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**STARTS JOHANNESBURG
MAY 23, 2010
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JUNE 4, 2010**

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Dear Friends of The Louisville Zoo,

As part of our ongoing efforts to offer our supporters, members and friends opportunities to be a part of our mission, we would like to extend a very special invitation. It gives me great pleasure to invite you to join me on an exciting journey to experience some of the world's most incredible wildlife via an African Safari, May 22,-June 3, 2010.

Our journey together will start on the Skeleton Coast and take us throughout Namibia. We will see huge colonies of Cape fur seals, African hoof stock, lions, giraffes, elephants and more wildlife than you can imagine. The trip will also include exciting visits to the Cheetah Conservation Center and the REST (Rare and Endangered Species Trust).

After reading the marvelous itinerary I hope that you will decide to join me this upcoming summer. To register, complete the application form and return it to our Safari Operator, *Adventure Boutique*, along with your deposit. Once your registration is received you will be sent confirmation of your reservation and further information on this outstanding adventure. The group will be restricted to the first fifteen passengers to sign up, so do this quickly to ensure your space. I look forward to taking you on an exciting and rewarding adventure.

Sincerely,

John Walczak
Executive Director
The Louisville Zoo

LET'S GO ON SAFARI . . .

Day 1, May 22, 2010

USA / JOHANNESBURG

Departure from the United States no later than today. *(Please note that International airfare is NOT included in the price of the program. If you would like Adventure Boutique, Inc to assist with your air reservations, please call Maria at 877-515-1303.)*

Day 2, May 23

JOHANNESBURG

Arrival in Johannesburg, where you will clear customs and immigration formalities before we transfer you to the **Courtyard Hotel**. Depending on the time of your arrival, you should have time to relax and refresh before your "Welcome" dinner. Return to the hotel and your fine accommodations for overnight. (B)/D

Day 3, May 24

JOHANNESBURG/WINDHOEK/WALVIS BAY

After breakfast return to the airport for your flight to Walvis Bay, Namibia. Here you will be met and transferred to the Burning Shores Hotel, on Long Beach, just outside Swakopmund, where you will stay for the next two nights. The stark solitude of the Namib, the burning sun and elusive fog banks, together with the rich Benguela current, are all magnificently blended by the forces of nature to create one of the most contrasting and spectacular coastlines on earth. Enjoy dinner with your hosts at the hotel restaurant this evening.

Day 4, May 25

WALVIS BAY

Depart from the lodge at 08h00 and drive to Walvis Bay for a morning boat cruise in and around the harbor. This is a delightful excursion to see Cape fur seals, dolphins and a wide range of bird species. This cruise is undertaken with ski boats in the protected lagoon area, where the water is calm and abundant with birdlife. You may observe two types of dolphins, a large seal colony at pelican point (where some seals may visit for a fishy snack), and enjoy wonderful opportunities to photograph the low flying pelicans. This bay is famous for its fine oysters which will be served before returning to the harbor. Afterwards drive into the town of Swakopmund for an afternoon of shopping and for those who are interested, a visit to the museum, crystal gallery and karakul weavers. Dinner this evening will be at the hotel or at a local restaurant in Swakopmund. B/D

Day 5, May 26

WALVIS BAY / HENTIES BAY/CAPE CROSS

Drive north via Henties Bay along the edge of the Skeleton Coast to Cape Cross. On the way, stop over at the lichen fields and an interesting salt pan. Visit the seal colony at Cape Cross to observe thousands of these creatures and the remainder of the afternoon free to enjoy this amazing area with a walk along the beach. Or, if you wish, take the excursion inland close to the Messum Crater to see more lichens as well as the ancient *Welwitschia mirabilis* "trees" – a fascinating plant indigenous to this desert.



Cape Cross Lodge sits right on the edge of the fertile Atlantic Ocean, a serene haven for visitors to this vast untamed, seldom explored wilderness at the Skeleton Coast. A large patio overlooking the beach and ocean revitalizes the soul and a quirky wine cellar creates a backdrop for fun filled nights. B/D

Day 6, May 27

SKELETON COAST / DAMARLAND / TWYFELFONTEIN

After breakfast this morning travel to a lodge which is often referred to as the ultimate retreat - Mowani Mountain Camp - which is situated in the heart of Damaraland near Twyfelfontein. Offering luxury tent and suite accommodation, you will be comfortably hidden in your own private hide-away.

Extra optional activities this afternoon include ballooning, swimming, game drives and hiking trails, exploring Twyfelfontein's historical archaeological site of fine bushmen engravings.



Days 7 / 8, May 28/29

TWYFELFONTEIN / PETRIFIED FOREST / ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

In the morning, visit the Twyfelfontein rock engravings and paintings before heading east, through Khorixas and Outjo to the edge of the Etosha National Park (stop over at the Petrified Forest along the way). Arrive in the late afternoon at the privately owned Ongava Lodge which is situated on the southern boundary of the famed Etosha National Park. Beautifully decorated brick and thatch chalets are your accommodation for the next two nights. Using the lodge as base, you will enjoy game drives on the property itself and also to enter Etosha for morning and afternoon game drives.

