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YOUR TOUR LEADER ~ BILL SIMPKINS



Bill Simpkins, MEd, Director of Education for the National Aquarium in Washington, DC will be the Tour Leader for the National Aquarium's Adventure Tour to South Africa. Bill has over 30 years of teaching experience having taught Junior and Senior High School and College level sciences for 14 years, and informal science teaching at SeaWorld of Ohio and The National Aquarium. Bill has conducted ecological field excursions to Cape Cod, MA doing beach, marsh and dune studies as well as whale watching, The Bahamas exploring the blue holes and coral reefs of Andros Island, and Ecuador and The Galapagos Islands. Bill has been an invited speaker to various science teaching conferences and has presented workshops at The National Science Teachers Association Annual Conventions and The National Marine Educator's Association Annual Conferences.

Bill has a BS in Biology Education from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA and a Masters Degree in Education with an emphasis in Biology from Slippery Rock State University, Slippery Rock, PA. He is an active member of the National Science Teachers Association, the District of Columbia Environmental Education Consortium, The National Marine Educator's Association and the Mid-Atlantic Marine Educators Association, where he is a member of the Board of Directors.

YOUR TOUR LEADER ~ BOB RAMIN

Bob Ramin is currently the Executive Director of the National Aquarium in Washington DC, and Director of Federal Relations for the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Previously he served as Senior Director of Development at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Vice President of Development and Marketing at the African Wildlife Foundation, Director of Development and Marketing at the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and Director of Annual Programs at the University of Maryland System.

Bob is active in the zoological profession, serving on the National Leadership Council, Professional Development and Government Affairs Committees of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). He has been an instructor at the AZA Management Schools for the past 15 years, and serves as Affiliate Associate Professor at George Mason University in the Zoo & Aquarium Leadership Program, part of the Mason Center for Conservation Studies.



Bob earned his undergraduate in government and MBA degrees from Cornell University, and a master's degree in education policy from the University of Maryland.

YOUR SPECIALIST~GUIDE: GRANT S.G. NEL



Having graduated with degrees in Zoology and African and Experimental Zoology from the University of Natal, Grant offers some of the greatest insight into the wildlife of Southern Africa. His experience in African wildlife started when he became a ranger in the Mala Mala Game Reserve, and continued as he took over management duties in the Selinda Reserve, eventually becoming CEO. Because of his love of the wilderness, he left his management position to pursue his passions and once again started leading safaris throughout Southern Africa. He is currently on the board of CARACAL, a local non-government organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and sustainable tourism in Chobe, Botswana.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~ SUNDAY~SEPTEMBER 9

WASHINGTON D.C./EN ROUTE

Your adventure begins as you board your overnight flight to Johannesburg. (Meals Aloft)



DAY 2~MONDAY~SEPTEMBER 10

CAPE TOWN

This afternoon arrive in Johannesburg where you connect with your flight to Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City". Upon arrival, you will be met by your specialist 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 and is surrounded by 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 - and an unforgettable seafood, champagne and oyster bar known as The Twankey. 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.

Overnight at THE TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (Meals Aloft) www.tajhotels.com



DAY 3~TUESDAY~SEPTEMBER 11

CAPE TOWN: CAPE PENINSULA/KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDENS

After breakfast this morning, board your luxury motorcoach for a coastal drive to the Cape of Good Hope. As you drive along the Cape Peninsula, you are surrounded by spectacular mountains, rugged shorelines, a variety of flowering plants, and the blue sea - breathtaking is the only word that comes to mind. 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. See Devil's Peak, Lion's Head, Table Mountain and the Twelve Apostles. At Cape Point, you can climb the steps or ride a funicular to the top. Take a close look at the

ocean – many times you may see southern right whales in the spring and early summer, dolphins, and a variety of seabirds. At the Cape of Good Hope, the incredible scenery makes for an excellent group photo.

