



The Best of Southern Africa: Desert & Deltas

September 24 – October 3, 2026

South Africa · Botswana · Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Faculty Leader: Dr. Daphne Lamothe, Provost & Dean of Faculty

Embark with our very own Daphne Lamothe, Provost and Dean of Faculty on an extraordinary journey through some of Africa's most breathtaking landscapes, vibrant cities, and wildlife-rich reserves. This carefully curated itinerary blends adventure, cultural immersion, wild life safaris and relaxation, ensuring a once-in-a-lifetime experience that deepens your appreciation for this remarkable part of the world.



Daphne Lamothe
Provost and Dean of Faculty

Daphne Lamothe is Smith's chief academic officer, responsible for curriculum and for faculty teaching and research support. She plays a pivotal role in achieving Smith's institutional goals through stewardship of

the College's academic mission. Academic and co-curricular units within the provost's portfolio include all academic departments as well as the libraries; the museum of art; the botanic garden; Institutional Research; the Office of the Registrar; and the Office for the Arts. She also chairs the Committee on Academic Priorities and oversees the long-term composition of the faculty.

Lamothe has been at Smith since 2004 and is a Professor of Africana Studies. She has served as chair of the Department of Africana Studies, co-chair of the Admission Policy Study Group, and served on the Academic Priorities and Faculty Compensation and Development committees. In 2023, she received the Honored Professor Award for her achievements in teaching and scholarship and her contributions to the academic community. Lamothe holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Yale University and a doctorate in English from the University of California, Berkeley. At Smith, her courses move from the Harlem Renaissance to the "Post-Soul" aesthetic and explore migration narratives from across the Black Atlantic world. The author of dozens of articles and reviews, she has published two books—*Inventing the New Negro: Narrative, Culture, and Ethnography* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008) and *Black Time and the Aesthetic Possibility of Objects* (University of North Carolina Press, 2024)—and is currently at work on a critical memoir that interrogates form and identity.



MAP KEY

● Main Trip ● Optional Extension

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Johannesburg:** Step into the heart of South Africa's largest city, where history and innovation converge. Visit the dynamic art and music scenes, gain insight into the country's past and future, and experience the energy of this ever-evolving metropolis.
- **Okavango Delta:** Immerse yourself in one of the most pristine wilderness areas on the planet. Explore the winding waterways of the Okavango Delta by traditional mokoro canoe, enjoy game drives with expert guides, and spot the legendary "Big Five" in their natural habitat.
- **Chobe National Park:** Experience unparalleled wildlife encounters in Botswana's famed Chobe National Park, where vast herds of elephants roam the floodplains and predators lurk in the tall grasses. Enjoy both land and water safaris, offering unique perspectives on this diverse ecosystem.
- **Victoria Falls:** Witness the awe-inspiring power of one of the world's greatest natural wonders, Victoria Falls. Known as "The Smoke That Thunders," this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a spectacle of cascading water, lush rain forest, and breathtaking viewpoints.

Main Program Itinerary

September 24, 2026 – Depart U.S.

September 25 – Arrive in Johannesburg

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city and economic hub. Known as the "City of Gold," Johannesburg is a dynamic metropolis steeped in history and resilience. Upon arrival, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel in Sandton, the city's upscale financial district. Settle in and join your fellow travelers for welcome cocktails as you prepare for the adventure ahead.

**If you wish to arrive early, please contact Immersion Journeys for assistance in booking your early arrival hotel (\$320 per night including breakfast)*

Overnight: The Sandton Sun Hotel (Breakfast, Welcome Cocktails)

September 26 – Johannesburg | Okavango Delta

Fly to Maun – the gate way into one of Africa's last great wildernesses: the Okavango Delta. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a sprawling oasis of waterways, islands, and floodplains teeming with wildlife. Fed by seasonal rains, the delta supports an incredible array of animals, from elephants and hippos to big cats and rare bird species.

Upon arrival, embark on an afternoon safari game drive with expert guides, tracking wildlife through the pristine landscape.

