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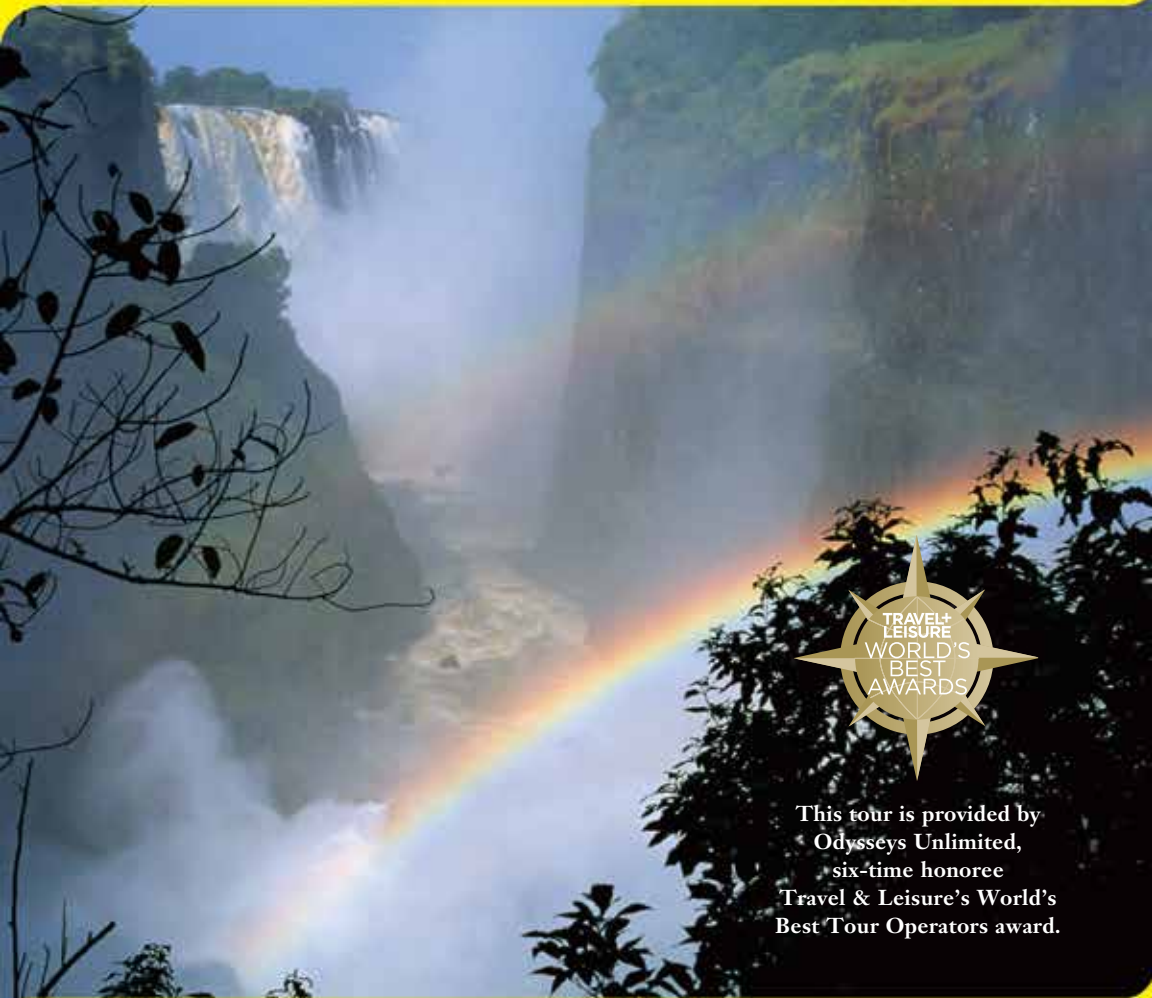
VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts presents

# SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

April 20-May 7, 2017

**18 days for \$7,854 total price from Washington, DC**  
(\$6,495 air & land inclusive plus \$1,359 airline taxes and fees)



This tour is provided by  
Odysseys Unlimited,  
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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for  
Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



Dear VMFA Members,

We invite you to travel with us as we journey into the heart of Southern Africa to capture the beauty of four distinct nations: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe.

