

Venue International Professionals, Inc.

2017 Autumn Edition Travel and Tourism Newsletter©

Travel and Tourism News and Information That You Can Benefit From October-December 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

Greetings to our business associates and clients! Welcome to the 2017 autumn edition of Venue International Professionals, Inc.'s Quarterly Newsletter. The purpose of our quarterly newsletter is to provide news and information about the various types of tours that we offer for the remainders of 2017 and the upcoming year 2018 as well as insightful advice and news about the travel and tourism industry.

Have you ever been to Africa, wanted to meet the people, experience the sights and sounds, let us help you with your decision as you "Come To Africa and Find Yourself". Venue International Professionals, Inc. (VIP), since 1997, has uniquely positioned itself to provide highly customized marketing, sales and technical assistance services in the travel and tourism industry for the Continent of Africa based on its proven track record of experience and expertise.

In closing, we would be pleased to discuss with you how we can meet your specific needs for travel and tourism in the United States, the Caribbean, Africa or wherever your wandering dreams might take you.

About Venue International Professionals, Inc. (VIP)

Venue International Professionals, Inc. (VIP) is your full service travel and tourism consultant. VIP specializes in customized and escorted tours for business and/or leisure to the Continent of Africa. The principals of VIP, Helen Broadus (President) and David J. Saunders (Chief Executive Officer), together have more than forty years of experience and expertise in the travel and tourism industry of Africa and have visited thirty African countries at least once over the past twenty years. Specifically, VIP offers the following compliment of services for its clients:

- *Personalized group tours from 7 days/6 nights up to 31 days/30 nights;*
- *Orientation sessions about African history, geography and culture;*
- *Affordable roundtrip airfare (direct from USA to Africa) with major airline carriers;*
- *Adventure, cultural and eco-tourism destination tour programs in more than thirty-five African countries;*
- *Advice on shopping options for unique African jewelry, textiles and handicrafts;*
- *Invitations to special events such as African Arts and Music Festivals and African Naming Ceremonies;*
- *Coordination of fantastic tourism venues and optional village/eco-tourism excursions; and*
- *Providing relaxed customized sightseeing tours with personal professional guides.*

Let VIP arrange your next individual or group tour to Africa!

For more information about VIP or to inquire about travel and tourism excursions to the African Continent, please contact VIP at Telephone Number: (301) 856-9188; Facsimile Number (240) 244-2180; and E-Mail Address at vipinc@erols.com. Also, please check out our VIP website: www.venuetravel.net.

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Three African Tourism Destinations for Year 2018

In order to provide travelers with unique adventure itineraries in 2018, Venue International Professionals, Inc. is actively seeking out uniquely customized destinations on the African Continent that have not yet been discovered by the mainstream market. While Venue International Professionals, Inc. has conducted customized tours to thirty African countries over the past twenty-five years, there are always new adventures to seek out and get the interest of its clients. In 2018, Venue International Professionals, Inc. has put together a range of trending destinations for adventure travel seekers and this list includes up-and-coming contenders and favorites with a twist as well as socially driven opportunities. Of particular interest is Egypt as it will become home to the world's largest archaeological museum when it opens the Grand Egyptian Museum in 2018. One exhibit includes treasures from King Tut's unearthed tomb. Despite struggling in recent years, Egypt is on track for a comeback as its tourism revenue jumped by 170 percent in the first half of 2017 to \$3.5 billion.

Venue International Professionals, Inc. has designed a uniquely designed program in Egypt that includes a myriad of sightseeing opportunities in Cairo, on a Nile River Cruise, Aswan and Luxor. On this particular tour you will explore the grand and ancient monuments guided by a certified Egyptologists. See Egypt as it has existed for thousands of years as you learn about the famous antiquities to include the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx, the Necropolis of Memphis, Thebes, Karnak and so much more! To truly enjoy the spectrum of life in Egypt, you will have the opportunity to experience both its mysterious past and vibrant modern-day Egypt. One of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World" the Great Pyramids of Egypt, among the largest stone constructions ever built by man, constitute one of the most potent and enduring symbols of Ancient Egyptian civilization. Indeed your visit to Egypt is a journey through the amazing history of an immortal civilization!