B/L/D

2007 - Etosha 100 years old!

A visit to the Etosha National Park is one of the highlights of traveling Namibia. Etosha, which was declared a game reserve by the German colonial administration back in 1907, covers an area of more than 22 000 sq kms. In its center lies a vast saltpan surrounded by grass and thorn savannah, Mopane bushland in the west and dry forest in the north-east. About two million years ago, this area was an enormous lake, fed by the Kunene river. However the lake slowly dried up because over time, the river changed its course.

The pan is almost always dry. However, in the southern parts there are water-holes scattered throughout this area and form the basis of life for countless game. In years of good rain, sections of the pan are flooded and become home to many birds species, a speciality being flamingos who come here to breed.

Be it a lion or an elephant, a giraffe or a zebra, almost all African animal species are represented in the huge nature reserve, approx. 22 000 square kilometers in size. There is an estimated number of 250 lions in the park, 300 rhinos, 2 500 giraffes, 6 000 zebras and more than 2 000 elephants. The dainty springbok are especially numerous; at least 20 000 of them roam the reserve. Often, they can be observed in enormous herds of several hundred animals.



Day 9/10, May 30/31

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning pack your belonging and travel slowly east through the park. This is a full day's game drive to end in the afternoon on the eastern edge. Stop at many waterholes along the way to view the many different species as they come to drink. Lunch will be enjoyed at the Halali camp. Continue on the game drive and leave the park in the late afternoon to arrive at Onguma Tented Camp on the eastern side of the reserve. Onguma is one of Namibia's best kept secrets. The Lodge offers luxury accommodation, situated around a water-hole which is frequented by rhino, lion and various antelope. Here guests are afforded the opportunity of a truly unique safari experience.
B/L/D

Day 11, June 1

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK / OTJIWARONGO & CCF

Depart after breakfast and head south via Otavi towards Otjiwarongo. The afternoon is set aside to visit the CCF organisation to see and learn about the fantastic work that they are doing with the conservation and rehabilitation of the endangered cheetah. If Laurie Marker is in the country, she will join you, otherwise her knowledgeable and friendly staff will welcome you to this fine facility. Your accommodations are at the Frans Indongo Lodge this evening. Invited to join you for dinner this evening is Marie Diekman, founder of REST, Rare and Endangered Species Trust who will talk to you about efforts to save the Cape Griffin Vultures from extinction. B/L/D

Day 12/13, June 2/3

OTJIWARONGO / ERINDI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

After breakfast, head south via Otjiwarongo to the biggest private game reserve in Namibia situated on a vast mountainous plain. Erindi, translated as "The Place of Water" in local Herero, contains more than 12,000 head of game teeming over an unbelievably large game reserve. Here it is possible to experience the real world of Africa. The pure tranquility, abundant wildlife and distant horizons with awesome sunsets will sweep you off your feet. Arrive in time for an evening game drive and look forward to close encounters with animals in this pristine wilderness. Meals and overnight at the Old Traders Lodge.

Day 14, June 4

WINDHOEK / JOHANNESBURG

After breakfast this morning, depart for Windhoek with arrival in time to connect onto the flight for Johannesburg. This is the end of your adventure into the country of Namibia. You may connect this evening onto your international flight for home, or continue with your safari on an extension to Victoria Falls or Cape Town.

***YOUR SAFARI IS OVER, BUT YOUR MEMORIES WILL
LINGER IN THIS LOVELY LAND FOREVER!***

But wait, you have come so far and there are two truly marvelous possibilities for you to extend your stay a little longer and enjoy the luxury of cosmopolitan Cape Town – the most beautiful city in the world, and/or travel north to Livingstone where you will find the greatest waterfall in the world – Victoria Falls! So stay a while and continue your adventure.





Extension to **VICTORIA FALLS** and surrounds

Day 14, June 4

WINDHOEK / JOHANNESBURG

After breakfast this morning, depart for Windhoek with arrival in time to connect onto the flight for Johannesburg. This is the end of your adventure in Namibia. On arrival you will transfer to the Courtyard Hotel once again for overnight. B

Day 15, June 5

JOHANNESBURG/VICTORIA FALLS

After an early breakfast, return to the airport for your flight to Livingstone, Zambia where you will be met and transferred to your Lodge. There are many optional activities here and the remainder of the day is yours to explore and decide upon your activities for tomorrow.

Day 15 June 5

VICTORIA FALLS

This day is yours for your own activities – there is so much to do here that you will want to make plans to get everything in: the “Flight of the Angels” over the Falls in a fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter is a “must” , to fly through the rainbows and get an unsurpassed view of this mighty waterfall and chasm. For the very adventurous, a day of white water rafting the rapids beneath the Falls is an extreme adventure, not to be missed.B

Day 16 June 6

VICTORIA FALLS / JOHANNESBURG / USA

This morning is free to repack, do your last minute shopping and then transfer to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg where you will be in transit before boarding the international *South African Airways* flight for home. This is a new terminal and one of the finest on the African continent with excellent shops, relaxing restaurants and sophisticated facilities. B/(D)

\$1390 per person double occupancy
includes land and air

CAPE TOWN EXTENSION...



