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Nature & Cultural Journeys for the Discerning Traveler

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## JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

ON A FAMILY ADVENTURE TO

## SOUTH AFRICA

JUNE 29 TO JULY 13, 2014





## YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1~SUNDAY~JUNE 29 WASHINGTON D.C./EN ROUTE

Your adventure begins as you board your overnight flight to Johannesburg. (Meals Aloft)



## DAY 2~MONDAY~JUNE 30 CAPE TOWN

This afternoon arrive in Johannesburg where you connect with your flight to Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City". Upon arrival, you will be met by your specialist and escorted to your hotel. The provincial capital, Cape Town, is a sophisticated city with plenty to see and do, particularly around the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront area, where delightful buildings of the Cape Dutch and Victorian-era architecture have been restored as shops, restaurants, museums and pubs, while the busy water traffic of the docks goes on unabated.

The perfect blend of heritage and modern luxury epitomizes the Taj Cape Town. Located in the city center, the hotel is steps from the popular area of St George's Mall which is a vibrant pedestrian precinct with wonderful pavement cafés and bars and is surrounded by significant historic buildings

which include the St. George's Cathedral, the House of Parliament, the Castle of Good Hope, the Company's Gardens and many of Cape Town's

national museums. All rooms are beautifully decorated and complete with every exclusive amenity. The Taj Cape Town has two spectacular restaurants - Mint and The Bombay Brasserie - and an unforgettable seafood, champagne and oyster bar known as The Twankey. The Jiva Grand Spa combines the wisdom and heritage of the respected Asian and Indian philosophies, surrounding wellness and wellbeing, to create an unrivaled treatment experience. The hotel prides itself on providing unobtrusive and efficient service from a staff that genuinely delights in making guests feel at home.



Overnight at THE TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (Meals Aloft) www.tajhotels.com

# DAY 3~TUESDAY~JULY 1 CAPE TOWN: CAPE PENINSULA

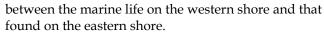
After breakfast this morning, board your luxury motorcoach for a coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope. As you drive along the Cape Peninsula, you are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, a variety of flowering plants, and the blue sea – breathtaking is the only word that comes to mind. Pass quaint seaside towns as you continue to Cape Point where the stormy waters of the Atlantic meet up with the calm waters of the Indian Ocean. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. At Cape Point, you can climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top. Take a close look at the ocean – many a times you may see southern right whales in the spring and early summer, dolphins, and a variety of seabirds. At the Cape of Good Hope, the incredible scenery makes for an excellent group photo.



Covering over 19,000 acres, the reserve houses a truly astonishing variety of plant species – heath, sedges, ericas, milkwood trees, succulents, proteas, ground orchids and many more. About 1,200 different plant species have been identified in the reserve – nearly half of those found in the Cape Peninsula – 30 of which are considered endangered or rare. It is said that this area contains more floral species than the whole of the British Isles. Look for the distinctive orange found in leucospermums, one of the rarest types of proteas – the mimites, marvel at the helicrysums and pelarganium calcullums, and enjoys the ericas, phenacomas and fine bush which the Dutch called "fynbos". And although it is regarded as a botanical reserve, there is an extensive network of roads allowing visitors to view animals



such as grey rhebok, Cape grysbok, Cape mountain zebra, bontebok, eland, red hartebeest, duiker, chacma baboon, Cape fox, caracal, rock dassie and porcupine. One can find 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from ostriches to minuscule sunbirds. At Olifants Bay, look for Oystercatchers, and enjoy some superb birding. One of the reserve's most interesting creatures is the endangered sago-belly frog which lives in a few shallow, freshwater pools in a specially protected area. A marine reserve reaches out to sea on the western coast of the reserve and there is a distinct difference





Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and continue to Boulders Beach. This beautiful spot on Cape Peninsula is framed by scenic white beaches that are protected by large granite boulders. It is also where the African (Jackass) Penguins can be seen – also known as the black-footed penguins. These are flightless seabirds, found nowhere else in the world except off the coast of Southern Africa – the only penguins found in this continent. Take a delightful walk on a specially-built platform onto the little sheltered beach where they nest among the rocks, and "waddle" up and down into and out of the sea. Since they're used to human presence, you can get within a few feet of them in safety to the birds as you're on the platform, and it is sometimes

possible to view them nesting as they tend to hide themselves behind rocks and bushes. Return to your hotel in the afternoon where the rest of your day is at leisure.

