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BOTSWANA

ANIMAL KINGDOM'S WATER WILDERNESS

NOVEMBER 9 TO 19, 2015



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YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ MONDAY ~ NOVEMBER 9

HOUSTON/EN ROUTE

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

DAY 2 ~ TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 10

JOHANNESBURG

Upon arrival at the Johannesburg International Airport this afternoon, you will be met and escorted to your hotel. Often called Jo'burg, Johannesburg is the country's largest city and financial center with ultra modern skyscrapers and a bustling way of life. It is the city of gold, as its claim to fame is the gold that was discovered close-by.

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. (Meals Aloft) www.doreale.com/

DAYS 3/4/5 ~ WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 11/12/13

MAUN/OKAVANGO DELTA/BANOCA CAMP



Today you will fly to Maun, Botswana. Then board light aircraft for your flight to the Okavango Delta. The Okavango Delta is the largest inland water system on Earth. Its headwaters start in Angola's western highlands. Numerous tributaries join to form the Cubango River, which then flows through Namibia (called the Kavango) and finally enters Botswana. Here it is called the Okavango. Millions of years ago the Okavango River used to flow into a large inland lake called Lake Makgadikgadi (now Makgadikgadi Pans). Tectonic activity and faulting interrupted the flow of the river causing it to backup and form what is now the Okavango delta. This has created a unique system of water ways that now supports a vast array of animal and plant life that would have otherwise been a dry Kalahari savannah.

Your home for the next three days Banoka Bush Camp is situated in the Khwai Community Concession in a private area in the northeastern parts of the beautiful Okavango Delta. Accommodation consists of ten tented units with en-suite facilities. The main camp area boasts a lounge as well as a dining area offering beautiful views. The camp is named in honor of the River San, or Banoka, ancestors of the Khoi and the earliest settlers of the Okavango Delta. The magnificent location of Banoka Bush Camp offers fantastic wildlife viewing opportunities. The narrow Khwai Channel is home to large animals such as hippo and crocodile. Buffalo and red lechwe graze along the fringe. Elusive roan antelope often come to the river to drink. Mopane woodland and permanent water attract large numbers of elephants to the area. Predators include lion, wild dog and spotted hyena. The birdlife found here is just as varied thanks to the wide array of habitats. Some 450 bird species can be seen in the area.

Overnights at BANOKA BUSH CAMP. (All Meals Daily) www.wilderness-safaris.com





**DAYS 6/7~ SATURDAY/SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 14/15
OKAVANGO DELTA/XIGERA CAMP**

This morning's flight takes you to Xigera Camp (pronounced *keejera*), situated in the heart of the Okavango on Paradise Island, within the Moremi Game Reserve. The camp consists of ten luxuriously furnished walk-in tented rooms, each with en-suite facilities and outdoor showers. All rooms are raised off the ground and are built within a shady grove offering superb views of the floodplain to the east of camp. Its attractive waterhole is frequently visited by lechwe. Meals are taken in the dining room overlooking the main river, which along with the pub and lounge is under a thatch roof. You may also choose to take a beautifully prepared picnic onto one of the nearby islands for a more secluded and intimate experience.

Activities focus mainly on mokoro (small, dugout canoes) rides through the quiet waterways, as well as short walking safaris. You may get lucky enough to get good views of the elusive sitatunga antelope along the way - with its webbed feet, the sitatunga seems to walk on water. Drives are also offered (if water levels are low enough) as well as boat trips on the river (if water levels are high enough). Game drives are best here in the summer months. Birding in the area is excellent, with Pels Fishing Owl, Slaty Egret and Wattled Crane amongst the many species of birds regularly sighted. One very unique feature that Xigera offers is the footbridge in front of the camp. It is the only way animals can cross from island to island without having to swim. A "long-jump sand pit" has been built, which each animal must walk through when they use the bridge. Every evening the sand is raked smooth. Each morning guests are able to read the "newspaper" and see what animals have walked through camp. Almost every night lion, hyena and leopard stroll through camp.

