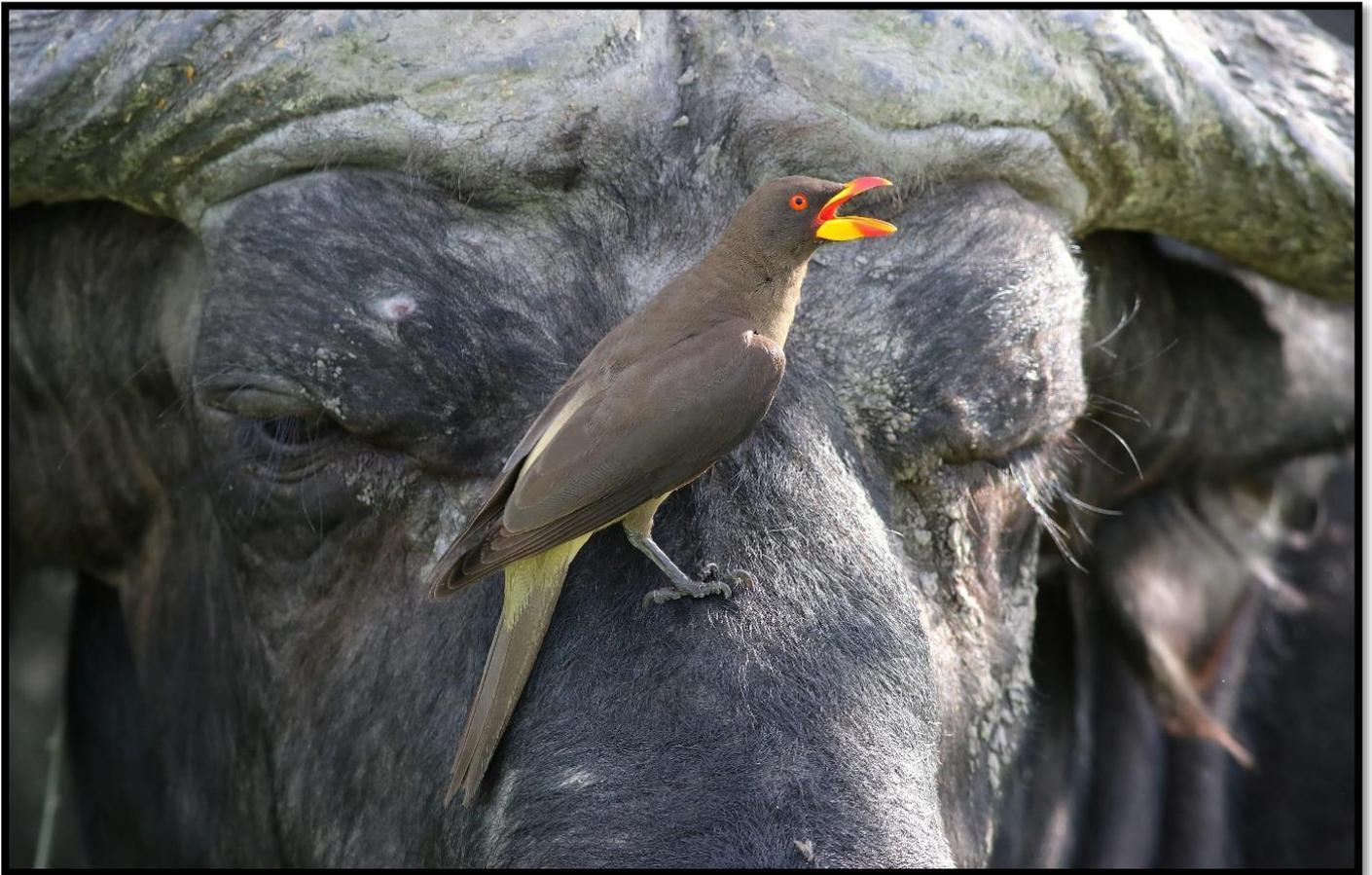


Botswana: Birding the Desert and Delta

March 17-27, 2020

**with Mass Audubon's Jon Atwood,
and local animal behavior expert, Derek Solomon
Western Cape birding extension:**



Yellow-billed Oxpecker (and Cape Buffalo), by Derek Keats

We have three spectacular destinations on this tour: The **Central Kalahari** is remote and immense with a wild and mysterious beauty. There is an immediate impression of unending space, with the grasslands stretching interminably, punctuated by dwarfed trees and scrub bushes. The **Okavango Delta** is one of the most sought-after wilderness destinations in the world. Moving from wetland to dryland – traversing the meandering palm-and-papyrus-fringed waterways, passing palm-fringed islands, and thick woodland – it is rich in wildlife, revealing the many facets of this unique ecosystem, the largest intact inland delta in the world. The **Kwando Concession** offers superb wildlife viewing. The area is known for its large predators and for Wild Dog in particular.

About This Tour



Orange River Francolin, by Derek Keats

Focus: This is a rare opportunity to not just observe the mammals and birds of southern Africa, but also learn from one of the world experts on animal vocalizations and behavior. March is a wonderful time to see the resident as well as European migrants

Pace and comfort: Full days of safari drives with bird and mammal observation. There are usually rest times after lunch.

Lodging: Comfortable lodges and camps in remote areas with terrific bird and other animal observation nearby. Private facilities.

Weather: Generally warm (80-90F), sometimes humid, occasional afternoon rainfall. March is our favorite time here – it is the end of the raining season (short thunderstorms in the afternoon occasionally), the bush is green with many species bringing their young into the world and both migrant and resident birds are active.

Birds: Expected highlights include:

- Kori Bustard
- Ostrich
- Orange River Francolin
- Yellow-throated Sandgrouse
- Shaft-tailed Whydah
- Fawn-colored Lark
- Pallid and Montagu's Harriers
- Lesser Spotted Eagle
- Crimson-breasted Shrike
