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VOYAGE TO MADAGASCAR

Including Aldabra



Distinctive Baobab trees at the Avenue of the Baobabs, Morondava, Madagascar

Aboard the New Expedition Cruise Ship *DIANA*
October 24 - November 6, 2024



CRUISE WITH A TEAM OF EXPERT LECTURERS & GUIDES

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to be able to invite you to join an extraordinary expedition from Kenya's port city of Mombasa to the remote and supremely pristine Aldabra and Madagascar, and the coast of Mozambique, a journey that visits places that few people will ever have the privilege of seeing. On Aldabra, the largest raised coral reef on earth, we will experience what Sir David Attenborough has called "one of the wonders of the world." We will meet black lemurs at the Lokobe Nature Reserve of Nosy Be, and delight in the baobab trees and other indigenous wildlife in Morondava and Toliara on Madagascar's western shores.

An expert expedition team of naturalists will provide lectures with presentations and briefings on the day-to-day experiences we share.

The vessel for this extraordinary journey will be Swan Hellenic's *Diana*, a state-of-the-art, new-generation expedition cruise ship, launched in early 2023. Accommodating only 192 guests in beautifully appointed staterooms and balcony suites, *Diana* will feature several lounges, a restaurant, outdoor cafe, spa, library and beauty salon, and will be equipped with the latest safety and environmentally-friendly technology.

Please join us aboard *Diana* in October 2024 to discover the remarkably rich, natural and cultural treasures Kenya, the Seychelles, Madagascar, and Mozambique.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'James P. Smith'.

Jim Smith
President

Our activities in Africa are planned and conducted by a team of resident expedition leaders and naturalists who are among the most experienced in the field, with several years of leading small-ship cruise expeditions to this incredible region of the world. Members of the team comprise a truly astonishing assortment of expertise and intellect. Onboard and ashore, through talks and presentations they will create a comprehensive understanding of the history, culture, geology, and natural life of this region. The experience we will provide is not just one of awe-inspiring sightseeing, but a complete learning adventure.



Madagascar hoopoe, Mahajanga, Madagascar



Madagascar street scene.

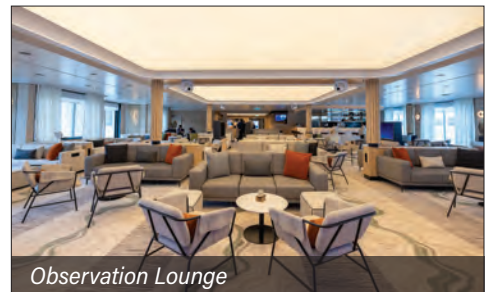
THE NEW 192-GUEST EXPEDITION CRUISE SHIP *DIANA*



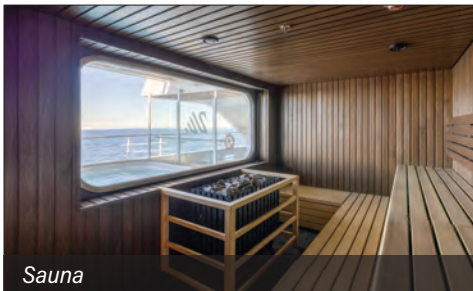
Oceanview Stateroom



Balcony Suite



Observation Lounge



Sauna



Club Lounge



Outdoor Café/Bar with swimming pool

Built in Finland, and launched in April 2023, Swan Hellenic's *Diana* is a new generation expedition cruise ship. Although at 12,100 tons the ship is large enough to accommodate more than 350 passengers, *Diana* will accommodate a maximum of 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and balcony suites. The low guest density results in one of the most generous indoor and outdoor space-to-guest ratios among cruise ships.

Featuring the latest advances in technology and engineering, *Diana* is among the world's first environmentally responsible ships. Equipped with hybrid engines and a unique water filtration system, *Diana* leaves a minimal footprint. For cruising in Polar regions, the ship meets the stringent requirements of the new Polar Code with its high PC5 Category A ice strengthened hull and other advanced features. A computer-controlled Dynamic Positioning System allows the ship to maintain position without anchoring. Operated by a complement of 135 experienced European officers and international crew members, *Diana* will

carry a fleet of Zodiacs, versatile landing boats, and kayaks. Powerful stabilizers provide a smooth ride.

