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### Up, Up and Away - The View of Africa from the Window Seat

#### Africa by Classic DC-3

In 1967, Captain Phillipus “Flippie” Vermeulen graduated from school and began flying DC-3s for the South African Air Force. It was a love affair that would last his entire life. Now, a half a century later, this white-haired pilot with a thick Dutch accent has gathered together a group of travelers in the shadow of the vintage aircraft. On a remote African tarmac, the seasoned bush pilot begins to brief his new team. With maps spread across the cracking asphalt and lit only by the rising sun, he highlights the day’s route across the interior. In just a moment the adventurers will board, the engine will roar to life and the Africa of their dreams will appear out the window.



“I’ll never forget being a young boy in school and reading an Afrikaans book about the Serengeti Flats and the migration of the wildebeests,” he said. “I had this dream of one day going there.”

And go there he did. As a bush pilot, Flippie and his plane are the heart and soul of an epic journey aptly called Ultimate Africa by Classic DC-3. Over the course of 20 days and 5,600 miles, he escorts travelers to six countries, weaving together tales and bringing to life African history, geography, topography and culture.

More than just a way to get from point A to point B, this classic airliner is essential to the nostalgia and romance of the journey. Because of its size, the DC-3 can skim the landscape, flying low enough to watch the herds of elephants meandering below or the spectacular gradations of blue in the Indian Ocean. And because of its ability to land on remote airstrips rather than commercial airports, it affords travelers a breadth of the touchdown opportunities they simply could not experience other journeys.

Guests of Ultimate Africa by Classic DC-3 will track the famous “Big Five” game animals—lion, Cape buffalo, leopard, elephant and rhinoceros—with expert safari guides. Marvel at the “smoke that thunders” that is Victoria Falls and visit an authentic Maasai village. Glide over racing herds of zebra in a hot-air balloon, and stand on the edge of the world at a “table” in the clouds.

Led by seasoned Travel Director Patricia Awori, and hosted by Travcoa President Jerre Fuqua, this journey takes you off the beaten path to an authentic Africa few will ever have the chance to encounter. To join us on this unforgettable experience, call your travel professional, or call 800-992-2003.

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