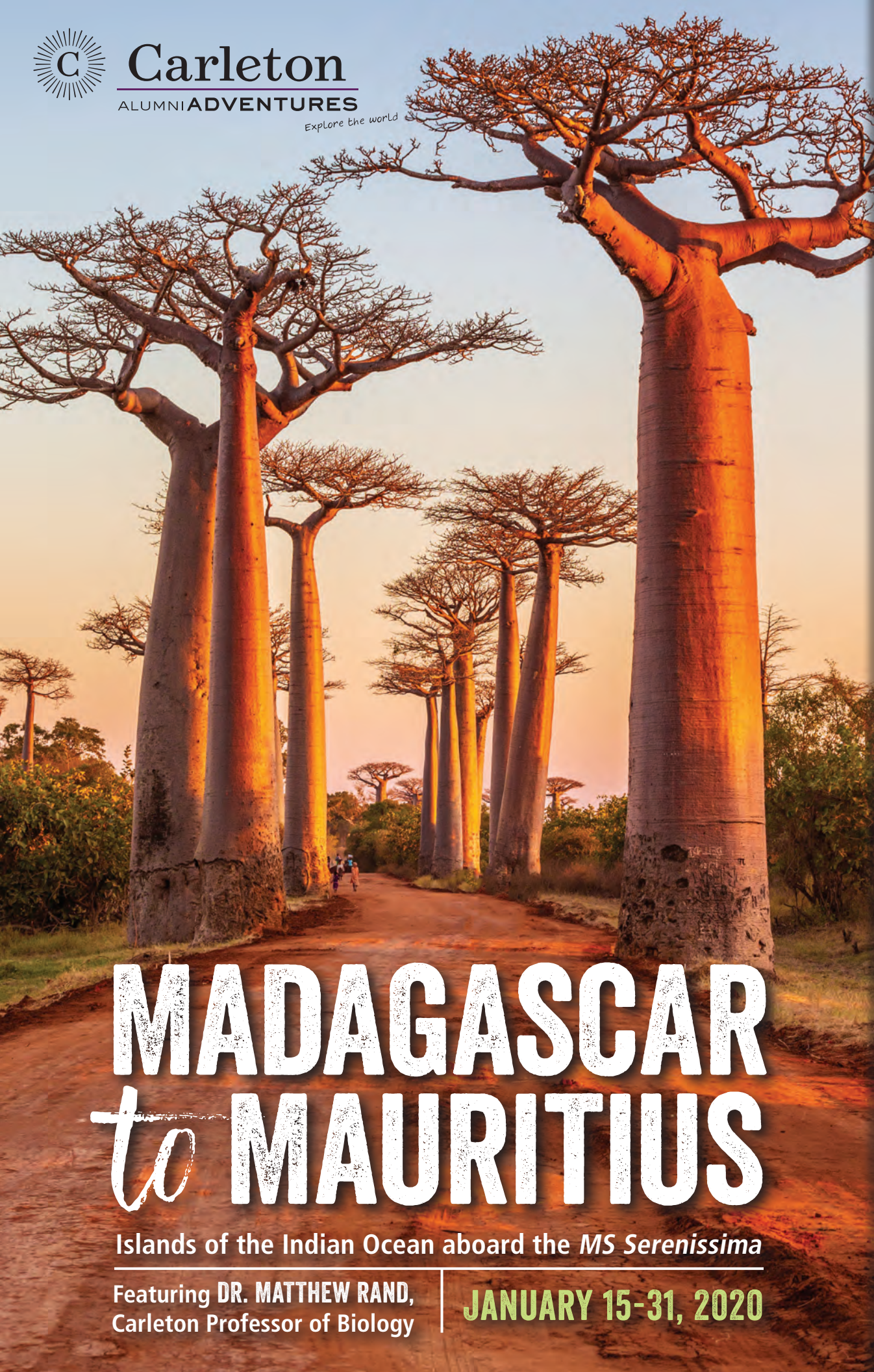




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# MADAGASCAR *to* MAURITIUS

Islands of the Indian Ocean aboard the *MS Serenissima*

Featuring DR. MATTHEW RAND,  
Carleton Professor of Biology

**JANUARY 15-31, 2020**



# HIGHLIGHTS



**EXPLORE** Madagascar from our comfortable and convenient home base, *MS Serenissima*, reaching intimate sites large cruise ships cannot.

**SEE** lemurs up close in their natural habitat and learn about conservation efforts to protect these incredible primates.

