Windhoek • Etosha • Kunene • Swakopmund • Sossusvlei

July 21–August 2, 2018

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Faculty Leader: Jill Schneiderman Ph.D., Professor of Earth Sciences, Vassar College
Dear Vassar Travelers,

This letter is a cordial invitation to join me and fellow alumnae/i on a two-week adventure to awe-inspiring Namibia. A land of open skies and endless horizons, Namibia is renowned for captivating vistas, sculpted red canyons, and some of the most spectacular sand dunes on the planet. The Namib desert, with its shimmering mirages, swirling sand seas, and apricot-colored parabolic dunes, has been described as a Technicolor dreamscape. What’s more, the mighty power of wind and water is stunningly displayed where desert sands are juxtaposed against roiling swells of the south Atlantic Ocean. On this journey we’ll have the opportunity to marvel at these geological wonders and also to admire the remarkable creatures that make their home in this vast and varied landscape—leopards, rhinos, zebras, antelopes and elephants.

I have been fortunate to lead alumnae/i from Vassar and similar institutions on past trips to Iceland, Costa Rica, and the Canadian Rockies. One of the great pleasures of these trips for me has been the chance to immerse myself in the experiences we have together as companions in travel. By merging academically and aesthetically, direct experience of a unique and otherworldly landscape, this program offers opportunities to learn about Namibia’s geological, ecological, and cultural significance. I hope you will join me on this expedition to a breathtaking place on Earth.

Since space is limited, I warmly encourage you to reserve your place quickly.

Sincerely,

Jill S. Schneiderman, Ph.D
Professor of Earth Science
Jill Schneiderman has taught at Vassar College since 1995 in the Department of Earth Science and Geography where her courses explore the relationship between human beings and the physical environment. She and her students address questions such as: How have physical environments shaped the development of human cultures? How have humans modified the physical world through development practices? How have human belief systems and attitudes shaped environmental practices? She is the editor of and contributor to *The Earth Around Us: Maintaining a Livable Planet* (2003), *For the Rock Record: Geologists on Intelligent Design* (2009), and *Liberation Science: Putting Science to Work for Social Justice* (2012). Jill has led alumnae/i trips to Iceland, Canadian Rockies and Costa Rica in the past and continues to thrill her audiences.

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**Tour Itinerary**

**July 20, 2018 – Depart for Windhoek**
Depart the U.S. for Windhoek, Namibia *(meals aloft)*

**July 21 – Arrive Windhoek, Namibia**
Welcome to Namibia! Windhoek (“wind corner” in Afrikaans) is the commercial and legislative capital of Namibia. Developed around a permanent water source by the indigenous pastoralists– it was later modernized by the Germans in the 1840s. One can still see the German influence in architecture and food when in the city.

Welcome dinner at hotel and safari briefing by your guide.

*Overnight: Hilton Windhoek Hotel (B)*
July 22 – Windhoek | Okonjima Nature Reserve
Depart with driver and guide to the Okonjima Nature Reserve. Lunch en route at guest’s own account. Okonjima is a 20,000 hectare private game reserve that was formerly a cattle ranch. Upon arrival, we will embark on an afternoon leopard tracking excursion.

After dinner, join your guide at the nocturnal hide where you may view wildlife such as porcupine, honey badgers and caracal, among others. **Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp (B, L, D)**

July 23 – Okonjima Nature Reserve
Morning guided walk: identify some of the more than 250 bird species in the area, including Namibian endemics – carp’s black tit, hartlaub’s francolin and the damara rock runner.

After lunch, we will visit AfriCat’s “Information & Carnivore Care Center,” which offers you valuable insight into the work of The AfriCat Foundation. Witness first-hand their mission, which is to contribute to the long-term conservation of Namibia’s large carnivores. AfriCat was created as a result of information learned on Okonjima when it was still a cattle farm. The farm suffered significant losses from leopards and other large cats. AfriCat’s influence has led to the rescue of many trapped large carnivores. Since 1993, 1060 of these predators have been rescued and more than 85% were released back into the wild. **Overnight: Okonjima Plains Camp (B,L,D)**