- Violet-eared Waxbill
- Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler
- Blue-cheeked Bee-eater
- Dwarf Bittern
- Swamp Boubou
- Luapula and Chirping Cisticolas
- Black Coucal
- Pygmy Goose
- White-backed Duck
- Swamp Nightjar
- Great Swamp Warbler
- Wattled Crane
- Western Banded Snake Eagle
- Coppery-tailed Coucal
- African Hobby
- Racket-tailed Roller
- Bradfield's Hornbill
- Dickinson's Kestrel
- Collared Palm Thrush
- Rock Pratincole
- Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah
- Orange-winged Pytilia

Day-to-Day Itinerary



Violet-eared Waxbill, Derek Keats

Day 1, March 17: Arrival at Johannesburg

Arrive at Johannesburg's OR Tambo Airport and overnight at the nearby AfricaSky Guest House on a dinner, bed, and breakfast basis. Birds that can be seen in the extensive gardens include Karoo Thrush, Southern Masked Weaver, Red-faced Mousebird and Cape White-eye.

Overnight: AfricaSky Guest House (D, B); <http://www.africasky.co.za/>

Days 2-4, March 18-20: Fly to Botswana and on to Tau Pan Camp

The Central Kalahari is remote and immense (24,000 sq miles) and has a wild and mysterious beauty. There is an immediate impression of unending space, with the grasslands stretching interminably, punctuated by dwarfed trees and scrub bushes.

During and shortly after good summer rains, the flat grasslands of the reserve's northern reaches teem with wildlife, which gather at the best grazing areas. These include large herds of Springbok and Gemsbok, as well as wildebeest, Hartebeest, Eland, and Giraffe. Other species that can be found in the Kalahari include the Black-footed Cat, the rare Brown Hyena, Aardwolf, Meerkat, as well as Lion.

The birdlife is prolific and includes semidesert specials such as Kori Bustard, Ostrich, Orange River Francolin, Yellow-throated Sandgrouse, Shaft-tailed Whydah, and Fawn-colored Lark. March is the start of the return migration and we can expect to see a variety of raptors including Pallid and Montagu's Harriers and maybe even Lesser Spotted Eagle. Brightly colored birds include Crimson-breasted Shrike, Violet-eared Waxbill, and Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler.