**CRUISE** into dramatic **Diego Suarez**, set on a stunning natural harbor and housing an eclectic cultural mix of inhabitants.

**VISIT** the Durrell Breeding Program to learn about efforts to protect the **ploughshare tortoise**, one of the world's most threatened breeds.



**SNORKEL** in the waters surrounding **Nosy Tanikely**, known for its shallow coral reef teeming with fish and turtles.

**TAKE IN** the beauty of **Masoala National Park**, a diverse virgin rain forest that hosts half of all flora and fauna found on Madagascar.



## DEAR CARLETON COLLEGE ALUMNI & FRIENDS,

**Y**OU ARE INVITED TO travel with Carleton Professor of Biology **Matthew Rand** on an extraordinary cruise from Madagascar to Mauritius aboard the elegant, 53-cabin *MS Serenissima*. Matt will be joined by other onboard experts and, through **illustrated talks and informal discussions**, they will help to increase your understanding and appreciation of the fauna, flora, cultures, and histories of these beautiful and unique environments.

**Madagascar is a global treasure of nature:** often called the “eighth continent,” it is the fourth-largest island in the world. It is **home to 5% of the world’s plant and animal species that have developed in splendid isolation and exist nowhere else on Earth**. With no fewer than six different climatic zones, the island’s array of flora and fauna includes baobab trees; more than 300 species of reptiles; and more than 200 species of birds. Madagascar’s more than 100 known species of lemur are some of the most extraordinary animals you could ever hope to see.

To maximize your time in Madagascar, this expedition begins with a **private charter flight from Johannesburg, South Africa, to Toliara, Madagascar**, thus avoiding the two-day crossing by ship of the Mozambique Channel. Enjoy 11 days exploring Madagascar’s numerous marine reserves and national parks. Then arrive at **Réunion Island**, a paradisiacal French outpost, to explore its white-sand beaches, spectacular dormant volcanoes, and vibrant Creole character. Disembark on the island of **Mauritius**, taking in the island’s cultural riches and geologic wonders.

You may also choose from **two optional, pre-cruise extensions in South Africa**, one with a paleoanthropology focus that includes Sterkfontein Caves and the other a safari near Kruger National Park; and/or a **post-cruise opportunity** to lengthen your stay on Mauritius.

**This program is limited to just 85 travelers** and is co-sponsored by other organizations, so I hope you will contact the Alumni Adventures office today at [carleton@studytours.org](mailto:carleton@studytours.org) or **(800) 811-7244** to reserve your space.

Sincerely,

Derek Fried '93

President, Carleton College Alumni Association



COVER: Avenue of the Baobabs.  
COVER INSERTS, T TO B: Red Tsingy sandstone formations in Diego Suarez; see birds such as the fody cardinal; volcanic rock sea coast of Reunion Island; historic Post Office on Mauritius Island.  
THIS PAGE: Sunset on Nosy Tanikely and the sacred lake, north of Madagascar.



Port Louis skyline in Mauritius



The cat-like fossa is endemic to Madagascar



White sand beaches



Comet Moth

## STUDY LEADER



Carleton College faculty leader **DR. MATTHEW RAND**, Professor of Biology, has been teaching courses in animal behavior, physiology, morphology, and reproduction,

including a non-majors course on human reproduction and sexuality, at Carleton College for the past twenty years. In 2002 and 2009, he offered off-campus courses on animal behavior in the Galápagos Islands to Carleton students, and he has led four previous alumni trips to the Galápagos. Matt believes that islands provide one of the best environments on Earth in which to observe animal behavior with a unique and diverse set of organisms. And, since Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world, it provides one of the best "living laboratories" for observing and learning about biodiversity, speciation, and other fascinating subjects.





Ring-tailed lemur



## SOUTH AFRICA

Greater Kruger National Park

Johannesburg



Ngala Private Game Reserve

## OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE EXTENSIONS

January 12 to 16

Begin your journey with an earlier arrival in South Africa and a choice of two amazing experiences:

### GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

A memorable stay at Ngala Game Reserve, adjacent to Kruger National Park in South Africa, to search for the "Big Five" and other wildlife on game drives aboard open-top safari vehicles.

### CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

A visit to the Sterkfontein Caves and Maropeng Visitor Center in the UNESCO-listed Cradle of Humankind anthropological site near Johannesburg, joined by Dr. Ian Tattersall.

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.

