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CINCINNATI ZOO

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ESCORTED BY DAN MARSH, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND
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NOVEMBER 2 TO NOVEMBER 16, 2018
YOUR CINCINNATI ZOO ESCORT~ DAN MARSH, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS CINCINNATI ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Over the course of his professional career Dan Marsh has been a field researcher, bird trainer, zoo keeper, environmental educator and performer. His work has taken him abroad to Asia, Africa, Central America and South America. Dan has also lived in Japan and has traveled for pleasure widely. Despite all of his travel, Dan is firmly tied to his southern roots and is proud that he comes from a long line of Kentucky preachers, teachers and tobacco farmers!

A central theme of Dan’s approach to his work at the Cincinnati Zoo is to celebrate the successes we have seen in ensuring the survival of wildlife and wild places. In part, because we have accomplished so much over the past 115 years and because taking a positive outlook on the future is much more motivating than the pessimists path.

An avid traveler and wildlife watcher, Dan has three must have items on his packing list: a credit card, his passport and (most importantly) his binoculars.

Dan has a BA in Biology from the University of Louisville, and a MEd from the University of Cincinnati. He is the father of three children (Tom, Paul and Annise) and is the husband of Dr. Brenda Hunda - Invertebrate Paleontologist at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.
YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 2
CINCINNATI/EN ROUTE
Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight via Atlanta to Johannesburg. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 3
JOHANNESBURG
Upon arrival at the Johannesburg International Airport this afternoon, you will be met and escorted to your hotel. 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.

D'Oreale Grande is situated near Johannesburg International Airport, boasting luxurious accommodation, with palatial buildings set in a display of gardens, fountains and statues. Richly cloaked surroundings such as marble floors, plush carpets, magnificent stained-glass domes, highly decorated murals and frescos, sculptures, intricate mosaics and Roman columns and arches contribute to an atmosphere of intimacy, classical elegance and lavish opulence. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. Overnight at D’OREALE GRANDE. (Meals Aloft, D) www.doreale.com/

DAY 3~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 4
JOHANNESBURG/WINDHOEK
Your flight today takes you to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. With over 300,000 inhabitants, it is the biggest city in the country. In the afternoon, discover this pretty town which is beautifully situated in a valley, and combines the architecture of a modern city with numerous buildings in the style of the German colonial era. Early buildings such as the Alte Feste (old fort), Christuskirche and Tinenpalast (the parliament buildings) are of particular historical interest. One of the most remarkable features of Windhoek is the mountains and hills that encircle the city standing at 5,428 ft. above sea level.

Situated close to the Windhoek city center in a quiet, peaceful area, is your hotel for the evening. Each room at the Olive Grove Guest House features large verandahs with tables and chairs for al fresco dining. The open-air lounge, spa bath, plunge pool and tranquil garden all invite the visitor to unwind and relax under Namibia’s open skies. The inside lounge is tastefully decorated, with comfortable chairs and a fireplace in front of which to relax. The stunning open plan kitchen creates a homely feel while providing tasty meals. Overnight at OLIVE GROVE GUEST HOUSE. (B,D) www.olivegrovenamibia.com
Days 4/5~Monday/Tuesday~November 5/6
Windhoek/Otjiwarongo/Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

Begin your exploration of this picturesque country as you drive to Otjiwarongo. After checking into your hotel, your first game run is enjoyed with the lodge’s open vehicles. The farm boasts an abundance of game, including Eland and White Rhino, black wildebeest and hartebeest.

Next day, gain firsthand knowledge of one of Africa’s most critical conservation efforts. Namibia is home to the continent’s largest population of cheetahs, where they are endangered not only by their own genetic constraints, but also by their food source, which can include livestock belonging to local ranchers. In an effort to support this critically endangered cat, the Fund reaches out to the wild, where cheetahs struggle for survival, and this 44,480-acre farm in Namibia provides a permanent base of operations. Enjoy a chance to talk to the director of CCF, American conservationist Dr. Laurie Marker, who has devoted her life to the preservation of the cheetah, and learn about their research efforts, plus a unique chance to see and photograph rescued cheetahs. Dr. Marker is a recipient of San Diego Zoo Global’s prestigious Conservation Medal for Lifetime Achievement. She has been a member of the Society of Woman Geographers since 1990 and was awarded the Gold Medal in 2008, the highest honor given for original, innovative and pioneering contributions of major significance to the world’s knowledge and understanding of the universe in which we live.

