You are cordially invited to join Washington University in St. Louis on a wildlife safari to Botswana.

Desert Sunset, Delta Dawn

August 23 to September 6, 2023
YOUR WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOST, JONATHAN LOSOS

Jonathan Losos
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Jonathan Losos is an evolutionary biologist known for his research on how lizards rapidly evolve to adapt to changing environments. He recently rejoined the Washington University Biology Department after spending 12 years at Harvard University, returning as the inaugural holder of the William H. Danforth Distinguished University Professorship and Director of the Living Earth Collaborative, a partnership between Washington University, the Saint Louis Zoo, and the Missouri Botanical Garden. This new biodiversity center, a nearly unique collaboration of institutions, has the mission of advancing knowledge of biodiversity to ensure the future of earth’s species in its many forms. Losos has written more than 240 papers, two books (most recently Improbable Destinies: Fate, Chance, and the Future of Evolution), and is an author of a leading college biology textbook. Jonathan has been elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and many other awards.

YOUR SPECIALIST/GUIDE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: GRAHAM JOHANSSON

Graham Johansson is a Professional Guide and an accomplished wildlife photographer. He has been leading private and specialist photographic tours and safaris since 1994 in Botswana, his first love and an area he knows intimately – Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Graham was born and raised on a farm in Zambia, educated in Zimbabwe, and moved to South Africa to further his studies, train, and pursue a career in tourism. Graham is based in Cape Town where he lives with his wife and two sons. His passion is found in the intangible harmony and beauty of the wilds and outdoors. An avid naturalist with a well-published portfolio of wildlife photographs that have appeared in a variety of publications, he is well suited to interpret natural history and what can capture that special moment on camera. His interests also include current and historic affairs, sports, good food, and South African wine.
YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~WEDNESDAY~AUGUST 23
USA/EN ROUTE
Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Johannesburg. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2~THURSDAY~AUGUST 24
JOHANNESBURG
Upon arrival at the Johannesburg International Airport this afternoon, you will be met and escorted to your hotel. Johannesburg (or Jo’burg as the locals call it) is the country's largest city and its financial center, sometimes called the “City of Gold,” for the abundance of that precious metal once mined here.

Begin your adventure in the lap of luxury. D’Oreale Grande is situated near Johannesburg International Airport and boasts palatial buildings, surrounded by gardens, fountains, and statues. Richly cloaked surroundings such as marble floors, plush carpets, magnificent stained-glass domes, highly decorated murals, frescos, sculptures, intricate mosaics, and Roman columns and arches contribute to an atmosphere of intimacy, classical elegance, and lavish opulence. It is an ideal place for resting up after a long international flight.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel.
Overnight at D’OREALE GRANDE. (Meals Aloft, D) https://www.emperorspalace.com/hotels/peermont-doreale-grande

DAYS 3/4/5~ FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY~AUGUST 25/26/27
MAUN/MAKGADIKGADI & NXAI PANS NATIONAL PARKS/KHUMAGA VILLAGE
Fly to Maun, Botswana’s tourism capital, where you will connect with your flight to Leroo La Tau, situated at the edge of Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. This park is named for ancient Lake Makgadikadi, a body of water that disappeared thousands of years ago, leaving behind a collection of salt pans that cover approximately 6,200 square miles, due south of the Okavango. The Makgadikgadi is the largest expanse of 'nothingness' on Earth, devoid of anything but salt and shimmering horizon, with an area the size of Switzerland. The pans are clearly visible from outer space. The baking soda desert is transformed into one of Africa’s most fecund ecosystems during the rainy season. Unbelievable numbers of migratory birds that flock to the pans and the grasslands swarm with a living mantle of zebra and wildebeest, participants in the second-largest animal migration on the African continent. The dry season brings desert wildlife such as gemsbok and springbok into view.
Leroo La Tau is built on the cliffs above the Boteti River which allows guests a raised vantage point resulting in spectacular wildlife sightings. The Boteti River, which dried up for 28 years, is now flowing again. This lifeline of water is a magnet for wildlife. During the wet season (January-March), there is an influx of migratory bird species, while resident desert species welcome visitors by showing off their breeding plumages. While the volume of wild animals is lighter than in the drier months, the river’s return has transformed the region and supports resident species all year round, with sightings of antelopes, alongside healthy populations of kudu and giraffe. Huge elephant bulls are based along the river throughout the year, and lions are very active in the region.