Overnight at THE TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (B,L)







# DAY 4~WEDNESDAY~JULY 2 CAPE TOWN: KHAYELITSHA (NEW HOME TOWNSHIP)

Today you will visit the settlement of Khayelitsha, on the Cape Flats. Khayelitsha means "new home" and was established in 1984 during the tribal war outbreak in informal settlements. Like many other townships, it was created during the apartheid era as a dormitory area for the working class. Today residents continue to face challenges of HIV/AIDS and poverty in postapartheid South Africa.

You will meet your guide, founder Vivian Zilo, and spend time with her gaining a personal insight into her work in the community and learning more about the area in which they live. Vivian established the Iliso Care Society in June 2005 when she solicited the help of four other women to begin providing services to her community. The mission of the Iliso Care Society is to fight poverty, encourage community empowerment, organize workshops for youth, provide safety and care for orphans and vulnerable children, the elderly and school children. ICS started giving meals to over 100 beneficiaries once a day from Monday through Friday, but the numbers were increasing each and every day. Today, Vivian brings new hope to the people of Khayelitsha and you will get a chance to experience this first hand.



Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant, sampling typical African food and hospitality in an authentic setting. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore Cape Town on your own.

Overnight at the TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (B,L)

## DAYS 5/6~THURSDAY/FRIDAY~JULY 3/4 GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE

Venture off to Grootbos Nature Reserve, situated just past Hermanus, overlooking Walker Bay and Cape Point. It's also a short distance from the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas, and is located on the best whale-watching coast in South Africa. You will experience something completely different here - exciting activities include coastal walks, beach excursions, horse/pony back riding and 4x4 drives.

This area of coast is prime whale breeding and calving grounds and every year between July and November (even mid-December); many Southern Right whales come here. It is a sight to behold especially when they are so close into shore that you can smell their fishy breath! Late afternoon you will enjoy a spectacular sun set over Walker Bay, casting warm orange hues over all in its path. Sunrise is no less spectacular and makes for magnificent landscape or floral photography. Explore the reserve on foot, horseback or in an open 4x4 vehicle taking in the different eco-zones and Table Mountain sandstone geological structures. Take a stroll through one of the precious cool afro-montane forests, south facing fire resistant plant communities similar to tall tropical rain forests living in pockets on steep hills.





Grootbos Private Reserve conserves 4,200 acres of pristine fynbos, the Cape's unique vegetation type. Within its borders lies a wealth of more than 620 species of indigenous plants. Huge stands of extravagant proteas paint the hillsides and bulbs burst into flower after fire. Pollination, seed dispersal and germination – there is always something happening and a story to be told. Grootbos' expert botanical guides will open your eyes to the intricacies of the fynbos ecosystems and leave you with another lasting impression of the wonders of nature.



The lodge offers eleven private luxury cottages, each adorned with rich textures, spacious sunny bathrooms and living rooms with cozy fireplaces. The large private cottages and secluded balconies allow you to watch the sun setting over the ocean. Awaken to the calls of forest birds as the cottages are set among ancient milkwood trees deep in the nature reserve.

Chefs conjure up gourmet dishes with fish caught that day, fresh vegetables and succulent meats enhanced with flavors

from the flourishing herb garden. Award-winning South African wines compliment the dinner, which is served by candlelight at the restaurant with unbeatable sea views

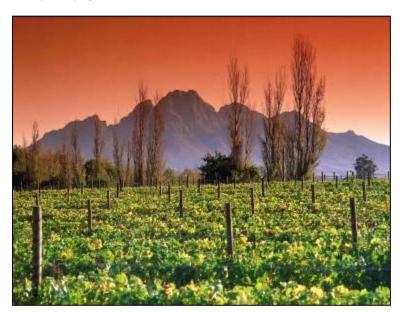
By staying at Grootbos, you are directly contributing to the conservation of the reserve and surrounding natural areas, including numerous endangered, endemic species. Grootbos is dedicated to the conservation of the Cape Floral Kingdom. The protection of biodiversity has global importance for the preservation of species and the continued functioning of natural eco-systems. The successful eco-tourism model at Grootbos has been widely acclaimed and has encouraged the establishment of a number of conservation projects in the region.



Overnights at GROOTBOS GARDEN LODGE. (All Meals Daily) www.grootbos.com



## DAY 7~SATURDAY~JULY5 WINELANDS



Today you leave Grootbos and travel into the Winelands region of the Cape. Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route. A stop at the historic estate of Boschendal will introduce you to some of the most brilliantly preserved Cape Dutch buildings in the Cape and its collection of priceless period furniture. At Franschhoek, discover lovely antique shops and gardens, nestled in the "Valley of the Huguenots" where the French first settled in 1688. You will also explore the university town of Stellenbosch, the oldest town in South Africa after Cape Town, undoubtedly the most scenic and historicallypreserved town in Southern Africa. Oak-lined streets next to water furrows compliment the many fine examples of elegant Cape Dutch, Victorian and Georgian architecture - all part of this unique "Town of Oaks".

