

Travel to Africa

With Africa Classroom Connection and Books For Africa

We invite you to join a group Learning Tour to South Africa and/or Malawi as we visit school building sites for Africa Classroom Connection (www.africlassroomconnection.org) and Books for Africa (www.booksforafrica.org) recipients.



The first 2018 trip, led by Henry Bromelkamp, will occur in four segments:

Jan 15-20 Cape Town Books for Africa 30th Anniversary Celebration (from \$870)

Jan 21-29 South Africa Schools, History, and Safari (from \$1305)

Jan 30-Feb 3 Malawi Schools and Libraries (from \$725)

Feb 4-10 optional Zambia add-on (from \$1015)



You can choose which portions of the trip you would like to join. Add a flight day before and after your segments. The itinerary will include (not necessarily in this order):

- Four days in Cape Town for history, scenic beauty, wineries, and restaurants
- Books For Africa 30th Anniversary Celebration
- Two days in Johannesburg and Pretoria, including Soweto and the Apartheid Museum
- Four days in the region of Zululand, South Africa to visit schools, meet the learners, and teach classes
- Three days safari wildlife viewing in its natural habitat
- Five days cultural tour in Malawi, including the capital Lilongwe, Lake Malawi, Mua Mission and Museum, and Zomba the original capital, and visits to schools and libraries
- Optional Zambia add-on for wildlife viewing, and youth and school projects

Cost per person starts at \$145/day for ground costs (not including airfare \$1200-\$2500) plus your \$1,000 per person tax-deductible contribution. The tour will result in building one or two new classrooms for 45-90 students to continue their education, or a 40' container of 23,000 books serving 20 or more schools. We can give tips and a web site to help raise funds. Accommodations range from clean, safe, and simple to very nice.

This will not be a conventional package tour of Africa. While we will see wild animals on safari (a treasure of Africa!) most of the tour will be philanthropic and cultural. Seeing the need first-hand has a significant impact on those who join us. You will meet wonderful people and learn about the promise and challenges of education. Imagine 400 Zulu school children putting on a dance and music performance for their American visitors! Imagine trying to explain ice fishing or snow to high school students who have never experienced freezing weather. You will be surprised. You will have fun. You will see the world in a new way.

The tour will be preceded by some cultural, historical, and language learning opportunities. (Most people speak English, but it is respectful and interesting to know some of the local language, especially when we meet young children.) We want to visit with an understanding of the health, political, and economic issues that challenge our African neighbors. Please contact us info@africlassroomconnection.org or 612-767-4430.

We look forward to sharing with you the places and people we cherish.

**Our school partner Eshowe Community Action Group (ECAG) was founded by Eshowe Rotary Club 9270 in 1977.*

