

Threads of A Nation: Weaving History and Culture in Southern Africa

Johannesburg • Victoria Falls • Cape Town • Karongwe Game Reserve

October 13–26, 2027

Faculty Host: Reitumetse Obakeng Mabokela

Vice Provost for Global Engagement, Professor at the Warner School of Education

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Dear University of Rochester Alumni, Family, and Friends,

Some journeys teach you facts. This one has the power to change how you see the world.

In partnership with the Black Alumni Network, we are thrilled to invite you to an extraordinary journey through Southern Africa, led by Vice Provost for Global Engagement Reitu Mabokela. Designed especially for University of Rochester alumni, family, and friends, this thoughtfully curated program offers cultural discovery, meaningful learning, and unforgettable moments of connection.

This is an invitation to travel with purpose. From the vibrant energy of Johannesburg and Soweto to conversations about apartheid, reconciliation, and social transformation, this journey offers meaningful opportunities to reflect on South Africa's history and its enduring global significance. Through exclusive academic conversations arranged by Professor Mabokela, you will gain rare insight into the leaders, educators, and changemakers shaping Southern Africa today.

Beyond the classroom and conversations, Southern Africa's beauty will take your breath away. Stand in the mist at Victoria Falls. Savor an afternoon in the Cape Winelands. Watch elephants move across the Greater Kruger at golden hour. This is where history and humanity meet natural wonder – and you will understand why this remarkable region leaves such a lasting impression.

This is more than a trip. It's a chance to learn alongside fellow URochester community members, see the world through a broader lens, and experience Southern Africa in a way few travelers ever do.

Space is limited. [Reserve your place today.](#)

Register online or by mail: 455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044.

Email: info@immersionjourneys.com

Questions, or interested in extending your stay? Contact **Immersion Journeys** at (917) 686-2620, or URochester Travel Club coordinator **Rebecca Picone** at (585) 797-5709.

We hope you will join us for this unforgettable exploration of Southern Africa.

In the spirit of discovery,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen Chance Mercurius".

Karen Chance Mercurius, PhD
Vice President of Alumni and Constituent Engagement
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Rochester, NY 14627-8705



Faculty Host: Reitumetse Obakeng Mabokela is vice provost for global engagement and professor at the Warner School of Education. She also holds an extraordinary professorship at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. Born and raised in South Africa, Mabokela came to the United States after completing high school and has maintained strong and active connections to the country through her research, partnerships, and broader scholarly work. Before joining URochester, she held senior leadership roles at the University of Illinois and Michigan State University, focusing on global engagement and higher education.

Mabokela's work centers on strengthening higher education institutions to better serve diverse and historically marginalized communities. Over the past two decades, she has led research and capacity-building initiatives across Africa and beyond, including in South Africa, Namibia, Tanzania, Ghana, Egypt, and Pakistan. She is the author or editor of seven books and has published widely in leading journals in comparative and international higher education. Her work continues to shape global collaboration and policy in higher education.

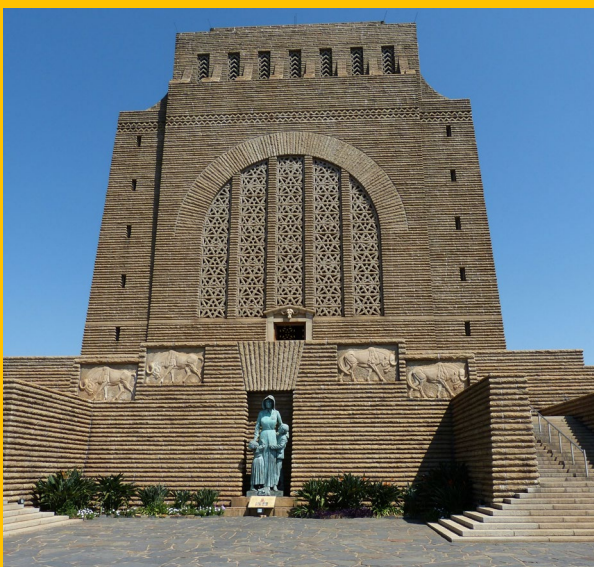
Trip Highlights

- **Explore Johannesburg, Soweto, and the Apartheid Museum** for a deeper understanding of South Africa's history, culture, and path toward reconciliation
- **Engage in special academic and cultural visits arranged in collaboration with Professor Reitu Mabokela**, including university visits and discussions on education, leadership, and social transformation.
- **Witness the breathtaking beauty of Victoria Falls** and enjoy a **sunset cruise along the Zambezi River** surrounded by hippos, elephants, and vibrant birdlife.
- **Discover Cape Town's rich heritage**, scenic beauty, and the inspiring legacy of Nelson Mandela.
- **Experience the renowned Cape Winelands and Cape Peninsula**, from historic vineyards to the dramatic landscapes of the Cape of Good Hope and Boulders Beach.
- Conclude your journey with an **unforgettable safari in the Greater Kruger ecosystem**, enjoying expertly guided game drives in search of Africa's iconic wildlife.