July 24 – Okonjima | Etosha National Park
This morning continue further north to a lodge situated on the outskirts of the Etosha Game Reserve. Arrive in time for a late afternoon game drive on the Onguma Reserve. The reserve covers an area of over 34,000 hectares and incorporates ecological substrata such as savannah, bushveld, omuramba and dry pan. Age-old and well-worn migration routes, once used by elephant and buffalo, wander through Onguma’s dry riverbeds. The reserve boasts over 30 different animal species. Plain game animals roam freely on the reserve and predators, although not easy to spot, are nevertheless common residents of the area. Lions are frequently seen and often heard. There is a healthy black rhino and leopard population and hyenas are also frequently seen. **Overnight: Onguma Fort (B, D)**

July 25 – Game drive in Etosha National Park
Early morning game drive in the Etosha Game Reserve. Etosha meaning “place of dry water,” encompasses a huge, flat calcrete depression (or “pan”) of about 5,000 square-kilometers. The pan provides a great, parched, silver-white backdrop of shimmering mirages to an area of semi-arid savannah grassland and thorn scrub. The pan itself contains water only after very good rains and sometimes for only a few days each year but is enough to stimulate the growth of blue-green algae that lures thousands of flamingos. Etosha attracts all the major predators as well as the endangered black rhino. It is a scene from “Noah’s Ark” as herds of animals take their turn at the watering holes. **Overnight: Onguma Fort (B, L, D)**
July 26 — Etosha | Kunene Region
This morning after breakfast, we continue to Kunene (formerly known as Damaraland). This area is huge, untamed, and ruggedly beautiful region of Namibia leaving most travelers in awe. Here one can see prehistoric watercourses with open plains and grassland, massive granite koppies and deep gorges. Our lodge offers scenic drives down to the Klip River Valley, where permanent springs provide water for the local population of zebras, antelopes and occasionally elephants, lions and black rhinos. Springboks, kudu and oryx are a permanent fixture and even the nervous and shy klipspringers are sometimes seen leaping about on the steep cliffs as if they are flying.
Overnight: Grootberg Lodge (B, D)

July 27 — Kunene Region
This morning we will depart for a rhino tracking experience this morning accompanied by a professional wildlife guide and trackers. Part of the tracking will take place on foot. This activity is along bumpy roads and walking on rocky terrain with sweeping views of the horizons.
Overnight: Grootberg Lodge (B, L, D)

July 28 — Kunene | Twyfelfontein
We head to Twyfelfontein today. The area has been inhabited for 6,000 years, first by hunter-gatherers and later by Khoikhoi herders. Both ethnic groups used it as a place of worship and a site to conduct shamanist rituals. In the process of these rituals at least 2,500 rock carvings were created, as well as a few rock paintings. Displaying one of the largest concentrations of rock petroglyphs in Africa, UNESCO approved Twyfelfontein as Namibia’s first World Heritage Site in 2007. Here, you will have an opportunity to view some of these ancient engravings as well as secondary sites such as the Organ Pipes and Burnt Mountain.
Overnight: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge (B, D)

July 29 — Twyfelfontein | Swakopmund
Early breakfast before departing on a Himba village excursion. The Himba are semi-nomadic herders. Because of the harsh desert climate in the region where they live and their seclusion from outside influences, the Himba have managed to maintain much of their traditional lifestyle. Members live under a tribal structure based on bilateral descent that helps them survive in one of the most extreme environments on earth.
Later we continue South to Swakopmund- a beautiful coastal town on the Atlantic ocean. Founded by the Germans in 1892 in an effort to establish a deep sea harbor, today it remains a thriving town with a strong European influences as seen by the architecture and also a place for locals to come during the hot summer season due to its proximity to the ocean. Rest of the day at your leisure to enjoy the town.
Overnight: Strand Hotel (B)

July 30 — Swakopmund | Walvis Bay Excursion
After breakfast depart to Walvis Bay for a full day excursion. One of the most popular activities is driving amid the massive sand dunes. This excursion is an informative and exciting activity and a contrast in landscape with endless sand bordering the ocean.
Overnight: Strand Hotel (B)
**July 31 – Swakopmund | Sossusvlei (Namib Desert)**

We will fly to the Sossusvlei area and will be picked up for a short road transfer to your lodge. The sand dunes of Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert are often referred to as the highest dunes in the world. Various arguments are laid out to support this claim, but all miss the point, which is that Sossusvlei is surely one of the most spectacular sights in Namibia and well worth the visit.