Diana's interior spaces exude sophisticated elegance, with most rooms opening to panoramic views of the sea. All staterooms and suites face outside and are equipped with private facilities, climate control, TV, Wi-Fi and USB connections and other amenities. Of the ship's 96 staterooms, 76 have balconies. Public areas include a spacious observation lounge equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for lectures and presentations; a club lounge; a restaurant that accommodates all guests at one seating; an outdoor café/bar that surrounds the heated swimming pool; a wellness area with gym, spa, and sauna with an adjoining outdoor jacuzzi; library; beauty salon; and an infirmary that is attended by a full-time doctor and nurse. The ship also features expansive open-deck areas. Two elevators connect all decks. Attentive service is provided on a 24-hour basis. The outstanding cuisine is complemented by fine wines at lunch and dinner.

For Reservations and Information, Please Call **Thalassa Journeys** at **866-633-3611** or email **reservations@thalassajourneys.com**

ITINERARY



Thursday, October 24, 2024
DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Friday, October 25
MOMBASA, Kenya

Arrive in Mombasa and transfer to the *Serena Beach Hotel* (or similar). Enjoy a welcome dinner with fellow travelers this evening. (D)

Saturday, October 26
MOMBASA/EMBARK

After breakfast at the hotel, join an excursion to the 16th-century Fort Jesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the bustling spice market where Indian, Arab, and African vendors compete for your attention, before transferring to the port to board *Diana*. Set sail for the Seychelles in late afternoon. (B,D)

Sunday, October 27
AT SEA

During a day at sea heading toward Aldabra, treat yourself to the amenities aboard ship and attend informative lectures and briefings from expedition staff. You may also want simply to enjoy being in the middle of the ocean, looking over vast horizons under open skies, with the sun, wind and a few adventurous seabirds to keep you company. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 28 & Tuesday, October 29
ALDABRA, Seychelles

Located in the very heart of the Seychelles archipelago, the Aldabra Atoll is one of the last virtually untouched sanctuaries on earth, where a large population of sea turtles have found refuge. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this vast tract of sea and land is formed by 4 small reef islands separated by narrow passes and containing an emerald-water lagoon lined with mangrove and fine-sand beaches. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 30
AT SEA

After clearance formalities at Assumption Island, leave the Seychelles behind and sail to Madagascar. (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 31
NOSY BE, Madagascar

The Nosy Be Archipelago is a collection of small islands with magnificent white sand beaches and an exceptional diversity of marine and terrestrial life. From the port of Andoany, commonly referred to as "Hell-ville," we take pirogue canoes through the mangrove to Lokobe Nature Reserve, a primal forest that serves as habitat for more than 370 species of wildlife. On a guided walk through the forest, we will be looking for the birds, reptiles, and primates that abound—especially the endangered black lemur. (B,L,D)

Friday, November 1
MAHAJANGA

Separated from Mahajanga by the Betsiboka River, the village of



Malagasy woman.



Aldabra giant tortoise

Katsepy is in a region of remarkable biodiversity. Board local boats to explore the mangrove forest of the Betsiboka Delta before enjoying lunch at Andafiroi Lodge on the coast just north of Katsepy. After lunch, enjoy a nature walk in the Katsepy Forest Reserve, home to five species of lemurs, 153 endemic plant species, and 42 varieties of endemic birds. (B,L,D)

Saturday, November 2

AT SEA

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea enjoying the many amenities aboard ship and attending presentations from expedition staff. (B,L,D)

Sunday, November 3

MORONDAVA

Established in 2000, Zazamalala is a private reserve comprising 350-acres of restored dry forest and fresh water ponds that provide habitat for some of Madagascar's rarest species, including the Madame Berthe Mouse Lemur (the world's smallest primate), and the Red-fronted and more than 100 rare and endemic trees, birds, and reptiles. Visit the Avenue of the Baobabs, a grove of 25 Grandidier's Baobab lining the red-dirt road just outside of Morondava. In 2007, the government granted protected status to the park and named it

