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Human Origins in South Africa

September 8-22, 2018 (15 days) with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall



Join Dr. Ian Tattersall, curator emeritus at the American Museum of Natural History and renowned paleoanthropologist and author, on this diverse South African adventure featuring fascinating paleontological localities; evocative historical sites and modern cities; sublime mountain, veld, and coastal scenery; wildlife viewing and photography opportunities; delicious cuisine; and 4- and 5-star accommodations. Travel from the lovely Magaliesberg Mountains to early human sites in the “Cradle of Humankind,” such as Sterkfontein Caves, and as far afield as the Makapansgat Valley, plus archaeological sites in the Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape and the West Coast Fossil Park. Visit Blombos Museum of Archaeology and Pinnacle Point Caves, with private tours of both by a guest archaeologist. Spend two nights at a luxurious camp to explore the Kapama Game Reserve, enjoying morning and afternoon game drives. Take guided tours of Pretoria and Cape Town, and tour the Cape Winelands, where you will sample some of South Africa’s most renowned wines. Dr. Tattersall and local guides will accompany you throughout, weaving together the threads of past and present that make up the rich tapestry of human evolution.

ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (D)= Dinner

Saturday, September 8, 2018: Depart Home

Depart home on independent flights to Johannesburg, South Africa.

Sunday, September 9: Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa | Transfer to Magaliesberg | Welcome Dinner

Arrive at Johannesburg’s O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB) and transfer to our colonial-style hotel in Magaliesberg. Enjoy views of the Magaliesberg Mountains, an ancient range whose nooks and crannies, streams, and varied vegetation have always stood out from the surrounding grasslands and attracted humans, from our earliest ancestors to the modern day. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. **Overnight at the 5-star [African Pride Mount Grace Country House & Spa](#) for two nights.** (D)

Monday, September 10: Sterkfontein Caves | Maropeng Visitor Centre

The fossil hominid localities of the “Cradle of Humankind” are recognized together as a UNESCO World Heritage site, and today we tour Sterkfontein Caves, which have yielded more than 500 fossils and become one of the world’s leading sources of information about human evolution. Continue on to the Maropeng Visitor Centre, an interactive exhibition tracing the development of humans over millions of years. Return to our hotel in time for dinner. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 11: Fly to Hoedspruit | Kapama Game Reserve | PM Game Drive

Transfer to O.R. Tambo International Airport for a group flight to Hoedspruit Airport. Upon arrival, we will be met by an English-speaking ranger and transferred via open 4x4 vehicles to *Kapama Southern Camp*, our gateway to Kapama Game Reserve. This is one of several private game reserves that combine with Kruger National Park to create one of the world’s largest protected game areas and present unique game-viewing opportunities. Enjoy afternoon tea at the camp, followed by a late afternoon game drive. **Overnight at the 5-star [Kapama Southern Camp](#) for two nights.** (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 12: AM Game Drive | PM Game Drive

Wake early for a morning game drive, and return to camp in time for breakfast. The rest of the morning is at leisure to relax and enjoy the property. Gather this afternoon for tea, followed by a late afternoon game drive. (B,L,D)



Cover, Cape Town. Below, Mapungubwe Hill, Mapungubwe National Park. Bottom, the entrance to the Sterkfontein Caves.



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Thursday, September 13: AM Game Drive | Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape | at leisure

Wake early for a game drive, and return to camp in time for breakfast. We then set out by motorcoach for Polokwane, capital of the province of Limpopo. The province is home to another UNESCO World Heritage site: the Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape, site of the first indigenous kingdom in southern Africa, a center of trade that held power from A.D. 900 to 1300. The archaeological site includes the remains of palace and settlement sites, plus the sites of two earlier capitals. Arrive this afternoon at Polokwane's *Protea Hotel Ranch Resort*, set amid more than 2,400 acres of pristine bushveld. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Overnight at the 4-star [Protea Hotel by Marriott Ranch Resort](#) for two nights. (B)