Activities while at CCF will include a guided tour of the facility and Educational Centre, as well as a catered luncheon for your group. You’ll discover the stunning landscape of this region on a game drive. This is home to Kalahari gemsbok and the beautiful Waterberg Conservancy escarpment. You will meet the livestock and Anatolian dogs and learn how they help protect the wild cheetahs, and also experience the exercising and running of facility’s cheetahs up close as they chase their lure system.
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Your accommodation, the Frans Indongo Lodge, exudes the sense for life of northern Namibia’s people in a most charming way. Named after its owner, distinguished businessman Dr. Frans Indongo, it is modeled on traditional Ovambo homesteads and includes a restaurant and swimming pool. Items of daily use in Ovambo – earthen pots, voluminous storage baskets or original wooden figures – serve as decoration to emphasize the African theme, and lend a very special charm to the lodge, complemented by the interior decoration and color scheme of the six double rooms and the six generously proportioned chalets. All the rooms have their own bathroom, air-conditioner, fridge, hairdryer, telephone, television and an electric kettle for tea and coffee. The lush green garden is shaded by tall trees and sports an artificial brook, attracting a plethora of birdlife. You can have a refreshing dip into the swimming pool, and when the sun starts to set just before dinner you can retreat to the large wooden verandah at the bar or the little observation tower. Both are fabulous places for savoring the enchanting hour of dusk – and keeping an eye on the watering place which is illuminated at night. Nyala, black springbok and white blesbok, sable and roan antelope regularly put in an appearance. Overnight at the FRANS INDONGO LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) http://www.indongolodge.com/

DAYS 6/7~WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 7/8
ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK/MUSHARA LODGE

Your next adventure awaits as your scenic drive now takes you through the towns of Otjiwarongo, Otavi and Tsumeb and then to the eastern gate of Etosha, where you will find Mushara Lodge, your home for the next two nights. Etosha boasts great concentrations of game, especially in the dry winter months, with wonderful views out onto the salt pans which dominate the center of the park. Large herds of plains game gather around the waterholes in the dry season making for exciting game viewing. Species that can be seen year-round include elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah, giraffe, both Burchell's and Hartmann's zebra, wildebeest, springbok, oryx, kudu and the diminutive Damara dik-dik. Of the 114-mammal species found in the park, several are rare and endangered, such as black rhino and black-faced impala. The latter is endemic to northwestern Namibia and southwestern Angola. Etosha’s current population of approximately 300 black rhinos represents one of the few growing populations in the world. Etosha's elephants are reputed to be of the largest in Africa with the tallest measuring up to 13 feet at the shoulder, reappearing in the early 1950s after an absence of nearly half a century.
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Birdlife is also excellent with Ostrich and raptors in abundance. The huge Kori Bustard, weighing over 30 pounds, lives mostly on the ground as well, seldom summoning the strength to propel its enormous mass into flight. Yellow-billed Hornbills are common and over 300 more bird species have been spotted. In years of good rain, the salt pan becomes a temporary lagoon. Flamingos and White Pelicans wing in to breed. Local specials include the Short-toed Rockthrush, Hautlaubs Francolin, Rockrunner, Ruppells Parrot, White-tailed Shrike and Chesnut Weaver.

Mushara, the Oshidonga name for purple-pod terminalia tree which grows in abundance in the lodge grounds and surrounding area, is a luxury lodge offering its guests a unique experience. A major feature of Mushara is its large, tiled, bright blue swimming pool surrounded by green lawn which is occasionally visited by the resident wildlife. Around the swimming pool there are ten well-spaced thatched double chalets, each is spacious and furnished with many modern amenities such as air-conditioning, telephone and mini bar and feature en-suite facilities. The lodge has also one family unit, a triple room and two single rooms. Great attention has been paid to the décor, which is an eclectic blend of traditional African and modern art works combined with original paintings. At Mushara, the emphasis is on friendly, personalized service accompanied by excellent innovative dining. The thatched public area consists of a small library, bar with an extensive wine cellar, airy lounge with welcoming fireplace for chilly winter evenings, dining area and a well-stocked curio shop.

