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# SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

## April 11-28, 2019

**18 days from $7,754 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC**

($6,395 air & land inclusive plus $1,359 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure's World's Best Tour Operators award.

**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni, Family, and Friends of Tufts University**

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**Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,**

Join us on an exclusive 18-day journey into the heart of Southern Africa to capture the beauty of four distinct nations: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Namibia. Begin your touring in Johannesburg with a full day discovery of Soweto, where the seeds of South African freedom were sown. Next, you encounter spectacular Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe with a guided walk; visit a local school to interact with children and teachers; and embark on a Sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River. Travel to Chobe National Park in Botswana, home to the world's largest elephant population, and spend time in remote Namibia viewing and climbing some of the world's highest crested sand dunes at Sossusvlei. Following this adventure, take a cruise along the storied Namibian coast, then conclude your tour with four nights in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. Experience the splendor of the South African bush with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour Kruger extension.

There's limited availability for this small-group Tufts journey, so seize the moment and make your reservations now. **Call our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., at: 888-370-6765.**

Warmly,

Mary Ann Hunt

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P.S. We are confident that this offering will resonate well with our travelers. As the registration grows, we will confirm a Tufts faculty host to join you to add to the overall learning experience. Please check our website often for additions and updates.

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## TUFTS TRAVEL-LEARN PROGRAM RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_____($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on **Southern Africa Odyssey**, departing **April 11, 2019.** I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth_____ Gender ____

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Home Phone (_____)_____ Cell Phone (_____)_____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Address _____

City_____State_____ZIP_____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ❑

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

**Post-Tour "Kruger: Kapama Private Game Reserve" Extension:** Please sign me/us up ❑

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for ***Southern Africa Odyssey, April 11-28, 2019,*** and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature(s) _____ Date_____

**Method of Payment** ❑ Check ❑ American Express ❑ Discover ❑ MasterCard ❑ VISA

***For your security, DO NOT E-MAIL credit card details. Please call, fax, or mail your credit card information directly to our tour operator.***

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due **95 days prior to departure** and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 alumni and friends

# Southern Africa Odyssey

**18 days from $7,754 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC**
**($6,395 air & land inclusive plus $1,359 airline taxes and fees)**

*It's a small group journey of astonishing beauty and consummate adventure, one that captures the magnificence of four distinct nations. It's nature's showcase come to life: ocean and mountains, desert and plains, waterfalls and wildlife extraordinaire. It's Southern Africa, where diversity reigns and where visitors are welcomed as never before.*

| Avg. High (°F) | Apr | May |
|---|---|---|
| Victoria Falls | 85 | 82 |
| Windhoek | 75 | 74 |
| Cape Town | 72 | 67 |

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Soweto touring • Spectacular Victoria Falls • Rhino safari in Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve • Chobe National Park safari excursion • World's largest crested dunes at Sossusvlei • Namibian coast boat excursion • Four-night stay in beautiful Cape Town • The Winelands touring • Outstanding small group accommodations

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Johannesburg | | |
| 2-3 | Rosebank | 54 on Bath | Deluxe |
| 4-7 | Victoria Falls | Victoria Falls Hotel | Deluxe |
| 8 | Windhoek | Windhoek Country Club | Sup. First Class |
| 9-10 | Sossusvlei | Sossusvlei Lodge | Sup. First Class |
| 11-12 | Swakopmund | Swakopmund Hotel | Sup. First Class |
| 13-16 | Cape Town | The Table Bay Hotel | Deluxe |
| 17 | Cape Town/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight) | | |
| 18 | Arrive U.S. | | |

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.*

**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Johannesburg, South Africa**

**Day 2: Arrive Johannesburg** Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in the suburb of Rosebank, where our rooms will be ready for our early check-in. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned. *B*

**Day 3: Johannesburg/Soweto** We meet our fellow travelers today as we embark on a tour of the Soweto district of Johannesburg. Here we see the home of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu; visit the home, now a museum, of the late Nelson Mandela; and tour the moving Hector Pieterson Memorial and Museum, where we learn more about apartheid and the Soweto uprising of 1976. Then we hear fascinating stories from a local Sowetan who was present during the uprising, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner together. *B,L,D*

**Day 4: Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe** We fly this morning to Victoria Falls, first "discovered" by explorer David Livingstone and claimed for Great Britain's Queen Victoria in 1855. With its 300-foot-deep gorge and thundering spray, "Vic" Falls is a wonder of the natural world. This afternoon we see it for ourselves on a guided walk. *B,D*

**Day 5: Victoria Falls** This morning we visit a local school where we have the opportunity to interact with the children and teachers, then spend some time exploring the town of Victoria Falls. Late this afternoon we embark on a Sundowner dinner cruise on the Zambezi River. *B,D*

**Day 6: Victoria Falls** This morning we set off on a rhino safari in open-top safari vehicles. This afternoon is at leisure; this evening we attend a talk on David Livingstone's travels, trials, and travails. *B,D*

**Day 7: Chobe National Park, Botswana** Known for a diverse terrain that attracts an exceptional array of wildlife, Chobe National Park in nearby Botswana boasts one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in all Africa, including the world's largest elephant

