

AFRICAN EXPEDITION

SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2024



Join us for a once in a lifetime experience and take in the splendor of southern Africa. From the peak of Cape Town's Table Mountain to the red sands of the Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world, experience the best wildlife areas on the African continent, and stand on the edge of the 'Smoke that Thunders', the mighty Victoria Falls. Wake up to the roar of lions and relax next to the waterhole as the big five (lion, leopard, black rhinoceros, elephant, and African buffalo) stroll in to quench their thirst. Visit one of the great botanical gardens of the world and meander among the more than 7,000 diverse plant species. Spend a day with the San (Bushmen) people and learn about their intimate knowledge and relationship with the natural world. Come with us, fill your soul, and let your heart beat to the pulse of Africa as you make the world your campus!

"Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you . . . of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth . . . of things which are at home, things which are abroad . . . and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms—that ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you" (D&C 88:78–80).

DATES

29 April–29 May 2024 (approximately)

HOUSING

The group will stay in mid-range accommodations and safari lodges. Students will have internet access, laundry, and other amenities at each location. All the housing will be safe and has been arranged by two local tour operators.

COURSES

All participants will enroll in 4 credit hours of PWS 494R—Biogeography, Ecology, and Natural History of Southern Africa. Participants may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$7,900–8,400

Includes accommodation, most meals, professional guides, transportation in Africa, entry fees, BYU LDS undergraduate tuition, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare to and from the program, preparation course tuition, some meals, and miscellaneous (optional) expenses.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at: BYU Travel | 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu | 280 HRCB

PREPARATION

All students who are accepted into the program are expected to register for a 1 credit, pre-departure preparation class held during the second block of winter semester. BYU students are expected to keep all aspects of the BYU Honor Code and ISP rules during the program. **Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.**

FUNDING SOURCES

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should note that this program is highly competitive. It is strongly suggested that applicants prepare to apply to an alternative program.

Students must be adults 18 years of age or older. Complete the \$35 (non-refundable) online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. 16 students only will be accepted. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. If accepted, a \$500 non-refundable deposit will be required, payable to the Kennedy Center.

Priority Deadline: 1 November 2023

Final Deadline: 29 February 2024

FACULTY

Tom Smith is a professor of wildlife ecology in the Department of Plant and Wildlife Sciences. His research focuses on human-wildlife interactions with emphasis on bears, bobcats, and bighorn sheep. He will help you explore the diversity and connections among biological organisms and their environment in the incredible landscapes of southern Africa and coastal waters. 5050 LSB | (801) 422-2151 | tom_smith@byu.edu

STAFF

Carolyn and Mark Vermeulen hail from South Africa, while Carolyn also spent three years living in Namibia. Carolyn is the Office Manager for the Plant & Wildlife Sciences Department.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students should plan to be in full participation in the program and refrain from scheduling late arrivals, early departures, or other activities that may interfere with the student's attendance and participation.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs

101 HRCB | isp@byu.edu | (801) 422-3686 | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.