Overnights at the MUSHARA LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) https://www.mushara-lodge.com/

**DAYS 8/9~ FRIDAY/SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 9/10**

**Etosha National Park/Ongava Reserve**

Bid farewell to Mushara, as you’re picked up by open vehicles and enjoy an all-day drive through the Etosha pans to your next destination. Etosha is known for its many waterholes, and this is exactly what you will discover today. You will spend time in various waterholes marveling at the wide range of species that come to drink, and the predators who stalk them. You’ll enjoy a picnic lunch in the park and end your day on the other side of Etosha and the fabulous Ongava Game Reserve.
Etosha, Namibia’s premier park and one of Southern Africa’s most important wildlife reserves, was established in 1907, when Namibia was a German colony. At the time, the park’s original 38,500 square miles made it the largest game reserve in the world. Due to political changes since its original establishment, the park is somewhat less than a quarter of its original size, but still remains a very large and significant area in which wildlife is protected. The Etosha Pan dominates the park. The salt pan is roughly 80 miles long and as wide as 30 miles in places. The pan is usually dry, but fills with water briefly in the summer months, when it attracts pelicans and flamingos, in particular. The pan is believed to have originated millions of years ago as a shallow lake fed by the Kunene River. Now one can stare across the huge depression of salt and dusty clay to witness herds of wildebeest almost hidden behind the hazy heat waves. Savannah grassland, Mopani woodland and various Acacia trees with near-deadly spikes, which is where they get the name umbrella-thorn trees, surround the Pan. Salt, dust, thorns, and heat may make Etosha seem a forbidding place to human intruders, but mammal and bird species call it home by the hundreds.

Part of the Kalahari Basin, the park is dominated by a massive mineral pan of flat saline desert that originated over 12 million years ago, surrounded by Mopani woodland and savannah grassland. Currently, it holds water for only a brief period each year attracting scores of wading birds, including flamingo and pelican. This is big game country where elephant, giraffe, blue wildebeest, Burchell’s and Hartmann’s zebra and the rare black rhino roam the forbidding terrain. Abundant antelope, including the endemic black-faced impala share the precious grasslands with ostrich and Kori Bustard with lion, leopard and cheetah well-hidden nearby.
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Your camp is located in the private Ongava Reserve, created in the early 1990s when a group of Namibians, English, American and South African partners joined together and bought 74,000 acres of land on Etosha’s southern boundary. The aim of this venture was to create Namibia's finest private reserve and to create a buffer for Etosha along its southern boundary. Ongava (meaning rhinoceros in Herero) was born, and a massive rehabilitation and restocking program took place. White rhino was introduced and over time black rhino migrated onto the reserve. Many thousands of animals are now found on Ongava including elephant, giraffe, gemsbok, springbok, red hartebeest, eland, wildebeest, zebra and the rare black-faced impala. Lion, leopard and cheetah have also moved back onto Ongava Reserve. The area and vegetation is very different to the south-eastern and eastern part of the park and the Hartmann’s Mountain Zebra can be found here. In this area and with a more undulating landscape, it makes for a very different wildlife experience. White dust and clay which makes up the Etosha Pan turns to a reddish-brown soil during this time which may lead you to believe you have entered an entirely new park when you visit.

Ongava Lodge is comprised of twelve air-conditioned brick, rock and thatch chalets, each with en-suite facilities. Meals are either served in the main dining area under thatch with a view over the camp’s water hole, or on the dining deck under the stars. Activities include game drives in open 4x4 vehicles into the Okaukuejo area of Etosha where lion, elephant, cheetah, gemsbok, springbok and hartebeest can be seen at many of the waterholes in the park. In addition, hides and walks with armed guides are enjoyed on the private reserve. Ongava has resident white and Black rhino, giving guests staying at Ongava the unique opportunity to see both of these charismatic species.

Overnights at ONGAVA LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) http://www.ongava.com/ongava-lodge/

