico). Cruise fares start at \$1333 per person including port charges. At these rates, our cabin allotment is not expected to last long!

Other Holiday Cruises

These special prices are in Canadian Dollars and include port charges. Taxes, transfers and airfare are additional. All prices are subject to availability so we encourage you to reserve your cabin early.

Ship	Date	Itinerary	Inside	Outside	Verandah
Oosterdam	Dec 19	7-Day Eastern Caribbean	\$1329	\$1469	\$1589
Volendam	Dec 16	10-Day Western Caribbean	\$1469	\$1649	\$2199
Zaandam	Dec 18	10-Day Southern Caribbean	\$1469	\$1759	\$2349
Zaandam	Dec 28	11-Day Eastern Caribbean	\$1599	\$1929	\$2569
Maasdam	Dec 22	11-Day Southern Caribbean	\$1989	\$2389	\$3199

Back-to Back Specials

Volendam	Dec 16	20-Day East+West Caribbean	\$2659	\$2929	\$4659
Zaandam	Dec 18	21 Day South+East Caribbean	\$2799	\$3079	\$4889

10 Reasons to Book a Holiday Cruise

1) No chores

Let Holland America take care of all the cooking, cleaning and festive decorating.

2) Warm weather

Chase away those winter chills by choosing one of five different warm-weather destinations.

3) Holiday traditions

Holland America serves traditional holiday meals, adorns the ship with festive décor, sings carols, plays holiday movies, provides New Year's entertainment and offers traditional religious services.

4) Fun for kids

Club HAL makes sure the kids have fun with holiday crafts, parties and a special visit from Santa on Christmas morning.

5) Room for fun

Holland America gives you more space per guest than any other cruise line in their class, from your stateroom to the public rooms.

6) Great entertainment

Holland America will entertain you daily with delightful ports of call and onboard activities, and nightly with live entertainment, a bustling casino and cozy lounges.

7) Tremendous value

Enjoy all the amenities of five-star cruising – all for one low all-inclusive price.

8) Extraordinary service

With more crew members per guest than any other cruise line in their class, service is ever-present but never intrusive.

9) More Choices

Holland America offers more ways to cruise through the holidays, with more ships and some of the best itineraries they've ever offered.

10) Affordable for the whole family

You can save money by having a third or fourth guest sharing your stateroom, so bring the kids or grandkids along. Everyone will be pleased that there are activities for every age and interest throughout the day.

Celebration Cruise

Are you celebrating a special occasion this year? Perhaps a special anniversary, birthday or just the love of life? There is no better way for you to celebrate and enjoy lasting memories than on our escorted Celebration Cruise

to the Mexican Riviera & Sea of Cortez. Even if you don't have anything specific to celebrate, you can join us as we commemorate our 25th year of operation.

This 10-day cruise departs February 14 out of San Diego and visits six different ports in Mexico including Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Loreto, Pichilingue/La Paz and Cabo San Lucas. One very special stop is at Topolobampo, from where you can access the spectacular Copper Canyon. This scenic chasm is four times the size of the Grand Canyon and the world-renowned train ride covers the entire spectrum of terrain with 39 bridges and 87 tunnels, ending at an elevation of 8,000 feet above the sparkling Sea of Cortez.

You will be sailing on Holland America's ms Ryndam, among the most spacious ships at sea and the perfect choice for those who wish to see the world in style. There will be special celebration gifts, an exclusive reception and onboard hosts to assist you throughout the cruise. And we have prices to celebrate as well – over 50% discount off of the brochure rates – even on the verandah suites. Call us soon to reserve your place on this Celebration Cruise, as the best cabins will disappear quickly.



. Alumni Discount .

We are pleased to be able to offer a special reduction for Rostad Tours Alumni and their friends on the following tours. Mention this article and receive a \$100 discount off the tour price, in addition to the current Early Booking Discount.

Greece, Italy and the Sights of St. Paul

September 21, 2004 – 15 Days

Athens • Corinth, Mt. Olympus • Thessaloniki • Philippi • Meteora • Sorrento • Pompeii • Capri • Naples • Rome

Journeys of the Apostles

October 6, 2004 – 18 Days

Istanbul • Cappadocia • Pamukkale • Ephesus • Patmos • Rhodes • Crete • Santorini • Athens • Corinth

China and Orient Adventure

October 6, 2004 – 16 Days

Great Wall of China • Terra Cotta Warriors • Beijing • Li River Cruise • Hong Kong • Bangkok • Singapore

Magnificent Spain & Portugal

October 18, 2004 – 18 Days

Barcelona • Valencia • Granada • Cordoba • Costa del Sol • Gibraltar • Seville • Algarve • Lisbon • Cascais • Salamanca • Madrid

South Africa Adventure

November 12, 2004 – 19 Days

Cape Town • Cape Winelands • Garden Route • Featherbed Nature Reserve • Zululand • Lake St. Lucia • Hluhluwe Game Reserve • Swaziland • Kruger National Park • Pretoria • Soweto

Turkey the safest travel destination of a lifetime

Here is a copy of a letter we recently received about the safety of travelling to Turkey.

