



**Commonwealth  
Club Travel**

# SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

March 23-April 9, 2017

**18 days for \$7,754 total price from San Francisco**  
(\$6,395 air & land inclusive plus \$1,359 airline taxes and fees)



**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for the  
Commonwealth Club**



Dear Members and Friends of the Commonwealth Club,

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

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

Space on this exclusive Commonwealth Club tour is limited to just 24 travelers and will fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place on this unique and exciting journey!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on Southern Africa Odyssey departing March 23, 2017. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure (or by December 18, 2016). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Commonwealth Club Travel, P.O. Box 194210, San Francisco, CA 94119. For reservations and information, call (415) 597-6720, fax (415) 597-6729, or email travel@commonwealthclub.org.

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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)

Post-Tour "Kruger National Park" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Southern Africa Odyssey, March 23-April 9, 2017, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

We require membership to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
 Please renew my membership with the credit card information provided here.
 I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

Method of Payment  Check  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  VISA

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Final invoicing will be sent by the tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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*It's a small group journey of astonishing beauty and consummate adventure, one that captures the magnificence of four distinct nations. It's nature's showcase come to life: ocean and mountains, desert and plains, waterfalls and wildlife extraordinary. It's Southern Africa, where diversity reigns and where visitors are welcomed as never before.*



**Wednesday, March 22 & Thursday, March 23: Depart U.S. for flights to Johannesburg, South Africa** Depending on the departure city and airline flight schedules, guests may depart on either March 22 or 23. Please note that those departing San Francisco on our air-inclusive program will likely depart the U.S. on March 22.

**Friday, March 24: Arrive Johannesburg** We arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to our hotel in the suburb of Rosebank. As flight schedules may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned. Dinner tonight is on our own.

**Saturday, March 25: Johannesburg/Soweto**

We meet our fellow travelers today as we embark on a tour of the Soweto district of Johannesburg. Here we see the home of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu; visit the home, now a museum, of the late Nelson Mandela; and tour the moving Hector Pieterse 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**

**Sunday, March 26: Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

We fly this morning to Victoria Falls, first "discovered" by explorer David Livingstone and claimed for Great Britain's Queen Victoria in 1855. With its 300-foot-deep gorge and thundering spray, "Vic" Falls is a wonder of the natural world. This afternoon we see it for ourselves on a guided walk. **B,D**

**Monday, March 27: Victoria Falls** This morning we visit a local school where we have the opportunity to interact with the children and teachers, then spend some time exploring the town of Victoria Falls. Late this afternoon we embark on a Sundowner dinner cruise on the Zambezi River. **B,D**

Avg. High (°F)	Mar	Apr
Victoria Falls	86	85
Windhoek	74	75
Cape Town	77	72

## Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Soweto touring ... Spectacular Victoria Falls ... Rhino safari in Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve ... Chobe National Park safari excursion ... World's largest crested dunes at Sossusvlei ... Skeleton Coast boat excursion ... Four-night stay in beautiful Cape Town ... The Winelands touring ... Outstanding small group accommodations

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Johannesburg		
2-3	Rosebank	54 on Bath	Deluxe
4-7	Victoria Falls	Victoria Falls Hotel	Deluxe
8	Windhoek	Windhoek Country Club	Sup. First Class
9-10	Sossusvlei	Le Mirage	Sup. First Class
11-12	Swakopmund	Swakopmund Hotel	Sup. First Class
13-16	Cape Town	The Table Bay Hotel	Deluxe
17	Cape Town/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
18	Arrive U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

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



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

**Tuesday, March 28: Victoria Falls** This morning we set off on a rhino safari in open-top safari vehicles. This afternoon is at leisure; this evening we attend a talk on David Livingstone's travels, trials, and travails. **B,D**

**Wednesday, March 29: Chobe National Park, Botswana** Known for a diverse terrain that attracts an exceptional array of wildlife, Chobe National Park in nearby Botswana boasts one of the largest concentrations of game in all Africa, including the world's largest elephant population (some 120,000), as well as zebra, lion, hippo, giraffe, impala, wildebeest, buffalo, and more. We're sure to see some of them on today's full-day excursion to Chobe, where we take a morning game drive and an afternoon game cruise. **B,L,D**

**Thursday, March 30: Victoria Falls/Windhoek, Namibia** Today we fly via Johannesburg to the Namibian capital of Windhoek, arriving late this evening. **B**