DAYS 10/11~SUNDAY/MONDAY~NOVEMBER 11/12
ONGAVA RESERVE/SOUTHERN DAMARALAND/TWYFELFONTEIN

Your drive takes you south into Damaraland, an area marked by steep mountain massifs that tower over meandering riverbeds and form the survival structure for desert elephant, black rhino and a myriad of free roaming antelope species. As you approach the flat-topped mountains of Damaraland, you know your next destination is in sight. The area presents endless vistas across stark plains, ancient valleys, and soaring peaks. The brooding mass of the Brandberg Mountains provides a focal point, almost 65 miles to the south. Early morning mists, generated by the meeting of the icy Atlantic and the warm landmass along the Skeleton Coast, drift inland along the river line, providing sustenance to varied life forms. The river flows only once or twice during the short rainy season, seldom breaking through the dunes to the ocean. Burnt Mountain is a fascinating formation of metamorphized shale burnt millions of years ago that dazzles with shimmering colors when hit by sunlight.
This afternoon, explore the rock engravings created on the red sandstone cliffs of Twyelfontein, inhabited by the stone-age hunter-gatherers of the Wilton stone age culture group since approximately 6,000 years ago. Around 2,000 to 2,500 years ago, the Khoikhoi, an ethnic group related to the San (Bushmen) came into the area who protected the rock art and created more of their own. There are over 5,000 rock engravings in this incredible spot which is a World Heritage site.

You will also get a chance to explore an ancient Petrified Forest complete with petrified bark, growth rings and wood grain which was brought down from Central Africa and established here 260 million years ago.

Very early next morning, go in search of desert-adapted elephant that roam dry riverbeds to witness their unique and playful behaviors, including sand baths. There’s other wildlife here, too, from springbok to giraffe, and an abundance of birdlife, including the Secretary Bird, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Booted Eagle and the endemic Rupell’s Korhaan. In 4x4 open vehicles, search for herds of steenbok, kudu and gemsbok.

Afterwards visit the Damara Living Museum. Here you will observe and experience the traditional Damara way of life right in the heart of their traditional homelands; a unique opportunity to see a way of life that is slowly dying out, and their way of preserving their identity.

In the heat, dust and stunning landscapes of Damaraland, there is a sanctuary – Mowani Mountain Camp, your home for the next two nights. Mowani is taken from the word M’wa-ne meaning “peace of God,” and it is here that you will find the true meaning of peace and tranquility. Your camp nestles among boulders in this area on a high spot with commanding views over the ancient landscape. The 13 tents with views across the valley or hill top vistas and two luxury suites, all with en suite facilities and decorated beautifully in East African style, are a great source of relaxation. Comfortably hidden in your own private hideaway, be pampered by crisp white linen, en suite bathrooms, and of course, your own wooden deck offering an open view of the wonderful Damara landscape. Overnight at MOWANI MOUNTAIN CAMP. (B,L,D Daily) http://www.mowani.com/.
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**Days 12/13~Tuesday/Wednesday~November 13/14**

**Damaraland/Swakopmund**

Leave the dry and arid inland behind and travel towards the infamous Skeleton Coast of Namibia. Stop at Cape Cross en route to Swakopmund to see the seals that make their home here by the thousands.

Then travel to charming Swakopmund, Namibia’s second largest city, dotted with charming Bavarian spires and elaborate Germanic architecture rising through the daily fog banks. One of the best-preserved examples of German colonial architecture in the world, Swakopmund was founded in 1892 as the main harbor for German Southwest Africa. It is one of the few places anywhere outside of Europe where a sizable minority of the population speaks German and has German roots. Now a city with around 35,000 inhabitants, Swakopmund is Namibia’s premier beach resort.

Swakopmund, with its fresh onshore breezes, is a welcome change from the aridity of the past days in Namibia, and you will no doubt want to wander along the city’s beaches or stroll through the thoroughly modern downtown shops. The beaches offer good opportunities to see birds such as the near-endemic Damara Tern, African Black Oystercatcher, Great Crested Grebe, and Chestnut-banded Plover. The city offers modern pubs and bakeries, and one of the best weaving spots in Africa to learn about the art and purchase colorful rugs to bring home. You will get a chance to discover all on a city sightseeing tour.

Next day presents a most interesting mix of sea and dunes as you travel to Walvis Bay to enjoy a morning dolphin boat cruise and look for flamingos that frequent the Lagoon. Inquisitive seals will swim up to your boat looking for something to eat. At Pelican Point entertainment is provided by a large seal colony and pods of Heavyside and Bottlenose Dolphins swimming alongside the boats. For bird lovers, apart from seeing flamingos, cormorants and pelicans, there are common sightings of White Chinned Petrel, Wilson’s Storm Petrel, Black Oystercatcher and even the African Penguin. Round off your adventure with fresh Walvis Bay oysters, snacks and cold sparkling wine served on board the boat.
Your tour cannot be complete without a dune tour, and that’s what you’ll get this afternoon. Namibia has some of the world’s highest dunes, and it is magical to sip your sparkling wine, have fresh oysters from the sea, and watch the magical sun going down. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Your home for the next two nights is the Strand Hotel, uniquely located on the historic and iconic Swakopmund Mole and surrounded on three sides by the Southern Atlantic Ocean. Its beautiful architecture is influenced by the Namibian German History, with residential interiors, allowing you to feel right at home.
Overnights at STRAND HOTEL. (B,L,D Daily)
http://www.namibian.org/travel/lodging/private/strand.htm

