



SOUTH AFRICA: MEET THE PEOPLE, SEE THE COUNTRY

15-Day Global Camps Africa (GCA) Tour
October –1st – October 15th, 2014

Note: GCA reserves the right to change lodgings and/or itinerary should circumstances dictate.

Tuesday September 30th, 2014

- Depart Dulles International Airport (Washington, DC) on South African Airways flight **SA208** at **5:40pm** ^{Note 1}
- Fly via Dakar, Senegal, to Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport [refueling stop – no plane-change] ^{Note 1}

Tour Day 1: Wednesday October 1st, 2014. Meals on plane

- Arrive at O.R. Tambo International Airport at **5:15pm** ^{Note 1}
- Meet your tour-guide, and transfer to the Courtyard Rosebank Hotel in Johannesburg
- Dinner transfer if required
- Take the opportunity to explore the neighborhood and its culture

Tour Day 2: Thursday October 2nd, 2014. Meals Included: B

- After breakfast, pickup at hotel and drive to Tshwane (previously Pretoria), the capital city of South Africa, where you will visit sites with great political and historical importance.
- This full-day tour of Tshwane and environs includes stops as time permits at the Voortrekker Monument (commemorating the pioneer history of South Africa), the Union Buildings (current seat of government), the University of South Africa (the largest correspondence-only university in the world) and Melrose House (where the treaty ending the Boer War was signed).
- Take a stroll through the recently opened Freedom Park, where those killed in the World Wars and South African wars are immortalized. The Park is, however, primarily a memorial to all the South African liberation struggle heroes and other international leaders that contributed to the liberation of the country from Apartheid.
- Drop in at Pretoria's sprawling Menlyn Park Shopping Mall to purchase items that may have been left at home, and then dine on your own account at the nearby Hillside Tavern, one of the city's premier eating spots
- Transfer back to Johannesburg hotel

Tour Day 3: Friday October 3rd, 2014. Meals Included: B, D

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- After breakfast, pickup at hotel and drive to the Apartheid Museum, established in 2001. This Museum presents a dramatic, emotional journey that tells the story of a state-sanctioned system based on racial discrimination, and the struggle of the majority to overthrow the tyranny. Many people regard this visit as fundamental to the experience and understanding of apartheid.
- Transfer on to hold informative meetings with two Global Camps Africa (GCA) Partner Organizations who have teamed with GCA in the **Camp Sizanani** venture.
- Browse through the African Craft Market, a unique African cultural shopping destination and an exercise in social upliftment. This initiative formalized the hawker trade in the area and it's now a bustling market known for its quality exotic African artifacts.
- Nelson Mandela Square lies adjacent to the Sandton City Mall, a world-class venue to which both locals and tourists flock for some of the best shopping in Africa. A major attraction in the bustling, cosmopolitan square is the 20 foot high statue of Nelson Mandela that stands proudly in this public space. The Square has effectively become a shrine, where people are reminded of their hero's tireless, selfless efforts for peace and reconciliation.
- Transfer to dine at Moyo's, where live African music and sophisticated African dining are the benchmarks. Founded in 2002, stylish Moyo rose from its granite bedrock to five enchanting levels offering diverse fine-dining experiences.
- Transfer back to Johannesburg hotel.

Tour Day 4: Saturday October 4th, 2014. Meals Included: B

- After breakfast, pickup at hotel for a full day in Soweto (South-Western Township).
- In Soweto, close to Johannesburg, you will participate in one of the biweekly Youth Clubs (follow-up sessions to Camp) near the campers' homes, where kids who have previously attended **Camp Sizanani** receive ongoing mentoring and fun. Find out first-hand how Global Camps Africa is changing young lives in a truly positive way.
- Enjoy a unique lunch in a 'shebeen'. South African township 'shebeens' were initially an alternative to pubs and bars, since under apartheid black Africans could not enter a pub or bar reserved for whites.
- Visit the Mandela House Museum and the Hector Pieterse Museum, both important reminders of the apartheid era in South Africa. Take an informal tour of Soweto with the **Camp Sizanani** director visiting his private home, and stop in at the Regina Mundi Cathedral which played a pivotal role in the apartheid struggle.
- Drop off at Johannesburg hotel, and dinner transfer if needed. Otherwise, evening on your own.

