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Southern Africa Odyssey

August 13-30, 2026

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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni,
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Featuring Tufts Associate Professor Zarin Machanda

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 18-day small group journey into the heart of Southern Africa to experience the natural splendor and fascinating cultural heritage of four distinct nations: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Namibia.

Begin in Johannesburg with a full-day discovery of Soweto, where the seeds of South African freedom were sown. 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. Take a cruise along the storied Namibian coast before concluding with four nights in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. An optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension to the Kruger National Park region is also available.

Space is limited to 24 guests total, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Reserve today!

Warmly,



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TUFTS TRAVEL-LEARN RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Upon receiving your request, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
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275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

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

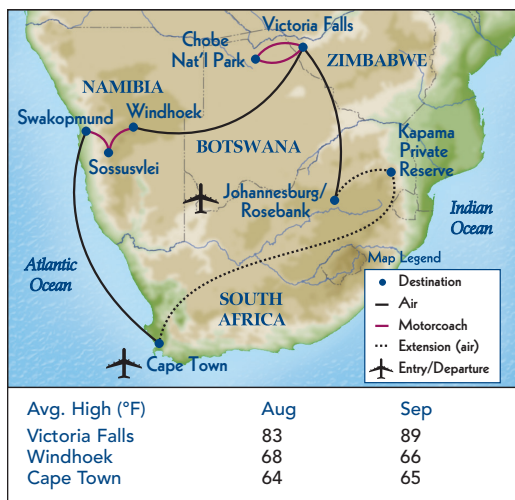
Post-Tour "Kruger: Kapama Private Game Reserve" Extension: Please sign me/us up

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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 extraordinary. It's Southern Africa, where diversity reigns and where visitors are welcomed as never before.



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 Pieterse 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 game in all Africa, including the world's largest elephant population (some 120,000), as well as zebras, lions, hippos, giraffes, impalas, wildebeests, buffaloes, and more. We're sure to see some of them on today's

Physical Activity Level

2 Easy/Moderate

Walk 1-3 miles per day, Optional dune walk in Sossusvlei can be challenging. Must climb short ladder to embark/disembark safari vehicle in Victoria Falls, Chobe, and on Optional Kruger Extension, Game drives in open safari vehicles over bumpy, often dusty roads

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Johannesburg		
2-3	Rosebank (Johannesburg)	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	Pepperclub Hotel	Deluxe
17	Cape Town/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
18	Arrive in U.S.		

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

Cover photo: *Millenia of winds formed the massive dunes at Sossusvlei, which we visit on a sunrise excursion.*



Lions lounging in their natural habitat.

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. Isolated and immense, tranquil and romantic, this endless expanse offers a glimpse of a land before time. 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 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 today to Cape Town, the "Mother City" and South

Africa's oldest. After we check in at our hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure. *B*

Day 14: Cape Town/The Winelands Today we tour the Winelands, South Africa's renowned wine-growing region just 45 miles east of Cape Town. 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*

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,

Post-Tour Extension

August 30-September 2, 2026 Kapama Private Game Reserve

4 days/3 nights for \$2,295 total price
Single Supplement: \$795

Experience the magnificence of the South African bush and "Big Five" game country at a unique luxury tented camp.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation to/from Hoedspruit (near Kruger), 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



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SENSE OF SPACE HERE.
SPACE AND SKY.”

– THABO MBEKI

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. Then we return to Cape Town, where we dine together tonight. *B,L,D*

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, nestled against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. One of the world’s great botanic gardens, Kirstenbosch champions South Africa’s rich biodiversity as it cultivates only native plants. 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 airport today 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.



Elephants abound at Chobe.

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
- 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

Faculty Lecturer



Zarin Machanda is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Anthropology and Biology. She received her PhD from Harvard University in 2009 from the Department of Human Evolutionary Biology. Zarin has spent almost

25 years working and studying captive and wild chimpanzees. Her research revolves around understanding the factors that shape the quality and development of social relationships among wild chimpanzees. Most recently, her work has focused on an NSF-funded project on the Evolutionary Origins of Leadership, and an NIH-funded project on social aging. Zarin is the Director of Long-term Research at the Kibale Chimpanzee Project, an organization that for the last 38+ years has studied and conserved the Kanyawara community of chimpanzees living in Kibale National Park, Uganda. She is also on the Board of the Kasiisi Project, a community development organization in Uganda that works with over 9000 school children living around Kibale National Park. On this trip, Zarin will share her extensive knowledge of African wildlife, conservation, and why southern Africa is so important for understanding the evolution of our species.

Tour Departs: August 13, 2026

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

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$9,954
Chicago, Philadelphia	\$10,254
Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$10,354
Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Tampa	\$10,454
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$8,495

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 \$1,895. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$5,995 per person from Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New York; \$6,995 all other cities. (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

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Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); 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 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.**

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Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking and you **must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group.** 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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