"Ian Tattersall was amazing in every way." - Joy, New York

Friday, September 14: Makapansgat Valley | at leisure

The morning is dedicated to exploring the picturesque Makapansgat Valley, surrounded by dolomite cliffs dotted with caves. Like Sterkfontein, this is another of the "Fossil Hominid Sites of South Africa" recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Valley's Limeworks cave was a particularly rich paleoanthropological site, yielding the remains of about 40 *Australopithecus africanus* individuals, and led to speculation about an early "osteodontokeratic" (bone, tooth, and horn) culture. In the early afternoon we will stop for an independent lunch, and then return to our resort in Polokwane for the balance of the day at leisure. (B)

Saturday, September 15: At leisure | Pretoria

After a morning at leisure to enjoy our resort, we depart for Pretoria, administrative capital of South Africa, with a stop en route for lunch. Upon arrival in Pretoria we check-in to our conveniently-located hotel, not far from the State Theatre, government departments, and embassies. Enjoy some time at leisure, and gather this evening for dinner. **Overnight at the 4-star [Southern Sun Pretoria](#).** (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 16: Pretoria city tour | Johannesburg | Fly to Cape Town | at leisure

After a guided tour of Pretoria and lunch, transfer to the Johannesburg Airport and fly to Cape Town, the legislative capital of South Africa. Sandwiched between the slopes of iconic Table Mountain and the sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city is in a class of its own. Upon arrival we check-in to our hotel, located just outside the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront area. The balance of the day is at leisure. **Overnight at the 4-star [Southern Sun the Cullinan](#) for four nights.** (B,L)

Monday, September 17: Cape Town city tour | Iziko South African Museum | Bo-Kaap | Table Mountain | Milnerton

Get an overview of Cape Town this morning on a guided city tour, motoring past famous landmarks such as the 17th-century Castle of Good Hope, Edwardian City Hall, and St. George's Cathedral. Continue to Iziko South African Museum for a special behind-the-scenes tour (schedule permitting) of its extensive natural and early human history collections. After a typical Cape Malay lunch, followed by a walking tour along the cobblestone streets of Bo-Kaap (Malay Quarter), one of the city's oldest residential areas, we drive to magnificent Table Mountain. Ascend to the top by revolving cable car and marvel at a birds-eye view of Cape Town and its beaches. Descend by cable car and re-join our motorcoach for (time permitting) a drive around Table Bay to Milnerton, a coastal suburb. Return to our hotel for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Tuesday, September 18: Cape Winelands | Wine Tasting | Boschendal Wine Estate

Discover the spectacular valleys and mountains of the Cape Winelands, the center of South Africa's award-winning wine industry. Enjoy a wine tasting at Vergenoeg Wine Estate, followed by lunch at Die Werf Restaurant, located at the impressive Boschendal Wine Estate with its exceptionally well-maintained gardens and Manor House. Return to our hotel in late afternoon for the balance of the day at leisure. (B,L)



Above and below, images from Kapama Game Reserve. Bottom, a vineyard in the Cape Winelands.



Wednesday, September 19: West Coast Fossil Park | Darling

Set out this morning for West Coast Fossil Park, including the site of Langebaanweg that preserves fossils from some five million years ago, among them African bear, saber-toothed cat, and short-necked giraffe. Excavations have exposed more than 260 square feet of the fossil bone bed for viewing by visitors. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the quaint arts-and-crafts center of Darling, including visits to a local craft beer brewery and a toffee maker. Return to our hotel in late afternoon for the balance of the day at leisure. (B,L)

“I thought Ian gave wonderful introductions to each venue...He is a wealth of knowledge and he did an excellent job of communicating with each of us...He also was wonderful in giving us his time pre-dinner and at dinners to answer any questions we had.” Charles, California

Thursday, September 20: Blombos Museum of Archaeology | Pinnacle Point Caves | George

Depart the hotel early this morning with a boxed breakfast, and take a scenic, four-hour drive to George along the Garden Route and coastal highway. Stop to visit the small but significant Blombos Museum of Archaeology, dedicated to presenting the prehistory of the area and, specifically, the findings from Blombos Cave. This work was carried out by Prof. Chris Henshilwood who (schedule permitting) will personally guide us through the collection, including the world's first symbolic objects and remains of tool kits and ochre-processing “workshops” that could date as far back as 100,000 years. After lunch at the Press Club, continue our coastal drive to Pinnacle Point Caves, where we have a private guided tour by Profs. Henshilwood and Curtis Marean, who explain why it is thought that these caves contain the earliest evidence of modern human behavior. (Please note that the only access to Cave 13B is via a series of steep wooden stairways and boardwalks, with some 200 steps in each direction.)