On our most recent trip to Turkey this past winter, we were distressed to hear hoteliers, restaurateurs and merchants all lament the growing number of would-be travellers to Turkey who have recently cancelled their plans out of fear for their safety. For over fifteen years, my wife and I have spent innumerable summer and winter vacations in Turkey and, even after travelling the globe, we feel we have never been safer anywhere else in the world. In Europe and the United States, in fact, we have often felt less safe.

We have criss-crossed Turkey and never had an untoward incident of any kind. On the contrary we regale friends with stories of lost valuables such as a camera and even a passport returned to us at much trouble and some expense to our Turkish rescuers. It is this kindness of the Turkish people that draws us time after time to Turkey, much as the country will

always keep a special place in our hearts for its countryside, cuisine, crafts, boundless history, and all the other facets of a true tourism gem.

I can attest personally to the sophisticated development of Turkey's tourist sector over the last decade and a half, and Turkey takes the welfare of its international visitors very seriously. Current Turkish airport security does not just emulate western standards, in my own recent experience it surpasses even stringent Middle Eastern practices. I can't counsel western tourists strongly enough to examine their own misgivings when they consider cancelling a trip to Turkey. Acts of violence in familiar western capitals such as London or Paris are soon put in perspective, while Near Eastern destinations such as Istanbul are very wrongly stigmatized in the media.



No one considering the trip of a lifetime to Turkey should be persuaded by the uninformed or the frankly prejudiced to give up that dream. Our lives would have been so much the poorer had we never visited Turkey, and after a lifetime of travel, I can say that about few destinations.

Eastern Turkey Adventure

ISTANBUL · TRABZON · KARS · DOGU BEYAZIT · VAN · BATMAN · URFA · KAHTA-ADIYAMAN · ANTAKYA · ADANA · TARSUS

September 20 - October 6, 2004

Tour Hosts: Rev. Dr. Merv & Barbara Lutes

Greece, Italy and the Sights of St. Paul

ATHENS · CORINTH · MT. OLYMPUS · THESSALONIKI · PHILIPPI · METEORA · SORRENTO · POMPEII · CAPRI · NAPLES · ROME

September 21 - October 5, 2004

Tour Hosts: Dr. Glenn & Sandra Schaeffer

Journeys of the Apostles

ISTANBUL · CAPPADOCIA · PAMUKKALE · EPHEBUS · PATMOS · RHODES · CRETE · SANTORIN · CORINTH · ATHENS

October 6 - 23, 2004

Tour Host: Pastor Don Koch

Turkey & the Early Christian Church

ISTANBUL · ANKARA · CAPPADOCIA · KONYA · ANTALYA · PAMUKKALE · IZMIR · EPHEBUS · PERGAMUM · TROY · GALLIPIOLI

April 11 - 27, 2005

Tour Hosts: Rev. Bruce Miller & Rhea Jansen

Magnificent Spain & Portugal

BARCELONA · VALENCIA · GRANADA · CORDOBA · COSTA DEL SOL · GIBRALTAR · SEVILLE · ALGARVE · LISBON · CASCAIS · SALAMANCA · AVILA · TOLEDO · MADRID · EIGHT UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

October 18 - November 4, 2004

Leisurely Spain and Portugal

AVILA · MADRID · TOLEDO · CORDOBA · COSTA DEL SOL · GRANADA · GIBRALTAR · SEVILLE · ALGARVE · FARO · LISBON · CASCAIS · EIGHT UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

March 31 - April 18, 2005

Tour Hosts: Rev. David Reeve
 Dr. Donal McKeown

Wonders of Italy

MILAN · LAKE DISTRICT · VERONA · VENICE · PISA · MONTECATINI TERME · SAN GIMIGNANO · SIENA · FLORENCE · TIVOLI · SORRENTO · NAPLES · POMPEII · CAPRI · AMALFI · COAST · ROME · VATICAN CITY

April 19 - May 4, 2005

Tour Hosts: Rev. Karl & Barb English

Scotland's Contrasts

NEW LANARK · BURNS COUNTRY · MULL · IONA · LOCH NESS · INVEREWE GARDENS · CULLODEN · DUNKELD · STIRLING · EDINBURGH · MILITARY TATTOO · BORDERS