Overnight: [Xakanaxa](#) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Non-premium drinks)

September 27-28 – Okavango Delta

Spend two full days exploring the Okavango Delta's diverse ecosystems. With daily morning and afternoon game drives, you'll have ample opportunities to spot the legendary "Big Five"—lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and buffalo—as well as giraffes, cheetahs, and zebras.

Depending on the water levels, experience a traditional mokoro canoe excursion, gliding silently through narrow reed-lined channels where crocodiles and kingfishers make their home. Take a walking safari with professional trackers or venture out on a game drive, keeping an eye out for lions, leopards, and the elusive African wild dog.

Every safari experience in the Delta is different—what you see in the morning may change completely by afternoon, making each moment an exciting surprise.

Overnight: [Xakanaxa](#) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Non-premium drinks)

September 29 – Okavango Delta | Chobe National Park

Fly to Kasane, gateway to Chobe National Park, known for its dense population of elephants—the largest in Africa. Your lodge, located on the banks of the Chobe River, offers prime wildlife viewing. As the only permanent safari lodge inside the park, it provides exclusive access to one of Botswana's most wildlife-rich areas.

In the afternoon, set off on a thrilling game drive through the park's floodplains, where large herds of buffalo, zebra, and antelope roam, attracting predators like lions and hyenas.

Overnight: [Chobe Game Lodge](#) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Non-premium drinks)



September 30 – Chobe National Park

Spend the day exploring Chobe by both land and water. Start the morning with a game drive, where you might witness a dramatic hunt or a herd of elephants splashing in the river.

In the afternoon, embark on a river safari, cruising along the Chobe River. This unique vantage point allows you to observe hippos, crocodiles, and elephants drinking at the water's edge. Keep your camera ready for breathtaking sunset views over the river.

Overnight: [Chobe Game Lodge](#) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Non-premium drinks)

October 1 – Chobe National Park | Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Cross the border into Zimbabwe and arrive in Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Your lodge, located on the banks of the Zambezi River, offers a peaceful retreat just minutes from the falls.

In the evening, set sail on a Zambezi River sunset cruise, gliding past lush riverbanks as wildlife comes to drink at dusk. Enjoy canapés and refreshing cocktails while taking in the stunning African sunset.

Overnight: [Ilala Lodge Hotel](#) (Breakfast, Dinner, 2 glasses of house wine, beer, or soft drinks)

October 2 – Victoria Falls

Experience the full power of Victoria Falls, known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya (“The Smoke That Thunders”). Take a guided walking tour to the best viewpoints, where millions of gallons of water plunge over a mile-wide chasm into the Zambezi Gorge below. Feel the mist on your face and hear the deafening roar of the falls.

After a relaxed afternoon at leisure, gather for a farewell dinner at the hotel, celebrating your incredible journey.

Overnight: [Ilala Lodge Hotel](#) (Breakfast, Dinner, 2 glasses of house wine, beer, or soft drinks)

October 3 – Victoria Falls | Johannesburg | Depart (or Extension)

Bid farewell to Africa as you take a scenic bush flight from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg. If you're heading home, connect to your international flight.

****For those continuing their adventure, embark on an optional extension to Cape Town, South Africa. (See details on the next page)***



MAIN TOUR PRICE

\$13,999 per person (*double occupancy*)

Due to the very limited space available in the safari lodges, all rooms require double occupancy. Should you have any questions, please contact Sarah Doody at (904) 432-3141 or SmithTravel@smith.edu.

Includes:

- All accommodations and meals indicated.
- Gratuities to trip leader, guides, drivers, porters, hotel and lodge staff.
- All arrival and departure airport assistance and transfers.
- Welcome cocktails in Johannesburg, 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners.
- Non-premium beverages during meals in Botswana properties and 2 glasses non-premium beverages during dinners in Victoria Falls.
- Scheduled group flights in economy class: Johannesburg to Maun and Kasane to Johannesburg.
- All bush flights within Botswana.
- All safari activities as indicated with professional naturalist-guides.
- Full time local tour director.

Exclusions:

- International flights.
- Visas (if applicable) * U.S. passport holders don't need visas for South Africa and Botswana.
- Vaccinations.
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary.
- Premium beverages not indicated in the itinerary.
- Trip insurance.
- Any services not mentioned above.