As the dry season closes in, so too do the migrating herds. More than 30,000 zebra and wildebeest create a magical scene as thousands of zebra gallop up and down the dusty riverbank of the Boteti for quite possibly one of the best zebra viewing experiences in Africa! The migration brings an increase in levels of predator activity, including lion, cheetah, brown and spotted hyena, and even wild dogs. Most unique are the crocodile and an amazing pod of hippos, which have survived in extremely adverse conditions for many years, and now make this area their home. Bird species include large numbers of White-backed and Lappet-faced Vultures, Bateleur, Tawny and Martial Eagles, Lanner- and Red-footed Falcons, Gabar- and Pale Chanting Goshawks. Also found are Red-billed and Orange River Francolin, Black- and Red-crested Korhaan, Kori Bustard, Crowned Plover, Double-banded Courser, Spotted Dikkop, all species of sandgrouse, Giant Eagle, Pearl-spotted Owls, and a large numbers of hornbill species.
On your second day, enjoy a full-day excursion to Nxai Pans National Park. Here one can witness the typical Kalahari Plains wildlife characteristic of the desert regions. Large herds of springbok, oryx (gemsbok), and eland graze here all year round and during the summer season (green season) zebra and wildebeest can be seen en masse during the migration.

Leroo La Tau works closely with the community of Khumaga Village, which is located near the lodge, providing an opportunity for guests to see and understand what rural local life all is about. A visit to the village and the local school will be included in your stay at Leroo La Tau. Activities during your three-night include game drives, night drives, and boat cruises on the Boteti River.

Overnights at the LEROO LA TAU. (All Meals Daily) www.desertdelta.com/botswana-safari-lodges

DAYS 6/7~MONDAY/TUESDAY~ AUGUST 28/29
MOREMI GAME RESERVE/CAMP XAKANAXA
Fly to Camp Xakanaxa in the Moremi Game Reserve. One of the finest wildlife viewing areas in Africa, Moremi incorporates most of the Okavango Delta waters and has a vast selection of exotic wildlife. To the south and east, the reserve offers sanctuary to the most varied herds in southern Africa. To the north and west are the permanent lagoons and waterways of the Okavango.

Moremi Game Reserve supports the most diverse habitat and animal populations in Botswana, with possible sightings of wild dogs, cheetahs, and leopards as well as lions, elephants, buffalos, hippos, giraffe, hyena, zebra, kudu, lechwe, tsessebe, and Sable and Roan antelope. The rare Sitatunga antelope lives in the papyrus banks of the waterways. Bird watching is excellent throughout the year, with motorboat excursions to the heronries on Gadikwe. The reserve is home to over 400 species of birds and a great variety of mammals, plants, fish, and reptile species that have successfully adapted to the fertile swamps.

Your home for the next two nights is Camp Xakanaxa. This camp is one of the few Okavango lodges that can offer comprehensive year-round boating trips, as well as extensive nature drives into the bush. Boat trips and wildlife drives are conducted by a team of experienced, professional wildlife guides. Twelve spacious canvas and timber, Meru-style safari tents include en-suite facilities and luxury amenities. The dining room overlooks the lagoon with reed walls and a thatched roof and a fully stocked bar. Delicious cuisine, candle-lit dinners, and a selection of fine wines will more than satisfy you. The service is personalized and of a high standard.

**DAYS 8/9~WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~ AUGUST 30/31**

**OKAVANGO DELTA/CAMP OKAVANGO**

Today’s flight takes you to one of the world’s most distinctive regions, the Okavango Delta – Earth’s largest inland water system. Its headwaters start in Angola’s western highlands, with numerous tributaries joining to form the Cubango River, which then flows through Namibia (called the Kavango) and finally enters Botswana, where it is then called the Okavango. Millions of years ago, the Okavango River flowed into a large inland lake called Lake Makgadikgadi (now Makgadikgadi Pans). Tectonic activity and faulting interrupted the flow of the river causing it to back up and form what is now the Okavango Delta. This has created a unique system of waterways that now supports a vast array of animal and plant life that would have otherwise been a dry Kalahari savannah.

Your activities at Camp Okavango will center around mokoro (dugout canoe) rides, boat excursions, and walking safaris. See the delta from the water and relax as you glide through quiet, reed-lined channels. Birding is excellent, with Pels Fishing Owl and Wattled Crane being observed with regularity. In all, more than 600 species reside within the 7,000 square miles of islands, marshes, flood plains, and channels of which the Okavango is comprised. Feel the beat of Africa beneath your feet on a walking safari and take a boat through the reeds to spot some of the larger species such as elephant, red lechwe, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, baboon, monkey, warthog, and buffalo, along with major predators such as lion, leopard, and hyena. If you are lucky, spot the elusive sitatunga antelope which has been known to sleep in the water, with only their nostrils resting above the water’s surface.
Camp Okavango is situated on remote Nxaragha Island in the very heartland of the Okavango Delta and is essentially a water wilderness experience. The camp includes just twelve two-bedded East African-style tents featuring private sundecks and en-suite facilities. Each tent is exquisitely furnished with a Rhodesian Teak wardrobe, luggage rack, dressing table, bedside pedestals, traditional director chairs, colorful woven rugs, and luxury amenities for your complete comfort. Camp Okavango's luxury blends with the Africa of yore in the elegant thatch and lethaka main lodge buildings. Meals are silver service at dining tables lit by candelabra. The dining room opens onto an expansive outdoor patio for evenings around a campfire. Other lodge facilities include a cocktail bar, lounge, wildlife reference library, a secluded bird-viewing hide, shaded hammocks, reading benches, and a delightful sundeck and plunge pool for relaxation during the hot midday hours. Overnights at the CAMP OKAVANGO. (All Meals Daily) www.desertdelta.com/botswana-safari-lodges

