



Africa's Wildlife

On Safari in Botswana, Zambia & Victoria Falls

May 1-14, 2022

14 days for \$8,284 total price from Houston
(**\$7,295 air, land & safari inclusive plus \$989 airline taxes and fees**)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Rice University



Dear Rice alumni, parents, and friends,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 14-day small group tour to Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Zambia. Encounter some of the planet’s last unspoiled natural refuges in Southern Africa’s great wildlife sanctuaries.

Begin in Johannesburg with a full day of touring the renowned Soweto district, including a visit to Nelson Mandela’s former home. Then spending three nights near Zimbabwe’s spectacular Victoria Falls, experience this natural wonder. Embark on a “Sundowner” Zambezi cruise and take a game drive in search of the elusive black rhino. Next is Botswana’s Chobe National Park, boasting one of Africa’s largest concentrations of wildlife, for a three-night stay featuring sensational boat safaris and game drives. After a privately chartered flight to Zambia, enjoy a tour highlight: unparalleled wildlife viewing at Lower Zambezi National Park and a relaxing three-night stay at the intimate Royal Zambezi Lodge. Discover Cape Town, South Africa’s sparkling “Mother City,” including the Cape Peninsula and Winelands, with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

With space for only 24 Rice-affiliated guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days before departure. Reserve risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Rice Alumni Traveling Owls

RICE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: AFRICA’S WILDLIFE

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

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

Send to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)
Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____
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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade
I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)
I/We request an upgrade to a thatched tent suite at the Royal Zambezi Lodge
Post-Tour “Cape Town, South Africa” Extension: Please sign me/us up

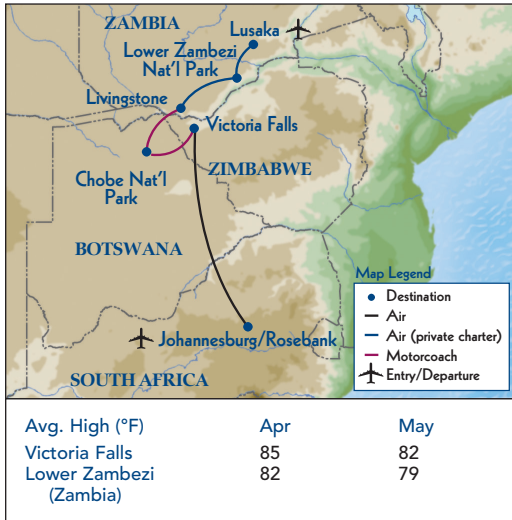
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A glimpse of a world primeval awaits on this singular safari to Botswana's Chobe National Park, where elephants preside over a bounty of wildlife; Zimbabwe's dazzling and powerful Victoria Falls; and Zambia's exceptional Lower Zambezi National Park, a remote jewel of an unspoiled preserve.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Johannesburg, South Africa

Day 2: Arrive Johannesburg Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in the suburb of Rosebank, where our rooms will be ready for our early check-in. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned. *B*

Day 3: Johannesburg/Soweto We meet our fellow travelers today as we embark on a tour of the Soweto district of Johannesburg. Here we see the home of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu; visit Nelson Mandela's home, which is now a museum; and tour the moving Hector Pieteron 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 today to Livingstone, Zambia, then transfer to Victoria Falls and our lodge. This afternoon we see for ourselves the thundering falls, first "discovered" by David Livingstone and claimed for Queen Victoria in 1855. With its 300-foot-deep gorge and soaking spray, "Vic" Falls is a wonder of the natural world. *B,D*

Day 5: Victoria Falls This morning we embark on a game drive to spot the elusive – and critically endangered – black rhino. Late afternoon we embark on a "Sundowner" dinner cruise on the Zambezi where we see wildlife on shore and in the water. *B,D*

Day 6: Victoria Falls After a morning visit to Victoria Falls town and a local village, this afternoon is at leisure to relax at our lodge. Tonight we hear a fascinating guest speaker on "The Story of David Livingstone," followed by dinner together. *B,D*

Day 7: Victoria Falls/Chobe National Park, Botswana This morning we visit a nearby school then travel two hours by motorcoach to Botswana and Chobe National Park, boasting one of the largest concentrations of game in all of Africa. After settling in and enjoying lunch at our lodge, this afternoon we embark on a game-viewing boat safari on the Chobe

Small Group Tour Highlights

- Spectacular Victoria Falls
- Sunset Zambezi River cruise
- Chobe National Park's diverse and abundant game
- Early morning game drives and afternoon boat safaris
- Privately chartered flight to Lower Zambezi
- Three-night stay in remote Lower Zambezi National Park, one of Africa's last pristine wildernesses
- Royal Zambezi Lodge's game-viewing activities: open-vehicle game drives, sunset river cruises, guided canoe trips
- Outstanding game viewing

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Johannesburg		
2-3	Rosebank	54 on Bath	Deluxe
4-6	Victoria Falls	Pioneers Lodge	Not rated
7-9	Chobe National Park	Chobe Marina Lodge	Sup. First Class
10-12	Lower Zambezi National Park	Royal Zambezi Lodge	Deluxe
13	Lusaka/ Depart for U.S.	Radisson Blu Lusaka (day room)	Sup. First Class
14	Arrive U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.



Known as the “Smoke that Thunders,” Victoria Falls is one of the wonders of the natural world.

