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# **SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA BY SEA**Natural Treasures & Human Accomplishments



#### ITINERARY

Monday, February 14, 2011 • FLY FROM USA

Tuesday, February 15 • MAPUTO, Mozambique I EMBARK Arrive in Maputo, Mozambique's attractive capital. Transfer to board *Corinthian II*. Overnight aboard docked in port. (D)

#### Wednesday, February 16 • MAPUTO

Built on a spacious bay, and with architecture reminiscent of the Mediterranean, Maputo is one of Africa's most appealing cities. Inhabited by the Ronga people since ancient times, it was known until 1976 as Lourenço Marques, the name of the Portuguese navigator who "discovered" the area in 1545. Explore the city, with its leafy avenues, graceful buildings dating from the Portuguese colonial period, and markets. Also visit the National Art Museum. (B, L, D)

# Thursday, February 17 • RICHARDS BAY I HLUHLUWE-UMFOLOZI NATIONAL PARK I RICHARDS BAY, South Africa

Drive to Hluhluwe-Umfolozi, South Africa's oldest national park and one of its most outstanding game reserves. A pristine wilderness, it is known for its rich wildlife, including black and white rhino, lion, cheetah, leopard, giraffe, and hippo. Choose from two excursions: the normally-scheduled game drive or an early-morning version for a chance to see greater numbers of wildlife. (B, L, D)

Friday, February 18 • AT SEA (B, L, D)

### Saturday, February 19 • PORT ELIZABETH I KARIEGA GAME RESERVE I PORT ELIZABETH

Founded in 1820 by British settlers, Port Elizabeth became a prosperous port and trading center. Drive to the private Kariega Game Reserve, set high above the stunning Kariega River Valley. It is a sanctuary to abundant game and wildlife such as lion, leopard, hippo, hyena, giraffe, zebra, waterbuck, and antelope, and birds, including nesting Martial, Crowned, and Fish Eagle. Later, visit the Ubuntu Education Fund, a private initiative that helps children. (B, L, D)

### Sunday, February 20 • PORT ELIZABETH I ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK I PORT ELIZABETH

Explore the Addo Elephant National Park, established in 1931 to protect the last surviving Cape elephants. The park consists of thick, dry brush and is also home to eland, kudu, Cape buffalo, and red hartebeest. Choose from two full-day excursions: the normally-scheduled game drive or an early morning game drive, which will give the chance to see greater numbers of wildlife. (B, L, D)

## Monday, February 21 • MOSSEL BAY I GARDEN ROUTE & BOTLIERSKOP PRIVATE GAME RESERVE I MOSSEL BAY

Arrive at the western part of the renowned Garden Route, one of South Africa's most spectacular areas. Drive to the Botlierskop Private Game Reserve, a wilderness with over 30 species of animals, including elephant, rhino, giraffe,



and mountain zebra, and numerous birds. Alternatively, explores the Oudsthoorn area and Cango Caves. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, February 22 & Wednesday, February 23 ◆

# CAPE TOWN I CAPE OF GOOD HOPE NATURE RESERVE & KIRSTENBOSCH NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

Spend two days in Cape Town conveniently docked near the city center. The coastal and mountain geography of the famed Cape Peninsula, on which the city is built, is utterly striking. Travel through rolling hills to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and the lovely Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden. Also visit Table Mountain and South Africa's celebrated wine lands, including charming Stellenbosch. (B, L, D)

Thursday, February 24 • AT SEA (B, L, D)

### Friday, February 25 • LÜDERITZ I KOLMANSKOP I LÜDERITZ, Namibia

The first European visitor was explorer Bartolomeu

Dias, who sought shelter here in 1487. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Lüderitz became a German colony, and today, the Art Nouveau architecture is unmistakable. Drive through the desert to the ghost town of Kolmanskop, which gives insight into the area's diamond boom years. (B, L, D)

# Saturday, February 26 • WALVIS BAY I NAMIB DESERT NATIONAL PARK I WALVIS BAY LAGOON I WALVIS BAY

Explore Namib Desert National Park, home to some of the world's oldest desert landscapes. Learn about desert life and enjoy a dinner in the dunes. Also explore the wetlands around Walvis Bay, perhaps the most important bird sanctuary in southern Africa, with over 150,000 birds, including flamingoes. (B, L, D)

Sunday, February 27 • WALVIS BAY I DISEMBARK I FLY TO USA (B)

Monday, February 28 • ARRIVE IN USA



Namibia's Namib Desert presents a stunning portrait of shifting dunes, rugged mountains, and other geographic features



Zebras at a watering hole in Hluhluwe-Umfolozi National Park, South Africa

Dear Club Member,

Rounding the Cape of Good Hope—that was the challenge that opened the world. Beyond the mammoth plateau of Table Mountain, Vasco da Gama spied the spice islands of the East Indies; but he saw far more than that. The arc of Southern Africa he sailed—and we after him—is one of the most astonishing natural environments on the planet. The birds filling the sky above Walvis Bay, the herds of elephants thrashing through riverine forests, the humpbacks leaping in the surf, simply have to be seen to be believed.