**DAYS 10/11~FRIDAY/SATURDAY~ SEPTEMBER 1/2**

**KASANE/CHobe GAME LODGE**

Today you fly to Kasane and transfer to Chobe National Park, where you will spend the next two days on game drives and boating on the Chobe River. Chobe is world-renowned for its wildlife. It is the second-largest park in Botswana and the country’s first national park. The park covers a wide variety of ecosystems including riverine forest, floodplain, seasonal marsh, mopane and miombo woodland, and a few rocky outcrops. Such a diversity of habitats supports a wide variety of wildlife, which ranges from water animals such as hippos, crocodiles, otters, and fish, to forest and dry land species such as elephants, buffalos, giraffes, zebras, and eland. In all areas, predators abound – lion, leopard, cheetah, and hyena are plentiful. In the open grasslands of the pans, one can find the rare oribi and occasional reedbuck. Puku, an antelope associated with this park, can often be seen in herds around the edge of the river. The Chobe River is also well known for its magnificent bird viewing, with over 400 different species, ranging from eagles to kingfishers and from Marabou Storks to bee-eaters. Occasionally, Carmine Bee-eaters build colonies in the sand banks of the floodplains where they nest in their thousands. There are over 90 species of fish in the local waters, and if you are so inclined, an activity you might wish to partake is fishing.

A major feature of Chobe National Park is its overabundance of elephants, often found drinking and bathing at the river’s edge and it is possible to see hundreds of these magnificent animals up close. The Chobe elephant is the largest population of African elephants in the world. Currently estimated to be approximately 120,000, massive herds roam freely throughout northern Botswana and northwestern Zimbabwe making a seasonal migration across 124 miles to the Chobe and Linyanti rivers where they concentrate in the dry season (April through October) and then return again to the mineral-rich pans in the southeast of the park when the rains begin again (November through March). The elephants in
this area have the distinction of being the largest in body size of all living elephants, though the ivory is brittle, and you will not see many huge tuskers among these gentle giants.

You will stay at the legendary Chobe Game Lodge, the only lodge located within the reserve, which served as the honeymoon spot for Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton’s second marriage. The lodge is beautiful with yellow-gold stucco décor, open and colonial in style. The rooms have electricity, air conditioning, a minibar, and balconies. Relax in the luxury of your bedrooms affording breathtaking views of the Chobe River or cool down in the swimming pool. Overnights at the CHOBE GAME LODGE (All Meals Daily) https://www.chobegamelodge.com/
Head to Zimbabwe, and the mighty Victoria Falls. At more than twice the size of Niagara, it is no surprise that Victoria Falls are among the Seven Wonders of the World. Known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya, or The Smoke that Thunders is an incredible natural phenomenon. Five separate falls plunge more than 300 feet into a sheer-sided chasm that separates Zimbabwe from Zambia. The awe-inspiring abyss is spanned by a bridge built in 1905 which links the two countries. The mighty Zambezi River meanders through more than 1,677 miles of African countryside before spilling more than 140,000 gallons of water per minute over the cataract and into the gorge below sending a spray more than 100 feet into the air to create the ‘smoke’ that gives the falls its nickname.

Your visit will include a tour of the falls on the Zimbabwe side. An afternoon sundowner cruise will be a highlight as you glide along the Zambezi River, watching hippos snort, elephants drink on the riverbank, monkeys jump from branch to branch, birds fly overhead, and much more. Enjoy your drink of choice and see a panoramic sunset as the sun dips below the horizon, painting the whole area in unbelievable colors of brilliant reds, yellows, purples, and mauves.
The Elephant Camp is a luxury and intimate lodge under canvas built in a private concession bounded by the Masuwe River, and the Zambezi Gorges, some six miles from the town of Victoria Falls. Elephant Camp enjoys the breathtaking view of the gorges which separate Zimbabwe and Zambia. The camp offers exclusive suite accommodation in 12 luxury tents. All suites overlook the gorge and with a private viewing deck and plunge pool, private lounge area, air-conditioning and fans, bath, inside and outside shower, mini bar, and a tea/coffee station, 220V main electricity. All suites are mosquito proofed with mosquito nets. Elephant Camp is home to four orphaned elephants and all guests staying at the camp will have an opportunity to meet and interact with the Wild Horizons elephants.