Level of difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Travel will be in a combination of coaches, small planes, commercial planes and safaris will be conducted in 4x4 safari vehicles often over bumpy terrain. Other safari activities on offer include guided traditional canoeing and walking. Guests can opt out of them and can be assured that the quality of their experience will not be compromised. Every effort will be made to ensure your comfort however it will be the responsibility of the guest to advise the tour operator and Smith College regarding any concerns you may have. Please consult with your doctor regarding this trip, its length and location and share this brochure with them.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO CAPE TOWN

October 3–6, 2026

COST: \$2,199 per person (*double occupancy*)

\$575 single room supplement



October 3, 2026 – Arrive in Cape Town. [*Southern Sun The Cullinan*](#)

October 4 – Full-day tour of the city, Table Mountain, and Bo Kaap. *Southern Sun The Cullinan (Breakfast)*

October 5 – Half day tour of the Cape of Good Hope. *Southern Sun The Cullinan (Breakfast, Lunch)*

October 6 – Meet up with the group or depart home.

- **Includes:** All airport transfers, Victoria Falls to Cape Town regional flight (economy class), 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and privately guided tours of Cape Town, Table Mountain and Cape of Good Hope.
- **Excludes:** international flights, beverages, additional meals, tips/ gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, restaurant staff, hotel and lodge staff, vaccinations, any services not mentioned above.

****The above optional extension to Cape Town can also be arranged as a pre-trip. Please contact Immersion Journeys to discuss.**

TOUR RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,250 (\$1,550 per person including Cape Town extension) payable to Immersion Journeys. Mail to 455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044 or email: info@immersionjourneys.com. You can also sign up online by clicking on this [link](#). We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact 917-686-2620/info@immersionjourneys.com if you have any questions about the registration process.

Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$ _____ (\$1,250 per person/ \$1,550 per person including the Cape Town extension)

Please charge my/our deposit of \$ _____ (\$1,250 per person/ \$1,550 per person including the Cape Town extension)

to my: VISA MasterCard American Express Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others) _____ Authorized Card Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

The balance of the trip is due on June 29, 2026 and payable by check or bank wire. Credit card payments on the balance will incur a 3.5% fee.

Please sign me/us up for the 3-night Cape Town optional adventure.

PASSENGER INFORMATION

NAME 1 (as on passport): _____

NAME 2 (as on passport): _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____

Issue _____ (mm/dd/yy) Expiration _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Issue _____ (mm/dd/yy) Expiration _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd/yy) Smith Affiliation _____

Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd/yy) Smith Affiliation _____

Street Address _____ City _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Mobile _____ Estimated Guest Weight _____ lbs.
(for bush flights)

Mobile _____ Estimated Guest Weight _____ lbs.
(for bush flights)

Email (write clearly) _____

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I prefer single accommodations in Johannesburg and for the pre and/or post trip (**not** available in the main trip.)

I plan to room with _____ Double Twin (*separate beds*)

Emergency Phone # & Contact Name (during trip): _____

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility etc): _____

*By submitting my/our non-refundable deposit of (\$1,250 per person/ \$1,550 per person including the Cape Town extension), I/we am/are registering for the **Best of Southern Africa Desert & Deltas** program and have read and agreed to the Immersion Journeys Participant's Agreement. I/we understand that portions of this trip will be moderately strenuous, will include some long drives and may include unpaved paths, steps and most activities will take place outdoors. Travelling will be in a combination of coaches, 4x4 safari vehicles and small bush planes. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without a full-time walking aid or wheelchair. I / we also take responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation coverage.*

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

By signing our tour reservation form, or otherwise indicating your assent in writing, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this document. These terms and conditions apply to the Tour, the itinerary for the Tour and payment for the Tour.

1. INTRODUCTION: These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC, Smith College, Engaging Journeys (collectively "Immersion Journeys", "Smith College", "Engaging Journeys", "we", "us" and "our"). The terms "client" "you" and "your" refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Immersion Journeys.

2. RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS: A prepayment deposit \$1,250 per person (\$1,550 per person including the Cape Town extension) per person along with a completed and signed Tour Reservation Form, and copy of passport are required in order to confirm your reservation. Upon receipt of these forms and your deposit, we will confirm your trip. This Agreement. The signed Reservation form and the signed Credit Card Authorization section of the Tour Reservation Form are all part of your agreement with us.