DAY 14~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 15
WALVIS BAY/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE
Enjoy one last breakfast in this beautiful country before returning to Johannesburg and boarding your overnight flight home. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 15~FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 16
CINCINNATI
This morning you land in the USA, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa. (Meals Aloft)
OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO SOSSUSVLEI

DAYS 14/15/16~THURSDAY/FRIDAY/SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 15/16/17

SWAKOPMUND/SOSSUSVLEI

Bid farewell to your fellow tour members who are returning to the USA and prepare to continue your adventure as you fly to Sossusvlei. In the Nama language, Namib means vast, which you will find to be an understatement. The Namib Desert, the world’s oldest arid region, has been around for over 80 million years and extends along Namibia’s entire Atlantic coast. Namib landscapes range from the mountainous red dunes in the south to the center’s interior plains and flat-topped, steep-sided, isolated mountains called inselbergs. The desert is scored by a number of rivers that rise in the Central Plateau but seldom carry water. The parched Namib Desert has endless orange dunes blown into razor sharp ridges by the sand-shifting wind. These dunes are some of the highest in the world, and just begging to be climbed barefoot. The older the dune, the brighter the color from slow iron oxidization and minute fragments of garnets. Animals, insects and plants have adapted to live in this generally inhospitable region and apart from infrequent rains, rely on the sea mist that rolls far inland for moisture.

The best time to see the dunes is at sunrise when the colors are magnetic from the rising sun. You’ll spend a good portion of the day in the park, viewing the various dunes, climbing and having fun at some of them, photographing the iconic Dead Vlei. Look for the animals that call this inhospitable land home – gemsbok, ostrich, springbok, black-backed jackal, and birds. Afterward, visit the Sesriem Canyon, a life sustaining natural phenomenon in the heart of the Namib Desert.

Activities over the next three days will include early morning guided nature drives to the spectacular. Nature drives and walks are also offered on the private reserve with incredible views, desert animals and smaller desert fauna and flora. On one of the days you will enjoy a horseback ride with sundowners. An option, at an extra cost – currently $715 per person and subject to change, is early morning ballooning, beginning at first light. The 60-90-minute balloon safari offers a truly unique experience to soar silently above the magnificent sand dunes and desert, with a champagne breakfast being served at your landing site.

Located on a private nature reserve near the Unesco World Heritage site “Namib Sand Sea,” the Desert Homestead Lodge offers comfortable hospitality in a natural atmosphere. Recently renovated, guests can expect upgrades with environment-friendly technology, such as solar power for electric and hot water. Other amenities offered are free internet and outdoor pool.

Overnights at DESERT HOMESTEAD LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) http://www.deserthomesteadlodge.com/?lang=en
DAY 17~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 18  
SOSSUSVLEI/WINDHOEK/JOHANNESBURG/EN ROUTE  
Depart on your flight back to Johannesburg, via Windhoek, where you will board your overnight flight to Cincinnati. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 18~MONDAY~NOVEMBER 19  
CINCINNATI  
This morning you land in the USA, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa.
Inclusions

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Flight between Swakopmund/ Sossusvlei, Sossusvlei/Windhoek on the post extension.
- All meals daily at camps. Other meals as indicated.
- All wildlife viewing by land cruisers, driven by professional driver/guides.
- Specialist guide will accompany the group on the main program only.
- Dan Marsh, Director of Education, will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main trip and 10 travelers on the extension.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles while touring.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities.
- All park and attractions entry fees.
- Complimentary passport wallet and luggage tags.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

Exclusions

- Roundtrip air transportation from Cincinnati to Johannesburg including estimated taxes & fuel surcharges (quoted separately).
- Flight from Johannesburg to Windhoek, returning from Walvis Bay (quoted separately).
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visa is required for Namibia or South Africa.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Gratuities to driver/guides, specialist guide, and other conveyance attendants.
- Alcoholic and other beverages not mentioned in itinerary.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

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

CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Participants
- Participants must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles unassisted, as well as into small aircraft. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for periods of time, as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and / or walk moderate distances for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns or various sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground, sand dunes, or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.
- Namibia is associated with heat, although not high humidity. You need to be able to tolerate high temperatures during the day. The temperature usually cools off considerably in the evenings.