*Overnight: Kulala Desert Lodge (B, D)*

**August 1 – Sossusvlei**

Today you depart on an early morning excursion to Sesriem Canyon. The canyon derives its name from the fact that early Afrikaner trekkers had to use six (‘ses’) leather thongs (a thong is a ‘riem’) so that their buckets could reach the water far below. The canyon begins as an almost imperceptible, but nevertheless deep, cleft in level, stony ground and then widens until it finally flattens out onto the plain. Because it is so deep and sheltered, it often holds water well into the dry season - a welcome sight in such a barren and stark environment.

*Overnight: Kulala Desert Lodge (B, L, D)*

**August 2 – Sossusvlei | Windhoek | Departure**

Fly back to Windhoek. Met on arrival and assisted with airport check-in formalities for your onward flight back to the U.S.

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**TOUR COST: $8,995 per person (sharing)  Single Room Supplement: $1,115**

**Included Features**

- All ground transportation and airport transfers.
- Domestic flights: Swakopmund – Sossusvlei - Windhoek.
- Accommodations and meals as indicated above.
- Day trips and excursions indicated above including all entry fees.
- All game drives and game viewing with professional wildlife guides.
- In-country specialist guide.

**Excludes**

- Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides, hotel and lodge staff.
- International flights to Windhoek.
- Beverages.

A modest emergency evacuation policy will be purchased on your behalf by The Vassar Travel Program at no cost to you. Details will be provided upon request. Any additional coverage of evacuation insurance will be paid by the guest.”

*Single room supplements are extremely limited and MAY NOT be available to all, depending on the configuration of the camps and lodges.*
Enclosed is my/our deposit check of $_______________ $850 per person payable to Immersion Journeys.

Please charge my deposit of $___________ ($850 per person) to my:

☐ VISA  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express

Card #:____________________________________________________  Expiration Date:_____________

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The balance of the trip is due on May 22, 2018 and is payable by check only.

GUEST INFORMATION

Name 1 (as on passport): ____________________________

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Street Address: __________________________________________________________

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Home Phone:______________ Mobile:___________ Work:______________

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☐ I prefer single accommodations (due to limited space, this is not guaranteed. If necessary a rooming partner of the same gender can be assigned).

☐ I plan to room with_________________________ ☐ Double  ☐ Twin (separate beds)

☐ I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate).

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

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

By submitting my/our deposit $850 per person, I/we am/are registering for the Namibia: Open Skies & Endless Horizons and have read and agreed to the terms & conditions. I understand that portions of this trip will be strenuous and may include unpaved and rocky paths. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without a walking aid or wheelchair. I/we also take responsibility for purchasing our own mandatory supplemental travel insurance including any additional medical evacuation coverage I/we opt to purchase.

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Signature     Date  Signature     Date
**Introduction:** These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC (collectively “Immersion 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.

**Benefits of Tour Packages:** Our tour packages offer services of a professional tour guide, accommodations, meals as outlined in the itinerary, transportation as specified in the itinerary and excursions and tours as outlined in the itinerary.

Immersion Journeys may, from time to time, offer you optional services or benefits. By using those services and/or benefits when they become available, you agree to be bound by any supplemental terms applicable to those services or benefits We will send final documents and tickets by overnight or registered mail approximately two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tour.

**Rates and Exclusions:** The rates and charges for tour participation are those established at the time the tour is booked with Immersion Journeys. We reserve the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, taxes and V.A.T received after prices are published and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Published rates and charges are typically “per person,” based upon double occupancy with en suite bath (unless otherwise stated). Single rooms are subject to a single room supplemental charges which are stated in the proposal. Expenses and terms not specifically identified in the applicable Immersion Journeys produced quotation are not covered. These include any paperwork or charges associated with: passports, visas, immunization, meals other than those specified, optional excursions, trip protection coverage, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor), all beverages excluding those provided in Immersion Journeys vehicles, telephone calls, room service, laundry, personal items, baggage handling, international airfare unless otherwise stated, gratuities and transportation to or from any departure gateway and any other costs that might be incurred not stated in tour package. Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger travelling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

**Payment:** We accept the following forms of payment: major credit cards, bank transfer or checks drawn on a U.S. Bank. Credit cards will incur a service fee of 3-5% paid by the client. You must promptly pay the following fees and charges for participation in an Immersion Journeys tour.

**Airfare:** Full payment per person is due in order to purchase airline tickets. Airline cancellation policy shall apply. Discounted airfare quote (if available) is subject to purchase of ground package.

