PRINCETON JOURNEYS

MADAGASCAR to MAURITIUS

Islands of the Indian Ocean aboard Caledonian Sky

With Professor DANIEL RUBENSTEIN OCTOBER 11–27, 2020

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To maximize the time in Madagascar, this expedition begins with a private charter flight from Johannesburg, South Africa to Toliara, Madagascar, avoiding the two-day crossing of the rough Mozambique Channel by ship. In the company of Daniel Rubenstein, Princeton Professor of Zoology, spend eleven days exploring Madagascar’s marine reserves and national parks traveling in comfort aboard the all-suite Caledonian Sky. Then, leaving the wonders of Madagascar behind, arrive at Réunion Island, a paradisiacal French outpost, to explore its white-sand beaches, spectacular dormant volcanoes, and vibrant Créole character. Disembark on the island of Mauritius, the perfect ending to our voyage, taking in this island’s cultural riches and geologic wonders before flying back to the U.S.

Princeton Journeys travelers will be sharing this program with participants from Yale and Stanford. Our first ever journey to Madagascar is sure to generate interest, so we encourage you to reserve your space by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair
Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys
STUDY LEADER

DANIEL RUBENSTEIN
is Class of 1877
Professor of Zoology, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and Director, Program in Environmental Studies.

His research focuses on decision-making in animals. He studies how an individual's foraging, mating and social behavior are influenced by its phenotype, by ecological circumstances, and by the actions of other individuals in the population. Combining theory with experiments he searches for general principles, or ‘rules’, that underlie complex patterns of behavior. On this journey, Professor Rubenstein will discuss his recent findings on the social behavior and ecology of lemurs and other African mammals, especially in relation to human-wildlife conflict and how new technologies are changing the face of African conservation.
Amber Mountain National Park
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Morondava
Mahajanga
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Johannesburg
South Africa
Greater Kruger National Park
Indian Ocean
Mozambique Channel
SOUTH AFRICA
Johannesburg
MADAGASCAR
Réunion Island
MAURITIUS
Itinerary
Sunday & Monday, October 11 & 12, 2020
Home / Johannesburg, South Africa
Depart home on international overnight flights to Johannesburg, South Africa, arriving on October 12. Meet your fellow travelers at a welcome reception this evening.
54 On Bath Hotel (R)

Tuesday, October 13
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. Embark the Caledonian Sky this afternoon and enjoy the Captain’s welcome reception and dinner this evening.
Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 14
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.
Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 15
Morondava
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 seven lemur species, the narrow-striped mongoose, the cat-like fossa, and the giant jumping rat.
Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)

Friday, October 16
At Sea
Enjoy a full day at sea and the continuation of the educational program as the Caledonian Sky cruises along the west coast of Madagascar.
Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 17
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 the famous 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.
Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 18
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.
Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)

Monday, October 19
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.
Caledonian Sky (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 20
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,
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.  
CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)  

Wednesday, October 21  
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.  
CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)  

Thursday, October 22  
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 Ambodifotra village to meet with locals and shop in the market.  
CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)  

Friday, October 23  
ILE SAINTE-MARIE  
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, Ambodifotra. Continue further north, to La Cirque, with curving white beaches and overhanging palms, for nature walks and snorkeling.  
CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)  

Saturday, October 24  
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.  
CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)  

Monday, October 26  
PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS  
Disembark the ship this morning and discover the unique history of Port Louis and Mauritius at the La Citadel 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 for flights home. (B,L)  

Tuesday, October 27  
ALOFT / HOME  
Arrive in the U.S.  

OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION  
MAURITIUS  
October 26–29  
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 aldabra tortoise and the ornate day gecko. Learn about the island’s long colonial history of this prosperous Indian Ocean archipelago.  

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.
CALEDONIAN SKY

The Caledonian Sky is a 114-passenger premier expedition ship refurbished in 2018. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and/or bathtub, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air-conditioning, television, and sitting area with sofa. Twenty-three of the suites feature private balconies. The ship's amenities include a dining room, two lounges with bar service, small library and gym, sun deck with comfortable lounge chairs, hairdresser, laundry service, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The Caledonian Sky's chefs prepare quality international meals, predominantly Western-style, served in a single open seating. A friendly crew provides exceptional, personalized service, with more than the 1:2 crew-to-passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers, and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft.

PROGRAM RATES

per person, double occupancy

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AIR ARRANGEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. 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. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.
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Please make your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel and mail to: Princeton Journeys, Princeton University, 100 Overlook Center, Suite 300, Princeton, NJ 08540. Or fax credit card information to: (609) 258-5561. For more information, contact the Princeton Journeys staff at journeys@princeton.edu or (609) 258-8686.

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- 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

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**EXP. DATE**
**SECURITY CODE**

**CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

I/We understand that final payment is due June 15, 2020, 120 days prior to departure. Registrations after June 15, 2020: full payment is due.

**SINGLE TRAVELERS**

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:
- ☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.
- ☐ I plan to share accommodations with __________________________
- ☐ I’d like to know about roommates.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of June 15, 2020, I will pay the single rate.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Cabin category preference:
- 1st choice ____________ 2nd choice ____________

Bed preference (not guaranteed): ☐ King/Queen ☐ Twins

I/We have read the tour information and agree to the Terms & Conditions therein.

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