In addition, the area boasts a variety of exciting reptiles such as Kalahari Tent Tortoise, Peter's Ground Agama, Kalahari Plated Lizard, and Speckled Thick-toed Gecko. At night, the stars are spectacular and dominate the skies—star gazing is a highlight here (depending on the weather). And, Derek Solomon will be on hand with his sound equipment allowing you to tune into the night sounds as well as the dawn chorus. Activities include excursions to the well-known Deception Valley and nature walks with the Bushman (San) trackers.

Tau Pan is the first semipermanent camp inside the Central Kalahari Game Reserve and offers wonderful views from the ridge of an ancient sand dune, and overlooks the famous Tau Pan—recognized for its stark beauty and remoteness. The camp is solar-powered and environmentally friendly en-suite guest tents are set on raised decks, affording spectacular views over the plains.

Overnights: Tau Pan Camp (B, L, D)

Days 5-7, March 21-23: Fly to Splash Camp, Okavango Delta



Bird and wildlife viewing by boat, by Dave Larson

The Okavango Delta needs little introduction and is rightly one of the most sought-after wilderness destinations in the world. Moving from wetland to dryland – traversing the meandering palm-and-papyrus-fringed waterways, passing palm-fringed islands, and thick woodland – it is rich in wildlife, revealing the many facets of this unique ecosystem, the largest intact inland delta in the world.

Overlooking a secluded pan in the heart of the Okavango Delta, the tented Splash Camp is set within an exclusive concession and has access to the permanent waterways of the Delta as well as expansive dry land areas, renowned for their quality game viewing—particularly predator sightings. Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Spotted Hyena and Side-striped Jackal are all resident here. Other mammals include elephant, Cape Buffalo and the water-adapted Red Lechwe.

In addition to game drives there is the option of mokoro (dug-out canoe, water levels permitting) trips, as well as boat trips to the Godikwe Lagoon in the waters of the Moremi Game Reserve, which is known for the abundant birdlife. A few specials include Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Dwarf Bittern, Swamp Boubou, Luapula and Chirping Cisticola, Black Coucal, Pygmy Goose, White-backed Duck, Swamp Nightjar, Greater Swamp Warbler and, of course, Wattled Crane, one of southern Africa's most endangered birds.

Okavango Hinged Terrapin is a special reptile we hope to find together with Bibron's Gecko and Nile Crocodile. The many flowering plants at this time of the year attract a wide variety of butterflies as well.

Splash accommodates guests in contemporary styled en-suite tents on raised decks overlooking a pan which attracts game all year round. There is also a well-stocked bar, tea and coffee station, charging point, small library and a small pool and curio shop.

Overnights: Splash Camp (B, L, D)

Days 8-10, March 24-26: Fly to Lagoon Camp

This morning, we'll take a short flight from Splash Camp to Lagoon Camp in the Kwando area for three nights. In the extreme north of Botswana, sandwiched between Chobe National Park to the east and the Okavango to the south, the extensive Kwando and Linyanti concessions offer superb wildlife viewing.

Lagoon Camp is perched on the banks of the wild Kwando River, nestled beneath towering ebony and marula trees. The heavily forested site is home to a wide variety of birds and mammals, while elephant and Hippo are normally visible from the camp. The area is known for its large predators and for Wild Dog in particular. Nocturnal mammals include African Civet, Four-toed Elephant Shrew, Honey Badger, and White-tailed Mongoose.

Birdlife includes Western Banded Snake Eagle, Coppery-tailed Coucal, the rare African Hobby, Racket-tailed Roller, Bradfield's Hornbill, Dickinson's Kestrel, Collared Palm Thrush, Rock Pratincole, the parasitic Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah, and its host Orange-winged Pytilia. Speke's Hinged Tortoise and Mashona Hinged Terrapin could be two new species to add to the final list, with many large Nile Crocodiles in the various waterways.

The camp accommodates guests in eight expansive en-suite tents, each with picturesque views over the river. A special activity of the camp in addition to day and night game and birding drives is the afternoon river cruise, allowing guests to drift along the river while enjoying spectacular views, mammal and bird life.