Start your tour in Johannesburg with a full day touring Soweto, where the seeds of South African freedom took place. Visit spectacular Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and embark on an elephant-back safari through the bush followed by a rhino safari in open-top safari vehicles. Enjoy a Sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River. Travel to Botswana for a full-day safari excursion to Chobe National Park. Spend time in remote Namibia viewing and climbing the world's highest crested sand dunes at Sossusvlei. Tour the storied Skeleton Coast, home to the many shipwrecks this coast has claimed. Spend four nights in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. Experience the magnificence of the South African bush, Kruger National Park region, and Big Five wildlife country on an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

Space on this program is limited to only VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,

Adele "Hutch" Livingston  
Coordinator of Member Travel

**VMFA RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Southern Africa Odyssey** departing **April 20, 2017**. 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 mail check to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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 National Park" Extension:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Southern Africa Odyssey, April 20-May 7, 2017**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Final invoicing will be sent by the 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.

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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** We arrive in Johannesburg today and transfer to our hotel in the suburb of Rosebank. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned. Dinner tonight is on our own.

**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

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

## 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 ... Skeleton  
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.

Cover photo: Victoria Falls boasts the world's largest sheet of falling water.



Some of the dunes at Sossusvlei reach as high as 1,300 feet.

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 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 wildlife drive and an afternoon wildlife 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 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/Skeleton Coast**

This morning we take a cruise along the storied

Skeleton Coast, so named for the whale and seal bones that once littered its shores – debris from the whaling industry. Along the way we'll see Cape Fur Seals, petrels and other sea birds, and some of the many shipwrecks that lie off shore. We have lunch together before returning to Swakopmund and time at leisure. **B,L,D**

**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**

**Post-Tour Extension**

May 6-10, 2017

**KRUGER: KAPAMA**

**PRIVATE GAME RESERVE**

**4 days/3 nights for \$1,795 total price**  
Single Supplement: \$445

*Experience the magnificence of the South African bush, Kruger National Park region, and Big Five animal 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 wildlife drives (in open safari vehicles)
- Services of the lodge's excellent staff
- Transfers to/from airport



“A DESERT IS A PLACE  
WITHOUT EXPECTATION.”

– NADINE GORDIMER

**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 two wineries for tours, tastings, 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 take a panoramic tour of this beautiful city at the southern tip of Africa and also stop at stunning Hout Bay. Then 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 of “the meeting of the oceans” (the Atlantic and Indian). After a seafood lunch in historic Simons Town we visit Boulders Beach to see a colony of enchanting African Penguins up close. Our last stop is acclaimed Kirstenboch National Botanical Garden, nestled against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. The world’s first such garden founded (in 1913) to preserve native flora, today the Kirstenboch cultivates only indigenous plants. *B,L*

**Day 16: Cape Town/Robben Island** Today we come face-to-face with an indelible aspect of South African history: the notorious prison on Robben Island that once held Nelson Mandela and other opponents of apartheid. We tour the island and prison, guided by a former inmate. Returning to Cape Town, we ride by cable car 3,500 feet to the top of Table Mountain for glorious views. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner together. *B,D*

**Day 17: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the 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.

### 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: 15 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local driver/guides, dining room servers, and airport and hotel porters



Elephants abound in Chobe.

### Tour Departs: April 20, 2017

*Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.*

Boston, New York, Washington, DC \$7,854

Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle \$8,054

Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa \$8,254

Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR) \$8,354

Land Only (transfers not included) \$6,495

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 \$1,495.

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

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

**Travel in Namibia will be in fairly remote regions. You should be prepared for lengthy drives on unpaved and very bumpy roads.**

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,795 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change).

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

**(888) 370-6765**

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

**For further information contact VMFA Member Travel at**

**804-340-1519**

## 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 Tour Director which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10 - \$15 per day per traveler); communication charges; optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

### **Cancellations, refunds and changes:**

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 change; 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 a guest makes any changes to their 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, your date of birth, and your 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 VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, 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, 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 line, 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 Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking over uneven terrain, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and safari vehicles, and go up and down steps that may not have handrails on your own. 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 our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. 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, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the VMFA 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 they feel 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 assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited 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 departure 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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