Maropeng Exhibition Centre



Mozambique Channel



## MADAGASCAR

## ITINERARY

Wednesday & Thursday, January 15 & 16, 2020

### HOME / JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Depart home on international overnight flights to Johannesburg, South Africa, arriving on January 16th. Meet your fellow travelers at a welcome reception this evening.

54 ON BATH HOTEL (R)

Friday, January 17

### TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR

This morning board a charter flight to Toliara, Madagascar. After arrival, explore the Arboretum d'Antsokay and learn about its fantastic collection of 500+ species of endemic plants. Board the *MS Serenissima* this afternoon and enjoy the Captain's welcome reception and dinner this evening.

MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,R,D)

Saturday, January 18

### TOLIARA

Visit the curious spiny forest region, a unique ecosystem which only exists in the southern part of Madagascar, and see the spectacular baobab trees at Reniala Private Reserve. The reserve is a paradise for birds and home to the grey mouse lemur, radiated tortoise, and warty chameleon.

MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)

Sunday, January 19

### MORONDAYA

After breakfast depart to see the Avenue of Baobabs, an extraordinary stand of the iconic massive trees, followed by free time in Morondava market. Or, visit Kirindy Forest Reserve, home to the greatest density and diversity of primates in the world as well as dozens of amphibian species. Look for eight lemur species, the narrow-striped mongoose, the cat-like fossa, and the giant jumping rat.

MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)

Monday, January 20

### AT SEA

Enjoy a full day at sea and the continuation of the educational program as the *MS Serenissima* cruises along the west coast of Madagascar.

MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)

Tuesday, January 21

### MAHAJANGA

Drive to Ankarafantsika National Park, a vast reserve boasting a dense diversity of flora and fauna, for guided walks in search of wildlife. One of Madagascar's finest parks for birdwatching, look for 129 identified species, including Van Dam's vanga. Learn about the medicinal plants and flowers used by the locals for centuries, try to spot tiny mouse lemurs, and visit the Durrell Breeding Program, established to protect the

highly endangered ploughshare tortoise.

MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)

Wednesday, January 22

### NOSY TANIKELY

After a morning of cruising, arrive at Nosy Tanikely marine reserve for an afternoon of snorkeling. Recognized for its remarkable marine biodiversity, the reserve offers some of the best snorkeling in the area, with a spectacular coral reef teeming with colorful fish and other sea creatures.

MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)

Thursday, January 23

### NOSY HARA NATIONAL PARK

Nosy Hara means 'mountainous island' in Malagasy and is considered one of the last true paradises of Madagascar. The island offers a stunning bay, sandy beaches, and the unique, sharply eroded limestone spikes known as Tsingy formations. Hike the low circular path on the island or choose the steeper path to a sweeping viewpoint. Enjoy time in the afternoon to relax on Nosy Hara's beautiful beaches.

MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)

Friday, January 24

### DIEGO SUAREZ

Round Madagascar's northernmost point and cruise into Diego Suarez's stunning natural harbor to discover the town on a guided tour. Later,





Chamarel's seven-colored earth

climb aboard a 4x4 vehicle to drive to Amber Mountain National Park for tropical rainforest walks. See lush flora and waterfalls, look for the crowned lemur, spot volcanic lakes, and count more than 40 varieties of butterfly.

*MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)*

*Saturday, January 25*

**NOSY MANGABE**

After a morning of cruising and lectures, spend the afternoon exploring Nosy Mangabe, a small island reserve of virgin rainforest, and home to a unique nocturnal lemur called the aye-aye. Take the Zodiacs ashore for nature walks and hopefully spot black and white ruffed lemurs, colorful paradise flycatchers, and many other types of wildlife.

*MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)*

*Sunday, January 26*

**MASOALA NATIONAL PARK**

Explore Masoala National Park's coastal rainforest, dense marshes, and stands of mangrove. Search for a variety of colorful chameleons, geckos, and of course lemurs, including the red-ruffed lemur native to this area. Stop at Ambodiforaha village to meet with locals and shop in the market.

*MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)*

*Monday, January 27*

**ILE SAINTE-MARIE / NOSY NATO**

Enjoy a full day on Ile Sainte-Marie, a lush tropical island dotted with thatched villages. Visit the oldest church in Madagascar and the vibrant market in the capital of the island, Ambodifotatra. Continue to Nosy Nato, a small island south of Ile Sainte-Marie, with curving white beaches and overhanging palms, for nature walks and snorkeling.

*MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)*

*Tuesday, January 28*

**AT SEA**

During a final full day at sea, enjoy the conclusion of the lecture program and the onboard amenities en route to Réunion Island, a rainforested outpost hundreds of miles into the Indian Ocean.

*MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,D)*

*Wednesday, January 29*

**PORT EST, RÉUNION ISLAND**

Visit Réunion Island's central highlands, a spectacular rugged landscape of active, dormant, extinct, and collapsed volcanoes, where mountain peaks tower to over 10,000 feet above sea level. See picturesque villages that dot the lush and verdant landscape and learn about vanilla production at a small family run plantation. Enjoy the Captain's farewell

reception and dinner this evening on board *MS Serenissima* before crossing to the neighboring island of Mauritius.

*MS SERENISSIMA (B,L,R,D)*

*Thursday, January 30*

**PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS**

Disembark the ship this morning and discover the unique history of Port Louis and Mauritius at the La Citadelle Fort and Aapravasi Ghat, the immigration depot where the modern indentured labor diaspora began. Explore Chamarel, an eye-catching region of tropical flora, hidden waterfalls, and undulating sand dunes displaying an array of colors. Visit Bois Cheri tea plantation for a refreshing cup of tea before departing for the airport (MRU) for flights home. (B,L)

*Friday, January 31*

**ALOFT / HOME**

Arrive in the U.S.

**OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION**

*January 30 to February 2*

**MAURITIUS**

Extend your stay for further exploration of the lush rainforests and white sand beaches of Mauritius. During your three-day stay, discover Île aux Aigrettes, one of the last sanctuaries for rare Mauritian wildlife, including the giant alibaba tortoise (below) and the ornate day gecko. Also learn about the island's long colonial history and enjoy snorkeling in the crystal blue water.

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants







Junior Suite



Superior Cabin



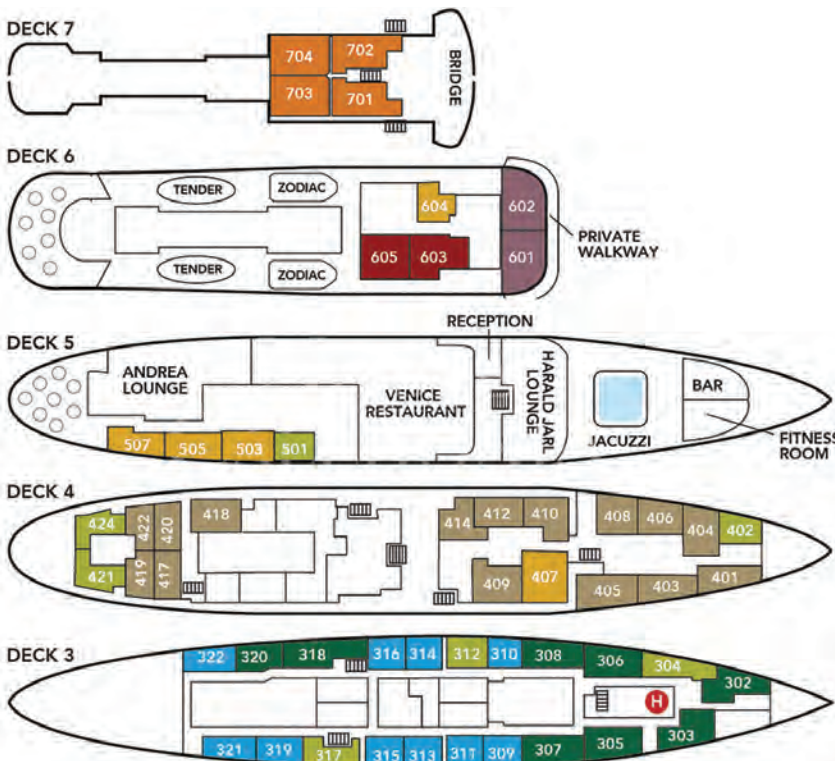
Standard Cabin

## PROGRAM RATES

DECK 3	
<b>Standard Cabin</b>	\$12,990 per person sharing 109-144 sq ft, portholes
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<b>Classic Cabin</b>	\$13,990 per person sharing 152-211 sq ft, portholes
DECK 4	
<b>Superior Cabin</b>	\$14,990 per person sharing 116-198 sq ft, portholes or windows
DECKS 4, 5 & 6	
<b>Deluxe Cabin</b>	\$15,490 per person sharing 162-274 sq ft, windows
DECK 6	
<b>Junior Suite</b>	\$16,490 per person sharing 225-233 sq ft, windows
DECK 6	
<b>Owner's Suite</b>	\$16,990 per person sharing 244 sq ft, windows
DECK 7	
<b>Serenissima Suite</b>	\$17,990 per person sharing 273-284 sq ft, windows, balcony
DECKS 3, 4 & 5	
<b>Standard Single</b>	\$14,490 per person (limited) 107-127 sq ft, portholes or windows

