NC State Alumni Association presents

AFRICA’S WILDLIFE
On Safari in Botswana, Zambia & Victoria Falls

October 9-22, 2016

14 days from $7,554 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC
($6,595 air, land & safari inclusive plus $959 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.

A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni and Friends of North Carolina State University
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on a unique, 14-day African adventure to explore some of the world's most exotic locales and wildlife. Visit Zimbabwe's spectacular Victoria Falls and embark on safari to Botswana's Chobe National Park and Zambia's remote Lower Zambezi National Park.

Begin at Johannesburg with a full day of touring Soweto, including a visit to the home of Nelson Mandela (now a museum). Then fly to Victoria Falls to admire the thundering waters. Enjoy sensational game-viewing at Chobe National Park, boasting one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in all of Africa. Finally, travel to Zambia for game-viewing at remote Lower Zambezi National Park, enjoying open vehicle game drives, guided canoe trips, and sunset river cruises. An optional post-tour extension to beautiful Cape Town is also available.

We are pleased to share this departure with William and Mary University. Space is limited to a total of 24 guests. We encourage you to register today to guarantee your place on this special journey to Africa!

Sincerely,

Kathy Hart
Associate Executive Director
Wolf Treks Coordinator

NC STATE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: AFRICA’S WILDLIFE

Enclosed is my/our deposit of $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Africa’s Wildlife departing October 9, 2016. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send (with completed registration form) to: NC State Alumni Association, Box 7503, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7503. Or call toll-free at 1-800-627-2586 or 1-919-515-0508. Please ask for Kathy Hart. You may also fax your reservation form to Kathy Hart at 1-919-513-7804.

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Please book my/our air from _________________________________. I will share a room with ___________________________________. I/we request a Business Class upgrade q I/we request an upgrade to a Deluxe tent q Suite at the Royal Zambezi Lodge q I request a single room (limited availability) q

Post-Tour “Cape Town” Extension: Please sign me/us up  q

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Africa’s Wildlife, October 9-22, 2016, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________ Date _________________

Method of Payment  q Check  q American Express  q Discover  q MasterCard  q VISA

Account # ____________________________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date _______________

Name of Cardholder ________________________________________________________________________________

Signature ________________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due by July 6, 2016, and is payable by check or credit card.
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A glimpse of a world primeval awaits on this singular safari to Botswana’s Chobe National Park, where elephants preside; Zimbabwe’s dazzling Victoria Falls and private game reserve; and Zambia’s exceptional Lower Zambezi National Park, a remote jewel of an unspoiled preserve.

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

Day 2: Arrive Johannesburg Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in the suburb of Rosebank.

Day 3: Johannesburg/Soweto We meet our fellow travelers today as we embark on a tour of the Soweto district of Johannesburg. Here we see the home of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu; visit Nelson Mandela’s home, which is now a museum; and tour the moving Hector Pieterson Memorial and Museum, where we learn more about apartheid and the Soweto uprising of 1976. Then we hear fascinating stories from a local Sowetan who was present during the uprising, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner together. **B,L,D**

Day 4: Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe We fly today to Livingstone, Zambia, then transfer to Victoria Falls and our deluxe hotel located in the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve. This afternoon we see for ourselves the thundering falls, first “discovered” by David Livingstone and claimed for Queen Victoria in 1855. With its 300-foot-deep gorge and soaking spray, “Vic” Falls is a wonder of the natural world. **B,D**

Day 5: Victoria Falls This morning we enjoy two small group highlights: an elephant-back safari through the bush in the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve and a game drive to spot the elusive black rhino. Both thrilling and safe, these experiences serve to educate visitors about the increasing threats to Africa’s wildlife. Late afternoon we embark on a “Sundowner” dinner cruise on the Zambezi. **B,D**

Day 6: Victoria Falls After a morning visit to Victoria Falls town and a local village and school, this afternoon is at leisure at our deluxe hotel with its own watering hole and outdoor pool. Tonight we hear a fascinating guest speaker on “The Story of David Livingstone.” **B,D**

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Spectacular Victoria Falls … Sunset Zambezi River cruise … Elephant-back safari … Chobe National Park’s diverse and abundant game … Privately chartered flight to Lower Zambezi … Three-night stay in remote Lower Zambezi National Park, one of Africa’s last pristine wildernesses … Royal Zambezi Lodge’s game viewing activities: open-vehicle game drives, night game drives, sunset river cruises, guided canoe trips, fishing

Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating
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1 | Depart U.S. for Johannesburg |  |  
2-3 | Rosebank | 54 on Bath | Deluxe 
4-6 | Victoria Falls | The Stanley and Livingstone | Deluxe 
7-9 | Chobe Nat’l Park | Chobe Marina Lodge | Sup. First Class 
10-12 | Lower Zambezi National Park | Royal Zambezi Lodge | Deluxe 
13 | Lusaka/Depart for U.S. | Radisson Blu Lusaka (day room) | Sup. First Class 
14 | Arrive U.S. |  |  

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

Cover photo: We have multiple opportunities to see big game up close while on safari.
Day 7: Victoria Falls/Chobe National Park, Botswana

This morning we travel two hours by motorcoach to Botswana and Chobe National Park, boasting one of the largest concentrations of game in all of Africa. After settling in and enjoying lunch at our lodge, this afternoon we embark on a game-viewing boat safari on the Chobe River, where we may see hippo, crocs, some of the park’s 450 species of birds (including the sacred ibis, carmine bee-eaters, fish eagle, and kingfisher) and perhaps a beautiful Chobe sunset. We dine tonight at our lodge. **B,L,D**

Day 8: Chobe National Park

Known for its diverse terrain that attracts an exceptional array of wildlife – including the world’s largest elephant population (some 120,000), along with zebra, lion, giraffe, impala, wildebeest, and buffalo – Chobe covers 7,270 square miles of protected parkland. We’ll see a portion of this natural wonder on our early morning game drive and this afternoon’s boat safari. **B,L,D**

Day 9: Chobe National Park

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

Day 10: Chobe National Park/Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia

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

Day 11: Lower Zambezi National Park

A day of game viewing activities in this 1,600 square
mile park on the southern end of Zambia known for its 100-strong elephant herds, unusually large prides of lion, plus buffalo, waterbuck, antelope, impala, zebra, crocodile, hippo, kudu, warthog, eland, and leopard, among other wildlife; and where ebonies, leadwoods, figs, and acacias preside over the mineral-rich grassland. Together with Zimbabwe’s renowned Mana Pools Reserve situated across the river, the Lower Zambezi National Park forms a massive sanctuary and UNESCO World Heritage site where we’re certain to enjoy unparalleled game and bird viewing – and rarely see another person. B,L,D

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

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

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

Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 11 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Deluxe hotel; 9 nights in Deluxe and Superior First Class lodges
- 28 meals: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive game viewing as described, including all park entrance fees
- Mineral water while on safari
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for driver/guides, hotel and lodge staff, and porters

Main lodge (above) and private thatched tent, Royal Zambezi Lodge

"One does not cut the tusks of an elephant."
– African Proverb
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 tour 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 tour package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance (strongly recommended); 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 within 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

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

Responsibility: The liability of the NC State Alumni Association, 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 NC State Alumni Association 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 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 motorcoaches 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. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the NC State Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines 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 significantly higher price. 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 tour 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.