



# 2018 Learning Tour Agreement

We invite you to join our group Learning Tour to travel to Malawi and/or South Africa as we visit school building sites for Africa Classroom Connection ([www.africlassroomconnection.org](http://www.africlassroomconnection.org)) and Books For Africa ([www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org)) recipients. The 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 includes some flights within Africa, and a few drives of several hours in large passenger vans. 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



**Costs:** The starting cost per person is \$145/day for ground costs (does not include airfare about \$1200-\$2500) plus your \$1,000 per person tax-deductible contribution. See the worksheet on the signature page.

**Payment:** Deposit per person is required at the time of booking. Payments can be made by check (preferred) or credit card. Remaining payment is due on the following schedule:

due on booking	\$500 or more deposit
due November 30	remaining trip expense (including any add-ons)
due by departure	the above plus \$1000 contribution

Payment for any flights and insurance we book on your behalf is due at the time flights are booked

We reserve the right to cancel any reservation if full payment is not received by the due date and cancellation penalties will apply -as per our scheduled cancellation chart below.

**Cancellations & Refunds:** Cancellations received in writing will be processed according to the date the written notice is received. Money will be refunded minus the following cancellation fees per person:

by September 30	\$100 cancellation fee
October-November	50% cancellation fee
after November 30	No refund

We reserve the right to cancel the trip prior to departure in which case the full payment will be refunded to the participant without any further obligations on our part.

**Air Schedule and Transfers:** The trip does not include air transportation, but we can make those arrangements for departure from any airport, or with stopovers or add-on flights. You may choose not to use our air arrangements, however then you are responsible for your own timely transfers to join and leave the group, and you are responsible for any delays or disruption in your own itinerary.

**Insurance:** Organizers will purchase travel insurance for you if they purchase your overseas airplane ticket. This insurance covers cancellations, trip interruption, luggage loss or damage, personal injury and medical evacuation, as detailed in the policy which will be provided. Such insurance is a contract between the traveler and the insurance company, not the Organizers. Travelers who obtain their own overseas air ticket should also obtain their own travel insurance. By accepting to join the trip without insurance, travelers hold Organizers completely harmless of any conditions or consequences which would have been covered by the insurance.

**Accommodation:** Accommodations are chosen carefully to be the best combination of clean, safe, convenient, and genuinely African. Most accommodations are equivalent to American mid-range hotels or better, however some of our accommodations are in private residences or rural areas where some facilities and services may not be in full working order. In such cases we will make attempts to resolve or substitute, however we cannot guarantee that every such situation will be resolved in the manner that would be expected in the United States. Should such a situation be encountered, a correction or substitution will be made to the best of our abilities and no refund will be made. Single rooms are available in most of our locations, if you prefer. A "safari upgrade" is available to provide accommodation with an ensuite bathroom rather than in a shared external building.

**Ground Transportation:** Ground travel is in 8-15 passenger vans (may be accompanied by a passenger sedan) rented from a major car rental company or equivalent. Most segments are less than three hours driving. However road construction, road condition, or equipment failures may cause delays or discomfort. Should such a situation be encountered, a correction or substitution will be made to the best of our abilities and no refund will be made.

**Not Included:** Airfare, gratuities to guides, drivers, hotel staff, passport handling fees or visa fees, insurances, customs duties, some meals (as detailed in the detailed itinerary), snacks, alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room service, gifts, and excess luggage. Also excluded are meals and activities in Cape Town, if you choose to include that segment.

**Travel Documents:** A valid passport is required (validity of at least 6 months from departure date). The passport must include a minimum of 2 empty visa pages. The Organizers MUST receive a photo copy of your valid passport showing the number and signature, before your travel can commence. South Africa provides a free visa upon arrival. Malawi provides a visa on arrival for a fee of about \$60.

**Unused Services:** There will be no refund for any unused portions of the program and it is understood that refunds will not be made to passengers who miss on any part of the trip for any cause whatsoever.

**Itinerary:** Although the Organizers and their agents and representatives will make every effort to adhere to the printed program and itinerary, on rare occasions it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, airline schedule change, delays, overbooking, hotel requisitions, political disturbances or transportation mechanical problems). Should such adjustment be necessary, substitution will be made to the best of our abilities and no refund will be made. Any additional costs necessitated by such changes are the full responsibility of the passenger.

**Final Documents:** Final documents including final itinerary, airline tickets when applicable, local contact information, and final reminders will be sent to you 2-3 weeks prior to date of departure, provided your final payment is received. Let us know if you don't receive this information at least one week before departure.

**Photographs:** Trip leaders and travelers will take photographs during the trip. By signing this agreement, you grant the Organizers permission to use any photographs of you for non-commercial publicity or fundraising purposes.

