

Namibia

Open Skies & Endless Horizons

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September 11-23, 2024

Faculty Leader: Dr. Christopher Whittier, Director
Masters of Conservation Medicine Program at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

This letter is a cordial invitation to join your fellow alumnae/i on a two-week adventure to awe-inspiring Namibia led by Dr. Christopher Whittier, Director Masters of Conservation MEdicine Program at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

A land of open skies and endless horizons, Namibia is renowned for captivating vistas, sculpted red canyons, and some of the most spectacular sand dunes on the planet. The Namib desert, with its shimmering mirages, swirling sand seas, and apricot-colored parabolic dunes, has been described as a Technicolor dreamscape. What's more, the mighty power of wind and water is stunningly displayed where desert sands are juxtaposed against roiling swells of the south Atlantic Ocean. On this journey we'll have the opportunity to marvel at these geological wonders and also to admire the remarkable creatures that make their home in this vast and varied landscape—leopards, rhinos, zebras, antelopes and elephants.

By merging academically and aesthetically, direct experience of a unique and otherworldly landscape, this program offers opportunities to learn about Namibia's geological, ecological and cultural significance. I hope you will join us on this expedition to a breathtaking place on Earth.

Since space is limited, I encourage you to reserve your place quickly.

Sincerely,


Mary Ann Hunt


Director, Lifelong Learning and Travel-Learn Program
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Chris Whittier is an Assistant Professor and directs the Conservation Medicine program at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts, where he also received his veterinary degree (V'97). He earned his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. He previously worked for Gorilla Doctors, the Smithsonian, and as a consultant with World Wildlife Fund. He has lived, worked, studied and traveled across much of Africa spanning 5 decades and more than 15 countries. Dr. Whittier strives to use and share that experience with students and travelers to focus attention on complex African conservation issues, especially those impacting wildlife.

He is an avid wildlife photographer, has appeared in a number of wildlife documentaries, and has had field and laboratory research and photographs published in a variety of scientific journals, magazines, and books.

Trip Highlights

- Climb the towering red sand dunes in Sossusvlei.
- Stand amid the petrified forest in the Namib- the world's oldest desert.
- Experience a wildlife safari in the famous Etosha National Park.
- Meet with conservationists working to save the endangered rhino and Africa's Big Cats.





PROGRAM ITINERARY

September 11, 2024 — Depart for Windhoek

Depart the U.S. for Windhoek, Namibia (flights not included.)

**You have an opportunity to arrive a day early. The cost of the early arrival hotel is \$285 per night inclusive of breakfast. Please contact Immersion Journeys to make your arrangements.*

September 12 — Arrive Windhoek, Namibia

Welcome to Namibia! Windhoek (“wind corner” in Afrikaans) is the commercial and legislative capital of Namibia. Developed around a permanent water source by the indigenous pastoralists- it was later modernized by the Germans in the 1840s. One can still see the German influence in architecture and food when in the city. Welcome dinner at hotel and safari briefing by your guide.

Overnight: Windhoek Luxury Suites (Welcome Dinner + 2 glasses wine, beer or soft drinks)

September 13 — Windhoek | Outjo

Depart for Outjo. On the way, stop at the AfriCat Foundation located in the Okonjima Nature Reserve. Experience the work they are conducting to protect leopard and cheetahs and reintroducing them into the wild.

Onward to Outjo. Your lodge is home to the endangered rhino. Here you will see firsthand the conservation work being done to protect these gentle giants. Evening game drive.

*Overnight: Kifaru Bush Camp (B, L, D) * Drinks on purchase.*

September 14 — In Outjo

Morning guided walk: identify some of the more than 250 bird species in the area, including Enjoy a day of rhino tracking and behind-the-scenes access to their Rhino Momma Project.

*Overnight: Kifaru Bush Camp (B, L, D) * Drinks on purchase.*

September 15 — Outjo | Etosha National Park

Continue north to your lodge situated on the outskirts of the Etosha National Park. Arrive in time for a late afternoon game drive in the Etosha National Park.

