Brandeis University presents

SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

May 18-June 4, 2017

18 days for $8,154 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC
($6,795 air & land inclusive plus $1,359 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of Brandeis University
Featuring Professors Harleen Singh and Antony Polonsky
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Journey with Brandeis alumni and friends into the heart of Southern Africa to four distinct nations: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. In partnership with local guides and experts, this fascinating tour will be led by two members of the Brandeis faculty. India native Harleen Singh, associate professor of South Asian Literature and Women's Studies and chair of the South Asian Studies Program, will partner with South Africa native Antony Polonsky, the Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies at Brandeis University and at the United States Holocaust Museum.

Our tour begins in Johannesburg with a visit to Soweto, and continues to spectacular Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. We will visit Chobe National Park in Botswana before traveling to Namibia to explore the vast Namib Desert. Our journey concludes in Cape Town, where we’ll have the option to join specially arranged visits to the Jewish Museum and Great Synagogue. We will learn about the South African diaspora, including Indian and Jewish communities, culture and history.

This unique trip brings together the insights and expertise of two beloved faculty leaders to fully enrich your experience. I encourage you to reserve your space today on what promises to be the journey of a lifetime.

Sincerely,

F. Patricia Fisher
Vice President for Alumni Relations

BRANDEIS RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Southern Africa Odyssey departing May 18, 2017. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check (along with completed reservation form) payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail check to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

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City ______________________________________________________ State ____________ ZIP ___________________

Home Phone (______)_______________________________ Cell Phone (______)_______________________________

E-mail ______________________________________ I/we permit sharing our e-mail address with other travelers ❑

Please book my/our air from ______________________ I/we request a Business Class upgrade ❑

I will share a room with ____________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Post-Tour “Kruger: Kapama Private Game Reserve” Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Southern Africa Odyssey, May 18–June 4, 2017, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature ________________________________________________________________ Date_____________________

Method of Payment ❑ Check ❑ American Express ❑ Discover ❑ MasterCard ❑ VISA

Account # ___________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date _______________

Name of Cardholder ____________________________________________________________________________

Signature ______________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by the tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
Day 1: Depart U.S. for Johannesburg, South Africa

Day 2: Arrive Johannesburg

We arrive in Johannesburg today and transfer to our hotel in the suburb of Rosebank. A welcome reception is planned for the evening. Dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 3: Johannesburg/Soweto

We embark on a tour of the Soweto district of Johannesburg. Here we see the home of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu; visit the home, now a museum, of the late Nelson Mandela; and tour the moving Hector Pieterson Memorial and Museum, where we learn more about apartheid and the Soweto uprising of 1976. Then we hear fascinating stories from a local Sowetan who was present during the uprising, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner together.

Day 4: Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

We fly this morning to Victoria Falls, first “discovered” by explorer David Livingstone and claimed for Great Britain’s Queen Victoria in 1855. With its 300-foot-deep gorge and thundering spray, “Vic” Falls is a wonder of the natural world. This afternoon we see it for ourselves on a guided walk.

Day 5: Victoria Falls

This morning we visit a local school where we have the opportunity to interact with the children and teachers, then spend some time exploring the town of Victoria Falls. Late this afternoon we embark on a Sundowner dinner cruise on the Zambezi River.

Day 6: Victoria Falls

This morning we set off on a rhino safari in open-top safari vehicles. This afternoon is at leisure; this evening we attend a talk on David Livingstone’s travels, trials, and travails.

Day 7: Chobe National Park, Botswana

Known for a diverse terrain that attracts an exceptional array of wildlife, Chobe National
bodies that once littered its shores – debris from the whaling industry. Along the way we’ll see Cape Fur Seals, petrels and other sea birds, and some of the many shipwrecks that lie off shore. We have lunch together before returning to Swakopmund and time at leisure. **B,L,D**

**Day 13: Swakopmund/Cape Town, S.A.** We fly to Cape Town today. After time at leisure to explore as we wish, we dine together tonight at a local restaurant. **B,D**

**Day 14: Cape Town/The Winelands** Today

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*Some of the dunes at Sossusvlei reach as high as 1,300 feet.*

Park in nearby Botswana boasts one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in all Africa, including the world’s largest elephant population (some 120,000), as well as zebra, lion, hippo, giraffe, impala, wildebeest, buffalo, and more. We’re sure to see some of them on today’s full-day excursion to Chobe, where we take a morning wildlife drive and an afternoon wildlife cruise. **B,L,D**

**Day 8: Victoria Falls/Windhoek, Namibia**

Today we fly via Johannesburg to the Namibian capital of Windhoek, arriving late this evening. **B**