Covering over 19,000 acres, the reserve houses a truly astonishing variety of plant species – heath, sedges, ericas, milkwood trees, succulents, proteas, ground orchids and many more. About 1,200 different plant species have been identified in the reserve – nearly half of those found in the Cape Peninsula – 30 of which are considered endangered or rare. It is said that this area contains more floral species than the whole of the British Isles. Look for the distinctive orange found in leucospermums, one of the rarest types of proteas – the mimites, marvel at the helicrysums and pelarganium callulums, and enjoys the ericas, phenacomias and fine bush which the Dutch called “fynbos”. And although it is regarded as a botanical reserve, there is an extensive network of roads allowing visitors to view animals such as grey rhebok, Cape grysbok, Cape mountain zebra, bontebok, eland, red hartebeest, duiker, chacma baboon, Cape fox, caracal,



rock dassie and porcupine. One can find 250 species of birds in the reserve, ranging from ostriches to minuscule sunbirds. At Olifants Bay, look for Oystercatchers, and enjoy some superb birding. One of the reserve's most interesting creatures is the endangered sago-belly frog which lives in a few shallow, freshwater pools in a specially protected area. A marine reserve reaches out to sea on the western coast of the reserve and there is a distinct difference between the marine life on the western shore and that found on the eastern shore.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and continue to Boulders Beach. This beautiful spot on Cape Peninsula is framed by scenic white beaches that are protected by large granite boulders. It is also where the African (Jackass) Penguins can be seen – also known as the

black-footed penguins. These are flightless seabirds, found nowhere else in the world except off the coast of Southern Africa – the only penguins found in this continent. Take 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 they're used to human presence, you can get within a few feet of them in safety to the birds as you're on the platform, and it is sometimes possible to view them nesting as they tend to hide themselves behind rocks and bushes.

Later you'll have a chance to take a guided tour of 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 natural forest that extend 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. Return to your hotel in the evening to enjoy dinner on your own at one of Cape Town's many wonderful restaurants.
Overnight at THE TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 4~WEDNESDAY~SEPTEMBER 12
CAPE TOWN: DAY AT LEISURE

GREAT WHITE SHARK-CAGE DIVING (FALSE BAY) - OPTIONAL TOUR (385 PP ADDITIONAL)

MINIMUM 2 PASSENGERS



Feel the exposure of free diving while remaining safe inside the cage. The tour departs at 7am from Simon's Town which is only 45 minutes' drive from Cape Town and returns to Simons Town at 12:30pm. The trip focus on the natural predation and breaching as well as shark cage diving. The expedition operates in small groups and takes a maximum of 12 guests per trip. As the groups are small, the tour provides an intimate experience as well as having the opportunity to pass on knowledge and passion for the sharks and the area. The cage is fixed to the boat and guests are allowed to snorkel in the cage (diving certification is not required for this purpose). Trip includes dive gear & light lunch, snacks, fruits and refreshments on board.

GREAT WHITE SHARK-CAGE DIVING (GANSBAAI) - OPTIONAL FULL DAY TOUR (260 PP ADDITIONAL)

MINIMUM 2 PASSENGERS- MAXIMUM 7 PASSENGERS

Your shark cage dive takes place in shark alley Gansbaai - just outside Cape Town, where an abundance of great white sharks is prevalent, due to the amount of their primary food source-seals. Highlights of this full day tour include: scenic drive to Gansbaai; breakfast at 'The Great White House' where the dive master gives a full briefing about the day's procedures; anchoring at Dyer Island and Geyser Rock, which boasts a large Cape Fur seal colony; watching the crew lure the sharks with chum to the boat; lowering the cage into the water when the first shark arrives; picnic lunch on board the boat.

ROBBEN ISLAND/ KHAYELITSHA (CAPE FLATS) OPTIONAL TOUR (\$300 PP ADDITIONAL)

Your day is at leisure to explore Cape Town on your own. An optional excursion will be offered to Robben Island and New Hope Township at a cost of \$300.