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the immense wilds of South Africa and Namibia.

On this very special voyage, we will be exploring no fewer than five of South Africa's outstanding game reserves, where we will see the Big Five on the march. Each is a unique biosphere, from the Kariega River Valley, where martial eagles circle above the hyenas, to Hluhluwe-Umfolozi National Park, the country's oldest, a pristine dominion where the black and white rhinos were saved from extinction.

The astounding landscapes are not South Africa's alone, however. We will also witness tens of thousands of flamingoes and other seabirds take flight in Namibia's Walvis Bay, then have an extraordinary dinner in the Namib Desert, watching the sun set behind the 1,000-foot-high dunes of this world-famous sea of sand.

The story of South Africa and Namibia is one of history, culture, colonialism, and independence—just as much as nature. We will explore these aspects as well, with visits to Namibia's diamond country and the gorgeous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, with an overnight stay in Cape Town.

Accompanied by area experts and study leaders, Paul Volcker, David Welsh, and Lyn Mair, aboard the elegant 114-guest, all-suite *Corinthian II*, we will have a truly marvelous experience of the natural and cultural wonders amid the Cape of Good Hope, and beyond. We hope you can join us.

Sincerely,



Kristina Nemeth
Director of Club Travel



### **GUEST LECTURERS**



Paul A. Volcker served in the United States Federal Government for almost 30 years, including two terms as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. After leaving the Fed, he enjoyed a distinguished career in private industry and also served as Professor of International

Economic Policy at Princeton University. In 2004, Volcker was asked to chair the Independent Inquiry into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program. In 2007, he chaired the panel of experts to review the operations of the Department of Institutional Integrity of the World Bank. And in November 2008, President Elect Obama chose him to head the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. During our voyage to South Africa and Namibia, Mr. Volcker will talk about the state of the international economy, about Africa's role in it, and about United States leadership in global finance.



Smithsonian study leader **David Welsh** was born in Cape Town and educated at the Universities of Cape Town and Oxford. At the time of his retirement in 1997, he was Professor of Southern African Studies in the Political Studies Department at University of Cape Town. He is currently Professor

Extraordinaire in the Department of Political Science at Stellenbosch University. David has published widely on South African history and politics. His most recent publication, *The Rise and Fall of Apartheid* (University of Virginia Press, 2009), has been hailed as "Informative, succinct and stimulating." He is currently working on a book on *Afrikaner Politics in the Twentieth Century*.

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, **Lyn Mair** is an ornithologist who has made Cape Town her home for the past 25 years. The senior author and photographer of *Seychelles*, the Bradt Travel guide, as well as the author of several articles on nature and wildlife, Lyn is familiar with practically every corner of Africa, where she has studied and observed the wildlife of the countries. During our cruise, Lyn will share with travelers her knowledge of and love for the amazing biodiversity of Africa and the places we will visit.

PHOTOS: **This page**: The lovely town of Stellenbosch is known for its Cape Dutch houses and vineyards; **Cover**: Some of the 450 Cape elephants found at Addo Elephant National Park

# OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION TO VICTORIA FALLS

February 27 - March 2, 2011

Magnificent Victoria Falls is the largest sheet of falling water on Earth. No other waterfall allows visitors such a close approach or supports more varied and easily-seen wildlife. Upon disembarkation, fly to Johannesburg. Overnight accommodations will be at the *InterContinental Johannesburg Sandton Towers*. After breakfast, transfer to the Johannesburg airport for the flight to Livingstone for a two-night stay at the *Royal Livingstone Hotel*. Tour Victoria Falls, visit the David Livingstone Museum, and enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River.

RATES: \$2,995 per person, double occupancy; \$595 single supplement



Victoria Falls is a UNESCO World Heritage site shared by Zambia and Zimbabwe



Pearl Valley Golf Course is stunningly set against South Africa's Drakenstein Mountains

### SOUTH AFRICA AND GOLF

South Africa is a golf lover's paradise. Not only are its world-class courses pristine and uncrowded, but they are set against spectacular landscapes: sun-dappled vineyards, lush forests, cobalt blue lakes, and majestic mountains. We invite you to cruise along Namibia and South Africa's dramatic coast, savoring the sights and playing some of the most gorgeously situated courses in the world at no additional cost. Play Namibia's Rossmund Golf Course, one of only five all-grass desert courses. In Cape Town, play at Pearl Valley Golf **Course**, a Jack Nicklaus signature-designed course nestled in the celebrated Cape Winelands. Other championship layouts on our route include Oubaai **Golf Resort**, situated in the heart of the Mossel Bay Garden Route, with panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, and St. Francis Links Golf Course and **Humewood**, both genuine links courses. Please inquire about details.

### PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- 12-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest Corinthian II
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship, including house wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Open bar aboard ship throughout the cruise
- Complete program of tours and excursions
- Meetings and discussions with local government and other officials
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by accompanying lecturers
- Professional Travel Dynamics International tour staff
- Complete pre-departure materials
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates
- Port and embarkation taxes
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; visa and passport fees; luggage, cancellation, and accident insurance; meals and beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. Please contact your preferred airline, travel agent, or the Travel Dynamics International air desk operated by Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. (VWTI) for airfare information and to reserve round-trip flights. Consultants are available Monday — Friday from 9:00 am — 5:30 pm (EST) toll-free at 1-877-711-9896. Please have your tour code (11405) and dates handy for reference.

### CORINTHIAN I



In an era of mega cruise ships that carry thousands of passengers, the *Corinthian II* is a delightful alternative. More like a private yacht than a cruise ship, *Corinthian II* accommodates only 114 guests in 57 suites. *Corinthian II's* limited guest capacity, fine facilities, and distinctive style of operation attract like-minded travelers who return again and again to enjoy its custom-crafted itineraries and a style of cruising that is rarely found today. More than just a cruise, each voyage provides a comprehensive experience that reveals the singular aspects of the destinations. Aboard, a sense of community and a spirit of camaraderie prevail.

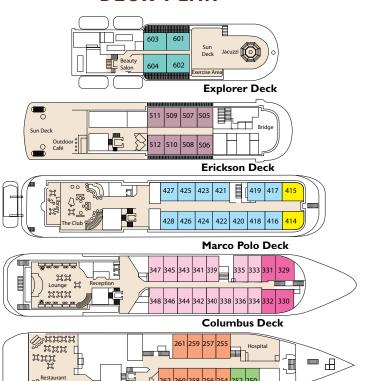
All of *Corinthian II*'s suites face outside, providing views of the sea and landscape. Several have a private balcony. There are expansive open deck areas and other facilities, including a gym, library, beauty salon, two lounges, a sun deck with Jacuzzi, and an outdoor cafe. A spacious restaurant accommodates all guests in an open, unassigned seating. The cuisine is outstanding, and the overall service is efficient and friendly while unobtrusive. An elevator serves all decks. A resident physician attends a well-equipped infirmary.

Served by 70 seasoned officers and crew, *Corinthian II* complies with the latest international safety regulations and is outfitted with the most current navigational technology.



Suite

### **DECK PLAN**



Magellan Deck

#### MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

GROSS TONNAGE: 4,200 | LENGTH: 297 feet BEAM: 50 feet | DRAFT: 12 feet | FLAG: Malta

Early Booking Savings
Book by July 29, 2010 to
receive a price reduction of
\$1,000 per person in all categories.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**PAYMENTS**: A \$2,000 deposit per person is required to confirm your reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by personal check.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties.

**INSURANCE**: We recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Details will be sent upon registration.

**ITINERARY**: The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Travel Dynamics International.

SHIP'S REGISTRY: Malta

DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, THIS IS ABBREVIATED INFORMATION.
PLEASE CONTACT US FOR COMPLETE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

### CRUISE & LAND RATES per person, double occupancy

All accommodations aboard *Corinthian II* are suites. They face outside, affording sea views, and several have balconies with sliding doors. All include two twin-size beds that can convert to a queen-size bed, sitting area, mini-refrigerator, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, TV, DVD/CD player, and bathroom with marble vanity, shower, and other amenities.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	REGULAR RATES	RATE IF BOOKED BY 7/29/10
E	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 250 - 252	\$10,995	\$9,995
D	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 329 - 332	\$12,495	\$11,495
C	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 254 - 262	\$13,995	\$12,995
В	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 333 - 348	\$15,495	\$14,495
Α	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 416 - 428	\$16,995	\$15,995
AA	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with forward and side windows and sitting area. 285 sq. ft. Suites 414 - 415	\$17,995	\$16,995
VS	Deluxe Veranda Suites on Erickson Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 300 sq. ft. Suites 505 - 512	\$19,995	\$18,995
PHS	Deluxe Penthouse Suites on Explorer Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 400 sq. ft. Suites 601 - 604	\$20,995	\$19,995

VS & PHS suites are provided with private butler service and other exclusive amenities.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: A limited number of cabins have been designated for single travelers in Categories C - A at a supplement of \$1,995 to the per person, double occupancy rates listed above. Singles in Categories AA, VS, and PHS are available at double the per person, double occupancy rates.

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### EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS

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### UNIQUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Delight in a sumptuous vineyard lunch in Stellenbosch, South Africa's wine country
- Watch for whales and other marine life as the ship sails along South Africa's scenic coast
- View the dramatically beautiful cliffs and flora of Cape Point, Africa's southwestern tip
- Attend a festive dinner in the Namib Desert, surrounded by awe-inspiring sand dunes
- Enjoy unique opportunities to meet South Africans where they work and live
- Gain a new understanding of the region's diverse African, Asian, and European cultures

The shifting sand dunes of the Namib Desert, Namibia