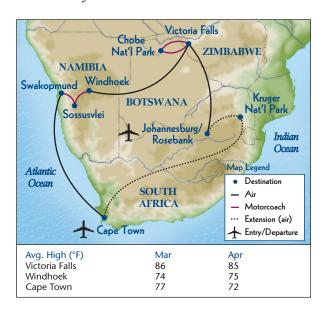
# Southern Africa Odyssey

# 18 days for \$8,154 total price from Washington, DC

# (\$6,795 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.



### **Your 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.		
Rating	gs are based on t	he Hotel & Travel Inde	ex, the travel



Spanning the width of the Zambezi River, Victoria Falls is the world's largest waterfall.

#### 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 game in all Africa, including the world's largest elephant 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* 

industry standard reference.

#### 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 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* 



Elephants abound at Chobe.

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

#### **Post-Tour Extension**

March 25-29, 2023

Kruger: Kapama Private Game Reserve

4 days/3 nights for \$2,195 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 (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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... I NEED FOR THE REST OF MY JOURNEY ... A COMPASS THAT WILL NOT LIE."

- Alan Paton

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 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 winegrowing 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, 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 dinner tonight is on our own. *B*,*L* 

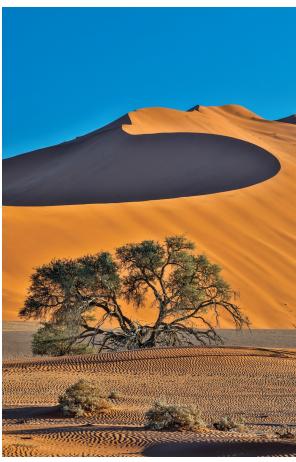
**Day 16: Cape Town** Our tour of Cape Town this morning features a visit to the Bo-Kaap neighborhood, the city's historical center of Cape Malay culture. We also pay a visit to acclaimed Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, nestled against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. One of the world's 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.

#### **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



We see Sossusvlei's dunes in the early morning light.

# Tour Departs: March 9, 2023

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and feet		
Boston, New York,	\$8,154	
Washington, DC	\$0,134	
Chicago, Dallas,		
Houston, Los Angeles,	\$8,454	
San Francisco, Seattle		
Atlanta, Baltimore,		
Charlotte, Cincinnati,		
Cleveland, Miami,	\$8,554	
Minneapolis, Orlando,		
Philadelphia, Tampa		
Denver, Detroit,		
Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$8,654	
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,795	

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 \$1,695. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All 2023 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: \$5,495 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).





THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

# Important Information About Your Tour General Terms and Conditions

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

#### Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2023, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

# <u>Gratuities</u>

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

# Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages,

laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10–\$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

#### Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$500 per person confirms your reservation and is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

### Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

#### For all tours (except as noted)

Charge	
Full refund	
25% of tour price	
50% of tour price	
75% of tour price	
No refund	

#### For Ancient Greece, Egypt & the Eternal Nile, Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, Patagonian Frontiers

Prior to departure	Charge	
95 days or more:	Full refund	
94-65 days:	50% of tour price	
64-30 days:	75% of tour price	
29-0 days:	No refund	

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

#### Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa requirements (if applicable), Travel Protection Plan information, and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

# Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

# Changes to Your Reservation

We will not charge a fee for any changes

made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason or at any time, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

#### Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit <a href="www.tsa.gov">www.tsa.gov</a>), as well as for our international travel partners: your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender. In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

#### Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all of our international tours. For all domestic tours, where we fly into a U.S. city to begin the tour or out of a U.S. city at the end, you must present a valid U.S. government-issued photo identification. Starting on May 3, 2023, your governmentissued photo ID must be REAL ID-compliant (or you can present an alternate form of ID, such as a passport). Visit www.dhs. gov/real-id or contact your local DMV for more information. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a

reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

#### Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our 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 condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

# Air Transportation

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, booking the tour "Land Only" is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that 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.

#### Responsibility

The liability of VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase 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. VMFA 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 or staff changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.

VMFA Member Travel reserves the right to use photos that might include you in marketing materials and for other purposes unless you specify otherwise.



#### **RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited 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 mail it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. 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
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300

Newton, MA 02458

Tour Name  Departure Date  Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up										
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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) 🗖								

I/We request an upgrade to cabin category \_\_\_

(for Patagonian Frontiers only)