August 12 - 23, 2004

Tour Host: Dr. Jim Cooper

Academic Athens

TWO WEEKS OF SIGHTSEEING AND EDUCATION

November 10 - 25, 2004

The Beauty and Holiness of Scotland

MELROSE · HOLY ISLAND · GLASGOW · MULL & IONA · GLEN COE · PERTH · BRAEMAR · STIRLING · THE TROSSACHS · EDINBURGH

September 19 - 29, 2004

Tour Host: Father Haynes Hubbard

South Pacific Adventure

COOK ISLANDS · AUCKLAND · ROTORUA · CHRISTCHURCH · MOUNT COOK · QUEENSTOWN · MILFORD SOUND · DUNEDIN · MELBOURNE · PHILIP ISLAND · CANBERRA · SYDNEY

November 7 - 28, 2004

Tour Hosts: Canon William & Edith Noel

February 27 - March 20, 2005

China and Orient Adventure

GREAT WALL OF CHINA · TERRA COTTA WARRIORS · BEIJING · LI RIVER CRUISE · HONG KONG · BANGKOK

October 6 - 21, 2004

Tour Hosts: Rev. Harry Steele & Barb Gregg

Atlantic Odyssey

NOVA SCOTIA · NEW BRUNSWICK · P.E.I. · NEWFOUNDLAND

September 14 - October 1, 2004

Tour Host: Rev. Clark Saunders

Cuba Golf and Sun Getaway

STAY FOR ONE OR TWO WEEKS AT THE MELIA LAS AMERICAS RESORT WITH UNLIMITED GREEN FEES!

November 15 - 22, 2004

Tour Host: Joe Rostad

Cuban Heritage Tour

HAVANA · HEMINGWAY'S HAUNTS · VINALES VALLEY · TRINIDAD · SANTIAGO DE CUBA · BACONAO PARK · VARADERO

February 28 - March 14, 2005

Costa Rica Discovery

SAN JOSÉ · TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK · ARENAL VOLCANO · TABACON HOT SPRINGS · MONTE VERDE CLOUD FOREST · OCOTAL BEACH RESORT

November 17 - December 1, 2004

February 2 - 16, 2005

Cultural Treasures of Mexico

MEXICO CITY · OAXACA · MONTE ALBAN · PALENQUE · CAMPECHE · UXMAL · MERIDA · CHICHEN ITZA

January 26 - February 9, 2005

February 16 - March 2, 2005

Tour Hosts: Rev. Murdo & Marie Marple

South Africa Adventure

CAPE TOWN · CAPE WINELANDS · GARDEN ROUTE · FEATHERBED NATURE RESERVE · ZULULAND · LAKE ST. LUCIA · HLUHLUWE GAME RESERVE · SWAZILAND · KRUGER NATIONAL PARK · PRETORIA · SOWETO

November 12 - 30, 2004

Tour Host: Rev. Johan Olivier

Swing with the Pharaohs

A DELUXE TOUR OF EGYPT INCLUDING CAIRO, THE PYRAMIDS, A FOUR-NIGHT CRUISE FROM ASWAN TO LUXOR AND FIVE NIGHTS AT A BEAUTIFUL RED SEA RESORT.

November 4 - 21, 2004

Tour Hosts: David & Tracy Rostad

Glories of Imperial Russia

ELEVEN-NIGHT CRUISE FEATURING:

MOSCOW · RED SQUARE · KREMLIN · UGLICH · KOSTROMA · YAROSLAVL · KIHZI ISLAND · ST. PETERSBURG · PETERHOF PALACE · HERMITAGE MUSEUM

September 21 - October 3, 2004

Tour Host: Betty Hannah

Eastern European Odyssey

A LUXURIOUS CRUISE ON THE BEAUTIFUL DANUBE

AUSTRIA · SLOVAKIA · HUNGARY · SERBIA · ROMANIA · BULGARIA

October 2 - 17, 2004

Tour Hosts: Dorothy & Art Longair

October 16 - 31, 2004

Tour Hosts: Rev. Karl & Rev. Heidi Sievert

Panama Canal Cruise

FT. LAUDERDALE · MONTEGO BAY · JAMAICA · ARUBA · CARTEGENA, COLUMBIA · PANAMA CANAL · COSTA RICA · ACAPULCO · CABO SAN LUCAS · MEXICO · SAN DIEGO

November 24 - December 9, 2004

Tour Hosts: Shirley & Warren Collard
 Walter & Muriel Tastad

Caribbean New Year's Cruise

FT. LAUDERDALE · NASSAU · ST. THOMAS · DOMINICA · BARBADOS · SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

December 26, 2004 - January 5, 2005

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