**Ground Package:** deposit of $850 per person per tour is required immediately to secure the tour and services. This amount may vary depending on the destination, accommodations and services.

**Balance:** The balance of the tour price is due 60 days before departure.

**Revisions:** A fee of $125 per booking for each change made sixty (60) days or more prior to the start of the tour. The cancellation fees set forth below apply to changes made less than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the tour.

**Cancellation by You:** We must receive your cancellation notice in writing by email, fax, or overnight courier, and your cancellation date will be the date on which we receive your notice. Simultaneously with your notice, you must pay the following cancellation charge based upon the amount of notice provided. In addition, airline cancellation policies shall apply for cancelled tours involving air transportation:

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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, canceled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the tour due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, illness or 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 departure date and time, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future tour, but you may join the tour late if you wish and must pay an additional operational expenses if applicable such as, but not limited to special transport arrangements, hotel accommodations and local staff to assist.

**Insurance:** Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase trip cancellation, medical, and baggage insurance to cover penalties and cancellation charges. Once your registration is processed, you will receive information on trip cancellation from Vassar College, although you may select any insurer of your choice. However, any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. Please contact Susan Quade at suquade@vassar.edu or 845-437-5453 with any questions.
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Security and Safety: We are strongly committed to protecting your security and well-being. However, travel, safaris and sightseeing endeavours are inherently dangerous activities. Immersion Journeys strongly recommends that you exercise extreme caution when participating in tour events. Parts of your tour may involve high altitudes, hiking, cycling and/or driving over rough and dusty terrain.

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Vendor Acts or Omissions: We act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services named in your itinerary or otherwise providing services or goods in connection with the tour (the “Vendors”), such as airlines, hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, sightseeing tour operators, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants, and providers of entertainment. We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any of the Vendors or airlines providing flights to or from your tour.

Conduct During the 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. 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.

Limitation of Liability and Damages: In no event will we be liable for any injury, loss, claim, damage, or any special, punitive, exemplary, direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages of any kind, whether based in contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, that arise out of or are in any way connected with the tour, even if advised of the possibility of such damages. In no event will our aggregate liability exceed the total tour price set forth in the itinerary.
**Force Majeure:** We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation that causes you to miss all or any portion of the tour, acts of God, acts of government, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather extremes, or strikes. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. You understand that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating health conditions. For information concerning possible dangers at foreign destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or www.travel.state.gov, and click on “Travel Warnings.” For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or www.cdc.gov/travel.

**Indemnification:** You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, Vassar College 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 conditions.

**Miscellaneous:** Immersion Journeys may assign its rights and/or delegate all or a portion of its duties under these Terms and Conditions to any third party at any time without the consent or permission of any parties to these Terms and Conditions. If there is a conflict between these Terms and Conditions and one or more terms contained in another agreement between you and Immersion Journeys, these Terms and Conditions will control. No alteration, cancellation, variation of, or addition to these terms and conditions shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by Immersion Journeys and the Client. If there is a conflict between any part of these terms and conditions and any present or future law, the part that is affected shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to bring it within the requirements of that law.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the limits on Immersion Journeys responsibility clause, to the brochure, to the proposal, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip itself, or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in the State of New York, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, except that (a) in lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration, the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means, (b) arbitration is the exclusive forum for dispute resolution (no court actions), and (c) except as otherwise provided by statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees. You agree to present any claims against us within 90 days after the tour ends and to file any arbitration request within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year.

You hereby consent to our use of pictures or video of you in our marketing materials without compensation. Facsimile or scanned transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE:** You understand and acknowledge that, if you participate in activities during your trip, certain risks and dangers may arise, including, but not limited to, the risk of accidents in remote places without access to medical facilities, transportation, or means of rapid evacuation and assistance; the hazards of traveling in unsafe or politically unstable areas or under unsafe conditions; the dangers of civil disturbances, war, extortion, kidnapping, and terrorist activities; Tour activities that may involve increased risks including, but not limited to, gorilla trekking and walking safaris; dangers and risks inherent in activities in underdeveloped countries; dangers of local law enforcement activity; attacks or bites by animals, pests, or insects; quarantine; epidemics; injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or third parties; sickness; lack of appropriate medical care; or criminal activity. YOU DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD US AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR TRIP OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE.