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

CLASSIC SAFARI: KENYA & TANZANIA
August 2-17, 2020

16 days for $9,896 total price from Houston
($9,095 air, land & safari inclusive plus $801 airline taxes and fees)

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

Travel with us on an exclusive 16-day adventure to the premier safari destinations of Kenya and Tanzania. You’ll have an opportunity to see the “Big Five” on intimate game drives, see stupendous landscapes, and stay in top-rated wildlife lodges.

The highlights of this tour are many and varied. Travel from grassland plains to the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro, from the world’s largest volcanic crater to the edge of the Rift Valley, enjoying game drives and up-close wildlife encounters. Visit Amboseli National Park, known for its large elephant population; and peaceful Lake Manyara, a national park noted for its abundant birdlife, including masses of dazzling pink flamingoes.

Explore the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which encompasses Ngorongoro Crater, where Africa’s “Big Five” reside; and Olduvai Gorge, site of discoveries that revolutionized the field of human evolution. Your final stop will be Masai Mara, Kenya’s premier game reserve and homeland to the semi-nomadic, proud Maasai people. Staying at the legendary Mount Kenya Safari Club, encounter more wildlife with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

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 memorable journey through Kenya and Tanzania!

Sincerely,
Rice Alumni Traveling Owls

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RICE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM – CLASSIC SAFARI: KENYA & TANZANIA

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_____($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Classic Safari: Kenya & Tanzania departing August 2, 2020. 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 check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Rice Alumni Traveling Owls – MS 520, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Or you may also call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS, e-mail travelingowls@rice.edu, or fax your reservation to 713-348-5210. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Please book my/our air from ____________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade √

I will share a room with ____________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) √

Post-Tour “Mount Kenya” Extension: Please sign me/us up √

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Classic Safari: Kenya & Tanzania, August 2-17, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ____________________________________________________________________ Date _______________

Method of Payment √ Check √ American Express √ Discover √ MasterCard √ 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 at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
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On safari … it's one of the most alluring phrases in all of travel. And Kenya and Tanzania count among the most alluring places to be “on safari.” As our small group travels from grasslands to highlands, to reserves and national parks, we enjoy intimate game drives, see stupendous landscapes, stay in excellent accommodations, and meet gracious local people.

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**Day 1:** Depart U.S. for Nairobi, Kenya

**Day 2:** Arrive Nairobi

After arriving in Nairobi, we transfer to our hotel. As arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned.

**Day 3:** Nairobi

We see highlights of Kenya’s cosmopolitan capital city, stopping for a tour of the Karen Blixen Museum, the one-time home of the Danish writer who, as Isak Dinesen, wrote *Out of Africa*. We also visit the Giraffe Centre, which provides nature education to Kenyan schoolchildren and where we see several of the endangered Rothschild's giraffe here up close. After returning to our hotel late this afternoon, tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. B,D

**Day 4:** Nairobi/Amboseli

We travel by mini-bus this morning to Amboseli National Park in the shadow of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Maasai’s “white mountain” and the world’s tallest free-standing mountain at 19,336 feet. Known for its many elephants, Amboseli boasts wide, dry plains also teeming with herds of wildebeest, zebra, impala, and giraffe, as we may see on this afternoon’s game drive. B,L,D

**Day 5:** Amboseli

Early this morning we visit a nearby Maasai village. Later: a game drive and time for relaxing at our lodge in the foothills of Kilimanjaro beneath a copse of feathered acacia trees. B,L,D

**Day 6:** Amboseli/Lake Manyara

We travel today to peaceful Lake Manyara National Park, one of Tanzania’s smallest and most diverse parks. Bordered by the dramatic Western Escarpment of the Great Rift Valley, Lake Manyara is notable for its abundant birdlife, diverse vegetation, tree-climbing lions, plains animals, and hippos. We hope to see much of the park’s diversity on our afternoon game drive. B,L,D

**Day 7:** Lake Manyara/Ngorongoro Conservation Area

This morning we enjoy a second game drive at Lake Manyara then set out for Ngorongoro, a UNESCO Conservation Area, International Biosphere Reserve, and site of Ngorongoro Crater, the world’s largest intact volcanic caldera. On the crater’s floor is

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Tour membership limited to 18 Rice alumni and friends

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**Cover photo:** We go on safari in Kenya’s Amboseli National Park, in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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**Small Group Tour Highlights**

Amboseli’s large elephant population • Diverse birdlife at Lake Manyara • Ngorongoro, wildlife haven and Maasai homeland • Olduvai Gorge • Serengeti and Masai Mara, Africa’s best game-viewing sites • Top-rated game lodges

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**Day Itinerary**

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**Ratings** are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.
Africa in microcosm: grassland, swampland, lakes, forests, mountains, and unparalleled wildlife.  