Overnights at the ELEPHANT CAMP. (All Meals Daily) www.theelephantcamp.com

**DAY 14~TUESDAY~SEPTEMBER 5**
**VICTORIA FALLS/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE**
Last chance to photograph the incredible falls before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg where you connect with your overnight flight to the USA. (B, Meals Aloft)

**DAY 15~WEDNESDAY~SEPTEMBER 6**
**USA**
This morning you land back home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)
OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

DAY 1~THURSDAY~AUGUST 17
USA/EN ROUTE
Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Cape Town via Johannesburg. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2~FRIDAY~AUGUST 18
JOHANNESBURG/CAPE TOWN
Upon arrival at the Johannesburg International Airport, you will connect with your flight to Cape Town, South Africa’s “Mother City”. Upon arrival, you will be met and escorted to your hotel. The provincial capital, Cape Town, is a sophisticated city with plenty to see and do, particularly around the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront area, where delightful buildings of the Cape Dutch and Victorian-era architecture have been restored as shops, restaurants, museums, and pubs, while the busy water traffic of the docks goes on unabated.

The perfect blend of heritage and modern luxury epitomizes the Taj Cape Town. Located in the city center, the hotel is steps from the popular area of St George's Mall, which is a vibrant pedestrian precinct with wonderful pavement cafés and bars. You will be amidst many significant historic buildings, which include the St. George's Cathedral, the House of Parliament, the Castle of Good Hope, the Company's Gardens, and many of Cape Town's national museums. All rooms are beautifully decorated and complete with every exclusive amenity. The Taj Cape Town has two spectacular restaurants - Mint and The Bombay Brasserie – with unforgettable cuisine, champagne, and an oyster bar.
known as The Twanke. The Jiva Grand Spa combines the wisdom and heritage of the respected Asian and Indian philosophies, surrounding wellness and wellbeing, to create an unrivaled treatment experience. The hotel prides itself on providing unobtrusive and efficient service from a staff that genuinely delights in making guests feel at home.


**DAY 3~SATURDAY~AUGUST 19**

CAPE TOWN/CAPE PENINSULA

Your luxury motor coach takes you on a breathtaking coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope, surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, and the blue sea below. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain, and the Twelve Apostles. Pass quaint seaside towns as you continue to Cape Point, where the stormy waters of the Atlantic meet up with the calm waters of the Indian Ocean. At Cape Point, climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top where you can explore a lighthouse, enjoy the views, or even indulge in a bit of shopping. Take a close look at the ocean, where you may see southern right whales in the spring and early summer as well as dolphins and a variety of seabirds. You will also have the chance to explore the Cape Point Nature Reserve, which is host to approximately half of the 2,700 species of indigenous plants contained in the Cape Peninsula. Look for the distinctive orange found in leucospermums, one of the rarest types of proteas - the mimetes, marvel at the helichrysums and pelargonium calcullums, and enjoy the ericas, phenacomas, and fine bush which the Dutch called “fynbos.” There are 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from ostriches to minuscule sunbirds. Caracal, chacma baboon, a wide variety of bucks, and various other mammal species may be seen, including Cape Mountain zebra and the bontebok which is endemic to this part of the world. The baboons feed occasionally on marine foods which they garner at low tide. At Olifants Bay, look for Oystercatchers, and enjoy some superb birding.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and continue to Boulders Beach where the African (Jackass) Penguins can be seen - also known as the Black-footed Penguins. These flightless seabirds are found only on the coast of Southern Africa and are the only penguins found on this continent. Enjoy a delightful walk on a specially built platform onto the little sheltered beach where they nest among the rocks, and "waddle" up and down into and out of the sea. Since the penguins are accustomed to the presence of humans you can safely get within a few feet of them as you stand on the platform, and it is sometimes possible to view them nesting behind rocks and bushes.

Return to Cape Town in the evening, where you have another chance to discover one of the numerous restaurants that Cape Town has to offer. Overnight at THE TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (B,L)
DAY 4 ~ SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 20
CAPE TOWN: TABLE MOUNTAIN/CAPE MALAY/ KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDEN

Get a feel of what Cape Town is all about by taking the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, the signature of this city. This tour is dependent on the wind factor, as well as the clouds. Clouds often cover this flat-topped mountain, which rises to 3,563 feet above sea level and the locals affectionately say it’s a white tablecloth. Legend has it that a retired pirate, on climbing the mountain, met up with the devil. In order to preserve his soul, the pirate challenged the devil in a smoking contest. So, they stoked up their pipes and have been smoking ever since. For centuries Table Mountain has been a guiding beacon to mariners rounding the Cape of Southern Africa. Sir Francis Drake described it as "the stateliest thing and the fairest cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth." Despite its formidable appearance, it is possible to hike up Table Mountain. The first recorded ascent was in 1503 by the Portuguese navigator Antonio da Saldanha who, confused by the Cape Peninsula geography, climbed to the summit via the frontal cleft, now known as Platteklip Gorge. For nature lovers, the birding is awesome, and the wildflowers include agapanthus, watsonias, and red nerines which poke out from rock crevices amid a scrub of ericas and gnarled proteas. More than 1400 species of flowering plants have been recorded on the mountain, which makes it a spectacular sight in the spring. Cute guinea pig-like creatures known as rock dassies, or hyraxes, (genetically, the closest living relatives to elephants) scuttle everywhere. They are not afraid and scamper among the tourists seeking to be fed.