The Franschhoek Country House is a restored manor house and former perfumery dating back to 1890 with unparalleled views of the spectacular Franschhoek Mountains and the perfect setting for a taste of the legendary Cape wine route. This small luxury hotel has 14 luxury rooms and 12 suites equipped with all modern amenities. Almost all the rooms lead out onto private balconies or private patio with magnificent views. The in house Monneaux Restaurant, voted as one of the top Restaurants in South Africa, has become known for its innovative Modern French Cuisine, prepared with fresh, well sourced ingredients and is exquisitely presented.

Overnight at FRANSCHHOEK COUNTRY HOUSE. (B) www.fch.co.za

## Days 8/9/10~Sunday/Monday/Tuesday~July 6/7/8 Sabi Sand Game Reserve

Leave Cape Town behind and fly to Kruger Mpumalanga International airport where upon arrival you will be transferred to your home for the next three nights, Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge. The Sabi Sand region is adjacent to Kruger National Park, and one of the most prolific spots in Africa for viewing wildlife. The game-rich 139,000 acre Sabi Sand Game Reserve,



formed in 1950, shares 31miles of unfenced boundary with Kruger National Park; therefore animals are at liberty to wander in and out as they wish. Most of the game in Sabi Sand tend to stay put however because both the Sand and Sabi Rivers supply much needed water in the dry season, thus creating an eco-system with one of the highest and most bio-diverse wildlife populations in Southern Africa. Spotting the 'Big Five' (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, buffalo and elephant) is an easy task as well as numerous other animals and birds, including a diversity of summer migrants.

The characteristic species of the Sabi Sand are impala, greater kudu, giraffe, buffalo, lion and leopard. Lions are the only truly social members of the cat family, and sightings of lion prides are the order of the day at here. Open water channels and pools are favored by

hippo while reed beds are favored by buffalo and elephant. Riverine forest along the river is green all year round, and is



the haunt of leopard, greater bush baby (galago) and bushbuck. The dainty-hoofed klipspringer and rock dassie (hyrax) are the only larger mammals restricted to rocky outcrops in the Sabi Sand. Chacma baboons use the outcrops as vantage . . .

points.

Located within the world renowned Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve in the southwestern sector of the greater Kruger National Park, Bush Lodge is your home for the next three nights. Each of the 25 spacious, air-conditioned thatched suites is beautifully appointed, featuring ethnic decor. The en-suite bathrooms have alfresco and glassfronted indoor showers, affording wonderful views of the bushveld. Relax by the two swimming pools or on the huge viewing decks overhanging the Msuthlu River while spotting game, bird watching, or recharge with holistic treatments at the tranquil Amani Spa.

Overnight at SABI SABI BUSH LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) www.sabisabi.com/lodges/bushlodge



# Day 11~Wednesday~July 9 Johannesburg

Savor one last wildlife drive before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg where you transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

The D'Oreale Grande is situated near Johannesburg International Airport, boasting luxurious accommodation, with palatial buildings set in a display of gardens, fountains and statues. Richly cloaked surroundings such as marble floors, plush carpets, magnificent stained glass domes, highly decorated murals and frescos, sculptures, intricate mosaics and Roman columns and arches contribute to an atmosphere of intimacy, classical elegance and lavish opulence. Overnight at D'OREALE GRANDE. (B)

# Days 12/13~Thursday/Friday~July 10/11 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Board your flight to Victoria Falls Airport on the Zimbabwe side of Victoria Falls. At more than twice the size of Niagara

Falls it's no surprise that Victoria Falls are among the Seven Wonders of the World. Mosi-oa-Tunya – *The Smoke that* Thunders, derived from the towering column of spray when the Zambezi River runs high, is the name that Zimbabwe's local people have given to this awesome natural phenomenon. The name is probably more appropriate and descriptive than "Victoria", which has a far too calm and composed ring to it to do justice to the masses of thundering, swirling water of these spectacular falls. But all Dr. David Livingstone probably thought of when he named the falls after his Queen in 1855 was





his royal duty. Five separate falls make up this incredible spectacle that plunges more than 300 feet into a sheer-sided chasm which separates Zimbabwe from Zambia. The awe-inspiring abyss is spanned by a 1905 Edwardian bridge which links the two countries. The masses of water plunging down the falls and into the gorge below originate from the mighty Zambezi River that meanders through more than 1,677 miles of African countryside.