Overnights at XIGERA CAMP. (All Meals Daily) www.wilderness-safaris.com



**DAYS 8/9 ~ MONDAY/TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 16/17
LINYANTI WILDLIFE RESERVE ~ DUMA TAU CAMP**



Take another opportunity to enjoy the abundant wildlife of the Delta this morning. You will soon depart on your flight to Duma Tau. Duma Tau is located in a private reserve in the Linyanti/Savuti Channel area in the northern part of Botswana. This is on the western boundary of Chobe National Park. The source of the Savuti Channel is within this private reserve. The Linyanti Reserve consists of 308,880 acres of prime wildlife countryside. The region has all the diversity to make it a paradise for wildlife. Inland there are enormous acacia and mopane forests, which sustain large numbers of elephants in the winter months. The Savuti area is famous for its lions which have been documented in National Geographic films, one of our favorites is Joubert's *Eternal Enemies*

which depicts the conflicts between lions and hyenas. Elephants are one of the area's biggest attractions along with the red lechwe antelope, zebra, wildebeest, impala, waterbuck, sable, roan, and eland. Also there are giraffe, baboon, monkey, warthog, crocodile and buffalo. Watch for the predators – lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog and hyena. At night, you will be amazed by the nocturnal animals – bushbabies, spring hare, aardwolf, serval, genet, pangolin and the smaller predators.

DumaTau Camp itself is built under a shady grove of mangosteen trees, overlooking a large hippo-filled lagoon within the Linyanti waterway system. Its large, luxurious rooms are raised off the ground on polished wooden decks. They are set under thatch with canvas walls, allowing guests to enjoy the night sounds of Africa from the comfort of their beds. The bathroom facilities are en-suite, and each room also features an outdoor shower. There is a dining room, living room, bar area and plunge pool, also raised on wooden decks, with fabulous views. Activities at DumaTau mainly focus on the wildlife of the area. Day and night drives offer fabulous opportunities to view the whole spectrum of Africa's diurnal and nocturnal creatures firsthand and at close range. With the exception of rhinos, virtually all other species of African animals are represented in good numbers on the reserve. Nature walks allow for closer inspection of some of the smaller aspects of the eco-system, while the camp's pontoon facilitates access to the Linyanti River, and a different perspective on animals as they come to the river to drink. You will also have the opportunity to wait at hides, where you can view and photograph animals at close range without disturbance. Overnights at DUMATAU CAMP. (All Meals Daily) www.wilderness-safaris.com/camps



DAY 10 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 18
MAUN/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE

Enjoy a last wildlife run this morning and a hearty breakfast before flying back to Johannesburg via Maun where you connect with your overnight flight to the U.S.A. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 11 ~ THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 19
HOUSTON

Today you land in Houston, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO LIVINGSTONE & VICTORIA FALLS, ZAMBIA

DAYS 10/11 ~ WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 18/19

LIVINGSTONE/VICTORIA FALLS, ZAMBIA

Bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to the USA as you fly to Kasane airport. Upon arrival you will be met and

continue by vehicle to River Club, your home for the next two nights. 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.

Your visit will include a tour of the falls on the Zambian side. An afternoon sundowner cruise on a private boat will be 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 a native village, Simonga. You will be escorted by your English-speaking village guide, seeing a culture and ways of life in this traditional village where a lot of the staff working at your camp live. 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.

Your stay will be at the River Club which is situated on the Zambian side of the Zambezi River, 11 miles upstream from Victoria Falls. The camp has a distinct Edwardian flavor, and guests here enjoy the sights and sounds of Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River in a peaceful and tranquil setting away from the crowds. Ten luxurious thatched chalets overlook the Zambezi River, and have en-suite facilities including a bath, shower, toilet and basin. All the rooms have fans. The rooms are all completely open in the front giving guests the best possible views of the Zambezi. The main dining room, lounge, and pub area also has an interesting library. Daily trips to the falls are a highlight. Boating to the Zambezi River's islands provides relaxed afternoon activities, and fishing and sundowner trips are offered. The Zambezi National Park is located just across the river, and lion calls can often be heard at night. A rich birdlife is found in the area. Hippos are regularly sighted (and heard) along the river's edge.