Overnights: Lagoon Camp (B, L, D)



Lagoon Camp, by Derek Solomon



Wild Dog, by Steve Jurvetson

Day 11, March 27: Fly to Maun, and onward to Johannesburg/flights home

Today, we will charter from Lagoon Camp to Maun for our flight to Johannesburg and onward connections.

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Western Cape Birding & More Optional Extension: March 27 – April 1, 2020

Cape Town is one of South Africa's most iconic attractions and is indeed one of the most beautiful cities in the world, with scenic sea and or mountain views in every direction. The Cape is also rich in history and culture and of course renowned for the food and wine.

For birders the Cape has much to offer, particularly the unique Fynbos vegetation, a species-rich, heath-like plant community which holds a few specialist birds, the Cape Rockjumper, Orange-breasted Sunbird, Cape Siskin and Cape Sugarbird. In addition to these Fynbos specials there are many other endemics and near-endemics to be seen on this itinerary, which includes the Cape Peninsula as well as the Swellendam and Agulhas Plains area. Mammal enthusiasts will also be kept busy with possible sightings of Cape Mountain Zebra, Bontebok, Cape Grysbok, Eland and Rock Hyrax.



Cape Sugarbird

This luxurious and beautiful 5-night extension is a fascinating way to end your adventure on the African continent!

Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 11, 27 March 2020

A late evening arrival in Cape Town (from Maun after Botswana safari, flying via Johannesburg). Here we meet up with our local South African guides and transfer across to the charming Whale View Manor in the naval enclave of Simon's Town for three nights. *Overnight Whale View Manor (dinner on own?)*

Days 12/13, 28-29 March 2020: The Cape Peninsula -Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens

The Peninsula is ours to explore over the next two days. Highlights include: The famous **Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens** with some relaxed birding in the spacious gardens. These world-renowned gardens are located on the slopes of Table Mountain and command spectacular views over the Cape Flats and the Hottentots-Holland Mountains in the distance. Here we will search for birds such as Cape Sugarbird, Cape Spurfowl, Olive Thrush, Swee Waxbill, Spotted Eagle-Owl, Black Sparrowhawk, Southern Double-collared, Malachite and Orange-breasted Sunbirds, Forest Canary and others

Then we move on to the African Penguin colony at Boulder's Beach and Cape Point Nature Reserve at the southwestern most tip of Africa. We will also visit Strandfontein Water Treatment Works a haven for a wide variety of shorebirds and others. Although March is usually an excellent time, the Cape has notoriously fickle weather and we will plan each day's activities according to the predicted conditions on the day. The range of birds to be seen include Jackal Buzzard, Cape Siskin, Common Ostrich, Cape Spurfowl, Southern Double-collared Sunbird, Cape Robin-Chat, Grey-backed Cisticola, Fiscal Flycatcher, Cape Bulbul, Cape Batis, Cape Longclaw, Ground Woodpecker, Greater Flamingo and marine species such as African Black Oystercatcher, Cape Gannett, Cape, Bank, White-breasted and Crowned Cormorants, and perhaps even White-chinned Petrel or Sooty Shearwater offshore. Mammals to be seen on the Peninsula include Chacma Baboon, Cape Mountain Zebra, Eland and Bontebok. *2 Overnight Whale View Manor (B,L,D) (Photo below)*



Days 14/15, 30-31 March 2020: Swellendam and the Agulhas Plain

Today we drive around the edge of False Bay and on to Rooi Els via one of the area’s most scenic drives to look for Cape Rockjumper near Hangklip on the eastern point. On a fine day the views are spectacular, with the Atlantic Ocean crashing against the rocks below us on one side and the Kogelberg Range rising high above us on the other side. We head inland driving to Swellendam, the third oldest town in the country, where we stay at Swellendam Country Lodge for two nights. This gives us access to Bontebok National Park and De Hoop Nature Reserve on the Agulhas Plain, where we’ll look for species such as Secretarybird, Cape Vulture, Agulhas Long-billed, Large-billed and Cape Clapper Larks, Southern Tchagra, Knysna Woodpecker, Southern Black Korhaan, Karoo Korhaan, Blue Crane, Denham’s Bustard, Black Harrier and many others. Mammals to be seen include Cape Mountain Zebra, Bontebok, Eland, Grey Rhebuck and Yellow Mongoose. We’ll spend our time birding and exploring in the area, scheduling Bontebok National Park for the afternoon of arrival, De Hoop for our full day and the Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve for the morning of departure, if time allows.