In the afternoon enjoy a sundowner cruise – a highlight as you glide along the Zambezi River, watching hippos snort, elephants drink on the riverbank, monkeys jump from branch to branch, birds fly overhead or pose for a photograph on



the branches, and much more. Enjoy your gin and tonic, cool beer, or drink of choice, and see a panoramic sunset as the sun dips below the horizon, painting the whole area in unbelievable colors of brilliant reds, yellows, purples and mauves.

You'll also get a chance to visit an authentic native village to see how the local people live. You will be escorted by your English-speaking village guide, seeing a culture and ways of life that remains virtually unchanged through the ages. View their daily rituals, from the women cooking and mending their huts, to the artistic woodcarvings created right in front of you by the village artisans. Smiling children scatter about and you are welcome to mingle and take photographs. Long after you've left, this cultural visit will remain with you, as you'll feel as though you've

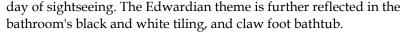
experienced a different part of Africa, quite essential if you're to understand the complexity of this continent.

The Victoria Falls Hotel is the 'Grand Dame' of Victoria Falls. For almost 100 years, visiting members of the royal families, international and local statesmen, and celebrities worldwide, have flocked to the Victoria Falls Hotel, where they are

assured of privacy and care in an atmosphere steeped in history, combining the charm of the old with all the comfort and convenience of today. It is one hotel that can truly claim to be unique. Through the years, the 'Vic Falls Hotel' has enjoyed various renovations, but has lost none of its earlier charm. In fact, much of the hotel has been meticulously brought back to its former grandeur using original photos and plans. The architecture reflects Edwardian style at its height with numerous corridors, archways, and columns, and extensive wood paneling. The hotel is set on verdant lawns, adorned with beautiful flowers, shrubs and indigenous trees. There is a lovely brick terrace at the top of the garden from where guests can relax in deep wicker chairs and look out to the famous railway bridge enveloped in the mist of the falls. The en-suite bedrooms are also constructed in the style of the



Edwardian era, many with period antiques. Well decorated and very comfortable, they are a welcome reward after a full-





Your farewell dinner tonight will be at the Boma which provides a unique cultural experience that bombards the senses with the tastes, sights, sounds and smells of Africa – together with the warmth and hospitality of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and its people.

Overnight at the VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL. (B; B,D)



## Day 14~Saturday~July 12

## VICTORIA FALLS/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE

Your morning is at leisure to enjoy the Falls on your own, before transferring to the airport for you flight to Johannesburg and home. (B, Meals Aloft)

# DAY 15~SUNDAY~JULY 13 WASHINGTON D.C.

This morning you land in the USA and connect with your flight home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)









## **INCLUSIONS**

- Superior accommodations throughout at hotels, lodges and tented camps as listed in the itinerary, or similar.
- Breakfasts daily, all meals while on safari and other meals as indicated in itinerary.
- All wildlife viewing by 4x4 open-air vehicles.
- Complimentary bottled water in safari vehicle.
- All applicable hotel/lodge gratuities and taxes.
- Johns Hopkins host will accompany the group with a minimum of 15 travelers.
- All park and attractions entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

- Round-trip air from Washington D.C. including U.S. and foreign airport taxes (quoted separately).
- Flights between Cape Town/Mpumalanga/Johannesburg (quoted separately).
- Roundtrip flight between Johannesburg and Victoria Falls (quoted separately).
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for South Africa. Visas are required for Zimbabwe and can be obtained upon entry.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, But Is Subject To Change.







## BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

Your safari will include a visit to a local school in Cape Town. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, as well as schools supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. Many of these children have never owned a book in their life and the connection you'll make with them is invaluable. You'll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance.

After seeing schools first hand, meeting the dedicated teachers working under the most difficult conditions and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child's learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Kenyan Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers' wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. With compassionate ground operators such as Rangers Safaris, Wilderness Safaris and &Beyond, Classic Escapes has expanded the reach of BAB to Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia, and other areas in the world our travelers visit. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.



## CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.



## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA

### **Participants:**

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles or minibuses, small aircraft and boats/canoes unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-8 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at
  a time when visiting villages, towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or
  uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.

## In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

#### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. The start city for this program is Cape Town and the end city is Johannesburg, South Africa.

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.





# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

**INCLUDING:** CAPE TOWN, GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE, WINELANDS, SABI SAND GAME RESERVE & JOHANNESBURG

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

**ESCORTED BY:** A HOST FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

**Dates:** June 29 To July 13, 2014

COST: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM
	BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS
LAND PACKAGE ONLY	
-Adult Price	\$7,995 PER ADULT PERSON
-CHILDREN'S RATE UNDER 12 YEARS OLD SHARING ROOM WITH PARENTS	\$4,495 PER CHILD
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$3,295 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM WASHINGTON D.C., ECONOMY INCLUDING	
ESTIMATED DEPARTURE TAXES, (CURRENTLY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE) **	
-Adult Price	\$3,890 PER ADULT PERSON
-CHILDREN'S RATE UNDER 12 YEARS OLD	\$3,350 PER CHILD
FLIGHT BETWEEN CAPE TOWN/MPUMALANGA/JOHANNESBURG/	
VICTORIA FALLS/JOHANNESBURG IF INTERNATIONAL AIR IS NOT	
PURCHASED THROUGH CLASSIC ESCAPES	
-ADULT PRICE	\$1,290 PER ADULT PERSON
-CHILDREN'S RATE UNDER 12 YEARS OLD	\$1,180 PER CHILD

<sup>\*</sup>SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

\*\*ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM OF 10 TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED. IF LESS THAN 10 TRAVELERS, THE FARE WILL INCREASE & GIVEN TO THE TRAVELERS PRIOR TO ISSUING THE TICKETS, APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

**DEPARTURE CITIES:** WASHINGTON D.C.

(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT ADDITIONAL COST)





## **CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:**

### **REGISTRATION**

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

#### **PAYMENTS**

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$750 per person must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days before departure – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are not included.

### **CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES**

**TRIP INSURANCE:** Because of the array on unforeseen circumstances that could delay or cancel a guest's trip, we highly recommend that guests purchase an optional insurance policy. Information will be sent to registrants.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this trip:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, \$250 handling fee.
- 94-60 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, 100% penalty, unless any refund is recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM, INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.



**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

#### **DOCUMENTS**

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (*travel.state.gov*) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Roundtrip, economy-class flights via South African Airways and/or other IATAN carriers are between WASHINGTON, D.C., and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For **South African Airways**, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** As mentioned, we work primarily with **South African Airways.** For a list of the airline's partners, *visit https://www.klm.com/travel/us\_en/about/company/skyteam\_partners/index.htm.* You may obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

#### TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twinbedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<u>www.cdc.gov/travel</u>) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.



**BAGGAGE:** On average, international flights from the USA allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

RESPONSIBITTIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the aforegoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the aforegoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the safari takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Africa. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the safari, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by



the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

**INSURANCE PACKAGE:** Classic Escapes offers a comprehensive insurance package, which allows the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion to be waived if purchased within 15 days of the initial trip payment. Details can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.classicescapes.com/insurance.html">http://www.classicescapes.com/insurance.html</a>. or call our office for more details (800-627-1244). If obtaining this pre-existing condition waiver is not of importance to you, you may opt to wait until you receive your pre-departure packet of information which will include details on the insurance package.

**INSURANCE PREMIUM:** See premium schedule below, or call us for the exact amount and information on the policy. This is applicable to all coverage contained in the policy. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium. In the event that a claim is filed, the injury or illness must be substantiated to the Claims Department.

The cost of your insurance premium is based on the TOTAL cost of your trip including: the main itinerary, airfare, airline taxes, single supplements, optional excursions and optional extensions. The premium for your tour will be calculated as follows:

TOTAL TOUR COST	PREMIUM PER PERSON
\$6,501 - \$7,000	\$300
\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$329
\$8,001 - \$9,000	\$370
\$9,001 - \$10,000	\$ 410
\$10,001 - \$ 11,000	\$ 470
\$11,001 - \$ 12,000	\$ 531
\$12,001 - \$ 13,000	\$ 593
\$13,001 - \$ 14,000	\$656
\$14,001 - \$ 15,000	\$721
\$15,001 - \$ 16,000	\$771
\$16,001 - \$ 17,000	\$821
\$17,001 - \$ 18,000	\$870
\$18,001 - \$ 19,000	\$920
\$19,001 - \$ 20,000	\$970

Please contact Classic Escapes if you have any questions or need assistance calculating your premium. PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.



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Simply fax or email your responses to reservations@classicescapes.com!

You Will Receive The Following Items For Your Program:	43	NO
Welcome Letter		
Preliminary Materials - prelude packet and invoice		-11
Reminder Invoice with balance due	117 <sup>4</sup>	
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#### **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card		
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#### \*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of August 14, 2013, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 94-60 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, 100% penalty, unless any refund is recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge.

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