Day 14, June 4

WINDHOEK / JOHANNESBURG / CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival at Johannesburg Airport, you connect with your *South African Airways* flight to the historic city of Cape Town. Upon arrival you are met and transferred to the lovely **Victoria & Alfred Hotel** at the waterfront. The balance of the afternoon and evening are at leisure, with dinner on your own either in the fine restaurant at the hotel or any of the variety of facilities nearby. B

Day 15, June 5

CAPE TOWN

A full day tour today: After a hearty breakfast, you will ascend Table Mountain by cable car for a spectacular view of one of the most beautiful cities in the world (weather permitting). Then the group will continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, where the Indian and the Atlantic Oceans meet in a spectacular scene. The drive takes you on one of the most scenic routes to be found anywhere, with mountains on one side and the ocean on the other. Wild flowers abound and at Cape Point you may also see, hyrax, ostrich, zebra and the rare bontebok antelope. Lunch at a superb seaside restaurant before returning to the city via Boulders where you will visit the African penguin colony. Return to the **Victoria & Alfred Hotel**. Once more you have choices for dining out this evening. B/L

Day 16, June 6

CAPE TOWN

Today is free to enjoy this exciting city. Return to the hotel for overnight. B

Day 17, June 7

CAPE TOWN / JOHANNESBURG / HOME

Enjoy your morning in Cape Town where there is still much more to see and do. You are transferred to the airport for your afternoon flight to Johannesburg. B/(meals aloft)

TOTALLANDAIR

\$1695 per person, double occupancy

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS: Are assured on the acceptance by **Adventure Boutique, Inc** of a \$1500 deposit per person, non-refundable.

**Ref. Single willing to share. If roommate is not available passenger is subject to pay single supplement charge.*

INFORMATION: On receipt of deposit, you will receive complete information regarding passport, visa, health requirements, suggested reading matter and clothing, as well as other informative literature.

TAXES and FEES: Hotel taxes as imposed by governments are included. All entrance fees to places of interest, tipping for meals and portorage, while in Africa only. Foreign departure taxes (as required per this itinerary) are also included.

NOT INCLUDED: Costs of obtaining passports, visas, excess baggage charges, items of purely personal nature, such as drinks, bottled water, laundry and telephone. Tips to driver/guides. Trip insurance is not included.

BAGGAGE: Due to limited space in the safari vehicles, you are restricted to one piece of luggage not to exceed 44lbs. per person, one small carry on bag and a camera bag.

CANCELLATION:

120 to 91 days prior to departure date, 65% of total safari cost is forfeited.

90 days prior to departure date, total cost is forfeited.

We highly recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance, we will enclose an application form with your deposit acknowledgment letter.

RESPONSIBILITY: **Louisville Zoo, Adventure Boutique, Inc.** and cooperating individuals, agencies and suppliers, act only as agents for the passenger in regard to transportation by any means, accommodations and other services and assume no liability either by defect in any vehicle or for any reason whatsoever or through the act or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of this tour. They can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, act of terrorism, or civil disturbance or other causes. All such losses must be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. **Adventure Boutique, Inc.** reserves the right to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour at any time or make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, safety and convenience of this tour. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated. The right is reserved to cancel the tour prior to departure, in which case, full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made in advance in order to avoid any penalties. *All prices are based on the current tariffs and foreign exchange rates in effect at this time (05/27/09) and are subject to change.* The sole function of Louisville Zoo in connection with this tour is to act as a conduit between tour participants and **Adventure Boutique, Inc.** **Louisville Zoo** have no other responsibility, contractual or otherwise, to anyone in connection with this tour. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts or omissions or events during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The payment of the required deposit or any partial or full payment for a reservation on this tour shall constitute consent to all provisions listed within this Safari Terms and Conditions. The passage contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute sole contract between the Transportation Companies and the purchaser.



RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve space for me/us on your

"Louisville Zoo - Namibia Adventure"

commencing on 22 May, 2010 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Enclosed is my/our non-refundable deposit of \$_____ (\$1500 per person) made payable to **Adventure Boutique, Inc.** I understand that the total land **COST** is \$6995 (based on double occupancy). Single supplement (when & where available) is \$1550.

Please send further information to the following address:

Name: _____

Name: _____

(As it appears or will appear on passport)

Address: _____

City: _____ **St** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (Home): _____ **(Work):** _____

Email: _____

X _____

X _____

All participants must sign that they have read and accept the Safari Terms and Conditions.

- Single passenger, *willing to share (ref. to T&C)
- I desire single accommodations for \$1550
- I/we want to join Victoria Falls extension \$1390
- I/we want to join Cape Town Extension \$1695
- Please quote airfare from my home city _____

Send to attn: Louisville Zoo
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