Etosha meaning “place of dry water,” encompasses a huge, flat calcrete depression (or “pan”) of about 5,000 square-kilometers. The pan provides a great, parched, silver-white backdrop of shimmering mirages to an area of semi-arid savannah grassland and thorn scrub. The pan itself contains water only after very good rains and sometimes for only a few days each year but is enough to stimulate the growth of blue-green algae that lures thousands of flamingos. Etosha attracts all the major predators as well as the endangered black rhino. It is a scene from “Noah’s Ark” as herds of animals take their turn at the watering holes.

*Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge (B, L, D) * Drinks on purchase*

(B- Breakfast L- Lunch D-Dinner)



September 16 — Game drive in Etosha National Park

Full day game drive in the Etosha Game with a picnic lunch.

*Overnight: Etosha Safari Lodge (B, L, D) * Drinks on purchase*

September 17 — Etosha | Damaraland

Continue to Damaraland. This area is huge, untamed, and ruggedly beautiful region of Namibia leaving most travelers in awe. Here one can see prehistoric watercourses with open plains and grassland, massive granite koppies and deep gorges. Stop at a Himba village. The Himba are semi-nomadic herders and have managed to maintain much of their traditional lifestyle. You will also visit two geological wonders: Burnt Mountain- created by solidified lava some eighty million years ago, and the Pipe Organs. These are rock formation that comprises a group of columnar basalts which resemble organ pipes

*Overnight: Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp (B, L, D) * Drinks on purchase.*

September 18 — Day Trip to Twyfelfontein

We head to Twyfelfontein today. The area has been inhabited for 6,000 years, first by hunter-gatherers and later by Khoikhoi herders. Both ethnic groups used it as a place of worship and a site to conduct shamanist rituals. In the process of these rituals at least 2,500 rock carvings were created, as well as a few rock paintings.

Displaying one of the largest concentrations of rock petroglyphs in Africa, UNESCO approved Twyfelfontein as Namibia's first World Heritage Site in 2007.

*Overnight: Twyfelfontein Adventure Camp (B, L, D) * Drinks on purchase.*

September 19 — Damaraland | Swakopmund

Later we continue South to Swakopmund- a beautiful coastal town on the Atlantic ocean. Founded by the Germans in 1892 in an effort to establish a deep sea harbor, today it remains a thriving town with a strong European influences as seen by the architecture and also a place for locals to come during the hot summer season due to its proximity to the ocean. The rest of the day at your leisure to enjoy on your own. *Overnight: The Delight (B, Lunch en route) * Drinks on purchase.*

September 20 — Swakopmund | Walvis Bay Excursion

After breakfast depart to Walvis Bay for a full day excursion on a catamaran in search of the Marine Big 5: whales, dolphins, mola, leatherback turtle and seals. The route takes us past oyster farms as you approach Pelican Point with its landmark lighthouse and 60,000 resident Cape Fur Seals. In season (July to November), larger mammals such as the Southern Right whale and humpback whales are often spotted, while other whale species, such as the Gray whale and the Pygmy Right whale have made appearances. A light lunch will be served on board.



Later, head to Sandwich Harbor which boasts two distinct wetlands and associated mudflats. One is aquifer-fed and supports typical emergent vegetation, but is slowly disappearing due to natural causes. The second, under tidal influence, consists of mudflats and raised shingle bars. Wedged between the sea and the Namib Dunes, it is one of Namibia's most important coastal wetlands, supporting eight endangered species among the large numbers of wading birds. Several archaeological sites dating back 1,000 years exist within the site.

*Overnight: The Delight (B, Lunch on the cruise) * Drinks on purchase.*

September 21 — Swakopmund | Sossusvlei (Namib Desert)

Fly by small bush plane to the Sossusvlei area followed by a short road transfer to your lodge. The sand dunes of Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert are often referred to as the highest dunes in the world. Various arguments are laid out to support this claim, but all miss the point, which is that Sossusvlei is surely one of the most spectacular sights in Namibia and well worth the visit.