General
- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations.
- Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, most locations on your itinerary are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.
- Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

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 and end city for this program 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:** Windhoek, Otjwarongo, Cheetah Conservation Fund, Etosha National Park, Ongava Reserve, Damaraland & Swakopmund. Post-Extension to Sossusvlei.

**Sponsored By:** Cincinnati Zoo

**Escorted By:** Dan Marsh, Director of Education

**Dates:** November 2 to 16, 2018

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*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Rate is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement may 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 City:** Cincinnati

(Other departure cities available upon request at additional cost)
CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of $1,000 per person for the main trip and $500 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (July 30, 2018) – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. 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. 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.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

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

- Up to July 30, 2018, $300 handling fee, plus $250 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
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These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

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.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of $150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder’s country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.
FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip, economy-class flights via DELTA AIR LINES and/or other IATAN carriers are between CINCINNATI, and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

AIRLINE SEATING: For DELTA AIR LINES, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be 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 about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: As mentioned, we work primarily with DELTA AIR LINES. For a list of the airline’s partners, visit http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/skymiles.html. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. 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 may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

INOCULATIONS: When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline’s policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this international weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light as the weight allowance on the small planes in Namibia is 44 pounds, including hand luggage and camera equipment. Further, only soft-sided duffel bags are accepted, without wheels, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: 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 trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip 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.
PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour 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 hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

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 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 trip 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 trip takes place. Classic Escapes act 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 changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip 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 trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest’s dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to enroll – [http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/](http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/). For any questions you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and refer to ARC #771298.

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during this trip through Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:
- Emergency evacuation insurance up to $100,000.
- Up to $25,000 medical expense and up to $500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Dear Traveler,

In an effort to help protect our planet, Classic Escapes has begun the transition of becoming paperless. We need your help getting there!

**Did you know?**

Recycling one ton of paper saves 20 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, three cubic yards of landfill space, 60 pounds of air pollutants, and saves enough energy to power the average home for six months…

Please indicate in the chart below whether or not you prefer to receive paperless correspondence from us – all you need to do is put a check under the “green” symbol for yes or a check under the “NO” for no.

Simply fax or email your responses to reservations@classicescapes.com!

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Your Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Trip Tour Code: **18AFZ1102/CINCY**

Together we can make the world a better place!

Thank you for your support,
Enclosed is my deposit for $_________ ($1,000 per person for the main trip and $500 for the extension) to hold _________ place(s) on the Adventure to Namibia departing on November 2, 2018. Cost is $7,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Cincinnati is $2,690 including departure taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

Final payment due date is: July 30, 2018

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): □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. __________________________ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) __/__/____
   Passport No. __________________________ Green Card No. __________________________ Expiration Date __/__/____ Nationality _______

2) NAME (As appears on passport): □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. __________________________ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) __/__/____
   Passport No. __________________________ Green Card No. __________________________ Expiration Date __/__/____ Nationality _______

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

STREET ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

CITY: __________________________ STATE: __________________ ZIP: ____________

PHONES: HOME: ( ) __________________________ OFFICE: ( ) __________________________ MOBILE: ( ) __________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: __________________________ FAX: ( ) __________________________

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

☐ 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 the CINCINNATI ZOO, or Classic Escapes cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single. I prefer to share with: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-smoker

☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
   ☐ $1,995 for the main trip ☐ $495 for the Sossusvlei post extension

☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of $2,995 for the Sossusvlei post extension

☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional Balloon safari at Sossusvlei at the current additional per person cost of $715

☐ Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from ________Cincinnati via Delta Air Lines.

☐ 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. The special rates negotiated by Classic Escapes are not upgradable.

☐ I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand I will be billed $520 for the internal air within Africa.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of July 14, 2017, and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. 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: _______________________

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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)
CINCINNATI ZOO – NAMIBIA  
NOVEMBER 2 TO 16, 2018

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:

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*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’m making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of July 14, 2017, and are subject to change. Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

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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.