**Day 9: Windhoek/Namib Desert/Sossusvlei**

After a brief tour of Namibia’s largest city, we set out through the central Namib Desert of vast gravel plains and rocky mountains. Isolated and immense, tranquil and romantic, this endless expanse offers a glimpse of a land before time. Late this afternoon we reach our lodge in the heart of the dune desert. **B,L,D**

**Day 10: Namib Desert/Sossusvlei**

We rise with the sun to see the world’s highest crested dunes at Sossusvlei, their red-orange hues constantly changing in the early morning light. Here we have the opportunity to climb the velvet-like sand of Big Mama, as the locals call the largest dune. **B,L,D**

**Day 11: Sossusvlei/Swakopmund**

We travel today through the Namib desert en route to Swakopmund, Namibia’s largest port. **B,L,D**

**Day 12: Swakopmund/Skeleton Coast**

This morning we take a cruise along the storied Skeleton Coast, so named for the whale and seal bones that once littered its shores – debris from the whaling industry. Along the way we’ll see Cape Fur Seals, petrels and other sea birds, and some of the many shipwrecks that lie off shore. We have lunch together before returning to Swakopmund and time at leisure. **B,L,D**

**Post-Tour Extension**

June 3-7, 2017

**KRUGER: KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE**

4 days/3 nights for $1,795 total price

Single Supplement: $445

Experience the magnificence of the South African bush, Kruger National Park region, and Big Five animal country at a unique luxury tented camp.

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation to/from Hoedspruit inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights’ accommodations at Kapama Southern Camp (Deluxe)
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- 5 guided wildlife drives (in open safari vehicles)
- Services of the lodge’s excellent staff
- Transfers to/from airport
Faculty Lecturers

Harleen Singh is associate professor of literature and women’s studies at Brandeis University. Her work focuses on narratives of British colonialism in India, Africa and the Caribbean, with a special emphasis on literature written by women. Her research has focused on questions of race, difference, colonial and postcolonial cultural formations, globalization, and immigrant cultures.

Antony Polonsky is the Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies at Brandeis University and at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He serves as chief historian of the permanent exhibition of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw and has been appointed to the International Historical Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania. He is chair of the editorial board of “Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry,” and is the author and co-author of several books about the history of Poland.

“A DESERT IS A PLACE WITHOUT EXPECTATION.”
- Nadine Gordimer

we tour The Winelands, South Africa’s renowned wine-growing region just 45 miles east of Cape Town. Amidst the beautiful scenery, we visit two wineries for tours, tastings, and lunch. We return to Cape Town mid-afternoon; dinner tonight is on our own in this cosmopolitan city. B,L

Day 15: Cape Town/Cape of Good Hope

This morning we take a panoramic tour of this beautiful city at the southern tip of Africa and also stop at stunning Hout Bay. Then we travel to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, home to more than 250 species of birds, and where we ride a funicular to the summit for stupendous views of “the meeting of the oceans” (the Atlantic and Indian). After a seafood lunch in historic Simons Town we visit Boulders Beach to see a colony of enchanting African Penguins up close. Our last stop is acclaimed Kirstenboch National Botanical Garden, nestled against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. The world’s first such garden founded (in 1913) to preserve native flora, today the Kirstenboch cultivates only indigenous plants. B,L

Day 16: Cape Town/Robben Island

Today we come face-to-face with an indelible aspect of South African history: the notorious prison on Robben Island that once held Nelson Mandela and other opponents of apartheid. We tour the island and prison, guided by a former inmate. Returning to Cape Town, we ride by cable car 3,500 feet to the top of Table Mountain for glorious views. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner together. B,D

Day 17: Depart for U.S.

We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flights to the U.S. B

Day 18: Arrive U.S.

We arrive in the U.S. today and connect with our flights home.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 15 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 34 meals: 15 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local driver/guides, dining room servers, and airport and hotel porters

Tour Departs: May 18, 2017

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

- Boston, New York, Washington, DC $8,154
- Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle $8,354
- Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa $8,554
- Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR) $8,654
- Land Only (transfers not included) $6,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $1,359, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,495. Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. cities may require a departure one day prior to the listed schedule above. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Travel in Namibia will be in fairly remote regions. You should be prepared for lengthy drives on unpaved and very bumpy roads.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $4,795 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at (888) 370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price:
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10 - $15 per day per traveler); communication charges; optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance; Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes:
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth, and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Responsibility:
The liability of Brandeis University, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Brandeis University and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Brandeis University and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues:
We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking over uneven terrain, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and safari vehicles, and go up and down steps that may not have handrails on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and Brandeis University assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information:
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Please Note: The professors’ participation is contingent on a minimum number of booked guests.