Drive to George and check into our hotel, at the foot of the Outeniqua Mountains, for an evening at leisure. **Overnight at the 4-star [Protea Hotel by Marriott King George](#) for two nights.** (B,L)

Friday, September 21: Oudtshoorn | Cango Caves | Ostrich Farm | Farewell Dinner

After breakfast we depart for Oudtshoorn, surrounded by majestic mountain ranges. Explore the spectacular Cango Caves, a subterranean wonderland of stalactite and stalagmite rock formations that extends more than a mile into the Swartberg Mountains. A guided tour takes us winding through narrow passageways and on steep stairways that link the massive caverns. Continue on to Safari Ostrich Show Farm, where a tour will illuminate ostrich farming from breeding to rearing. After lunch at the farm, return to our hotel. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 22: George | Fly to Johannesburg | Fly Home

After a morning at leisure we transfer to the George airport for a group flight to Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB). Connect with independent homeward flights. (B)



Above, a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain. Below, Cape Town with Table Mountain in the distance.



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Ian Tattersall, American Museum of Natural History curator emeritus, is a renowned expert on physical anthropology and human evolution. He has lectured to acclaim on numerous expeditions to Africa, Europe, and Asia. Trained in geology as well as in archaeology and anthropology, his field research on living primates and his fossil collecting has taken him around the globe, including southern Africa. Dr. Tattersall co-curated the Museum's Spitzer Hall of Human Origins and has written many books on the origins of human creativity, including *Becoming Human: Evolution and Human Uniqueness*; *Masters of the Planet: The Search for Our Human Origins*; *The Strange Case of the Rickety Cossack and Other Cautionary Tales from Human Evolution*; and the recently published *A Natural History of Wine* (with Rob DeSalle).

What to Expect: This program involves some walking on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. Expect bumpy road terrain during the wild-life safari. VISITS TO THE CAVES AND OTHER SITES NECESSITATE WALKING QUICKLY AND CLIMBING UNASSISTED, WITHOUT HANDRAILS, SOMETIMES OVER STEEP OR SLIPPERY TERRAIN AND IN DARK OR DIMLY LIT SPACES. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour unless accompanied by a companion who will be available to assist you at all times. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. Weather in South Africa is generally pleasant in September, as it will be early spring. Cape Town and Johannesburg will remain crisp and cool in the early mornings and evenings, and will be pleasant during the day (65°-75°F). Cape Town tends to be wetter, so expect a few showers. Weather during the safari is also chillier in the early mornings and evenings, and pleasant during the day. Cave temperatures average 60°-65°F, and humidity levels reach 95%. Please note that no photography is allowed inside the caves. *Complete pre-departure details and what to pack will be sent to participants.*

Air Arrangements & Transfers: Airfare from/to home is **not** included. A group transfer to Magaliesberg on arrival, an internal connecting flight from George to Johannesburg for departure (times to be determined), and two additional internal flights are included. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights from/to home. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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Double Occupancy (15 to 20 participants) \$8,945
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Prices Include:

- Leadership of AIA lecturer and host **Ian Tattersall** plus a **professional Tour Manager** and English-speaking, **nationally-certified local guides**;
- **13 nights at unique accommodations**, including the *Mount Grace Country House & Spa* and the **southern camp** in the Kapama Game Reserve; as well as modern, **4-star hotels**;
- **Three flights:** Johannesburg/Hoedspruit, Johannesburg/Cape Town, and George/Johannesburg;
- **Delicious meals:** 13 breakfasts; 10 lunches and 6 dinners with bottled water or soft drinks, plus coffee or tea with dinners; including **welcome and farewell dinners** with beer and wine;
- Exciting **game drives**, and a transfer in open **4x4 vehicles** to *Kapama Southern Camp*;
- Transportation by **private, air-conditioned motorcoach**, including bottled water;
- Group arrival and departure **airport transfers** on group travel days;
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- **Baggage handling** at hotels where available;
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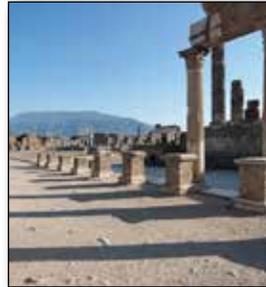
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The Legacy of Ancient Rome

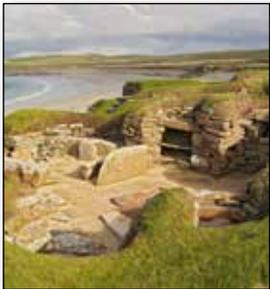
October 3-14, 2018 (12 days) with C. Brian Rose



See magnificent ancient and Renaissance art and architecture, including numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites plus many lesser known but splendid sites. Enjoy excellent food, wine, and 4-star hotels: five nights in central Rome, two nights in Naples overlooking the Bay of Naples, and three nights in Amalfi overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea. **Maximum of 18 participants.**

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Take daily hikes on remote islands to prehistoric stone circles, burial chambers, and settlements; seeing along the way quaint villages, seabird colonies, and fascinating geological sites. Archaeological sites include Maeshowe, the Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae, and Jarlshof. **Maximum of just 15 participants.**

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October 3-19, 2018 (17 days) with Gocha Tsetsckhladze



Immerse yourself in the history, cultures, and landscapes of the beautiful Caucasus region, with visits to the site of Europe's earliest unearthed hominid bones; ancient settlements and fortresses; early churches, cathedrals, and monasteries; and intriguing cave towns; including five UNESCO World Heritage sites. An optional extension to Azerbaijan is available. **Maximum of just 16 participants.**

Cultural & Natural Treasures of Northern Italy, Slovenia & Croatia

September 5-18, 2018 (14 days) with Patrick Hunt



See the site of Hannibal's first major victory in Italy; Roman villas and temples; and six UNESCO World Heritage sites that include prehistoric petroglyphs, prehistoric pile dwellings, and underground river canyons and waterfalls. Admire striking vistas of plains, lakes, mountains, and the Adriatic Sea; plus enjoy delicious cuisine. **Maximum of 20 participants.**

The Best of Ancient Peru

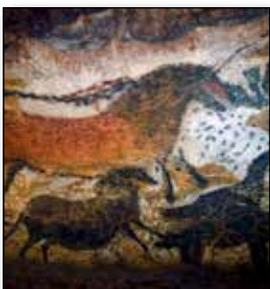
October 12-26, 2018 (15 days) with Jo Burkholder



Experience the best of ancient Peru, with the convenience of spending three nights each in Chiclayo, the Sacred Valley, and Cuzco. Explore fabulous archaeological sites (including two visits to Machu Picchu; visits to three other UNESCO World Heritage sites: Chan Chan, Lima, Cuzco; and many others), a variety of museums, and picturesque villages and cities. **Maximum of just 15 participants.**

Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France

September 19-October 1, 2018 (13 days) with Paul Bahn



See the most famous prehistoric cave art in the world, including Altamira II, Lascaux II, Niaux, Pech Merle, Cougnac, Rouffignac, Font-de-Gaume, and Cueva del Castillo. Experience the rich cultures of Spain and France with visits to charming medieval villages and cities, savoring fine food, wine, and accommodations. **Maximum of 20 participants.**

Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong River

November 5-18, 2018 (14 days) with Joyce White



See magnificent Buddhist and Hindu temples, floating markets, rice paddies, and more. Enjoy two days exploring bustling Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon); savor a seven-night cruise on the Mekong aboard a luxurious, 12-suite riverboat; and end with two days in the world famous Khmer temples and monuments of legendary Angkor. **Maximum of 20 participants.**