The balance of your Tour cost is due 90 days prior to departure (June 29, 2026).

3. TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a Tour, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. **Please contact Sarah S. Doody, SmithTravel@smith.edu, 904-432-3141 for insurance information.**

4. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Our cancellation charges are based on the stringent payment policies of our suppliers of local services and therefore represent a reasonable estimate of our loss. Cancellation charges are expressed as a percentage of your total trip cost (excluding commercial airfare) and also depend on the day you cancel and the day of your scheduled departure from your home. Our cancellation charges are in addition to whatever the airline may charge you:

Penalty	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice
\$950	Ninety (90) or more from trip date
50 percent (50%) of total tour cost	Between eighty-nine (89) and sixty (60)
One hundred percent (100%) of total tour cost	Less than sixty (60)

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, cancelled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the Tour due to State Department or Centers for Disease Control advisories or warnings, fear of travel, or for any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the Tour on the Tour start date, you will be considered a no-show. No refunds will be available, but you may join the Tour late if you wish. Commercial airline tickets must be paid in full at the time of ticketing. Airline cancellation charges are set forth on the invoice.

Not Included: Taxes; passport, visas and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport tax(es); airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel Tour; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure; any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s); meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel Tour.

5. AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, likely is non-refundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Immersion Journeys or its airline ticketing entities.

6. BAGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without notice. Baggage is at the owner's risk throughout the trip. Airlines, buses, vans and other modes of transportation may all have weight and size restrictions on luggage. It is your responsibility to comply with all baggage restrictions.

7. PRICE INCREASES: Destination countries increase their VAT taxes from time to time. Some suppliers impose energy surcharges or other price increases. Prices are also subject to increase due to currency fluctuations. Any such increases will be applied to your total due at the time of final payment. [If air is included, DOT prohibits surcharges after final payment.]

8. PASSPORTS, VISAS, AND OTHER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In most cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. If one parent or guardian plans to bring a minor child without the other parent or parents, some countries and airlines have strict documentation and permission requirements. Birth certificates may be required for children under 18. Some nations require proof of vaccinations for all travelers. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination. You are solely responsible for complying with passport, visa, and other foreign entry requirements and vaccinations.

9. RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Immersion Journeys, its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, and assigns (collectively "Immersion Journeys"), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your Tour including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, safari or guide services, local ground or safari operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Immersion Journeys is not liable for any negligent or willful act, failure to act, financial failure or other defaults of any such person, entity, supplier or any other third party.

In addition and without limitation, Immersion Journeys is not responsible for any injury, financial or other loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by wild or domestic animals, insects or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. Further, I release Immersion Journeys from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

We have no special or unique knowledge regarding the financial condition of the suppliers of services, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. For useful information regarding your destination, we strongly recommend reviewing the destination-specific information at www.travel.state.gov, and the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/travel.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a Tour participant, or remove from a Tour, without refund, any person Immersion Journeys judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other Tour participants, leaders or third parties, or who Immersion Journeys determines to detract from the enjoyment of the Tour by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the lodge or hotel.

Assumption of Risk of Exposure to COVID-19: you agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, diseases, or conditions, including but not limited to the coronavirus known as COVID-19. The coronavirus COVID-19 is primarily transmitted via exhaled respiratory droplets, most often through coughing, sneezing and breathing in close proximity to another person. These droplets can travel up to six feet and are more commonly transmitted between persons rather than from equipment to persons. You understand and agree that (a) COVID-19 is extremely contagious and there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any place where people are present; (b) no precautions, including the protocols that will be implemented as part of the trip, can eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19; (c) people of all ages and health conditions, including healthy young people, have been adversely affected by COVID-19; (d) certain people have been identified by public health authorities as having greater risk based on their age or underlying medical conditions; (e) exposure to COVID-19 can result in being subject to quarantine requirements, illness, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death, regardless of a person's age or health condition. You understand and agree to hold the Immersion Journeys, its officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of COVID-19 or any other disease, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, disease or condition, and you fully agree to accept these and all other known and unknown risks of receiving services from Immersion Journeys.

10. CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS BY IMMERSION JOURNEYS: Immersion Journeys reserves the right to change the itinerary, the lodges or hotels utilized or any Tour features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Immersion Journeys shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Immersion Journeys may cancel or postpone a Tour (or an option) for any reason whatsoever. Seasonal changes (for example, from low to high season) may result in higher prices. In any event, for cancellations (or postponements) based upon acts of God or force majeure, acts or orders of government, epidemics or the threat thereof, pandemics, terrorism or the threat thereof, strikes or labor disturbances, demonstrations, riots or civil unrest, criminal activity, supplier default or insolvency, or other similar circumstances, its sole obligation is to issue credits in the full amount of moneys paid to Immersion Journeys, but only to the extent its suppliers are crediting Immersion Journeys with those monies paid by Immersion Journeys to them. Under no circumstances is Immersion Journeys obligated to refund the cost of any purchased travel insurance. Immersion Journeys is not required to cancel any Tour for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Immersion Journeys is not responsible for fees assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Immersion Journeys makes the flight arrangements or cancels the Tour. Immersion Journeys reserves the right to substitute lodges, hotels, vessels or attractions for those listed in the tour description if the same is required by circumstances beyond its control or for the convenience or well-being of clients.

11. OTHER TAXES AND FEES: Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger traveling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

12. FORCE MAJEURE: Immersion Journeys assumes no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, financial or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation of a flight that causes you to miss all or any portion of the Tour, force majeure events such as acts of God, acts or orders of government, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather events, or strikes, or the threat of any such events.

13. INDEMNIFICATION: You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, Smith College, Engaging Journeys and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms and conditions.

14. PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All Tours require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark vans or motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside the United States.

15. CONDUCT DURING TOUR: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. This includes the requirement to wear a face mask and other health and sanitization requirements. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

16. MEDICAL PROXY: If you are unable to authorize your own medical attention and treatment, you authorize Immersion Journeys or its suppliers to authorize medical attention and treatment on your behalf. You agree to hold harmless and release Immersion Journeys from any liability for medical attention arranged or not arranged on your behalf. Immersion Journeys assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care or evacuation services.

Changes: Changes in this Agreement may be made only in writing, signed by an officer of Immersion Journeys.

17. HOT AIR BALLOON TRIPS: I understand that Immersion Journeys does not own, operate, control or supervise any person or entity which provides hot air balloon trips or hot air balloon equipment and that it makes no representations whatsoever as to the adequacy or safety of any such person or entity or of any such equipment. In addition, I understand that Immersion Journeys is giving me information about this trip, or booking it only as a courtesy to me. I understand there are various risks of injury, inconvenience and death associated with hot air ballooning. These include, but are not limited to, crashes, uncontrollable wind currents which, among other things, could cause hard landings (dragging of the balloon which in turn could cause injury or death), the possibility of a fire as a result of a drag or crash, landing in an area different from that anticipated, defective equipment, etc. I assume all such risks and specifically release Immersion Journeys from any and all claims of negligence, gross negligence, breach of contract or any other claim with regard to my hot air ballooning trip. I further understand that medical aid may be unavailable during the course of my balloon safari, making evacuation to any medical facility difficult and lengthy, and that any such facility (or medical personnel) may not be of the quality of facilities or medical personnel in the United States.

18. BINDING ARBITRATION: Any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning the Tour, or the Tour itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, according to the then existing Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) State of New York law and will take place in New York City, New York. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, the participant and Immersion Journeys are waiving the right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Immersion Journeys must be on behalf of only the signatory to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members who travelled with the signatory, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participants be part of a class or other joint action.

19. ADDITIONAL RELEASES: Some hotels, lodges, local safari operators, airlines and other suppliers might require you to sign their own releases as a condition of your utilizing their services. Upon request, we would be happy to request a copy of those releases from those suppliers..

By signing the Tour Registration form, you agree to the terms of this Participant's Agreement Concerning Terms and Conditions and Binding Arbitration. Your Agreement extends to any tour to which you may transfer. If your party includes a person under 18, then you represent that you are that person's parent or legal guardian.