Overnights at the RIVER CLUB. (All Meals Daily) www.wilderness-safaris.com/safaris

DAY 12 ~ FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 20

LIVINGSTONE/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE

Last chance to photograph the incredible Falls, visit the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park which also features rhino, or shop at Livingstone, before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg where you connect with your overnight flight to the U.S.A. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 13 ~ SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 21

HOUSTON

This morning you land in Houston, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA



DAY 1 ~ THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 5

HOUSTON/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Cape Town. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2 ~ FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 6

JOHANNESBURG/CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival at the Johannesburg International Airport you will connect with your flight to Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City". Upon arrival, you will be met 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)



DAY 3 ~ SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 7

CAPE TOWN/CAPE PENINSULA

Your luxury motorcoach takes you on a breathtaking coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope. You are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, and the blue sea below. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. 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. At Cape Point, climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top where you can explore a lighthouse, enjoy the views or even indulge in a bit of shopping. Take a close look at the ocean where you may see southern right whales in the spring and early summer as well as dolphins and a variety of seabirds. You will also have

the chance to explore the Cape Point Nature Reserve which is host to approximately half of the 2,700 species of indigenous plants contained in the Cape Peninsula. Look for the distinctive orange found in leucospermums, one of the rarest types of proteas - the mimites, marvel at the helicrysums and pelarganium callullums, and enjoy the ericas, phenacommas and fine bush which the Dutch called "fynbos." There are 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from ostriches to minuscule sunbirds. Caracal, chacma baboon, a wide variety of buck and various other mammal species may be seen, including Cape Mountain zebra and the bontebok which is endemic to this part of the world. The baboons feed occasionally on marine foods which they garner at low tide. At Olifants Bay, look for Oystercatchers, and enjoy some superb birding.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and continue to Boulders Beach where the African (Jackass) Penguins can be seen - also known as the Black-footed Penguins. These flightless seabirds are found only on the coast of Southern Africa and the only penguins found on this continent. Enjoy 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 the penguins are accustomed to human presence you can safely get within a few feet of them as you stand on the platform, and it is sometimes possible to view them nesting behind rocks and bushes.



Return to Cape Town in the evening, where you have another chance to discover one of the numerous restaurants that Cape Town has to offer. Overnight at THE TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 4 ~ SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 8

CAPE TOWN: TABLE MOUNTAIN/WINELANDS



Get a feel of what Cape Town is all about by taking the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, the signature of this city, easily one of the most recognizable mountains. This tour is very dependent on the wind factor, as well as the clouds. Many a times a cloud covers this flat-topped mountain, which rises to 3,563 feet above sea level and the locals affectionately say it's a white tablecloth. Legend has it that a retired pirate, on climbing the mountain met up with the devil. In order to preserve his soul, the pirate challenged the devil in a smoking contest. So they stoked up their pipes and have been smoking ever since. For centuries Table Mountain has been a guiding beacon to mariners rounding the Cape of Southern Africa. Sir Francis Drake described it as "the most stately thing and the fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth." Despite its formidable appearance, it is possible to hike up Table Mountain. The first recorded ascent was in 1503 by the Portuguese navigator Antonio da Saldanha who, confused by the Cape Peninsula geography, climbed to the

summit via the frontal cleft, now known as Platteklip Gorge. For nature lovers, the birding is awesome, and the wild flowers include agapanthus, watsonias and red nerines which poke out from rock crevices amid a scrub of ericas and gnarled proteas. More than 1400 species of flowering plants have been recorded on the mountain which makes it a spectacular sight in the spring. Cute guinea pig-like creatures known as rock dassies, or hyraxes, (genetically, the closest living relatives to elephants) scuttle everywhere. They are not afraid and scamper among the tourists seeking to be fed.

Continue to the wine lands region situated below the spectacular Boland Mountains only 50 minutes from the city.

Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route. You will visit the historic estate of Boschendal with some of the most brilliantly preserved Cape Dutch buildings in the Cape, and its collection of priceless period furniture. You will also visit Franschhoek with its lovely antique shops and gardens, nestled in the "Valley of the Huguenots" where the French first settled in 1688. All the wine estates you will be visiting in the region offer tastings and cellar tours and you will enjoy lunch in one of them. This afternoon, explore the university town of Stellenbosch, the oldest town in South Africa after Cape Town, undoubtedly the most scenic and historically-preserved 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".



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

DAY 5 ~ MONDAY ~ NOVEMBER 9

CAPE TOWN: ROBBERN ISLAND/ KHAYELITSHA (NEW HOME)

Your day begins as you visit one of the most symbolically significant and moving sights in South Africa, Robben Island.