Madagascar's first Natural Monument. (B,L,D)

Monday, November 4

TOLIARA

Toliara, surrounded by mangroves and an offshore coral reef, provides easy access to the Arboretum d'Anstokay, established by a Swiss botanist in 1980 in the middle of a spiny forest. Guided tours lead past more than 900 mostly endemic plant species, some identified only in the past 40 years, and you might spy birds, butterflies or lemurs living among the branches. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, November 5

AT SEA

As *Diana* crosses the Mozambique Channel on the way to Maputo, you may treat yourself to the amenities aboard and attend informative lectures and briefings from expedition staff and guest lecturers. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, November 6

MAPUTO, Mozambique/DISEMBARK

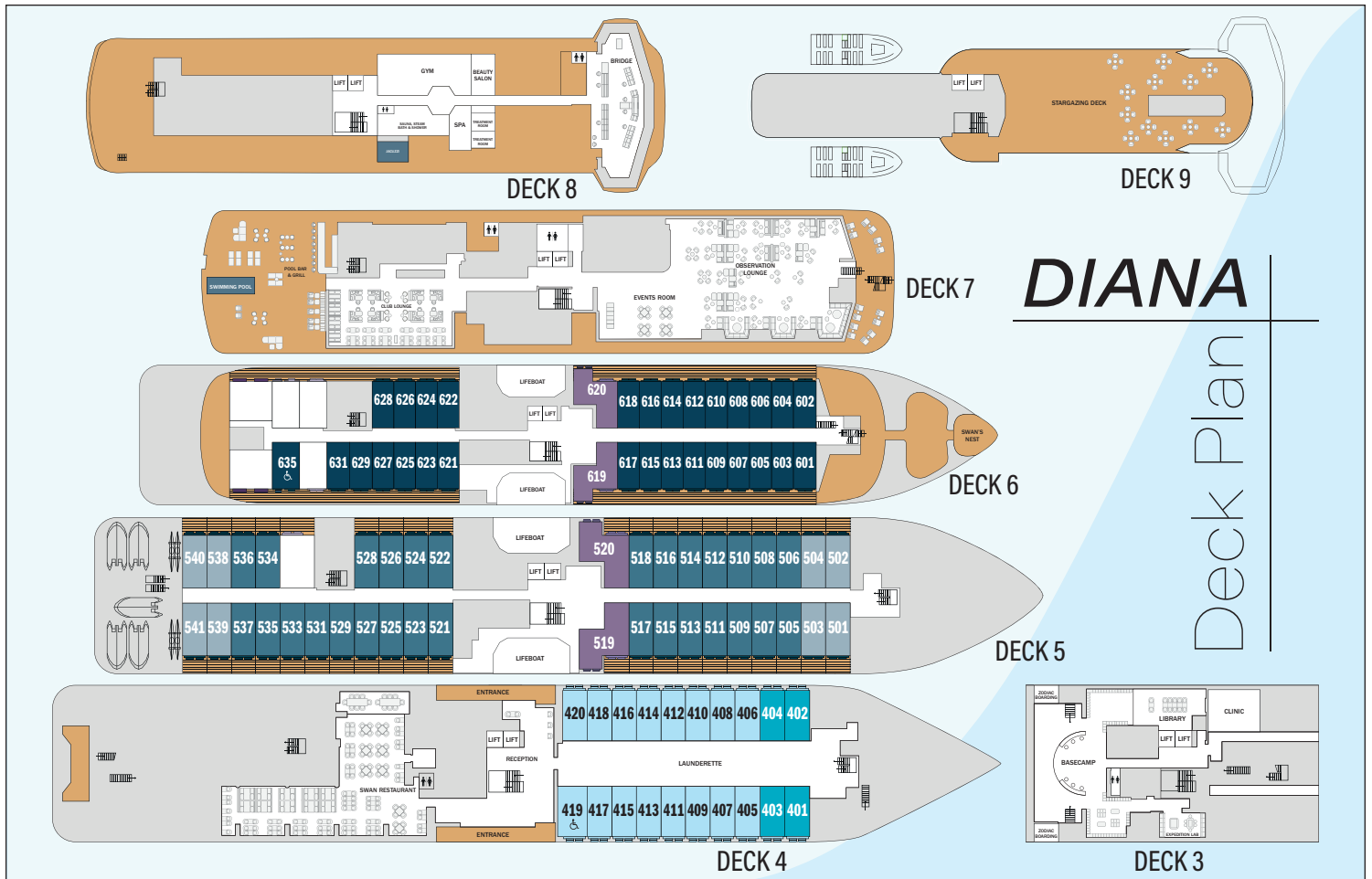
After breakfast aboard, transfer to the airport for flights homeward. (B)