**Friday, March 31: Windhoek/Namib Desert/Sossusvlei** After a brief tour of Namibia's largest city, we set out through the central Namib Desert of vast gravel plains and rocky mountains. Isolated and immense, tranquil and romantic, this endless expanse offers a glimpse of a land before time. Late this afternoon we reach our lodge in the heart of the dune desert. **B,L,D**

**Saturday, April 1: Namib Desert/Sossusvlei** We rise with the sun to see the world's highest crested dunes at Sossusvlei, their red-orange hues constantly changing in the early morning

light. Here we have the opportunity to climb the velvet-like sand of Big Mama, as the locals call the largest dune. **B,L,D**

**Sunday, April 2: Sossusvlei/Swakopmund** We travel today through the Namib desert en route to Swakopmund, Namibia's largest port. **B,L,D**

**Monday, April 3: Swakopmund/Walvis Bay/Skeleton Coast** From Walvis Bay this morning, we take a cruise along the storied Skeleton Coast, so named for the whale and seal bones that once littered its shores – debris from the whaling industry.

### Post-Tour Extension

April 8-12, 2017

#### KRUGER: KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

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

*Experience the magnificence of the South African bush, Kruger National Park region, and Big Five game country at a unique luxury tented camp.*

#### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation to/from Hoedspruit inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights' accommodations at Kapama Southern Camp (Deluxe)
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- 5 guided game drives (in open safari vehicles)
- Services of the lodge's excellent staff
- Transfers to/from airport



Along the way we'll see Cape Fur Seals and sea birds, including petrels. We enjoy lunch on board before disembarking and returning to Swakopmund, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. **B,L,D**

**Tuesday, April 4: Swakopmund/Cape Town, S.A.** We fly to Cape Town today. After time at leisure to explore as we wish, we dine together tonight at a local restaurant. **B,D**

**Wednesday, April 5: Cape Town/The Winelands** Today we tour The Winelands, South Africa's renowned wine-growing region just 45 miles east of Cape Town. Amidst the beautiful scenery, we visit two wineries for tours, tastings, and lunch. Returning to Cape Town, we ride by cable car 3,500 feet to the top of Table Mountain for glorious views. Dinner tonight is on our own in this cosmopolitan city. **B,L**

**Thursday, April 6: Cape Town/Cape of Good Hope** This morning we take a panoramic tour of this beautiful city at the southern tip of Africa and also stop at stunning Hout Bay. Then we travel to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, home to more than 250 species of birds, and where we ride a funicular to the summit for stupendous views of "the meeting of the oceans" (the Atlantic and Indian). After a seafood lunch in historic Simons Town we visit Boulders Beach to see a colony of enchanting African Penguins up close. Our last stop is acclaimed Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, nestled against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. The world's first such garden founded (in 1913) to preserve native flora, today the Kirstenbosch cultivates only indigenous plants. **B,L**

**Friday, April 7: Cape Town/Robben Island** Today we come face-to-face with an indelible aspect of South African history: the notorious prison on Robben Island that once held Nelson Mandela and other opponents of apartheid. We tour the island and prison, guided by a former inmate. Returning to Cape Town, we enjoy a briefing by foreign service staff at the U.S. Consulate (schedule permitting). Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner together. **B,D**

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 15 nights' accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 34 meals: 15 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 11 dinners, and bottled water
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of a Commonwealth Club Tour Representative with a minimum of 15 guests
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local driver/guides, dining room servers, and airport and hotel porters



*Elephants abound in Chobe.*

**Saturday, April 8: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flights to the U.S. **B**

**Sunday, April 9: Arrive U.S.** We arrive in the U.S. today and connect with our flights home.

### Tour Pricing

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

Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$7,754
Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$7,554
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$1,359, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. cities (including San Francisco) may require a departure one day prior to March 23, 2017.

Single travelers please add \$1,495.

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

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

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

**Contact Club Travel**

**415-597-6720**

[travel@commonwealthclub.org](mailto:travel@commonwealthclub.org)  
[www.commonwealthclub.org/travel](http://www.commonwealthclub.org/travel)

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

### Not included in tour price:

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

### Cancellations, refunds and changes:

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.** If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth, and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

### Eligibility

We require membership to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit [commonwealthclub.org/membership](http://commonwealthclub.org/membership) or call (415)597-6720.

### Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Information will be sent upon registration.

### Responsibility:

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

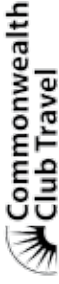
### Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcycles and safari vehicles on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. Travel in Namibia will be in fairly remote regions. You should be prepared for lengthy drives on unpaved and very bumpy roads. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and The Commonwealth Club assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information:

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

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