Continue to Cape Malay Quarter, or 'Bo-Kaap,' which sprawls along the slopes of Signal Hill, bordering Cape Town, presenting a scenario of enduring historic and cultural significance. It is certainly worth taking the time to explore the area when you come to Cape Town. Bo-Kaap's attractive, brightly colored, flat-roofed houses, decorative mosques, and the sound of the muezzin calling over the city streets have remained relatively undisturbed for all this time. The major threat facing this attractive area is now not forced removals, but gentrification.

Your day ends with a visit to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, arguably one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. Founded in 1913, Kirstenbosch lies on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain and consists of landscaped gardens of indigenous plants and trees, watered by the Liesbeek River, as well as the natural forest that extends up to the lower slopes. Kirstenbosch covers an area of 1,383 acres, 148 of which are cultivated; the remainder is a natural flora reserve. It is a living display featuring 9,000 of the estimated 20,000 species of indigenous South African flora, and close to 50% of the peninsula’s floral wealth. In the cultivated area, related plants are grouped together and radiate from the central lawns like the spokes of a wheel. Among the interesting sections here are the Cycad Amphitheatre, which hosts most species of these “living fossils” found in southern Africa; the famed Protea Garden on
the higher slopes, with its profuse growth of silver trees (Leucadendron argenteum); the JV Mathews Rock Garden (named after the first curator) containing succulents of the genera Crassula, Aloe, Lampranthus and Euphorbia; the Erica Garden and the Pelargonium Koppie. Two streams cut through Kirstenbosch, both laced with besembos, red alder, and hard fern. Of historical interest is an avenue of camphor trees and fig trees planted by Cecil Rhodes in 1898, and a small section of wild almond (Brabejum stellatifolium) hedge planted by Dutch settler Jan van Riebeeck in 1660. Birds of all sorts can be seen here as well – Dusky and Paradise Flycatchers, sunbirds, Klaas’s cuckoos, bulbuls, pigeons, brilliant green and red Cape Sugarbirds (which pollinate the flowers), guinea fowls, and the Cape Batis.

Overnight at THE TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 5~MONDAY~AUGUST 21
WINELANDS

Drive to the Winelands region, nestled at the base of the spectacular Boland Mountains. En route stop at the Olive Boutique, a proudly South African, Olive Oil, Olive, and Vinegar Tasting Bar located in Riebeek Kasteel, in the Riebeek Valley.

Continue with your drive to the Winelands and delve into another world, an artist’s pallet of viticulture. A tapestry of vineyards interwoven with the historic towns such as Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek. The cradle of the South African fruit and wine industries, every season offers enchanting foliage: spring flowers, summer fruits, autumn leaves, and the fresh greenery of the rainy winter. Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route.

Your accommodations are immersed in the Cape Provençal style. Of course, some call it an Auberge, others an exclusive country inn. From any point of view, Le Quartier François is a splash of style in the heart of the historic village of Franschhoek, a quaint corner of the Cape Winelands. The origins of Le Quartier Français are steeped in local history – the original buildings were laborers’ cottages which were upgraded and used as different forms of accommodation until the first restaurant was opened on this site. Set behind a delightful Provençal façade lined with a charming rose and lavender border, Le Quartier Français welcomes visitors from all over the globe who come here to dine in fine style and sleep-in rooms with spectacular views. The newly refurbished, spacious suites are stylishly furnished with modern fittings, refreshing colors, and brilliant hand-painted fabrics. Set in tranquil surroundings, the reception, lounge, library, and 15 double rooms plus the Pool Suite and a House Suite are set against the mystic backdrop of the Franschhoek Mountains and overlook a central landscaped garden with a natural pool.

Overnight at LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS in Auberge rooms. (B) https://leeucollection.com/SA/le-quartier-francais/stay
DAY 6/7—TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY—AUGUST 22/23
WINELANDS/BUHMANS KLOOF WILDERNESS RESERVE

Leave Winelands today and drive north through the Western Cape to Bushmans Kloof. Stop along the way to explore West Coast National Park. A truly magnificent sight in the Spring when thousands of little flowers form a glorious bright carpet on Postberg Peninsula. This jut of land closes around a warm shallow lagoon with little coves, sandy bays, and inaccessible reed beds. Here you can swim in total safety and take part in water sports on flat calm water. As you paddle in the shallows, a harmless sand shark may give you a fright, as they prefer to hide in the sand rather than swim away. Little prawns and other organisms thrive in the lagoon and attract thousands of migratory birds each year. Life has been good here for a very long time and we know that 120,000 years ago a young woman walked down the wet dunes, perhaps in search of food. Nick-named ‘Eve’, her perfectly preserved footprints were found in 1995. This caused great excitement around the world, as it lends credence to the ‘Out of Africa’ evolutionary theory that man originated in Africa before moving north.