For nearly 400 years, Robben Island was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. It was here that rulers sent those they regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society. During the apartheid years Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality. The duty of those who ran the Island and its prison was to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. Some freedom fighters, including former President Nelson Mandela, spent more than a quarter of a century in prison for their beliefs. Those imprisoned on the Island succeeded on a psychological and political level in turning a prison 'hell-hole' into a symbol of freedom and personal liberation. In 1997 Robben Island became



a National Museum and National Monument. The Museum is a dynamic institution, which runs educational programs for schools, youths and adults, facilitates tourism development, conducts ongoing research related to the Island and fulfills an archiving function. It was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1999. Tours are conducted by former prisoners of Robben Island, who bring to life this South African heritage, which speaks of heroic endurance and triumph of the human spirit in the face of enormous hardship and adversity.



Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant, sampling typical African food and hospitality in an authentic setting. Then, head to 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 post-apartheid 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.

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

DAY 6 ~ TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 10

CAPE TOWN/JOHANNESBURG

This morning is devoted to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, arguably one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. Founded in 1913, Kirstenbosch lies on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain and consists of landscaped gardens of indigenous plants and trees, watered by the Liesbeek River, as well as natural forest that extend up to the lower slopes. Kirstenbosch covers an area of 1,383 acres, 148 of which are cultivated; the remainder is a natural flora reserve. It is a living display featuring 9,000 of the estimated 20,000 species of indigenous South African flora, and close to 50% of the peninsula's floral wealth. In the cultivated area, related plants are grouped together and radiate from the central lawns like the spokes of a wheel. Among the interesting sections here are the Cycad Amphitheatre, which hosts most species of these "living fossils" found in southern Africa; the famed Protea Garden on the higher slopes, with its profuse growth of silver trees (*Leucadendron argenteum*); the JV Mathews Rock Garden (named after the first curator) containing succulents of the genera *Crassula*, *Aloe*, *Lampranthus* and *Euphorbia*; the Erica Garden and the Pelargonium Koppie. Two streams cut through Kirstenbosch, both laced with besembos, red alder and hard fern. Of historical interest is an avenue of camphor trees and fig trees planted by Cecil Rhodes in 1898, and a small section of wild almond (*Brabejum stellatifolium*) hedge planted by Dutch settler Jan van Riebeeck in 1660. Birds of all sorts can be seen here as well - Dusky and Paradise Flycatchers, sunbirds, Klaas's cuckoos, bulbuls, pigeons, brilliant green and red Cape Sugarbirds (which pollinate the flowers), guinea fowls, and the Cape Batis.



Later today, transfer to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg to meet up with the group arriving from the USA this evening. (B)



INCLUSIONS

- All flights between the camps.
- Flight between Livingstone and Johannesburg on the post- extension.
- Roundtrip flight between Johannesburg and Cape Town on the pre-extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- All meals while on safari. Other meals as specified in itinerary.
- All wildlife viewing by private 4X4 open vehicles, driven by professional driver/guides.
- Specialist guide will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- University escort will accompany the group with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main program and 10 travelers on either extension.
- Laundry and all local beverages during safari in Botswana except for Champagne and imported spirits.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles throughout.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees and sightseeing as specified.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air transportation from Houston to Johannesburg including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (Quoted separately).
- Roundtrip flight between Johannesburg and Maun. (Quoted separately).
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for South Africa or Botswana. Visa is required for Zambia and will 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, other than specified and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA

Participants:

- Must be able to climb in and out of safari 4 x 4 vehicles, minibuses, small aircrafts and boats/mokoros unassisted. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
- Must be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances when visiting villages, towns, or other sites. This walking will be on uneven ground or uphill, often at altitudes many people are not used to.
- Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

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 and the end city for this program is Johannesburg.**

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.



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DATES: NOVEMBER 9 TO 19, 2015

COST: PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	POST EXTENSION TO VICTORIA FALLS BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	PRE EXTENSION TO CAPE TOWN BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND PACKAGE & AIR BETWEEN CAMPS IN BOTSWANA	\$6,995 PER PERSON	\$1,995 PER PERSON, INCLUDING FLIGHT LIVINGSTONE/ JOHANNESBURG	\$3,195 PER PERSON, INCLUDING FLIGHT CAPE TOWN/ JOHANNESBURG
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$495 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL	\$895 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM HOUSTON, ECONOMY, INCLUDING FLIGHTS BETWEEN JOHANNESBURG & MAUN, AND ESTIMATED DEPARTURE TAXES, (CURRENTLY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**	\$2,960 PER PERSON	N/A	N/A
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*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 NUMBER OF TRAVELERS.