River, where we may see hippo, crocs, and some of the park’s 450 species of birds (including the sacred ibis, carmine bee-eaters, fish eagles, and kingfishers). We dine tonight at our lodge. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Chobe National Park Known for its diverse terrain that attracts an exceptional array of wildlife – including the world’s largest elephant population (some 120,000), along with zebra, lion, giraffe, impala, and buffalo – Chobe covers 4,517 square miles of protected parkland. We’ll see a portion of this natural wonder on our early morning game drive and this afternoon’s boat safari. And this evening perhaps we’ll see one of the sublime sunsets for which Chobe is known. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Chobe National Park We’re settling into a comfortable routine, with early morning and late afternoon game drives. In between game-viewing activities, we’re at leisure to enjoy the amenities of our lodge on the banks of the Chobe River, adjacent to the park itself. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Chobe National Park/Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia This morning we board a privately chartered plane for the 1½-hour flight to Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia’s newest reserve (since 1983) and, as the former private sanctuary of Zambia’s president, the least developed. Here in one of Africa’s last stretches of pristine wilderness, we have the chance to get closer to the animals than anywhere else. Late afternoon we engage in some of the lodge’s game-viewing activities that include open-vehicle game drives, guided canoe trips, bush walks, and boat safaris. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Lower Zambezi National Park A day of game-viewing activities in this 1,600-square-mile

park on the southern end of Zambia known for its 100-strong elephant herds, unusually large prides of lion, plus buffalo, waterbuck, antelope, impala, crocodile, hippo, kudu, warthog, eland, and leopard, among other wildlife; and where ebonies, leadwoods, figs, and acacias preside over the mineral-rich grassland. Together with Zimbabwe’s renowned Mana

Post-Tour Extension

May 13-17, 2022

Cape Town, South Africa

4 days/3 nights for \$1,395 total price

Single Supplement: \$295

Discover South Africa’s sparkling “Mother City,” from Table Mountain and the Malay Quarter to the Cape Peninsula and the Winelands.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Lusaka/Cape Town, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights’ accommodations at The Table Bay Hotel (Deluxe)
- 6 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Extensive included sightseeing: full-day Cape Peninsula tour, and full-day Cape Town and Winelands tour
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private motorcoach/van transportation
- Transfers to/from airport
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Please note that guests on the extension will proceed directly to Cape Town and will not use the hotel day room in Lusaka on Day 13.

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– SOUTH AFRICAN PROVERB

Pools Reserve situated across the river, the Lower Zambezi National Park forms a massive sanctuary and UNESCO World Heritage site where we're certain to enjoy unparalleled game and bird viewing – and rarely see other safari-goers. *B,L,D*

Day 12: Lower Zambezi National Park From our 14-room luxury lodge on the banks of the Zambezi, we have another day to engage in game-viewing activities in this lush riverine environment of 50 mammal species and 400 bird species. With the Zambezi River, abundant game on the valley floor, and the Zambezi Escarpment as a backdrop, the Lower Zambezi National Park offers a dramatic setting for game viewing ... as does our lodge, where animals roam freely on the grounds. Tonight we celebrate our wildlife adventure at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

Day 13: Lower Zambezi National Park/Lusaka/ Depart for U.S. We travel by charter flight today to Lusaka, Zambia's capital, where we have hotel day rooms until our departure this evening for the airport and our overnight flight to the U.S. *B*

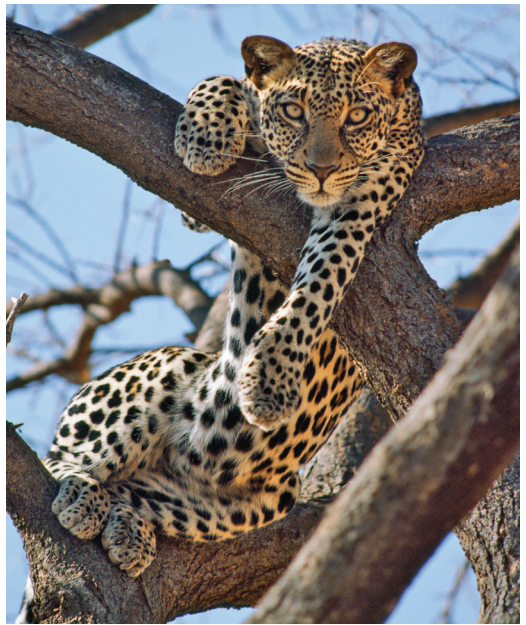
Day 14: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our flights home.



Zebra roam freely in Chobe National Park.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 11 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels and lodges
- 29 meals: 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive game viewing as described, including all park entrance fees
- Mineral water while on safari
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for driver/guides, hotel and lodge staff, and porters



Getting comfortable ...

Tour Departs: May 1, 2022

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

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$7,984
Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$8,284
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$8,384
Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$8,484
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,595

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in a Deluxe thatched tent at Royal Zambezi Lodge and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$989, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Upgrade to thatched tent suite with larger indoor and outdoor living areas at Royal Zambezi Lodge: \$195 (\$295 single)

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

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$5,495 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at

888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

For more information about the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls, please call

713-34-TRIPS,

or e-mail travelingowls@rice.edu

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility: The liability of the Office of Alumni Relations and Rice University, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches, safari vehicles, and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes.** If you choose to make your own air arrangements, the Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided approximately 115 days prior to departure.



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