Southern Africa Odyssey

18 days for $7,854 total price from San Francisco
($6,495 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.

Visit us at alumni.berkeley.edu/caldiscoveries
For questions call Cal Discoveries Travel 510.900.8222 or toll-free 888.225.2586

Exclusive Cal departure - February 9-26, 2017

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  We enjoy a small group highlight this morning as we set off first on an elephant-back safari through the bush in the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve, followed by a rhino safari in open-top safari vehicles. Later 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
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.  

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.  

Day 11: Sossusvlei/Swakopmund
We travel today through the Namib desert en route to Swakopmund, Namibia’s largest port.  

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.  

Day 13: Swakopmund/Walvis Bay/Cape Town, S.A.
En route to the airport for the flight to Cape Town, we stop in Walvis Bay to see the lagoon with its massive seabird colonies, including flamingos.  

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.  

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 Simon’s Town we visit Boulder’s 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.  

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.  

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

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

Tour membership limited to 24 Cal alumni and friends

Featuring Dr. Steve Ruzin, botanist and Director of the Biological Imaging Facility, UC Berkeley

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 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  
• Cal lecturer’s participation is contingent on a minimum number of paying travelers and cannot be guaranteed.  

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Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2017, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, 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.

Gratuities
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; 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. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited 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. All cancellations need to be submitted in writing to Cal Discoveries Travel. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

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

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**For Egypt & the Eternal Nile, Journey through Vietnam, Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, Patagonian Frontiers**

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Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. Trip cancellation insurance is available from CAA and information will be sent after you reserve. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

**Pre-Departure**

After reserving your tour, you will receive pre-departure mailings that include a detailed itinerary, visa requirements, and reading list. We will send your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers) 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, 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 passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight program, as well as by our international travel partners: your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender (for details, please visit tsa.gov). 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 tours in this catalog. 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 the appropriate information after you make
a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

**Smoking**
For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

**Health and Medical Issues**
We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited 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 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 our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. 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, Cal Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**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 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, 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 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, Cal Alumni Association and 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 Cal Alumni Association (CAA), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. CAA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase 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. CAA 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. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.
CAA MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Travelers, whether alumni or friends, must be current members of the Cal Alumni Association (CAA) to participate in Cal Discoveries Travel offerings. A payment of $50 for seniors 65 and over, and $60 for those who are 64 years and under establishes a regular or affiliate membership with all other Association benefits. A married couple and their children under 21 years may travel on one membership; memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check, or, if you prefer, provide a VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express number with expiration date for payment.

CAL DISCOVERIES TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on the tour listed below. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail deposit check to: Cal Discoveries Travel, Cal Alumni Association, 1 Alumni House, Berkeley, CA 94720-7520. For questions please call 510.900.8222 or toll free 888.225.2586.

Tour Name ____________________________________________________________

Departure Date ________________________________________________________

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

Full Passport Name____________________ Date of Birth __________ Gender _____

E-mail ____________________________ Cal Class Year __________________

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Address _____________________________________________________________ Badge Name(s)_________________

City ______________________________ State __________ ZIP ______________

Home Ph. (_____)____________________ Alternate Ph. (_____)_______________

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)

I/we request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (for Machu Picchu to the Galapagos only) 

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, 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

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 can be paid by check or credit card.

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