Activity Level

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. Every effort will be made to ensure your comfort however it will be the responsibility of the guest to advise the tour operator and University of Rochester regarding any concerns you may have. Please consult with your doctor regarding this trip, its length and location and share this brochure with them.



Program Itinerary

October 13, 2027

This is the recommended departure date from the United States. For travelers wishing to arrive a day or two before the official program begins, early-arrival accommodations can be arranged for \$300 per room per night, including breakfast and all taxes.

October 14

Welcome to South Africa! Upon arrival in Johannesburg, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in the vibrant Sandton district. This evening, gather with Professor Reitumetse Mabokela and your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner as you begin your journey through Southern Africa.

Overnight: [Sandton Sun & Towers](#) (Welcome Dinner)

**Dinner Includes 2 glasses of wine, beer, or soft drink*

October 15

Explore Pretoria, one of South Africa's three capital cities, where elegant boulevards, historic landmarks, and the iconic Union Buildings reflect the nation's political and cultural heritage. A special highlight of the day is a visit to the University of Pretoria (subject to confirmation) with Professor Mabokela, whose longstanding relationship with the university offers rare access and insight into one of South Africa's leading academic institutions and its role in shaping the country's future

Overnight: [Sandton Sun & Towers](#) (B)

October 16

Gain a deeper understanding of South Africa's remarkable journey through a full-day exploration of Johannesburg and Soweto. Visit the acclaimed Apartheid Museum, whose powerful exhibits trace the country's struggle for equality and democracy, followed by a traditional lunch in Soweto.

Overnight: [Sandton Sun & Towers](#) (B, L) **Lunch includes 1 soft drink*

October 17

Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, home to one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders. Fed by the mighty Zambezi River, Victoria Falls has captivated travelers for centuries with its immense scale and breathtaking beauty. Upon arrival, settle into your lodge before gathering for dinner later this evening.

Overnight: [Insika Lodge](#) (B, D) **Dinner includes 2 glasses wine, beer or soft drinks*

(B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)



October 18

Experience the awe-inspiring beauty of Victoria Falls on a guided tour, where the mighty Zambezi River plunges into the dramatic Batoka Gorge. The afternoon is yours to relax or explore the charming town of Victoria Falls before gathering for dinner at the spectacular Lookout Café, perched high above the gorge.

Overnight: [Insika Lodge](#) (B, D) *Dinner includes 2 glasses wine, beer or soft drinks



October 19

Fly to Cape Town, consistently ranked among the world's most beautiful cities. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to relax or begin exploring the city's vibrant waterfront, cafés, shops, and neighborhoods at your own pace.

Overnight: [Southern Sun The Cullinan](#) (B)

October 20

Journey into the picturesque Cape Winelands, where rolling vineyards, historic estates, and dramatic mountain scenery have shaped South Africa's renowned wine industry for centuries. Enjoy wine tastings before a special visit to Stellenbosch University (subject to confirmation), arranged by Professor Mabokela, offering insight into one of Africa's leading centers of higher education.

Overnight: [Southern Sun The Cullinan](#) (B, L) *Lunch includes 1 soft drink



October 21

Discover the highlights of Cape Town, beginning with a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain (weather permitting), where sweeping views stretch across the city, Table Bay, and the surrounding mountains. Continue to Signal Hill for another spectacular vantage point before exploring the colorful streets and rich cultural heritage of the historic Bo-Kaap neighborhood. Following lunch, enjoy a free afternoon to explore this vibrant city at your leisure.

*We are currently working to arrange for a private audience with Christo Brand, former Robben Island prison guard and close friend of Nelson Mandela. Should arrangements be confirmed, guests will have the opportunity to hear his remarkable personal story.

Overnight: [Southern Sun The Cullinan](#) (B, L) *Lunch includes 1 soft drink

October 22

Explore the breathtaking Cape Peninsula, where dramatic coastal cliffs, pristine beaches, and abundant wildlife create one of South Africa's most spectacular landscapes. Travel along the legendary Chapman's Peak Drive before visiting the iconic Cape of Good Hope and Boulders Beach, home to a charming colony of endangered African penguins. Enjoy a delicious lunch with your fellow travelers before returning to Cape Town.

Overnight: [Southern Sun The Cullinan](#) (B, L)

** Lunch includes 2 glasses of wine or soft drink*

October 23

Fly to Hoedspruit, the gateway to South Africa's celebrated Greater Kruger ecosystem. Upon arrival, settle into your luxurious safari camp before embarking on your first afternoon game drive. As the golden light settles across the bush, begin searching for the iconic wildlife that makes this one of Africa's premier safari destinations.

Overnight: [Becks Safari Lodge](#) (B, L, D)

**All meals include non-premium house wines, beers, soft drinks*

October 24

Rise early for a morning game drive as the bush awakens, followed by time to relax at the lodge before another safari adventure in the late afternoon. Each drive offers new opportunities to encounter the remarkable wildlife that calls the Greater Kruger home.