*Overnight: Desert Grace Lodge (B, L, D) * Drinks on purchase.*

September 22 — Sossusvlei

An early morning departure to Sesriem- the entrance to the Sossusvlei Dunes. This is the best time to see the dramatic colors of the dunes change as the sun rises over the horizon. The drive to the heart of Sossusvlei is around 60km and en-route you will find Dune 45, one of the largest dunes.

Explore the beauty of the petrified trees of Deadvlei and ascend these dunes. Considered some of the tallest dunes in the world, even surpassing those of the Sahara, these monumentally high star-shaped dunes are a sought-after destination for photographers and artists. The warm tint of the sand contrasts with the dazzling white surfaces of the clay pans in the surrounding areas. The hues constantly change with the sun rising from deep apricot to warm red and all shades in between. *Overnight: Desert Grace Lodge (B, L, D) * Drinks on purchase.*

September 23 — Sossusvlei | Windhoek | Departure

Fly back to Windhoek. Met on arrival and assisted with airport check-in formalities for your onward flight back to the U.S. or onward adventure to Cape Town (see details below.)

TOUR COST:

\$8,595 per person (double occupancy)

Single Room Supplement: \$1,150 single room supplement

Included Features

- All ground transportation and airport transfers.
- Domestic flights: Swakopmund – Sossusvlei - Windhoek.
- Accommodations and meals as indicated above.
- Day trips and excursions indicated above including all entry fees.
- All game drives and game viewing with professional wild life guides
- In-country specialist guide
- Tips to driver, hotel and lodge staff only **(NOTE: gratuities for your full time tour leader/ guide is not included and payable directly at the end of the trip. We recommend \$160-\$175 per guest for a 12-day trip.)**

Excludes

- Tips to your full time tour leader/ guide.
(We recommend \$160-\$175 per guest for a 12-day trip.)
- Beverages.
- Visas (if applicable).
- Vaccinations (if applicable).
- Meals not indicated above.
- Gratuities to your full time Tour Manager/Guide.

Level of difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Due to the nature of the areas we will be visiting, this program involves some walking on uneven terrain or up and down stairs possibly without handrails. Accommodations will be in luxury properties, but note that they are located in remote locations, operating under challenging natural conditions (weather systems and animal movement) and may not offer all the amenities that big city based luxury hotels provide. Travel between places of interest will be by a combination of a coach, small plane and safaris will be conducted by 4x4 specially equipped safari vehicles often over bumpy terrain. Some days will involve long drives through desert landscape. Outdoor temperatures will range from 60-90 Fahrenheit depending on the time of the day with bright sunny conditions. Every effort will be made to ensure your comfort however it will be the responsibility of the guest to advise the tour operator and Tufts University regarding any concerns you may have. Please consult with your doctor regarding this trip, its length and location and share this brochure with them.

**Single room supplements are extremely limited and MAY NOT be available to all, depending on the configuration of the camps and lodges.*

Optional Extension to Cape Town September 23-26, 2024

\$1,850 (double occupancy)

\$475 single room supplement

Cost Includes:

- 3 nights at the luxury Cullinan Hotel with daily breakfast.
- Full day privately guided city and wine lands tour inclusive of wine tasting and lunch.
- Half day privately guided Cape Point tour.
- Windhoek to Cape Town flight (one way; economy fare)
- All airport meet and greet and round trip airport transfers in Cape Town.

Cost excludes: tips/ gratuities to drivers, cars, hotel staff, beverages, meals not included, visas (if applicable), vaccinations (if applicable)

Tour Reservation Form

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,200/ \$1,450 per person including Cape Town extension payable to **Immersion Journeys**. You may also fill out an online reservation form. See [link](#) to the on-line reservation.

Mail or e-mail the paper registration to: **455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044**/ E-mail: info@immersionjourneys.com. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact 917-686-2620 if you have any questions about the registration process.