DEPARTURE CITY: HOUSTON

(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT ADDITIONAL



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 Inc. 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 for the main trip and \$250 for either extension 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 travel 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

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, \$250 handling fee, plus \$250 non-refundable deposit given to overseas suppliers.
- 94-75 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less 75% 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.

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, 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 UNITED AIRLINES/SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS and/or other IATAN carriers are between HOUSTON, 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 UNITED AIRLINES/SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <http://www.staralliance.com/en/about/airlines/south-african-airways/>. 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 twin-bedded, 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 (www.cdc.gov/travel) 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

RESPONSIBILITIES: 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 foregoing 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 trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip 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 foregoing 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 trip 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 trip 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 trip 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 trip, 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. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, 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. Information will be sent to you from the Association of Former Students Texas A&M Travel office upon receipt of reservation form.



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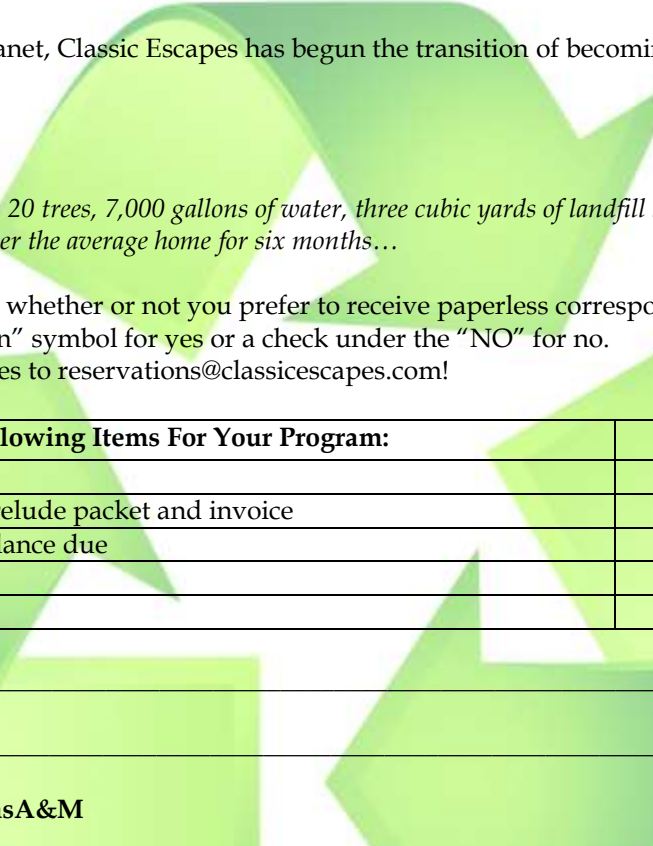
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Reminder Invoice with balance due	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid-in-Full Invoice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final Documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Trip Tour Code: **15AFL1109/TexasA&M**

Together we can make the world a better place!

Thank you for your support,

RESERVATION FORM:

Texas A&M University ~ BOTSWANA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for either extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Wildlife Safari in Botswana departing on November 9, 2015. Cost is \$6,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Houston is \$2,960 including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (Subject to change).

Final payment due date is: August 6, 2015.

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377 **OR**

Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

Please note that a copy of your passport will be required to complete your reservation, showing the page with your photograph. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your safari.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)

I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the University or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker

I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:

\$1,995 for the main program \$495 for post-extension to Victoria Falls \$895 for pre-extension to Cape Town

I desire to participate in the optional extension (s)

\$1,995 for post extension to Victoria Falls \$3,195 for the optional pre extension to Cape Town

Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Houston via United Airlines and South African Airways.

Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

Please send me information on air upgrades for: Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)

Airline Seating Preference Aisle Window Frequent Flier # _____

***We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. 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. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.*

I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand I will be charged \$840 per person for domestic airfare within Africa.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 25, 2014, and are subject to change. For refunds, see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Woodside, NY 11377

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



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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 _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***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 March 25, 2014, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

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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. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.