2 Overnights at Swellendam Country Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 16, 1 April 2020:

A morning’s exploring and birding before making our way to Cape Town Airport - depending on the departure time of the outbound flights.

About Your Mass Audubon Guide



Jon Atwood is the Director of [Bird Conservation](#) at Mass Audubon. He has been a practicing ornithologist and conservation biologist for 30 years, specializing in integrating behavioral studies of rare and endangered bird species with habitat conservation planning.

After completing his Master's and Doctoral degrees in southern California, he moved to the East coast in 1986. While working at Manomet Bird Observatory (now Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences) during the early 1990's he collaborated in the analysis of the first 30 years of Manomet's landbird banding effort, spearheaded federal protection of the California Gnatcatcher under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, led a long-term study of factors affecting Least Tern colony site selection, and contributed to early studies of Bicknell's Thrush in New England.

From 1998-2011 he directed the Conservation Biology Program at Antioch University, New England, taught classes in Ornithology, Ecological Research Design, and GIS, and mentored over 70 graduate students working on various wildlife studies. During 2011-2013 he worked as Science Director at Biodiversity Research Institute in southern Maine. He has led field trips in Mexico (Yucatan and Baja California), Costa Rica, Belize, Ecuador (Galapagos and Amazon), Peru (Amazon and Cusco), Kenya, the Gaspe Peninsula, California, Arizona, Montana, and Maine.

About Your Local Guide



Derek has been leading special interest safaris throughout southern Africa for nearly 30 years. His wide range of wildlife interests includes bird and mammal behavior and communication. Originally based in Harare, Zimbabwe, the initial focus was on birding safaris to remote destinations to show guests some of the countries unusual species, then expanding to other activities such as elephant behavior safaris in Hwange National Park, and searching for rhinos and wild dogs in the Save Valley Conservancy in the east of the country. Other safari destinations included Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, and South Africa.

Derek's main interests are wildlife sound recording, photography and animal behavior. He has published several books on bird identification and distribution as well as 'Animals in Action' – a guide to the behavior of the mammals of South Luangwa National Park. Together with his wife, Sarah, and several colleagues, he is now using his extensive collection of sound recordings and photographs to publish a series of digital books and apps, the first one being 'Wild about Kruger,' a detailed app on the National Park that includes all of the facilities as well as the wildlife. 'Birding Zimbabwe' is another digital publication recently released on both Apple and Android systems. He is currently working on a digital book on the birds of Zambia and Zimbabwe as well as a series of books on southern African wildlife.

Price, Terms and Conditions

Main Tour – Botswana - Tour Price: US\$ 9400 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement, US\$2590 (*there is only 1 single room available*). Minimum number of travelers for this pricing: 10. Maximum group size is 14.

Price Includes:

- All meals and accommodations as shown in the itinerary
- Services of Mass Audubon naturalist leader, Jon Atwood
- Services of specialist guide, Derek Solomon, guides, trackers, camp staff
- All excursions and entrance fees
- Extensive trip preparation notes and bird checklist
- Transportation within Botswana starting and ending at Maun, including chartered flights
- Medical evacuation insurance
- **Carbon offset for all your international flights**
- **All tips and gratuities**

Price Excludes:

- International airfare
- Regional airfare (Johannesburg-Maun)
- Passport and visa fees; travel insurance
- Airport taxes; excess baggage charges
- Items of a personal nature, including alcoholic beverages, laundry, and telephone calls; other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Optional Extension – Western Cape, South Africa - Tour Price: US\$5600 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement, US\$500 (*single rooms*). Minimum number of travelers for this pricing: 5. Maximum group size is 10

Price Includes:

- All meals and accommodations as shown in the itinerary
- Services of Mass Audubon naturalist leader
- Services of local guides, trackers, camp staff (and Derek Solomon with 10 travelers)
- All excursions and entrance fees
- Extensive trip preparation notes and bird checklist
- Transportation within South Africa starting and ending at Capetown
- Medical evacuation insurance
- **Carbon offset for all your international flights**
- **All tips and gratuities**

Price Excludes:

- International airfare
- Regional airfare (Maun-Joburg-Cape Town)
- Passport and visa fees; Mandatory travel insurance
- Airport taxes; excess baggage charges
- Items of a personal nature, including alcoholic beverages, laundry, and telephone calls; other items not specifically mentioned as included.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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- **mail** to Mass Audubon–Travel, 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773 with your check.