☐ Enclosed is my/our check of \$_____ (\$1,200 per person/ \$1,450 per person including Cape Town extension)

☐ Please charge my/our deposit of \$_____ (\$1,200 per person/ \$1,450 per person including Cape Town extension) to my:

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Card #:_____ Expiration Date:_____

Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others)_____ Authorized Card Holder Signature:_____ Date:_____

☐ **Please sign me/us up for the Cape Town extension.**

The balance of the trip is due on June 14, 2024 and is payable by check only. Credit card payments for the balance will be charged a 3.5% fee.

Passenger Information

Name 1 (as on passport) _____

Name 2 (as on passport) _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____

Issue Date (mm/dd/yy): _____ Expiration (mm/dd/yy) _____

Issue Date (mm/dd/yy): _____ Expiration (mm/dd/yy) _____

Date of Birth _____ Tufts Affiliation _____

Date of Birth _____ Tufts Affiliation _____

Street Address _____

Street Address _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email (print clearly) _____

Email (print clearly) _____

☐ I prefer single accommodations (**Extremely** limited and only on first come basis)

☐ I plan to room with _____ ☐ Double ☐ Twin (separate beds)

☐ I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate).

Emergency Phone # and Contact Name (during trip): _____

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility, etc.): _____

*By submitting my/our deposit of \$1,000 per person, I/we am/are registering for the **Namibia: Open Skies & Endless Horizons** program and have read and agreed to the Immersion Journeys Participant's Agreement. I/we understand that portions of this trip will be moderately strenuous, will include some long drives and may include unpaved paths, steps and will be outdoors. Travelling will be in a combination of coaches, 4x4 safari vehicles and small bush planes. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without a full time walking aid or need a wheelchair. I/we also take responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation*

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

By signing our tour reservation form, or otherwise indicating your assent in writing, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this document. These terms and conditions apply to the Tour, the itinerary for the Tour and payment for the Tour

INTRODUCTION: These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC and Tufts University (collectively "Immersion Journeys", "Tufts University", "we", "us" and "our"). The terms "client" "you" and "your" refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Immersion Journeys.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$1,200 (or \$1,450 per person including Cape Town extension) of the total Tour cost, along with a completed and signed tour reservation form are required in order to confirm your reservation. Upon receipt of these forms and your deposit, we will confirm your trip. Your signature on the tour reservation form confirms that you have read this Participant's Agreement.

The balance of your Tour cost is due of 90 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel Tour, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. In addition, medical evacuation coverage may be required as a condition of booking. **Please contact Mary Ann R. Hunt at Tufts Travel-Learn for insurance information. Mary_Ann.Hunt@tufts.edu, 617-627-0633**

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Penalty	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice
\$850	Ninety-one (91) or more
50 percent (50%)	Between ninety-one (91) and sixty (60)
One hundred percent (100%)	Less than sixty (60)

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, cancelled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the Tour due to State Department or Centers for Disease Control advisories or warnings, fear of travel,

or for any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the Tour on the Tour start date, you will be considered a no-show. No refunds will be available, but you may join the Tour late if you wish.

Commercial airline tickets must be paid in full at the time of ticketing. Airline cancellation charges are set forth on the invoice.

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes; passport, visas and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel Tour; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure; any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s); meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel Tour

AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, Immersion Journeys.

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PRICE INCREASES: Destination countries increase their VAT taxes from time to time. Some suppliers impose energy surcharges or other price increases. Prices are also subject to increase due to currency fluctuations. Any such increases will be applied to your total due at the time of final payment.

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FORCE MAJEURE: Immersion Journeys assumes no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, financial or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation of a flight that causes you to miss all or any portion of the Tour, acts of God, acts or orders of government, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather events, or strikes.

INDEMNIFICATION: You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, Tufts University and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All Tours require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark vans or motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside the United States.

CONDUCT DURING TOUR: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

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CHANGES: Changes in this Agreement may be made only in writing, signed by an officer of Immersion Journeys.

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By signing the Tour Registration form, you agree to the terms of this Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement. Your Agreement extends to any tour to which you may transfer. If you party includes a person under 18, then you represent that you are that person's parent or legal guardian