Another fascinating African destination is Morocco as American tourists arrivals have soared thirty-two percent, making Morocco one of the top ten fastest-growing destinations among Americans in the world. Adventure junkies can climb Jebel Toubkal, Morocco's highest peak in the Atlas Mountains, take a camel ride as you tour the Sahara Desert dunes, and explore high-walled Kasbahs. Venue International Professionals, Inc. offers a uniquely customized experience of the Imperial Cities of Morocco. Situated in North Africa, the Kingdom of Morocco is a fascinating destination just waiting to be discovered. From beautifully adorned Mosques and Kasbahs to its world renowned medieval cities and the scenic background of the Atlas Mountains, each of the Imperial Cities of Morocco has a rich history of kingdoms that have swept through many centuries leaving behind an impressive collage of different architectural styles and unique legacies. Morocco will transport you to a bygone era where you will discover a place filled with friendly people eager to share their heritage and culture. Behold a dramatic land of sun, sultans, bustling souks, ancient harems and much more! Come and visit Morocco to experience many historical, cultural and personal encounters that await you!

Without a doubt, South Africa remains one of the top ten growing destinations for American travelers. Options have been increased for 2018 in order to keep up with demand and Venue International Professionals, Inc. continues to offer a fantastic adventure of the Best of Africa Tour featuring historical and cultural landmarks in South Africa with a combination of safari excursions in Zambia and Botswana. Highlights of this customized Southern African Tour includes during your visit in South Africa are a Welcome Dinner, City Tour of Johannesburg and Soweto, Visit to the Apartheid Museum, City Tour of Pretoria, Visit to Lesedi Cultural Village; a Wine Estate Tour, City Tour of Cape Town, Pilgrimage to Robben Island, Visit Table Mountain, Tour of the Cape Peninsula and a Farewell Dinner. Highlights of your Best of Southern Africa Tour during your visit in Zambia and Botswana includes a Walking Tour of the Majestic Victoria Falls as well as a Sundowner Cruise on the Zambezi River, a Full-Day Excursion for a Mini-Safari in the Chobe National Park, a Rhino Walking Safari and a Farewell Boma Dinner with Cultural Entertainment. Also enjoy various shopping opportunities for African textiles, handicrafts, jewelry and so much more!

If you are interested in joining Venue International Professionals, Inc. on any of the above Discovery Tours in Africa, please refer to either the informational flyers published in this newsletter or visit the Venue International Professionals, Inc. website at www.venuetravel.net.

TRAVEL TO CUBA IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR AMERICAN TOURISTS!

News Alert! Americans can still travel to Cuba, despite President Trump's announcement that he was going to repeal President Obama's policy of opening U.S. trade and travel relations with Cuba. When President Trump stated that Americans will no longer be able to stay in hotels that are affiliated with the Cuban military, intelligence or security services - that meant that a number of hotels would be scratched off of the list of hotels that are available to American travelers. Fortunately, most of the forbidden hotels were not among those often frequented by Americans anyway. By the time the U.S. State Department had released its latest prohibitions on travel to Cuba it had almost no effect on the market. Thankfully Americans can still travel to Cuba, in fact more freely than at any time in decades, except for the brief period when individual travel to Cuba was not allowed.

Accordingly, the new rules announced by the Trump administration have not had any negative effect on Venue International Professionals, Inc.'s planned tours to Cuba in 2018 as we takes advantage of a "People-To-People" program for visiting Cuba. Venue International Professionals, Inc.'s Discovery Tour to Cuba continues to be - and has always been - in complete compliance with regulations (old and new). Each of our clients encounters through a "People-To-People" Tour are provided with a once-in-a-lifetime, enriching and enlightening experiences as well as a deep understanding of Cuba and its people. These types of customized tours can often include accommodations in a private Cuban residence (known as a casa particular), eat at privately owned Cuban restaurants (known as paladares), and shop at privately-owned stores run by self-employed Cubans (known as cuentapropistas). It should be noted that the new Cuba travel regulations require that all Americans to participate as a part of a group with an itinerary and rules that comply with the general license requirements.

Venue International Professionals, Inc.'s Discovery Tour of Cuba offers a unique experience and highlights include: charter flight from Washington, D.C. to Havana, Cuba, Welcome Dinner with cultural entertainment, City Tour of Havana, the Capital City of Cuba, City Tour of Trinidad, affectionately known as the "Crown Jewell" of Cuba's colonial cities and Tours of Santiago de Cuba, known as the "Center of Afro-Cuban Culture and Traditions", and a Farewell Dinner with cultural entertainment as well as opportunities to interact with the Cuban people!