Today you will visit one of the most symbolically significant and moving sights in South Africa, Robben Island. For nearly 400 years, Robben Island was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. It was here that rulers sent those they regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society. During the apartheid years Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality. The duty of those who ran the Island and its prison was to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. Some freedom fighters, including former President Nelson Mandela, spent more than a quarter of a century in prison for their beliefs. Those imprisoned on the Island succeeded on a psychological and political level in turning a prison 'hell-hole'



into a symbol of freedom and personal liberation. In 1997 Robben Island became a National Museum and National Monument. The Museum is a dynamic institution, which runs educational programs for schools, youths and adults, facilitates tourism development, conducts ongoing research related to the Island and fulfills an archiving function. It was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1999. Tours are conducted by former prisoners of Robben Island, who bring to life this South African heritage, which speaks of heroic endurance and triumph of the human spirit in the face of enormous hardship and adversity.

Return to the mainland and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant, sampling typical African food and hospitality in an authentic setting.

Proceed to the settlement of Khayelitsha, on the Cape Flats. Khayelitsha means "new hope" and was established in 1984 during the tribal war outbreak in informal settlements. Like many other townships, it was created during the apartheid era as a dormitory area for the working class. Today residents continue to face challenges of HIV/AIDS and poverty in post-apartheid South Africa.

You will meet your guide, founder Vivian Zilo, and spend time with her gaining a personal insight into her work in the community and learning more about the area in which they live. Vivian established the Iliso Care Society in June 2005 when she solicited the help of four other women to begin providing services to her community. The mission of the Iliso Care Society is to fight poverty, encourage community empowerment, organize workshops for youth, provide safety and care for orphans and vulnerable children, the elderly and school children. ICS started giving meals to over 100 beneficiaries once a day from Monday through Friday, but the numbers were increasing each and every day. Today, Vivian brings new hope to the people of Khayelitsha and you will get a chance to experience this first hand.

Overnight at the TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL. (B)



DAYS 5/6~THURSDAY/FRIDAY~SEPTEMBER 13/14

CAPE TOWN~TABLE MOUNTAIN/GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE

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, easily one of the most recognizable mountains. This tour is very dependent on the wind factor, as well as the clouds. Many times a cloud covers 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 most stately 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 wild flowers 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.

Afterwards, venture off to Grootbos a pristine botanical reserve that has some of the most beautiful wild flowers and striking landscapes to be seen. Your guide will explain fynbos in better detail, the seasonal fluctuations, what effect fire has on the plants and animals and why fynbos requires fire for succession.



This area of coast is prime whale breeding and calving grounds and every year between July and November (even mid-December) many Southern Right whales come here. It is a sight to behold especially when they are so close into shore that you can smell their fishy breath! Late afternoon you will enjoy a spectacular sun set over Walker Bay, casting warm orange hues over all in its path. Sunrise is no less spectacular and makes for magnificent landscape or floral photography. Explore the reserve on foot, horseback or in an open 4x4 vehicle taking in the different eco-zones and Table Mountain sandstone geological structures. Take a stroll through one of the precious cool afro-montane forests, south facing fire resistant plant communities similar to tall tropical rain forests living in pockets on steep hills.

Grootbos Garden Lodge is situated just past Hermanus, overlooking Walker Bay and Cape Point. It's also a short distance from the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas, and is located on the best whale-watching coast in South Africa. The lodge offers eleven luxury suites, each adorned with rich textures, spacious sunny bathrooms and living rooms with cozy fireplaces, mini bar, tea & coffee making facilities as well as wooden decks with spectacular views. Awaken to the calls of forest birds as the cottages are set among ancient milk wood trees deep in the nature reserve.



Chefs conjure up gourmet dishes with fish caught that day, fresh vegetables and succulent meats enhanced with flavors from the flourishing herb garden. Award-winning South African wines compliment the dinner, which is served by candlelight at the restaurant with unbeatable sea views

Overnights at THE GROOTBOS GARDEN LODGE. (All Meals Daily) <http://www.grootbos.com/en/home/>

DAY 7~SATURDAY~SEPTEMBER 15

WINELANDS

Today you leave Grootbos and travel into the Winelands region of the Cape. Discover the internationally acclaimed vineyards of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek on the Western Cape, along a most scenic route. A stop at the historic estate of Boschendal will introduce you to some of the most brilliantly preserved Cape Dutch buildings in the Cape and its collection of priceless period furniture. At Franschhoek, discover lovely antique shops and gardens, nestled in the "Valley of the Huguenots" where the French first settled in 1688. You will also explore the university town of Stellenbosch,

the oldest town in South Africa after Cape Town, undoubtedly the most scenic and historically-preserved town in Southern Africa. Oak-lined streets next to water furrows compliment the many fine examples of elegant Cape Dutch, Victorian and Georgian architecture – all part of this unique "Town of Oaks".