Day 8: Ngorongoro Crater  On our morning tour of the 100-square-mile crater, we have our only chance to see all of Africa’s “Big Five” – elephant, buffalo, rhino, lion, and leopard – in one place. The afternoon is at leisure to relax at our lodge on the crater’s rim.  

Day 9: Ngorongoro/Serengeti National Park  We’re bound this morning for the Serengeti, the Maasai’s 5,700-square-mile “endless plain” considered Africa’s finest park and one of the world’s last great wildlife refuges. En route we visit 31-mile Olduvai Gorge, where in 1959 anthropologist Mary Leakey discovered the 1.8-million-year-old skull of *Australopithecus boisei* – and revolutionized the study of human evolution. Reaching our lodge, we embark on an afternoon game drive.  

Day 10: Serengeti  Twice a year, some two million wildebeest, 200,000 zebra, and 300,000 Thomson’s gazelle migrate to new grazing lands between Masai Mara and the Serengeti, sparking one of nature’s most spectacular sights. But the Serengeti’s vast treeless plains teem with animal life year-round, and this is the best place to see lion and cheetah up close. Perhaps we will on today’s two game drives.  

Day 11: Serengeti/Masai Mara  We leave Tanzania today, crossing into Kenya and continuing on to Masai Mara by air. Kenya’s premier game reserve rich with animal life, the Mara is the traditional homeland of the native Maasai people. Known especially for the annual migration that sees some two million wildebeest, plus hundreds of thousands of other plains game migrate here from the Serengeti (Masai Mara being the continuation of the Serengeti in Kenya), the Mara sits in the Great Rift Valley and comprises 583 square miles of vast plains, acacia forests, grass-covered hills, and slow-flowing rivers. We arrive at our tented camp late morning and take our first game drive here in the afternoon.  

Day 12: Masai Mara  We spend today “on safari,” venturing out on early morning and late afternoon game drives during prime viewing hours.  

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**Post-Tour Extension**

August 16–19, 2020

**Mount Kenya**

3 days/2 nights for $1,395 total price

Single Supplement: $595

*Encounter more wildlife during a stay at the Mount Kenya Safari Club, which houses the conservancy founded by actor William Holden.*

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- 2 nights accommodations: 2 nights at Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club (Deluxe); day room in Nairobi at Tamarind Tree Hotel (First Class)
- 6 meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including animal orphanage at Mt. Kenya Wildlife Conservancy; game drive; and Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private transportation
- Transfer to Nairobi airport
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and driver/guide

Guests on the extension will leave Nairobi on Day 15.
Day 13: Masai Mara  Again today we’re “on safari,” with morning and afternoon game drives in this reserve that is just slightly larger than the state of Rhode Island.  *B,L,D*

Day 14: Masai Mara/Nairobi  Today we re-enter the urban world as we fly from the Mara back to Nairobi. Tonight we toast our safari adventure at a farewell dinner.  *B,L,D*

Day 15: Nairobi/Depart for U.S.  After a morning at leisure, we transfer to the Nairobi airport and board our connecting flight to the U.S.  *B*

Day 16: Arrive U.S.  We reach the U.S. today and connect with our flights home.

The Serengeti boasts Africa’s largest lion population.

"There are many Africas."
– Beryl Markham

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 13 nights’ accommodations: 10 nights in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels and lodges; 3 nights in tented camp
- 36 meals: 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- Extensive game viewing as described, including all entrance fees
- Mineral water while on safari
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private 4x4 transportation throughout your trip with guaranteed window seating
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for driver/guides, dining room servers, and airport and hotel porters

**Tour Departs: August 2, 2020**

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Land Only (transfers not included) $8,495

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $801, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,795.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed. Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. cities may require a departure one day prior to the listed schedule above.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $4,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS, or fax your reservation to 713-348-5210 or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

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

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your 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 64-30 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your 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, 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 Office of Alumni Relations and Rice University, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. serves only as agent 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, or of 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 lines, 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, Inc. 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 many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. 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, 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 the company feels 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 assignment on your international flight is subject to an agent check at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of your tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and 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, the Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.