Overnight: [Becks Safari Lodge](#) (B, L, D)

**All meals include non-premium house wines, beers, soft drinks*

October 25

Continue exploring the diverse landscapes of the Karongwe Private Game Reserve on morning and afternoon game drives with expert guides. No two safaris are ever the same, making each outing a new opportunity for unforgettable wildlife encounters.

Overnight: [Becks Safari Lodge](#) (B, L, D)

All meals include non-premium house wines, beers, soft drinks

October 26

Enjoy one final morning in the bush before transferring to Johannesburg for your onward journey. From there, connect with your international flight home or continue exploring Southern Africa with an optional post-tour extension.

Contact Immersion Journeys for more details.



Trip Costs

\$9,865 per person (double occupancy.)

\$2,115 single room supplement. *Limited to 3 rooms on a first-come first-serve basis.*

Inclusions

- All airport arrival meet and greet + transfers.
- Economy-fare, internal flights (Johannesburg-Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls-Cape Town, Cape Town-Hoedspruit, Hoedspruit-Johannesburg).
- Accommodations as indicated.
- 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners (including welcome dinner).
- Lunches in Johannesburg and Cape Town inclusive of 1x soft drink per person. Lunch in the wine lands will include 2x glasses of vineyard house wine.
- Dinners in Johannesburg and Victoria Falls will include 2x glasses house wine, beer or soft drink per person.
- Lunches and dinners during safari include house wine, beer and soft drinks (non-premium labels only).
- Full time tour guide/ trip manager escorting the group throughout the trip.
- All tours and excursions indicated in the itinerary.
- Morning and afternoon safari wildlife viewing activities led by a naturalist-guide.
- All entry fees to monument sites and museums.
- Conservation and community fees at Karongwe Private Game Reserve.
- All transport in Johannesburg, Victoria Falls and Cape Town in luxury coaches.
- All safaris in 4x4 open vehicles.

Exclusions

- International flights to/from Johannesburg.
- Tips to trip manager, safari and cultural guides, drivers, hotel and lodge staff, porters.
- Any other meals not shown in inclusions.
- Trip insurance.
- Laundry.
- Gift shop, local telephone use, premium drinks at the safari lodge, additional drinks during lunches and dinners in Johannesburg, Victoria Falls and Cape Town.
- Any other services not mentioned in the "inclusions" section.

**If you are interested in any pre/post extensions, please contact Immersion Journeys at info@immersionjourneys.com, (917) 686-2620, or (303) 819-1934.*



Tour Reservation Form

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of **\$1,400 per person** 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, 303-819-1934, or info@immersionjourneys.com if you have any questions about the registration process.

Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$_____ (\$1,400 per person)

Please charge my/our deposit of charge my/our deposit of \$_____ (\$1,400 per person) to my:

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

Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others) _____ Date: _____

The balance of the trip is due on July 16, 2027. Payment by check or bank wire only. Credit card payments will incur a 3.5% processing fee.

Passenger Information

Name 1 (as on passport) _____	Name 2 (as on passport) _____
Passport # _____ Nationality _____	Passport # _____ Nationality _____
Issue Date (mm/dd/yy): _____ Expiration (mm/dd/yy) _____	Issue Date (mm/dd/yy): _____ Expiration (mm/dd/yy) _____
Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ UR Affiliation _____	Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ UR Affiliation _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
Mobile _____	Mobile _____
Email (print clearly) _____	Email (print clearly) _____

I prefer single accommodations *(limited to just 3 guests and on first-come first-serve basis)*

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

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

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

*By submitting my/our non-refundable deposit of (\$1,400 per person), I/we am/are registering for the **Threads of a Nation: Weaving History and Culture in Southern Africa** 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, commercial flights 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 Concerning Terms and Conditions and Binding Arbitration

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.

INTRODUCTION: These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC, "University of Rochester", (collectively "Immersion Journeys", "University of Rochester", "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.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS: A prepayment deposit **\$1,400** 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 (date: 07/16/2027)

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 Rebecca Picone, for insurance information. rebecca.picone@rochester.edu

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:

Fee	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice Prior to First Day of the Trip
\$950	Ninety (90) or more
50 percent (50%)	Between eighty-nine (89) and sixty (60) of total tour cost
One hundred percent (100%)	Less than sixty (60) of total tour cost

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

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.

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

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.]

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.

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.

Many of the activities which you may undertake involve risk of injury or death. These include but are not limited to safari game drives or walks, horseback riding or riding on any kind of animal, scuba diving, zip lining, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, rafting, whitewater rafting, hiking, bicycling, canyoning/canyoneering, fishing, cruising, camping, helicopter tours, 4x4 Jeep/ATV/quad biking tours, mokoro or canoe rides, hot air ballooning, jetboating, mule riding, rock climbing, etc.

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.

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.

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.

FORCE MAJEURE AND EVENTS BEYOND IMMERSION JOURNEYS'

CONTROL: 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.

INDEMNIFICATION: You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, "University of Rochester", 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.