Please note that your booking is not final until we have received your reservation/waiver form, personal information form, and deposit.

APPLICATIONS, RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS: Early applications are strongly encouraged. Trip rosters usually must be finalized 4 months before departure! Deposits can be by check or credit card (Visa or MasterCard). We reserve the right to decline your application. In the case of questionable health, we reserve the right to require a physician's certification to affirm you are capable of the activities. Final payment is due 90 days before the departure date. **Final payment must be by check or money order.**

RATES: All tour prices are based on double occupancy. If you would like us to find you a roommate, we will do our best, but cannot guarantee a share. If we cannot find a share, you will need to pay the single supplement. All forms and fares are accurate at the time of publication (January 2019) but are subject to change at any time prior to departure. It is our policy to only pass on the actual amount of any increases in airfares or land costs such as those increases due to the devaluation of the dollar. Rarely, a price increase may be called for if the group falls below the minimum, as listed in the itinerary.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: A U.S. passport valid for *at least* six months *beyond* the trip's departure date is required.

FLIGHTS: You, the traveler, are responsible for booking and paying for your own international flights. Once you reserve your space, we will provide you with suggested flights and tell you which flights our staff will take. You may book flights directly with the airline, online, or with a travel agent. You are welcome to use the same travel agent we use for our trip leader's flights: June Doliber, JuneD@travelcoll.com, 617.497.8153. Please be aware that most tickets are non-refundable, therefore you should not book your flight arrangements until you have checked with us to be sure the tour has the minimum number of participants for the trip to go. We ask that you provide us with your flight details. **The Maun-Joburg flight reservations will be booked for you by our local operator and the pricing will be added to your invoice.**

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Reservation application for Botswana tour

Name (1) _____
(as shown on your passport)

Preferred nickname: _____

Name (2) _____
(as shown on your passport)

Preferred nickname: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone #: _____ (needed during the tour)

Home/office #: _____ (Is this your preferred number for us to use routinely? Yes/No)

Email address (required—many updates are sent via email: _____

Room Preferences:

- I request single accommodations where available and will pay the single supplement.
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- I/we would like to join the extension

DEPOSIT: \$1000/pp for main trip and \$300 additional for the extension

- Please find my enclosed check (payable to “Massachusetts Audubon Society”)
- Please charge my credit card
MasterCard Visa

Card #: _____ Exp.: _____ CVV/CVC: _____

Signature: _____

Please read and sign the back of this form →

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I would like to participate in the birding and nature tour named above (the "Tour") organized by Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc. ("Mass Audubon"). I am aware that participation in a Mass Audubon tour involves risk, including, but not limited to, the hazards of living in and traveling over unpredictable terrain often in remote areas without adequate medical facilities, exposure to disease and infection, being subject to the forces of nature, and travel by airplane and motor vehicle. In addition, I understand and acknowledge that, if I participate in the Tour, one or more of the risks described above or set forth below could result in or cause bodily injury or death to me or damage to personal property of mine: physical exertion; travel by foot, plane, train, auto, vans, bus, boat or other conveyance; consumption of food and beverages; civil unrest, terrorism, banditry, or criminal activity; high altitude; inadequate medical facilities or service.

I acknowledge that I have received and read carefully information describing the Tour, including, but not limited to, the Terms and Conditions and the paragraph in the Terms and Conditions entitled "Your Responsibility."

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Therefore, notwithstanding the risks of participating in the Tour set forth and as described above, and in consideration of Mass Audubon permitting me to participate in the Tour:

(1) I AGREE TO ASSUME AND ACCEPT ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOUR; AND
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I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, UNDERSTAND, AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name (s) (Please Print) _____

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