Bushman’s Kloof, a Chateau & Relais property is built in the foothills of the spectacular Cederberg Mountains on the edge of the Great Karoo. It is an area of striking natural beauty, with immense open plains, deep ravines, spectacular waterfalls, and prehistoric rock formations. Rugged yet graceful, a long-forgotten land, once the very cradle of humankind has been rediscovered and brought to life at Bushmans Kloof. 168 miles north of Cape Town, unique and unspoiled, this once hunting ground of the intrepid San, is home to an incredible array of wildlife and plant species and is a premier spring flower destination. Since 1992, Bushmans Kloof has embodied the rebirth and development of this sanctuary with the mission to create a thriving wilderness that nurtures its indigenous life, protects its history, and secures its future.

The rebirth program has returned many species of wildlife to the land where their forebears once roamed in great numbers. Some of the game which has been reintroduced are the rare Cape Mountain zebra, bontebok, eland, gemsbok, black wildebeest, red hartebeest, springbok, grey rhebok, and ostrich. Added to these are the existing species of Cape Mountain leopard, bat-eared fox, African wild cat, Cape fox, caracal, Cape clawless otter, baboon, klipspringer, aardwolf, and aardvark. There are also more than 150 bird species in the reserve, including numerous species of eagle and water birds. In recognition of its rich cultural, historical, and environmental significance Bushmans Kloof has been declared a South African Natural Heritage site.
Bushmans Kloof together with the Botanical Society and Western Cape Nature Conservation have given their commitment to support the Clanwilliam Cedar Tree Project. The endemic Clanwilliam cedar tree (Widdringtonia cedarbergensis) occurs only in the Cederberg Mountains, and it represents one of 1,000 surviving conifer species in the world. The extremely slow-growing species is categorized as endangered on the Red Data List as it faces a very high risk of extinction in the wild unless conservation action is taken.

On one of your mornings here, you will have the opportunity to experience the history of this fascinating area as you go on a guided walk to view the priceless pristine rock paintings of the San Bushmen. Bushmans Kloof is home to over 130 rock art sites that date back some 10,000 years, creating one of the world’s largest open-air art galleries. Your trained guide will provide interpretations that will give greater insight and a deeper understanding of these rare archaeological sites.

The lodge displays Cape Dutch architecture and has several dining areas, lounges with fireplaces, satellite TV’s, free Wi-Fi billiard room, a bar, three swimming pools and a sauna. Rooms have minibars, designer en suite bathrooms, heated floors and some have private terraces with magnificent views over lawns, the river and over dramatic rock formations. Activities at Bushmans Kloof include nature drives, guided rock art excursions, botanical walks, canoeing, archery, fly fishing, hiking, and swimming.

Overnight at BUSHMANS KLOOF in luxury rooms. (B,L,D Daily) https://www.bushmanskloof.co.za/
DAY 8~THURSDAY~AUGUST 24
BUshMANS KLOOF WILDERNESS RESERVE/WINELANDS
Today you will return to the winelands region. Drive to Riebeek Kasteel, in the Riebeek Valley, home to some of South Africa’s most famous painters and the country’s oldest hotel, The Royal Hotel.

Visit Ceres, situated 150 kilometres northwest of Cape Town, in the heart of the Cape Wineland, a lush valley suitably named after the Roman goddess of agriculture. But despite the valley being well-known for its delicious deciduous fruits and vegetables, the areas in and around it aren’t...Here you can be adventurous. Be wild! Be daring!

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
Overnight at LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS in Auberge rooms. (B,L)

DAY 9~FRIDAY~AUGUST 25
CAPE TOWN/MAUN
In the morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Maun to meet up with the group arriving from Johannesburg this morning. (B)
INCLUSIONS

- Flight between Johannesburg and Maun, returning from Victoria Falls.
- Flight between Cape Town and Maun on the pre-extension.
- All flights between the camps.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- All meals while on safari. Other meals as specified in itinerary.
- All wildlife viewing by 4X4 open vehicles, driven by professional driver/guides.
- Specialist guide will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- Professor Losos will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main and on the post-extension.
- Laundry and all local beverages during safari in Botswana except for Champagne and imported spirits.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles throughout.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees and sightseeing as specified.
- Complimentary baggage tags.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfare from USA including fuel surcharges and airline taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. US citizens do not require a visa for traveling to South Africa or Botswana but must obtain a visa in order to enter Zimbabwe.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants. *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate $20 per person/per day for the specialist guide, $10 per person/per day for the drivers on land and during safari, $10 per person/per day for the camp staff. $3 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport / hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry, other than specified and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please note the itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing but is subject to change.
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA

Participants:
- Must be able to climb in and out of safari 4 x 4 vehicles, minibuses, small aircrafts and boats/mokoros unassisted. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
- Must be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances when visiting villages, towns, or other sites. This walking will be on uneven ground or uphill, often at altitudes many people are not used to.
- Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

In general, this trip requires:
- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. Some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules
Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. The start and the end city for this program is Johannesburg, South Africa.

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.


## Your Journey At A Glance

**Including:** Johannesburg, Maun, Makgadikgadi Pan National Park, Nxai Pans National Park Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve, Chobe National Park & Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Pre-Extension To Cape Town

**Sponsored By:** Washington University In St. Louis

**Escorted By:** A Host From Washington University In St. Louis

**Dates:** August 23 To September 6, 2023

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*Single Supplement: Rate Is Valid For First Two Single Rooms Booked. If More Than Two Single Rooms, Additional Supplement May Apply. Singles Are Assigned On A First Come/First Serve Basis.*

**All International Airfares Are Subject To Change And Based On Minimum Number Of 10 Travelers. Taxes Are Subject To Change Until Ticketed. If Less Than 10 Travelers, The Fare Will Increase & Supplemental Costs Will Be Given To The Travelers Prior To Issuing The Tickets, Approximately Two Months Prior To Departure. Note That The Special Rates Negotiated By Classic Escapes Are Not Upgradable.*

**Departure City:** St. Louis

(Other Departure Cities Available Upon Request)
CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "You" and "Traveler"), and Classic Escapes ("Classic Escapes", "We", "Us") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("Terms", "Agreement"):

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: You will be required to pay the following per person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- $3,400 for the main trip
- $1,200 for the extension

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to May 20, 2023 unless otherwise stated. Some airfares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or with credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Final payment is payable by check, wire transfer, or money order ONLY. Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS: If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

ADDITIONAL FEES: Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see your “Journey at a Glance section” for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.
GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are not included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION: Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and cancelled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (February 24, 2023), $300 per person administrative fee.
- February 25, 2023, to May 19, 2023, $300 per person administrative fee, plus $1,500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- May 20, 2023, to June 8, 2023, deposit is forfeited.
- June 9, 2023, to June 24, 2023, 35% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (June 25, 2023), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

REFUNDS: While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

CHANGES: Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you, and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of $150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORTS: All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

REAL ID: Beginning October 1, 2021, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.

Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain
conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Your program offers the ability to purchase at additional cost roundtrip, economy-class flights between (ST. LOUIS), and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable, and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

AIRLINE SEATING: We request seats together for the group wherever possible. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Classic Escapes cannot provide the Comfort Seating Service as this is available on specific flights subject to availability and commercial laws as determined by each airline and at their own discretion. Boarding passes are generally issued at the airport on the day of departure, or in some cases if you pre-check yourself 24 hours prior to departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in at the airport, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airline staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: Check on the airline’s website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATION: We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Federal law prohibits passengers from bringing hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger’s luggage or on the passenger’s person. A violation can result in five years’ imprisonment and penalties of $250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger’s luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger’s person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items.

INSECTICIDE NOTICE: Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation’s list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

BAGGAGE & FEES: Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline’s policy just before
departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also be listed on your final documents.

**LUGGAGE ALLOWANCES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS:** Your journey includes internal flights aboard light aircraft which are designed with a maximum luggage allowance; this is closely monitored by the flight operators for safety reasons. You are allowed one carry-on and one piece of luggage, total weight: **44.092 lbs.** (20 kgs.) per person including the camera equipment. Further, only soft-sided duffle bags are accepted, **without wheels**, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

**PERSONAL WEIGHT ALLOWANCES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS:** Your journey includes internal flights aboard light aircraft which are designed with a maximum body weight and luggage allowance; this is closely monitored by the flight operators for safety reasons. If your personal weight exceeds **85 kilos (187 lbs.)** it may be necessary to purchase an extra seat and your Classic Escapes Journey Manager will contact you should this be necessary.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers’ tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

**TRIP DETAILS**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans, unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**GUIDES:** If one of Classic Escapes’ guides are unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

**TOUR ITINERARY:** To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site [http://travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov), for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control [http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/) relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.
COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must maintain suitable physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. Travelers are required to wear masks in vehicles, indoor areas, any outdoor areas where physical distancing is not possible and in accordance with local regulations. Noncompliance with these procedures will result in the suspension of the journey. Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their travelling party require testing, quarantine or become infected with COVID-19.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll: http://www.travelguard.com/classic escapes/. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during your trip via Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to $100,000.
- Up to $25,000 medical expense and up to $500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes’ obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY: We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motorcoach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated to Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third-party entities.