SEE TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN ART AT SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART

African art rarely thrives in Western art museums. It generally hovers between the beautiful or intriguing object and the ethnographic specimen. Exhibitions are also relatively infrequent, so audiences have little opportunity to truly experience and enjoy. Fortunately, magnificent African art collections can be viewed and enjoyed at the National Museum of African Art (NMAfA) located as a part of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Here one can participate in a guided tour or simply enjoy at your own pace many African artifacts and art pieces that evoke powerful visual and emotional messages to the viewer. Experienced docents can offer information and insight on the original significance or connection to African history, culture and society. For your information, Helen Broadus (President of Venue International Professionals, Inc.) is a Docent with the National Museum of African Art and she is available to assist you with organizing tours of African art exhibitions and lecture series. Please feel free to contact her at vipinc@erols.com if you are interested in specific tours.



JOIN OUR DISCOVERY TOUR TO CUBA™

MONDAY, APRIL 9 – FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

Double Occupancy \$4,299.00*/Single Occupancy \$4,999.00*

Make Plans Now To Join Us on a Discovery Tour for a Unique Experience of Cuba! Highlights of Your Discovery Tour of Cuba include: Roundtrip International Flight between Washington, D.C. and Havana, Cuba; Welcome Dinner; City Tour of Havana, the Capital City of Cuba; City Tour of Trinidad, affectionately referred to as the “Crown Jewel” of Cuba’s colonial cities and Tours of Santiago de Cuba, the “Center of Afro-Cuban Culture and Traditions”; and Farewell Dinner with Cultural Entertainment as well as opportunities to interact with the Cuban people and so much more!

YOUR TOUR OF CUBA INCLUDES: Roundtrip International Flight; Transportation in air-conditioned vehicles; Eleven Nights Hotel Accommodations with breakfast included; Various Sightseeing Tours as published in the Day-To-Day Itinerary; Welcome and Farewell Dinners with Cultural Entertainment; and various people-to-people interactions.

DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE CUBA. SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY! Please call (301) 856-9188 to confirm your reservation. DETACH and MAIL your \$500.00 DEPOSIT TODAY – to Venue International Professionals, Inc. 9134 Piscataway Road, Suite 1872, Clinton, Maryland 20735. **NOTE: Please refer to VIP’s “Discovery Tour to Cuba™” 2018 on all correspondence.**

Please Call For A Detailed Itinerary

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Enclosed is my deposit/payment in the amount of \$500.00 for # _____ of people for the Discovery Tour of Cuba™ scheduled for Monday, April 9 – Friday, April 20, 2018. Please Note: 50% of the Deposit is Non-Refundable. FINAL PAYMENT DUE by Friday, February 23, 2018. Price is \$4,299.00 based on double occupancy and \$4,999.00 based on single occupancy. Please check [] for double occupancy or please check [] for the single supplement. Please check [] if require special needs assistance. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to visit Cuba’s Charming Colonial Cities in 2018 with Venue International Professionals, Inc.

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E-Mail Address: _____

My Roommate’s Name is: _____

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31-SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

Double Occupancy \$3,949.00*/Single Occupancy \$4,499.00*

Make Plans Now To Journey to Morocco for a Unique Experience of the Imperial Cities of Morocco! Situated in North Africa, the Kingdom of Morocco is a fascinating destination just waiting to be discovered. From beautifully adorned Mosques and Kasbahs to its world renowned medieval cities and the scenic background of the Atlas Mountains, each of the Imperial Cities of Morocco has a rich history of kingdoms that have swept through many centuries leaving behind an impressive collage of different architectural styles and unique legacies. Morocco will transport you to a bygone era where you will discover a place filled with friendly people eager to share their heritage and culture. Behold a dramatic land of sun, sultans, bustling souks, ancient harems and so much more! Come visit Morocco to experience many historical, cultural and personal encounters that await you!

🔦 YOUR TOUR OF MOROCCO INCLUDES: Highlights of Your Imperial Cities Tour of Morocco include: International Flight on Royal Air Maroc; Seven Nights Deluxe Hotel Accommodations with breakfast included; Tours of Casablanca, Rabat, Fes (the most ancient marketplace of the imperial capitals of Morocco and most complete medieval city of the Arab world), Meknes, and Marrakech (affectionately known as the "Pearl of the South"). Also visit Volubulis, a Roman provincial capital in ancient time and Ourika Valley in the Atlas Mountains to learn about the Berber People of North Africa as well as enjoy a Fantasia Farewell Dinner Featuring Traditional Moroccan Cuisine and Folkloric Entertainment in a Berber Tent under the stars. Also enjoy plenty of other sightseeing and fabulous shopping experiences.

DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AN IMPERIAL CITIES TOUR OF MOROCCO! SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY! Please call (301) 856-9188 to confirm your reservation. DETACH and MAIL your \$500.00 DEPOSIT TODAY – to Venue International Professionals, Inc. 9134 Piscataway Road, Suite 1872, Clinton, Maryland 20735. **NOTE: Please refer to VIP's "Imperial Cities Tour of Morocco 2018™" on all correspondence.**

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Enclosed is my deposit of \$500.00 per person for # _____ of people for the Imperial Cities Tour of Morocco scheduled for Saturday, March 31-Sunday, April 8, 2018. Please Note: 50% of the Deposit is Non-Refundable. FINAL PAYMENT DUE by Thursday, February 15, 2018. Price is \$3,949.00 based on double occupancy. Single Supplement of \$550.00 is available upon request. Please check [] for double occupancy or please check [] for the single supplement. Please check [] if you require special needs assistance. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to visit Morocco – where the "Sahara meets the Sea" as you experience a fabulous Imperial Cities Tour of Morocco with your family and friends.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018
Double Occupancy \$4,799.00*/Single Occupancy \$5,799.00*

Make Plans Now For a Fabulous Egyptian Adventure Tour! This is Egypt's most popular tour program which includes sightseeing opportunities in Cairo, Nile River Cruise, Aswan and Luxor. On this particular tour you will explore the grand and ancient monuments guided by a certified Egyptologists. See Egypt as it has existed for thousands of years as you learn about the famous antiquities to include the Pyramids and the Sphinx, the Necropolis of Memphis, Thebes, Karnak and so much more! To truly enjoy the spectrum of life in Egypt, you will have the opportunity to experience both its mysterious past and vibrant modern-day Egypt. One of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World" the Pyramids of Egypt, among the largest stone constructions ever built by man, constitute one of the most potent and enduring symbols of Ancient Egyptian civilization. Indeed your visit to Egypt is a journey through the amazing history of an immortal civilization. Come visit Egypt to experience many historical, cultural and personal encounters that await you!

YOUR TOUR OF EGYPT INCLUDES: Highlights of Your Egyptian Adventure Tour include: International Flight on Egypt Air; Six Nights Deluxe Hotel Accommodations with breakfast included in Cairo; Welcome Dinner in Cairo; Tour of the Grand Museum of Egyptian Antiquities; Tour of the Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza; Sound and Lights Show at the Pyramids in Cairo; City Tour of Old and New Cairo; Four Day Nile River Cruise; Tour of Abu Simbel (optional); Guided Tours along the Nile River Cruise to include Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna, Luxor, Karnak and the Valley of the Kings and Queens; Tour of Alexandria (optional); Tour of Dahshur (optional); and a Fantastic Farewell Dinner Cruise on the Nile River featuring Egyptian Cuisine and Folkloric Entertainment. Also enjoy plenty of other sightseeing opportunities and fabulous shopping experiences.

DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A FABULOUS ADVENTURE TOUR OF EGYPT! SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY! Please call (301) 856-9188 to confirm your reservation. DETACH and MAIL your \$500.00 DEPOSIT TODAY – to Venue International Professionals, Inc. 9134 Piscataway Road Suite 1872, Clinton, Maryland 20735. **NOTE: Please refer to VIP's "Egyptian Adventure Tour 2018™" on all correspondence.**

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Enclosed is my deposit of \$500.00 per person for # _____ of people for the Adventure Tour of Egypt™ scheduled for Friday October 5-Tuesday 16, 2018. Please Note: 50% of the Deposit is Non-Refundable. FINAL PAYMENT DUE by Wednesday August 22, 2018. Price is \$4,799.00 based on double occupancy. Single Supplement of \$1,000.00 is available upon request. Please check [] for double occupancy or please check [] for the single supplement. Please check [] if you require special needs assistance. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to visit Egypt – to see Ancient Egypt's grandeur, splendor and riches with your family and friends in 2018.

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**VENUE INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS, INC.
 SOUTH AFRICA, ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA TOUR™
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018**

Double Occupancy \$5,999.00 and Single Occupancy \$7,499.00

Make Plans Now For a Fantastic Adventure of the Best of Africa Tour in South Africa, Zambia and Botswana! Highlights of Your Best of Southern Africa Tour in South Africa include: Welcome Dinner; City Tour of Johannesburg and Soweto; Visit the Apartheid Museum; City Tour of Pretoria; Visit to Lesedi Cultural Village; Wine Estate Tour, City Tour of Cape Town; Pilgrimage to Robben Island; Visit to Table Mountain; Cape Peninsula Tour and Farewell Dinner with Cultural Entertainment. Highlights of Your Best of Southern Africa Tour in Zambia and Botswana include: Walking Tour of the Majestic Victoria Falls as well as a Sundowner Cruise on the Zambezi River; Full-Day Excursion for a Mini-Safari in the Chobe National Park; Rhino Walking Safari in Victoria Falls National Park; and a Farewell Boma Dinner with a Cultural Entertainment. Also enjoy various shopping opportunities for African textiles, handicrafts, jewelry and much more!