Madame Berthe Mouse Lemur, Madagascar



Nosy Be, Madagascar



All accommodations aboard *Diana* are spacious staterooms and balcony suites. They are elegantly decorated, face outside, affording sea views, and include a queen-size bed that can be arranged as two twin beds, a spacious bathroom, mini-refrigerator, safe, ample closet space, climate control, telephone, TV, Wi-Fi, and USB connections, as well as other amenities.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
E	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 401-404.	\$9,990
D	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 405-420.	\$10,390
C	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 501-504, 538-541.	\$12,390
B	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 505-518, 521-529, 531-537.	\$12,890
A	Suites with balcony and living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 6. Suites 601-618, 621-635.	\$13,990
AA	Suites with large balcony, separate bedroom & living room. 474 sq. ft. Decks 5 & 6. Suites 519, 520, 619 & 620.	\$16,990

LOYALTY REWARD PROGRAM

Travel on this cruise program and enjoy savings of **\$400 to \$900** per person on your next voyage with **CODA TOURS and THALASSA JOURNEYS** aboard a Swan Hellenic ship. Savings are determined by the stateroom category booked and is applicable when you reserve your trip within 30 days of the completion date of **VOYAGE TO MADAGASCAR**

This saving cannot be combined with other offers and is subject to change.

FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy in categories D to B at no additional charge. Additional single cabins are available at a supplement of 50% of the per person double occupancy rate, instead of the normal 70% supplement.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The rates are all-inclusive. There are no hidden costs and no additional charges such as shore excursions or embarkation and port charges. Other than the international airfare and expenses of a personal nature, all else is included. Specifically, the rates include:

- One night at the *Serena Beach Hotel* (or similar) in Mombasa, Kenya.
- Welcome dinner in Mombasa, and breakfast on the day of embarkation.
- Cruise aboard the Swan Hellenic *Diana* as described in the itinerary.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage on arrival and departure dates.
- Educational program of lectures and discussions with expert expedition staff.
- Complete program of tours and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary with professional English-speaking guides.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard the ship hosted by the captain.
- Open bar with select alcoholic beverages.
- Coffee, including espresso and cappuccino, tea and soft drinks throughout the day and night.
- 24-hour room service.
- Gratuities to the ship's crew, guides, porters and drivers.
- Basic Wi-Fi aboard the ship.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys Trip Director.
- All local taxes and service charges, including port and embarkation taxes.
- Complete pre-departure material.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary or the above inclusions.



Mombasa Spice Market.

REGISTRATION

CODA 24D-1024

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$ _____ (\$ 1,500 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on **VOYAGE TO MADAGASCAR**, October 24 - November 06, 2024 with CODA Tours. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

Please make check payable to and mail with this registration form to:

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Phone Toll-Free: (866) 633-3611

For reservations, call **Coda International Tours** at **+1 561-791-9890** or e-mail to info@coda-tours.com.

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Each participant must sign below: I/We have read the "General Information" section and agree to its terms.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 71-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 70 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

ITINERARY: The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

RESPONSIBILITY: Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the traveler, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the traveler certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other travelers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida law.

RATES: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

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Ring-tailed lemur

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