*Cover photo: We visit awe-inspiring Victoria Falls on Day 4.*

*We tour the Winelands, South Africa's renowned wine-growing region, and visit a winery.*

population (some 120,000), as well as zebra, lion, hippo, giraffe, impala, wildebeest, buffalo, and more. We're sure to see some of them on today's full-day excursion to Chobe, where we take a morning game drive and an afternoon game cruise. *B,L,D*

**Day 8: Victoria Falls/Windhoek, Namibia** Today we fly via Johannesburg to the Namibian capital of Windhoek, arriving late this evening. *B*

**Day 9: Windhoek/Namib Desert/Sossusvlei** After a brief tour of Namibia's largest city, we set out through the central Namib Desert of vast gravel plains and rocky mountains. Late this afternoon we reach our lodge in the heart of the dune desert. *B,L,D*

**Day 10: Namib Desert/Sossusvlei** We rise with the sun to see the world's highest crested dunes at Sossusvlei, their red-orange hues constantly changing in the early morning light. Here we have the opportunity to climb the velvet-like sand of Big Mama, as the locals call the largest dune. *B,L,D*

**Day 11: Sossusvlei/Swakopmund** We travel today through the Namib desert en route to Swakopmund, Namibia's largest port. *B,L,D*

**Day 12: Swakopmund/Walvis Bay/Namibian Coast** From Walvis Bay this morning, we take a cruise along the storied Namibian coast, getting a mariner's perspective on this striking region known by local tribespeople as "the land God created in anger." Along the way we'll see Cape fur seals and sea birds, including petrels. We enjoy lunch on board before disembarking and returning to Swakopmund, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. *B,L*

**Day 13: Swakopmund/Cape Town, S.A.** We fly to Cape Town today. After time at leisure to explore as we wish, we dine together tonight at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 14: Cape Town/The Winelands** Today we tour the Winelands, South Africa's renowned wine-growing region. Amidst the beautiful scenery, we visit a winery for a tour, tasting, and lunch. We return to Cape Town mid-afternoon; dinner tonight is on our own in this cosmopolitan city. *B,L*

## Post-Tour Extension

April 27-May 1, 2019

### Kruger: Kapama Private Game Reserve

**4 days/3 nights**
**for $1,995 total price**
Single Supplement: $695

*Experience the magnificence of the South African bush, Kruger National Park region, and "Big Five" game country at a unique luxury tented camp.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation to/from Hoedspruit, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights' accommodations at Kapama Southern Camp (Deluxe)
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- 5 guided game drives (in open safari vehicles)
- Services of the lodge's excellent staff
- Transfers to/from airport

> "Tread softly,
> Breathe peacefully,
> Laugh hysterically."
>
> – Nelson Mandela

**Day 15: Cape Town/Cape of Good Hope** This morning we travel to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, home to more than 250 species of birds, and where we ride a funicular to the summit for stupendous views. After a seafood lunch in historic Simon's Town we visit Boulders Beach to see a colony of enchanting African penguins up close. *B,L*

**Day 16: Cape Town** Our tour of Cape Town this morning features a visit to the Bo-Kaap neighborhood, the city's historical center of Cape Malay culture. We also pay a visit to acclaimed Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, one of the world's great botanic gardens. Then we enjoy glorious bird's-eye views of Cape Town as we ride by cable car 3,500 feet to the flat top of the city's signature Table Mountain. This afternoon is at leisure; tonight, we celebrate our southern Africa odyssey at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

**Day 17: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the Cape Town airport this morning for our return flights to the U.S. *B*

**Day 18: Arrive U.S.** We arrive in the U.S. today and connect with our flights home.

*Sossusvlei's dunes, among the world's highest*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 15 nights' accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 34 meals: 16 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Tufts faculty host
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- 100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Tufts/Odysseys tour ($200 after 3 completed tours)

## Tufts Faculty Host

On this program, we expect a Tufts faculty host to join you to present lectures and lead discussions. However, if due to low enrollment it is not possible to send a Tufts lecturer along, please be assured that our partners at Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. share our belief that travel should provide an opportunity to learn about the world around us in a deep and meaningful way. We are confident that they will provide you the learning opportunities we know our travelers cherish.

*Elephants abound in Chobe.*

## Tour Departs: April 11, 2019

**Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.**

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|---|---|
| Boston, New York, Washington, DC | $7,754 |
| Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle | $8,054 |
| Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa | $8,154 |
| Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR) | $8,254 |
| Land Only (transfers not included) | $6,395 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $1,359, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. cities may require a departure one day prior to the listed schedule above.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $4,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

**For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at**

**888-370-6765**

**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

**Visit Tufts' website:**
**www.tuftstravellearn.org**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.*

### Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); communication charges; optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

### Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

### Responsibility

The liability of the Tufts University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Tufts University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

### Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking over uneven terrain, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches, boats, and safari vehicles, and go up and down steps that may not have handrails on your own.** Travel in Namibia will be in fairly remote regions. You should be prepared for lengthy drives on unpaved and very bumpy roads. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Tufts University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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