



HARVARD  
Alumni Association

**MADAGASCAR TO MAURITIUS:  
ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ON *SERENISSIMA***  
JANUARY 15 – 31, 2020  
**TRAVELS TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Criterion Travel (CST 2088800-40)

**ADMINISTRATION:** Exclusively developed for the Harvard Alumni Association by Harvard Alumni Travels

**CO-SPONSORED WITH:** Archaeological Association of America; Dartmouth Alumni Travel; National Trust Tours

**PROGRAM RATES:**

Per person double occupancy:

Standard:	\$12,990
Classic:	\$13,990
Superior:	\$14,990
Deluxe:	\$15,490
Junior Suite:	\$16,490
Owner's Suite:	\$16,990
Serenissima Suite:	\$17,990

Per person single occupancy:

Standard:	\$14,490
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**PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS:** All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary; comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations; group airport transfers for all participants arriving on group arrival and departure days; baggage handling; gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities; entrance fees and port charges; welcome and farewell receptions; house wine, beer, and soft drinks at all group lunches and dinners aboard *Serenissima*; bottled water during excursions and on motor coaches; complete packet of pre-departure information; professional tour manager; \$200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance.

**PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS:** U.S. domestic and international airfare; passport or visa expenses; medical expenses and immunizations; airport transfers except as noted above; travel and trip cancellation insurance;

optional excursions, extension, 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 and soft drinks except as noted; personal items such as e-mail, telephone and fax calls, laundry, room service, and gratuities for non-group services; items of a purely personal nature; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

**PROGRAM SIZE:** *Serenissima* can accommodate up to 85 passengers. Harvard passengers will be joined by guests from the co-sponsoring institutions listed above, as well as potential independent travelers.

We reserve the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a Harvard study leader. We retain the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any of our group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation.

**RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT:**

To reserve a space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per person. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form (to 617-496-4011). Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Deposits may be made by check, payable to Harvard Alumni Association, or with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by check or credit card, is due, September 17, 2019, 120 days before departure.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by Harvard Alumni Travels from the participant. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: Cancellations within 14 days of booking: full refund; cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of \$1,000 per person. Cancellations received within 120 days prior to departure are subject to 100% penalty of all deposits and payments.

We recommend that you purchase a travel insurance policy to cover cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances.

**INSURANCE:** We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to cover unexpected trip interruptions, cancellations, and lost baggage. An application for trip cancellation insurance through our recommended provider, Ripcord Rescue Travel Insurance, will be provided by Harvard Alumni Travels upon confirmation. The pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Neither Harvard Alumni Travels nor our tour operators, including their representatives, employees and agents, will take responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guests' dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Nor do they accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** International airfare is not included in the program cost. In order to provide the greatest flexibility to participants, there are no designated group flights for this program. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. Neither Harvard Alumni Travels nor the tour operator accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned.

**WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH:** All participants must be in generally good health. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motor coaches and Zodiac tender vessels alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

This is a fast-paced, moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites. Shore excursions range from a half-day to all day, with the balance of the time spent onboard cruising to the next destination.

Travel on land will be by various transportation, including 4wd, vans and coaches, with most drives no more than one hour.

During the cruise there will be excursions by Zodiacs, which require the ability to step from the ship to the Zodiac and back again in open water (the ship's crew will be there to assist you). Walking tours can be as long as 2 - 3 hours, covering one to two miles, and will range from walks in town to a few relatively strenuous nature walks over uneven, sometimes muddy and hilly terrain.

Participants with medical issues and/or dietary restrictions must make them known to us well before departure, and impairments regarding mobility must be disclosed prior to booking. If you have any questions about the level of activity of this program or your ability to participate, please call Harvard Alumni Travels at 800-422-1636.

**PREPARING FOR YOUR JOURNEY:** You will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing, a recommended reading list and amenities pack.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL & EVACUATION**

**INSURANCE:** As a service to our travelers Harvard Alumni Travels automatically provides basic emergency medical evacuation insurance. This policy has the following schedule of benefits: \$5,000 Accident/Sickness Medical Expense; \$200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation (to the nearest appropriate facility based on medical necessity as determined by local attending physician) & Return of Remains; \$3,000 Emergency Reunion; \$5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment. This insurance is secondary to any insurance the traveler may already have. This insurance covers travelers for the Harvard-sponsored program dates, including optional group extensions, but not for any independent travel plans. You will receive detailed information on this coverage approximately 30 days prior to your departure. Should you also purchase the Ripcord Rescue Travel Insurance plan offered to you at confirmation, it will provide you with benefits which are additional to those stated above.

**CHANGES IN ITINERARY, PROGRAM, STAFFING,**

**AND COSTS:** The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator. We reserve the right to change a program's dates, staff (including study leader\*), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. Harvard Alumni Travels reserves the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a study leader. If Harvard Alumni Travels is unable to confirm a study leader or should the study leader cancel from this program, we reserve the right to operate the program regardless of Harvard representation. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares and currency exchange rates in effect as of December 2018 and are subject to change.

\*In the event of a cancellation by the Harvard study leader, we will attempt to notify all travelers as soon as possible. We will make every reasonable effort to find a replacement study leader, but our ability to do so will depend on the availability of appropriate lecturers and proximity to the departure date. If we are not able to provide an appropriate substitute we will make every reasonable effort to provide other educational opportunities or program enhancements to ensure a viable travel study experience. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether or not a replacement study leader is found.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The tour operator, its owners and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services, and transportation are offered or provided, and Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator and their respective, employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability therefore. Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator, assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator reserve the right to make

changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. They reserve the right to withdraw this tour without penalty. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, or to substitute another qualified leader or special guest. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, or fuel increases will be passed onto participants. As part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** All personally identifiable information provided by tour participants is strictly confidential. Personal information is not shared with third parties or made publicly available except under the following circumstances: Name, degree, home city, and email address\*, may be included in the tour participant list that is distributed to tour staff and participants prior to departure; relevant information provided by tour participants to Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator is shared with the agents providing tour services in the destination. Per contractual agreement, the tour operator and its agents are prohibited to share or sell this information to other parties. \*Please let us know if you would like to opt out of sharing your email address on the tour participant list.

**APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from Harvard trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by Harvard Alumni Travels or other travelers, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Harvard Alumni Travels promotions; Harvard Alumni Travels will attempt to notify the traveler in advance, but no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes.

**DISCLAIMER:** Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information presented in this publication. Harvard Alumni Travels is not responsible for errors in or damages resulting from use of the information contained herein. Information contained in this document is subject to change.

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