The Association of Rice Alumni presents

TANZANIA ADVENTURE
Serengeti to Zanzibar
August 3-17, 2016

15 days for $8,243 total price from Houston
($7,695 air, land & safari inclusive plus $548 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Rice University

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree of Travel & Leisure's World's Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Rice alumni, parents, and friends,

We invite you to join us on a comprehensive small group tour of tranquil Tanzania. Your tour will encompass unparalleled game viewing, safari excursions, and other memorable adventures.

Your tour begins in Arusha, where you will enjoy an exciting afternoon game drive at Arusha National Park. Next, travel to Ngorongoro Conservation Area, wildlife haven and home of the semi-nomadic Maasai people, followed by a trip to the spectacular Ngorongoro Crater. After a stop at Olduvai Gorge, explore Serengeti National Park, where you’ll see plains dwellers such as the lion, cheetah, zebra, and wildebeest, along with other plains animals and some 500 species of birds. Fly to tropical Zanzibar, and make your way through its city’s narrow alleys lined with shops, homes, hidden courtyards, and intricately carved wooden doors. Shop for fresh exotic fruits and vegetables at its open air market, and tour a spice plantation. Fly to coastal Saadani National Park for a 3-night stay and enjoy game drives, river excursions, bird watching, and mountain biking. Your adventure concludes in Tanzania’s largest city, Dar es Salaam.

With space for only 18 Rice-affiliated guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this fascinating journey! I had the pleasure of visiting Tanzania last year with a group of Traveling Owls and for all, it was a trip of a lifetime. We hope you will join us on this special journey and experience the beauty and magic of Tanzania.

Warm Regards,

Dan Stypa
Associate Director of Alumni Programs
Office of Alumni Relations

RICE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: TANZANIA ADVENTURE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Tanzania Adventure departing August 3, 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, VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send with completed registration form to: RICE Alumni Traveling Owls – MS 520, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Or call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS or email travelingowls@rice.edu. You may also fax your reservation to 713-348-5210.

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Please book my/our air from ________________________                        I/we request a Business Class upgrade ❑
I will share a room with _____________________________                I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Tanzania Adventure, August 3-17, 2016, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature ________________________________________________________________ Date_____________________

Method of Payment  ❑ Check  ❑ American Express  ❑ Discover  ❑ MasterCard  ❑ VISA
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Final invoicing will be sent by the tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
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From the depths of Ngorongoro Crater to the Serengeti plains, exotic Zanzibar to coastal Saadani National Park, our small group encounters the breadth of peaceful Tanzania’s riches: abundant – and incredible – wildlife, tropical shores, varied cultures, and valued traditions. A safari to be savored; an adventure unequaled.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Arusha, Tanzania

Day 2: Arrive Arusha Upon arrival after midnight, we transfer directly to our hotel where our rooms are ready for early check in.

Day 3: Arusha At this morning’s briefing we learn about the journey ahead then set out on an afternoon game drive in Arusha National Park, where we may spot leopard, zebra, giraffe – and in the distance, possibly, snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Inside the park we’ll see Mt. Meru, Africa’s fifth highest peak at almost 15,000 feet. Tonight: a welcome dinner. B,L,D

Day 4: Arusha/Ngorongoro We depart today for Ngorongoro Conservation Area, wildlife haven and homeland of the semi-nomadic Maasai people. We arrive in time for lunch at our safari lodge uniquely set on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, blending in so much with the landscape as to be invisible from the crater floor. This afternoon we visit a local Maasai village, where we see their traditional pastoral lifestyle up close. B,L,D

Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater This morning we descend to the floor of magnificent Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO site and at 100 square miles the world’s largest intact and perfectly formed volcanic caldera. The unique biosphere here has remained unchanged for eons; towering walls encircle the crater’s floor which represents Africa in microcosm: grassland, swamps, lakes, forests, and some 25,000 mammals, including elephant, black rhinoceros, lion, hippo, and zebra. B,L,D

Day 6: Ngorongoro/Olduvai Gorge/Serengeti National Park En route today to the fabled Serengeti, we visit 31-mile Olduvai Gorge. It was here in 1959 that anthropologist Mary Leakey discovered the 1.8 million-year-old skull of Australopithecus boisei – and revolutionized the study of human evolution. Part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (which itself is part of the Serengeti region),
Olduvai is considered the “cradle of humanity” and ranks as one of the world’s most important prehistoric sites. Then we continue on to Serengeti National Park, home to such plains dwellers as the lion, cheetah, zebra, and wildebeest. The Serengeti, the Maasai’s “endless plain,” is considered Africa’s finest park, and we begin to see why on this afternoon’s game drive.  

