



South Africa – JUNE 2018

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MON 4: Fly out of Boston (BOS), transatlantic overnight to Cape Town (CPT) (*International flight routing yet to be confirmed*).



TUE 5: Welcome to Africa! Airport transfer to Cape Town accommodation near the famous beaches (2 nights).

WED 6: After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast, take the Red Bus "hop-on-hop-off" on a full day Cape Town city tour. Experience the aerial cableway ride to the top of Table Mountain (3,500ft elevation).



THUR 7: Full day guided tour of the Cape Peninsula visiting Cape Point, the Cape of Good Hope, an Ostrich Farm, the Boulder Bay penguins. Enjoy the best fish 'n chips in the historic naval village of Simonstown. Drop in to visit the students at the Lawhill Maritime Academy. Check in to the V&A Waterfront Breakwater Lodge, a 19th century former prison (3 nights).



FRI 8: Visit a leading private school in Cape Town and meet the students, perhaps attending class for the morning! Afternoon boat ride to Robben Island, the “Alcatraz of Africa” where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for some two decades. Depending on the weather, consider a visit to the South African Springbok Rugby Museum in the V&A Waterfront. Interactive displays and a vivid historical perspective will entertain and educate. Evening free to explore the V&A Waterfront harbor area.

SAT 9: Visit the well-known Biscuit Mill food and craft market in Woodstock. Drive through to Rondebosch area and watch a thrilling high school rugby match, perhaps joining in with the school ‘war cries’! Evening braai (African cookout experience).

SUN 10: Morning flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg. Transfer to hotel and check-in (3 nights). Afternoon visit to the Apartheid Museum.

MON 11: Visit the SOWETO Township and the Hector Pieterse Museum, hearing a passionate account of those dark days as told by Hector’s sister, Antoinette. Enjoy a delicious local lunch at Chez Alina’s back yard restaurant and be entertained by local musicians, Pam & Raps. Drive down Vilakazi Street where two Nobel Peace Prize winners lived.

Afternoon visit to the “3 to 6” School in Johannesburg where refugees from the French speaking countries in Africa are given an opportunity to attend school and learn English.

TUE 12:



Afternoon tour of Constitution Hill, learning about the founding of the new South Africa under the leadership of Nelson Mandela. Then travel out to see the Voortrekker Monument to the early Afrikaans pioneers who left the Cape in the mid-1800's carrying on to the historic Union Buildings in Pretoria which form the official seat of the South African government and also house the offices of the president of South Africa.



WED 13: Drive out of the Johannesburg metropolis and head into the bush for a true Safari experience! On the way, stop and visit the Lesedi Cultural village and learn first-hand about traditional African culture and history. Check-in to the Ivory Tree Safari Lodge located in the Pilanesberg National Park, situated in the crater of a vast extinct volcano. Take your first guided safari drive in this "Big 5" malaria free National Park (2 nights).



THUR 14: Full day on Safari spotting elephants, buffalo, rhinos, lions and perhaps the elusive nocturnal leopard! Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Safari Lodge. Study the Southern Hemisphere stars and learn how to navigate from the Southern Cross.



FRI 15: Road transfer back to the Johannesburg area with a possible visit and tour of the Blue Bulls Super 15 rugby team training facility.

SAT 16: Depart from Johannesburg on return flights to the USA.

SUN 17: Arrive home after your African adventure.

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