**Voluntary Participation and Assumption of Risk:** I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate on the trip designated on this application and that I have read the description of the trip as it appears in the Handbook for travelers. I am voluntarily participating in this trip with knowledge of the hazards involved. I am aware that certain inherent risks and dangers are likely to arise, including but not limited to travel by train, foot, automobile, aircraft, raft, boat or other means of conveyance; the hazards of traveling in mountainous terrain, high altitude, and undeveloped areas; the forces of nature, civil unrest, terrorism, crime and accident or illness in remote regions. I am also aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time during which I am participating on the trip. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of this adventure travel trip I am willing to accept the risks and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of my adventure. I acknowledge that the enjoyment and excitement of adventure and cultural travel are substantially derived from the inherent risks that may be involved in such travel. I acknowledge further that such risks are a substantial reason for my participation in this trip. I hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of illness, injury or death and due to the negligence (but not the reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct) of the Organizers, their employees, officers, directors, agents, contractors or affiliated organizations or any of their employees.

The traveler acknowledges that he/she is aware of pertinent State Department notices related to the visited nations and voluntarily accepts any repercussions of the visit without holding the Organizers liable or responsible.

The Organizers reserve the right to decline to accept or reject any participant if their health or behavior impedes the operation of the trip. By forwarding the signed reservation form and the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

**Vendors:** I am aware that during the course of planning and executing this adventure travel trip the Organizers will contract with various vendors, service providers and other individuals and entities ("Vendors") to provide services to me during the course of this trip. Such services include but are not limited to land and air travel, hotel services and other accommodations, guiding services, cultural services and food services. I acknowledge that all such vendors are independent contractors of the Organizers, and are not employees, partners, or joint ventures or in any other way affiliated with the Organizers. I hereby release the Organizers, their employees, officers, directors, agents, contractors and all of its affiliated organizations from and against any and all liability arising out of, or in any way connected with, the provision of services to me during the course of my trip by such Vendors, including any liability for negligent, reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct.

**Release and Covenant Not to Sue:** As consideration for being permitted by the Organizers to participate in its adventure travel activities and use its facilities, I hereby agree that neither I, nor any of my heirs, assigns, personal or legal representatives, or family members will bring suit or make a claim for illness, injury or death resulting from the negligence (but not the reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct) of the Organizers, any of their employees, officers, directors, agents, contractors or affiliated organizations (or the Supplier of any of the facilities or equipment I will use in these activities) as a result of my participation in this trip. I hereby release the Organizers, their employees, officers, directors, agents, contractors and all of their affiliated organizations from and against any and all liability arising out of, or in any way connected with, my participation in the trip, including any liability for negligence (but not reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct).

**Enforceability:** I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Jurisdiction and Venue:** I agree that upon acceptance of my application by the Organizers this agreement shall be deemed to have been entered into and performed in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. In the unlikely event a legal dispute should arise involving the subject matter of this agreement, any such dispute shall have jurisdiction and venue in the District Courts of Hennepin County, Minnesota. I further agree that should the plaintiff fail to prevail in any legal dispute before a court said plaintiff hereby agrees to pay all reasonable attorneys' fees for the defendant in the dispute. I agree that in the unlikely event of a legal dispute, the Organizers' liability is limited to no more than the fees paid by the plaintiff to the Organizers for the subject matter of this agreement.

**All costs are per person, not per family. Please submit this form for each person who is traveling with you.**

<b>1. Choose Trip Segments:</b> <i>(Costs include ground transport, shared accommodations, tours and most meals and <b>do not include airfare.</b> Plan a flight day before and after your segments.)</i>	Book by Sep 30	Book Oct - Nov	Book after Nov 30	<b>Amount</b>
Jan 15-20 Cape Town BFA 30th Anniversary Celebration	\$870	\$920	\$960	
Jan 21-29 South Africa Schools, History, and Safari	\$1305	\$1380	\$1440	
Jan 30-Feb 3 Malawi Schools and Libraries	\$725	\$765	\$800	
Feb 4-10 Zambia Wildlife, Youth and School Projects	\$1015	\$1070	\$1120	
<b>Total Trip Segments=</b>				

<b>2. Optional Enhancements:</b>		
Single Supplement (your own room when available)	Multiply "Total Trip Segments" by 30%=	
Safari upgrade (chalet with ensuite bath rather than in shared building)	Add \$250	

<b>3. Tax-deductible Contribution:</b> per person (from you, family, friends) required minimum \$1,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

Name (Print. EXACTLY AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sex   M   F

Passport: Country \_\_\_\_\_ Number, Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_  
*(PLEASE ALSO MAIL/EMAIL A PHOTOCOPY/SCAN OF YOUR PASSPORT TO ADDRESS BELOW)*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name, Telephone, and Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary/Medical Restrictions or Warnings (attach more detail as necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Shall we book your flights? (Cost varies by segments chosen - \$1,200 - \$2500)  
 No (we recommend you inform us of your flights before you buy, then email us a copy of your itinerary)  
 Yes (we will call you):

Departure Airport \_\_\_\_\_ Delta Skymiles Number \_\_\_\_\_ United MileagePlus Number \_\_\_\_\_  
*Sign up at delta.com and united.com.*

**A deposit is required with this form.**  
 See page 1 for amount owed at this time.

Payment \$\_\_\_\_\_ by check (preferred); or call us for credit card or PayPal instructions (we try to minimize fees).

**Agreed by Traveler (or Guardian):**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

Please mail this completed form along with your deposit to:  
**Africa Classroom Connection, attn: Claire Barone, 106 E. 24<sup>th</sup> St., Minneapolis, MN 55404.**  
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