Day 7: Serengeti National Park  In Tanzania’s northeast corner sits the vast Serengeti, 5,700 square miles (equal in size to Connecticut), one of the world’s last great wildlife refuges, and the Tanzanian portion of Kenya’s Masai Mara National Reserve. Twice a year (Jan–Feb and Jun–Oct), some 1.3 million wildebeest, 200,000 zebra, and 300,000 Thomson’s gazelle migrate to new grazing lands, sparking one of nature’s most spectacular sights and the world’s largest migration. But the Serengeti’s plains teem with animal life year-round, and this is the best place to see lion and cheetah up close. On today’s game drives, we have the chance to see some – or all – of Africa’s “Big Five,” along with other plains animals and some 500 species of birds.  

Day 8: Serengeti National Park  Another day to savor the spectacles and satisfactions of safari life in the Serengeti.  

Day 9: Serengeti/Zanzibar  We fly this morning to tropical Zanzibar, Tanzania’s semiautonomous Indian Ocean archipelago with a storied history. After checking in at our hotel, we set out to discover Stone Town, Zanzibar’s capital and East Africa’s only ancient town still functioning. A heady mix of Moorish, Middle Eastern, Indian, and African influences (though predominantly Muslim today), Stone Town boasts a labyrinth of narrow alleys lined with shops, homes, hidden courtyards, and extravagantly carved wooden doors, as we see on our afternoon tour. Highlights include the open air market, teeming with exotic fruits and vegetables; the 19th-century Cathedral on the site of a former slave market; the Old Fort, offering lovely views of town and the ocean; and “Tippu Tip House,” residence of a notorious slave trader. Dinner tonight is on our own.
Day 10: Zanzibar A morning tour of a spice plantation reveals why Zanzibar is known as the “Spice Island” – its bounty of cloves, nutmeg, ginger, chilies, black pepper, vanilla, coriander, and cinnamon have found their way around the world for centuries. We return to our hotel in time for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure before meeting for dinner together tonight. **B,D**

Day 11: Zanzibar/Saadani Leaving Zanzibar today, we fly to Saadani and our deluxe lodge nestled on the southern bank of the Wami River. Adjacent to Saadani National Park on the shores of the Indian Ocean, Tanzania’s only coastal wildlife reserve, Saadani offers a unique safari experience. This afternoon we enjoy the first of the activities available to us throughout our stay, including game drives, river excursions, bird watching, and mountain biking. **B,L,D**

Day 12: Saadani We have a full day to join in Saadani’s activities, which enable us to see wildlife up close – and with little chance of encountering other safari-goers. In and around the lodge and national park, wildlife includes lion, leopard, buffalo, antelope, giraffe, elephant, and zebra. Closer to the river, we may see hippo and crocodile. We also have the opportunity to spot a diverse array of birdlife. **B,L,D**

Day 13: Saadani Another day to appreciate our unique wildlife-viewing opportunities at this alluring outpost. Tonight we celebrate our Tanzania adventure at a farewell dinner. **B,L,D**

Day 14: Saadani/Dar es Salaam We travel over land this morning to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania’s largest city. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 15: Depart for U.S. Early this morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to the U.S.

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels and lodges
- 33 meals: 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive game viewing and sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Mineral water while on safari
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private safari vehicle transportation throughout your trip with guaranteed window seating
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local driver/guides, dining room servers, and airport and hotel porters

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $548, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,295. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed. Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $5,795 per person (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change).

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“NATURE’S GREAT MASTERPIECE, AN ELEPHANT...”

~ John Donne
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

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

Cancellations, refunds and changes:
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.
Changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

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

Responsibility:
The liability of the Office of Alumni Relations and Rice University, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., purchase 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 Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues:
We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches 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 Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited 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 price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of 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 nonrefundable 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.