## MS SERENISSIMA

**R**ECENTLY REFURBISHED IN 2018, the 95-passenger *MS Serenissima* can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to larger cruise ships. The public areas on board create a relaxed and spacious atmosphere. The Andrea Lounge provides a comfortable venue for lectures and has an elegant bar, and the Harald Jarl Lounge offers a library and computers. Outside decks include a massive observation deck for 360-degree views of the passing scenery, and the all-teak Sun Deck is used for meal service in pleasant weather. Guest accommodations are designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins feature ocean views, en-suite bathrooms, and are equipped with many amenities. The Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in a single seating, with great views through the large picture windows. When possible, local produce is sourced for authentic dining experiences. Complimentary house wines, beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee, and tea are included with meals. Wifi is available throughout the vessel.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Charter flight from Johannesburg, South Africa to Toliara, Madagascar
- Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations
- Team of expert naturalists
- Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates
- Baggage handling
- Gratuities to ship staff, porters, wait staff, guides and drivers
- Entrance fees
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- House wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunches and dinners aboard the ship
- Bottled water throughout
- Professional tour managers

### PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport/visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Excess baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Gratuities for non-group services
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges
- Room service
- Other items of a personal nature.

### AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Economy-class airfare from New York to Johannesburg and Mauritius to New York is approximately \$1,200 per person as of March 2019 and is subject to change without notice. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

**WHAT TO EXPECT** This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. Daily activities can involve up to two miles of walking, over sometimes rough terrain; often elevators are unavailable and stairs may not have handrails. Participants should be fit and in active good health. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other participants.

**A NOTE ABOUT COSTS** Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

**GROUP SIZE** This program is limited to 85 participants, including travelers from Carleton College, Dartmouth, Harvard, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Archaeological Institute of America.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. You may reserve space immediately by contacting Carleton College Alumni Adventures at (800) 811-7244 or [carleton@studytours.org](mailto:carleton@studytours.org). Or you may send the completed reservation form with your deposit payment (we accept checks **payable to Criterion Travel**, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover) to Carleton College Alumni Adventures, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main Street, Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608 or fax to (603) 756-2922. Final payment deadline is September 13, 2019 and can be made by check or credit card. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure.

### CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the participant agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are

received in writing and confirmed by Carleton College Alumni Adventures. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Cancellations after final payment deadline of September 13, 2019: All payments are 100% non-refundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by Carleton College Alumni Adventures or Criterion Travel, our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not participate in any part of the program, who do not complete the tour for whatever reason, or whose documentation for entry into any country on the itinerary is delayed or denied. NOTE: Neither Carleton College Alumni Adventures nor Criterion Travel accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

### ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary and study leaders presented for this tour are subject to modification and change by Carleton College Alumni Adventures and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unfavorable weather and/or unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Carleton College Alumni Adventures and Criterion Travel reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

**RESPONSIBILITY** Complete Terms & Conditions will be sent to participant(s) upon confirmation and are available to prospective participant(s) upon request. As a condition of participation, each participant will be required to sign a Release of Liability, which will be sent along with the Terms & Conditions.

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### CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print)

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EMAIL 2

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?

Yes,

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please charge my deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to my:  VISA  MasterCard  AmEx  Discover OR

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person, **payable to Criterion Travel**), to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on *Madagascar to Mauritius*

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD NUMBER EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE DATE

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st choice

2nd choice

Bed preference (not guaranteed):  King/Queen  Twins

### SINGLE TRAVELERS (Choose one)

I prefer to have single accommodations. (limited availability)

I plan to share accommodations with:

I'd like to know about roommates.

I am a  non-smoker  smoker

*I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of September 13, 2019, I will remain in a Standard Single cabin.*

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated therein.

SIGNATURE DATE

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Silky Sifaka  
Lemur



Local market in  
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Looking toward the  
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Masoala  
National  
Park