The Grande Roche of Paarl and Bosman's Restaurant on the premises have become legendary on the local hospitality scene for having won a formidable array of awards and culinary accolades since its opening in January 1992. This gem of South Africa is set on a gentle slope overlooking vineyards and rugged mountains. The manor house and its sprawl of individually decorated suites are a gentle alternative to the hurly-burly of big city life. It is the hotel's subtle attention to detail that sets it apart from the rest. All suites are equipped with air-conditioning, heating facilities, mini bar, radio, television, and direct dial telephone. Bathrooms are en suite and offer all amenities. The estate also offers a Kraal pool, fitness pool, massage room, sauna and steam bath, and pool with quiet suntan area. Overnight at GRANDE ROCHE. (B) <http://www.granderoche.com>

DAYS 8/9/10~ SUNDAY/MONDAY/TUESDAY~SEPTEMBER 16/17/18

SABI SAND GAME RESERVE/LION SANDS GAME RESERVE

Leave the White River behind you and transfer to the Sabi Sand region, adjacent to Kruger National Park, and one of the most prolific spots in Africa for viewing wildlife. The game-rich 139,000 acre Sabi Sand Game Reserve, formed in 1950, shares 31 miles of unfenced boundary with Kruger National Park; therefore animals are at liberty to wander in and out as they wish. Most of the game in Sabi Sand tend to stay put however because both the Sand and Sabi Rivers supply much needed water in the dry season, thus creating an eco-system with one of the highest and most bio-diverse wildlife populations in Southern Africa. Spotting the 'Big Five' (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, buffalo and elephant) is an easy task as well as numerous other animals and birds, including a diversity of summer migrants.

The characteristic species of the Sabi Sand are impala, greater kudu, giraffe, buffalo, lion and leopard. Lions are the only truly social members of the cat family, and sightings of lion prides are the order of the day here. Open water channels and pools are favored by hippo while reed beds are favored by buffalo and elephant. Riverine forest along the river is green all year round, and is the haunt of leopard, greater bush baby (galago) and bushbuck. The dainty-hoofed klipspringer and rock dassie (hyrax) are the only larger mammals restricted to rocky outcrops in the Sabi Sand. Chacma baboons use the outcrops as vantage points.



The Lions Sands River Lodge is nestled on the banks of the Sabi River and is the soul of Lion Sands. It is positioned on a site with trees dating back 800 years. The lodge is about spirit, warmth, nature and relaxation as it faces due east, catching the sun as it rises over the Kruger National Park. Each of the 18 luxurious thatched bedrooms offer respite and protection from the Lowveld heat and feature an en-suite bathroom, outdoor and inside shower as well as a wooden viewing deck. The bedroom area is cooled with air-conditioning and an overhead fan. All rooms have mini-bar and telephone access and are linked

to all areas by raised wooden walkways. The lodge's swimming pool is arguably the best wildlife viewing spot with an uninterrupted view of the river and the rising bush beyond, making it a welcome spot to catch a glimpse of an elephant or giraffe. Other havens include the health spa on premises, secluded bird hide, private hammocks and a comfortable lounge area.

Overnights at the LION SANDS RIVER LODGE. (All Meals Daily)

DAY 11~WEDNESDAY~SEPTEMBER 19

JOHANNESBURG



Transfer to the airport today for your flight (*approximately 2:00pm*) to Johannesburg. Often called Jo'burg, Johannesburg is the country's largest city and financial center with ultra modern skyscrapers and a bustling way of life. It is the city of gold, as its claim to fame is the gold that was discovered close-by. There are many things to do in Johannesburg – relax, shop, sightsee and take in the local flavor.

The Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa in Sandton is situated in the heart of Sandton, the exclusive residential and business area north of Johannesburg. Set in an attractive, landscaped garden with an outdoor swimming pool, the hotel provides an informal atmosphere which is combined with efficient service. There are 40 opulent, world-class suites, individually decorated with beautiful hand-painted techniques, high

corniced ceilings, sumptuous fabrics and custom designed period furniture. A large, fully equipped gym and a newly built Balinese spa promotes the principles of holistic healing in a pampering environment. A large crystalline swimming pool is set in the expansive tree-lined garden.

Overnight at FAIRLAWNS SANDTON HOTEL. (B) <http://www.fairlawns.co.za/>

DAY 12~THURSDAY~SEPTEMBER 20

JOHANNESBURG ~ SOWETO & APARTHEID MUSEUM/EN ROUTE

Get ready for an exciting day as you travel back in time to revisit South Africa's history with a trip to the Mandela Family Museum, the Apartheid Museum and Hector Peterson Square in Soweto. Once the home of Nobel Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela, the Mandela Family Museum is now comprised of memorabilia from world leaders and scholars, paintings and photographs of the Mandela family. The Apartheid Museum reflects on segregation and the birth of the democratic country that rose out of this dark period while the memorial to slain 12-year-old, Hector Peterson, for resisting police and the Apartheid government reminds us of those brave and innocent souls lost in the fight for equality.



For anyone wanting to understand and experience what South Africa was really like, a visit to the Apartheid Museum is fundamental. The museum is a beacon of hope showing the world how South Africa is coming to terms with the past and working towards a future that all South African's can call their own. This newly built museum illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid. Visitors walk through the 22 individual exhibition areas, which contain film footage, photographs, text panels and artifacts illustrating the events and human stories behind apartheid. The Apartheid Museum is the story of the triumph of the human spirit over adversity.



This afternoon, visit the black suburb of Soweto (the name is an abbreviation of Southwestern Townships) for a look at all types of neighborhoods, ranging from shanty towns and worker's hostels to the modern home of Nelson Mandela (he lived there for only a short while upon his release from prison, and it's where Winnie, his ex-wife, now lives.) You can also see Mandela's earlier and more humble home, where he lived when he was arrested all those years ago.

This evening you are transferred to Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport where you will board your South African Airways overnight flight to the USA. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 13~FRIDAY~SEPTEMBER 21

WASHINGTON D.C.

This morning you land in Washington D.C. bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO VICTORIA FALLS~ZIMBABWE

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Tonight, bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to the USA and prepare for your next adventure.

Overnight at FAIRLAWNS SANDTON HOTEL. (B)

DAY 13~FRIDAY~SEPTEMBER 21 JOHANNESBURG/VICTORIA FALLS

Your flight this morning takes you to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and the mighty Victoria Falls. At more than twice the size of Niagara Falls it's no surprise that Victoria Falls are among the Seven Wonders of the World. Mosi-oa-Tunya - The Smoke that Thunders, derived from the towering column of spray when the Zambezi River runs high, is the name that Zimbabwe's local people have given to this awesome natural phenomenon.

The name is probably more appropriate and descriptive than "Victoria", which has a far too calm and composed ring to it to do justice to the masses of thundering, swirling water of these spectacular Falls. But all Dr. David Livingstone probably thought of when he named the Falls after his Queen in 1855 was his royal duty. Five separate falls make up this incredible spectacle that plunges more than 328 feet into a sheer-sided chasm which separates Zimbabwe from Zambia. The awe-inspiring abyss is spanned by a 1905 Edwardian bridge which links the two countries and many adventurers now use to bungee jump. The masses of water plunging down the Falls and into the gorge below originate from the mighty Zambezi River that meanders through more than 1,677 miles of African countryside.

The Victoria Falls Hotel is the 'Grand Dame' of Victoria Falls. For almost 100 years, visiting members of the royal families, international and local statesmen, and celebrities worldwide, have flocked to the Victoria Falls Hotel, where they are



assured of privacy and care in an atmosphere steeped in history, combining the charm of the old with all the comfort and convenience of today. It is one hotel that can truly claim to be unique. Through the years, the 'Vic Falls Hotel' has enjoyed various renovations, but has lost none of its earlier charm. In fact, much of the hotel has been meticulously brought back to its former grandeur using original photos and plans. The architecture reflects Edwardian style at its height with numerous corridors, archways, and columns, and extensive wood paneling. The hotel is set on verdant lawns, adorned with beautiful flowers, shrubs and indigenous trees. There is a lovely brick terrace at the top of the garden from where guests can relax in deep wicker chairs and look out to the famous railway bridge enveloped in the mist of the falls. The en-suite bedrooms are also

constructed in the style of the Edwardian era, many with period antiques. Well decorated and very comfortable, they are a welcome reward after a full-day of sightseeing. The Edwardian theme is further reflected in the bathroom's black and white tiling, and claw foot bathtub.

Overnight at the VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL. (B,D)

DAY 14~SATURDAY~SEPTEMBER 22

VICTORIA FALLS/CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA, EXCURSION

Today enjoy a full day excursion into Chobe National Park, known as a symbol for so many of the things that are unusual, exciting and interesting in Botswana. It is the second largest park in Botswana, and the first declared national park. It can be divided into four main focal points. Chobe River front with floodplains and teak forest, Savuti Marsh in the west, the Linyanti swamps in the northwest, and the hot, dry hinterland in between. The park covers a wide variety of country; riverine forest, floodplain, periodic marsh, mopane and miombo woodland and a few rocky outcrops. Such a diversity of habitats implies a wide variety of wildlife, which ranges from water animals such as hippo, crocodile, otter and fish, to forest and dryland species such as elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra 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 reedbeek. 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.

A major feature of Chobe National Park is its overabundance of elephant often seen at the river front bathing in the water. Vast numbers of elephant come down to drink in the late afternoons and it is possible to see as many as one thousand of



these magnificent animals in a two-hour game drive. The Chobe elephant comprise part of what is probably the largest surviving continuous elephant population, covering most of northern Botswana and northwestern Zimbabwe. Botswana's elephant population is currently estimated at around 120,000, which has built up steadily from a few thousand in the early 1900s and has escaped the massive illegal off take that has decimated other populations in the 1970s and 1980s. These elephants are migratory, making seasonal movements of up to 124 miles from the Chobe and Linyanti Rivers, where they concentrate in the dry season, to the pans in the southeast of the park, to which they disperse in the rains. 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. Return to your hotel in the evening in time for dinner.

Overnight at the VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 15~SUNDAY~SEPTEMBER 23

VICTORIA FALLS

Spend the morning touring the Falls on the Zimbabwean side. An afternoon sundowner cruise on a private boat 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 or pose for a photograph on the branches, and much more. Enjoy your gin and tonic, cool beer, or 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.

You'll also get a chance to visit an authentic native village to see how the local people live. You will be escorted by your English-speaking village guide, seeing a culture and ways of life that remains virtually unchanged through the ages. View their daily rituals, from the women cooking and mending their huts, to the artistic woodcarvings created right in front of you by the village artisans. Smiling children scatter about and you are welcome to mingle and take photographs. Long after you've left, this cultural visit will remain with you,



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as you'll feel as though you've experienced a different part of Africa, quite essential if you're to understand the complexity of this continent.



Your farewell dinner tonight will be at the Boma which provides a unique cultural experience that bombards the senses with the tastes, sights, sounds and smells of Africa – together with the warmth and hospitality of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and its people. Overnight at the VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL. (B,D)

DAY 16~MONDAY~SEPTEMBER 24

VICTORIA FALLS/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE

Your morning is at leisure to enjoy the Falls on your own, before transferring to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg and home. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 17~TUESDAY~SEPTEMBER 25

WASHINGTON D.C.

This morning you land in the USA and connect with your flight home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)



INCLUSIONS

- Superior accommodations throughout at hotels, lodges and tented camps as listed in the itinerary, or similar.
- Flight between Cape Town/Mpumalanga/Johannesburg on the main program.
- Breakfasts daily, all meals while on safari and other meals as indicated in itinerary.
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned minibus.
- Complimentary bottled water in safari vehicle.
- All applicable hotel/lodge gratuities and taxes.
- Professional Naturalist with a minimum of 10 passengers on the main program.
- Bill Simpkins with a minimum of 10 travelers on both the main and extension program.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round-trip air from Washington D.C. to Cape Town returning from Johannesburg. (Quoted separately)
- U.S. and foreign airport taxes
- Round-trip flight Johannesburg Victoria Falls. (Quoted separately)
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for South Africa. Visas are required for Zimbabwe.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,
But Is Subject To Change.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA

Participants:

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles or minibuses, small aircraft and boats/canoes unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-8 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.

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. That being said, 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 city for this program is Cape Town and the end city 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.



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YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: CAPE TOWN, GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE, WINELANDS, SABI SANDS GAME RESERVE & JOHANNESBURG

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN WASHINGTON, DC

ESCORTED BY: BILL SIMPKINS, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

DATES: SEPTEMBER 9 TO 21, 2012

COST: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	POST EXTENSION BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND PACKAGE ONLY	\$6,595 PER PERSON	\$1,995 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,995 PER PERSON	\$695 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM WASHINGTON D.C.	\$2,000 PER PERSON	N/A
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE TAXES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$595 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
FLIGHT BETWEEN CAPE TOWN/MPUMALANGA/JOHANNESBURG IF INTERNATIONAL AIR IS NOT PURCHASED THROUGH CLASSIC ESCAPES	\$800 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
ROUND-TRIP FLIGHTS JOHANNESBURG/VICTORIA FALLS ON THE EXTENSION	N/A	\$650 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO & ROBBEN ISLAND & CAPE FLATS	\$300 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
OPTIONAL GREAT WHITE SHARK-CAGE DIVING (FALSE BAY)	\$385 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
OPTIONAL GREAT WHITE SHARK-CAGE DIVING (GANSBAAI) FULL DAY TOUR	\$260 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A

*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

**ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM OF 10 TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED. IF LESS THAN 10 TRAVELERS, THE FARE WILL INCREASE & GIVEN TO THE TRAVELERS PRIOR TO ISSUING THE TICKETS, APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

DEPARTURE CITIES: WASHINGTON D.C.

(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT ADDITIONAL COST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377, together with a deposit of \$750 per person for the main program and \$250 for the extension. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your safari. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 95 days prior to departure (June 6, 2012). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip, economy-class jet transportation from WASHINGTON D.C. via SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS and/or other IATAN carriers. Rates based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

AIRLINE SEATING: For **South African Airways**, we request seats together for the group. All planes are nonsmoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however, this is only a request and not 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. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made, however, this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: At time of publication, **South African Airways** is partners with BMI British Midland, Delta Air Lines, El Al, Emirates, Lufthansa, Qantas, South African Airlink, Airlink Swaziland, South African Express Airways, SAS, Sri Lankan Airlines, Thai Airways, Varig Brasil. Therefore you may obtain frequent flyer mileage. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

BAGGAGE: International flights from the U.S. allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 lbs. However, we recommend you travel as light as you can manage, as it is more comfortable for you. Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal as they stow best in vehicles. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and 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 can change for similar lodging.

SINGLE-ROOM SUPPLEMENT: Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms are requested, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost). The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. 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.

MEALS: American breakfast daily. All other meals as specified in the itinerary.

TRANSFERS: Round-trip transfers of travelers between airports and hotels is included in the tour when arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TIPS AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and tented camps, and entrance fees to all reserves as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in the airfare cost and are subject to change prior to issuance of tickets. Tips to driver/guides and specialist-guide are not included.

INOCULATIONS: We would suggest you contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to inoculations. At the time of printing, no vaccinations are required for entry into Southern Africa. However, it is a sensible precaution for visitors to take one of the preventive pills that are in common use against malaria. Water is NOT safe to drink throughout and it is always advisable to drink bottled water which will be provided for you free of charge in the vehicles and during safari.

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of November 9, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 28 travelers, including Organization escort). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

ESCORT: Group will be accompanied by Bill Simpkins from the National Aquarium DC with a minimum of 10 travelers.

TRIP INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

INVOICING: Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (June 6, 2012).

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$750 per person for the main program and \$250 for the extension must be submitted with each application. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 95 days prior to departure (June 5, 2012).

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this safari:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 94-80 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 79-65 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extensions.
- Less than 65 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.**

DEVIATIONS: Should additional reservations be required, including extensions in other countries in Africa, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of \$150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides and specialist-guide as well as other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage, and tour-cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

WILD ANIMALS: Please be aware that this safari may take you into close contact with wild animals. Attacks by wild animals are rare, but no safari into the wilderness can guarantee that this will not occur. Neither the company, nor their employees, nor agents can be held responsible for any injury or incident on the safari. Please note that not all camps are fenced.

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff, and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas not held by the guests, nor for the cost of visas.

RESPONSIBILITY: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through, or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price, or other details, and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal, or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government, or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking, and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking, and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

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

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules, it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right, and in fact is obliged, to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields, and in wildlife areas, by wildlife migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund, either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or

excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

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. If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness, etc., we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to, and shall be governed by and construed according to, the laws of the country in which the safari takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or number of changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE PACKAGE: Classic Escapes offers a comprehensive insurance package, which allows the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion to be waived if purchased within 7 days of the initial trip payment. Details can be found on our website at <http://www.classicescapes.com/insurance.html>. or call our office for more details (800-627-1244). If obtaining this pre-existing condition waiver is not of importance to you, you may opt to wait until you receive your pre-departure packet of information which will include details on the insurance package.

INSURANCE PREMIUM: See premium schedule below, or call us for the exact amount and information on the policy. This is applicable to all coverage contained in the policy. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium. In the event that a claim is filed, the injury or illness must be substantiated to the Claims Department.

The cost of your insurance premium is based on the TOTAL cost of your trip including: the main itinerary, airfare, airline taxes, single supplements, optional excursions and optional extensions. The premium for your tour will be calculated as follows:

TOTAL TOUR COST	PREMIUM PER PERSON
\$6,001 - \$6,500	\$488
\$6,501 - \$7,000	\$522
\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$585
\$8,001 - \$9,000	\$662
\$9,001 - \$10,000	\$ 738
\$10,001 - \$ 11,000	\$ 813
\$11,001 - \$ 12,000	\$ 893
\$12,001 - \$ 13,000	\$ 970

Please contact Classic Escapes if you have any questions or need assistance calculating your premium.

PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTI



RESERVATION FORM:

(PLEASE PRINT) NATIONAL AQUARIUM DC ~ SOUTH AFRICA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Discovery Journey to South Africa departing on September 9, 2012. Cost is \$6,595 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Washington D.C. is \$2,000 plus departure taxes. (As of November 9, 2011 - *subject to change*). Please check the page titled "Your Journey at a Glance" for important information regarding the prices, should the minimum amounts for the main trip and the extensions not be reached. Travelers will be re-invoiced approximately three months prior to departure for the appropriate amount indicated.

Final payment due date is: June 6, 2012

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

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): Dr. Mrs. Ms. _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Dr. Mrs. Ms. _____

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

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL 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.

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 National Aquarium D.C. or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single-room supplement amount. I prefer to share with: Smoker Nonsmoker

I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single-room supplement additional cost of:

\$1,995 for the main trip \$695 for the post-trip extension

\$300 for the optional Cape Flats & Robben Island excursion

\$385 for the optional Great White Shark cage diving-False Bay

\$260 for the optional Great White Shark cage diving-Gansbaai

I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:

\$1,995 for the Victoria Falls post-trip extension, plus \$650 in airfare

Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from Washington D.C. via South African Airways.

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** Aisle 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 airport check-in only. 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. 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.*

I/We will make our own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

How did you hear about this trip? _____

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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.
58-25 Queens Blvd.
Woodside, NY 11377

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference.)



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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

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 which 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 on this tour I am making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of November 9, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 94-80 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 79-65 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extensions.
- Less than 65 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires 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.