YOUR BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA, ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA INCLUDES: Roundtrip International Airfare on South African Airways; Transportation in air-conditioned vehicles; Eleven Nights Hotel Accommodations with breakfast included; Various Sightseeing Tours as published in the Day-To-Day Itinerary; Welcome and Farewell Dinners with Cultural Entertainment; Group Tips and Gratuities; and a VIP Souvenir Gift.

DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A BEST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA, ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA. SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY! Please call (301) 856-9188 to confirm your reservation. DETACH and MAIL your \$500.00 DEPOSIT TODAY – to Venue International Professionals, Inc. 9134 Piscataway Road, Suite 1872, Clinton, Maryland 20735. **NOTE: Please refer to VIP's "Best of Southern Africa Tour to South Africa, Zambia and Botswana 2017™" on all correspondence.**

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Enclosed is my deposit/payment in the amount of \$ _____ for # _____ of people for the Best of Southern Africa Tour to South Africa, Zambia and Botswana scheduled for Friday, November 2 – Saturday, November 16, 2018. Please Note: 50% of the Deposit is Non-Refundable. FINAL PAYMENT DUE by Monday, September 3, 2018. Single Supplement of \$1,500.00 is available upon request. Please check [] for double occupancy or please check [] for the single supplement. Please check [] if require special needs assistance. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to experience the Best of Southern Africa Tour to South Africa, Zambia and Botswana in 2018. Optional Elephant Back Safari in Zambia is available upon request for an additional \$200.00.

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Make Plans To Join Venue International Professionals, Inc. (VIP) for a Fantastic Journey to the Motherland to these two unique destinations in 2018. If you are interested in either one of these tours or any particular African destination please contact Venue International Professionals, Inc.



**JOIN VENUE INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS, INC. ON A
JOURNEY TO THE MOTHERLAND: SENEGAL AND THE GAMBIA, WEST AFRICA™**

Experience Senegal and The Gambia, West Africa! Highlights of Your West Africa Tour include: Welcome Dinner; City Tours of Dakar, the Capital of Senegal and Banjul, the Capital City of The Gambia; visit to Goree Island to see the “Door of No Return”; visit to the African Renaissance Monument; Pilgrimage to Juffureh, the ancestral homeland of Kunta, made famous by the epic story of ROOTS; Tour of the Pink Lake; and a Farewell Dinner with an Authentic Senegalese Naming Ceremony. Also enjoy plenty of shopping opportunities for textile, handicrafts, jewelry and much more! **Your Tour of Senegal and The Gambia Includes:** Roundtrip International Airfare on South African Airways; Transportation in air-conditioned vehicles; Nine Nights Hotel Accommodations with breakfast included; Various Sightseeing Tours as published in the Day-To-Day Itinerary; Welcome and Farewell Dinners with Cultural Entertainment; and VIP souvenir gift.



**JOIN VENUE INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS, INC. ON A
JOURNEY TO THE MOTHERLAND: GHANA, WEST AFRICA™**

Experience Ghana, West Africa! Highlights of Your West Africa Tour include: Welcome Dinner; City Tour of Accra, the Capital of Ghana; Pilgrimage to Elmina and Cape Coast to see the “Slave Castles and Dungeons”; Experience a Fantastic Rainforest Canopy Walkway in Kakum National Park; and visit Kumasi, the ancestral homeland of the Ashanti Empire as well as the Ashanti Craft Villages to learn more about the famous Kente Cloth Weavers; and a Farewell Dinner with an Authentic Ghanaian Naming Ceremony. Also enjoy plenty of shopping opportunities for textile, handicrafts, jewelry and much more! **Your Tour of Ghana Includes:** Roundtrip International Airfare on South African Airways; Transportation in air-conditioned vehicles; Eight Nights Hotel Accommodations with breakfast included; Various Sightseeing Tours as published in the Day-To-Day Itinerary; Welcome and Farewell Dinners with Cultural Entertainment; and VIP souvenir gift.