LIABILITY: Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage which may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider.
or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes’ control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

FORCE MAJEURE: Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

REFUSAL OF SERVICE: Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE: Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgement and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

GOVERNING LAW: The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.
SAFARI AIR LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

It is of vital importance that all guests traveling to Botswana strictly adhere to the luggage limits and regulations as stipulated below.

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Please note:
*This is the total weight including both luggage and hand luggage/camera equipment. This is a safety requirement due to the sensitive weight and balance checks on the small aircraft and must be strictly adhered to. Travelers who require additional luggage must pre-book and pay for this on confirmation of the reservation. We would like to remind you that complimentary laundry services are available in all camps and lodges.

**Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on most of the light aircraft are only 25cm (10 inches) high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment.

HANDLING OF INCORRECT LUGGAGE ON ARRIVAL
Guests arriving in Botswana, who have not adhered to the luggage guidelines as per above, will NOT be able to depart on the scheduled charter. They will be given the option to book a private charter at additional costs to be paid directly prior to departure and subject to the availability of aircraft at the time of booking these flights. No refunds on the costs paid for scheduled charters which were missed due to their incorrect luggage and or accommodation not provided due to this delay will be provided. In all cases, additional arrangements for transfers, overnight accommodation in Maun or Kasane and meals are for the guests own account.

ASSISTANCE WITH BAGGAGE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL
Should guests be travelling with the incorrect luggage and require assistance with storage (which we offer at no additional cost) or transportation to their point of departure from Botswana (transportation costs apply), this can be arranged provided this has been bought to our attention prior to their arrival in Botswana, preferably at the time of final booking confirmation.
Enclosed is my deposit for $__________ ($3,400 per person for the main trip and $1,200 for the extension) to hold ________ place(s) on the Classic Wildlife Safari to Botswana departing on August 23, 2023. Cost is $16,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from St. Louis is $2,160. (As of April 19, 2022, and subject to change).

**Final payment due date is: May 20, 2023.**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail 58-25 Queens Blvd. Woodside, NY 11377.

Charge deposit to: □ MasterCard □ Visa □ American Express □ Discover.

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

| 1) NAME (As appears on passport): □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. ________________________________ | Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____________ |
| Passport No. __________________ | Green Card No. ______________ | Expiration Date ___________ | Nationality ________________ |
| 2) NAME (As appears on passport): □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. ________________________________ | Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____________ |
| Passport No. __________________ | Green Card No. ______________ | Expiration Date ___________ | Nationality ________________ |

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) ________________ 2) ________________

| STREET ADDRESS: ________________________________ |
| CITY: ________________________________ | STATE: _______________ | ZIP: ________________ |

| PHONES: HOME: ( ) __________________ | OFFICE: ( ) __________________ | MOBILE: ( ) __________________ |

| EMAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________ | FAX: ( ) __________________ |

☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of, any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: □ ONE □ TWO Beds (make one selection only)

☐ I am sharing with ________________________________ (form sent separately)

☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the University or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single-room supplement. I prefer to share with: □ Smoker □ Nonsmoker.

☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single room supplement additional cost of: □ $4,995 for the main trip □ $2,695 for the pre-extension to Cape Town.

☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional post-tour extension at an additional per person cost of $5,995 per person.

☐ Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from St. Louis via Delta Air Lines.

☐ Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: ________________________________ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

☐ Please send me information on air upgrades for: □ Business/First Class (only one class, business/first, exists)

Airline Seating Preference** □ Front □ Window □ Frequent Flier #

**We can request a seating preference on your behalf; however, this is only a request and NOT GUARANTEED, as some seating assignments may be at airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Build-in and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection. The special rates negotiated by Classic Escapes are not upgradable.**

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of April 19, 2022 and are subject to change. Refunds are made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE: ________________________________ DATE: ________________________________

SIGNATURE: ________________________________ DATE: ________________________________

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.
191 W Poplar Street,
Floral Park, NY 11001.

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)
Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card

Card number

Expiration date

Card Verification Number*

Card Type

Billing address of credit card

Amount of transaction

Services rendered/Items purchased

Phone number

Signature

Date

*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number that follows the credit card number. American Express: Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted for this tour on which I’m making a payment are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of April 19, 2022 and are subject to change. Deposit is non-refundable – see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel.

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (February 24, 2023), $300 per person administrative fee.
- February 25, 2023, to May 19, 2023, $300 per person administrative fee, plus $1,500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- May 20, 2023, to June 8, 2023, deposit is forfeited.
- June 9, 2023, to June 24, 2023, 35% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (June 25, 2023), no refund is possible. These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires a photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver’s license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.