Tour Day 5: Sunday October 5th, 2014. Meals Included: B, L

- Pickup at hotel, and drive to **Camp Sizanani**, one of the highlights of your Tour.
- This will be a full-day visit to the GCA Camp in the beautiful Magaliesberg mountain area. There you will meet counselors and campers whose lives are being transformed by the camp experience. The children are given so much more than 8 days of fun – they are provided

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with HIV-prevention education, life skills training, a sense of belonging, and hope for the future.

- Lunch will be provided at the Camp.
- Transfer back to Johannesburg hotel at the end of the day. Evening on your own. Dinner transfer if required.

Tour Day 6: Monday October 6th, 2014. Meals Included: B, D

- After breakfast, take a leisurely drive east along the N-4 highway through scenic Mpumalanga Province en route to the Kruger Park area, and experience vistas that range from flat terrain to bushveld. Alternatively travel via the N-1 highway northwards and then east through Tzaneen. Stops will be made for lunch and upon request. This is a longish drive, but the vehicle is comfortable and air-conditioned and the destination well worth it!!
- Pass through various lowveld towns on your way to the Timbavati Safari Lodge, arriving in the early afternoon. The whole Timbavati area was made famous by the book 'The White Lions of Timbavati').
- Guest accommodation at the Timbavati Safari Lodge comprises a selection of chalets and 'rondawels' (round African-style huts) painted with unique Ndebele traditional artwork, all with en-suite shower, washbasin, toilet, ceiling fan and a small desk area and veranda. The rondawels and chalets are nestled among glades of mature, exquisite indigenous trees, and these are home to a variety of birds and other wildlife, designed and situated to convey an atmosphere of happy relaxation and peacefulness in a true African ambience.
- Guests get to share the Lodge area with the 'locals' including Bushbabies, Giraffe, Impala, Wildebeest, Bushbuck, Duiker and Warthog, which graze on the lush green grass and can regularly be seen from the verandas of the rooms.
- Dinner and overnight at the Lodge. Dinner is served as a buffet in true African style in the open-air traditional boma. Taste the flavors of the African cuisine whilst dining under the stars with the sounds of the wild in the background and the smell of African wood burning in the center. Menus change each evening.

Tour Day 7: Tuesday October 7th, 2014. Meals Included: B, D

- Today you will visit the remote and secluded Manyeleti Game Reserve, which lies within the greater Kruger National Park. Arise early for coffee/tea and rusks before a 5:00am departure on a very special 'Sunrise Game-Drive' in an open vehicle with expert guide and tracker. This drive lasts about 4 hours, and you will get to see the typical 'nocturnal' animals like Hyena, Wildcat and Honey Badger and, if you're lucky, even a Leopard or Lion hunting.
- Return to the Lodge around 9:30am for a late breakfast. Spend the rest of the morning relaxing at the pool, exploring the area around the Lodge, and other local activities. Take lunch on your own account from their extensive bar/snack menu, and rest up during the warmest part of the day.
- Around 4:00pm depart on another very special 'Sunset Game Drive' in open vehicle with tracker and guide. As the sun sets, the African bush comes to life and the diurnal creatures, ranging

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from elephant to antelope to warthog, start to seek out locations for rest and refuge, and the nocturnal ones - notably the big cats – become bolder and more active as they prepare to direct their energies towards serious feeding. So keep your eyes peeled for all those animals active at this time. At a convenient spot, you will stop for sundowners and a stretch of legs. Continue the drive, this time with the aid of a high-powered spotlight, which enables you to search for and locate animals in the dark.

- The sunset drive also lasts around 4 hours, after which you return to the Lodge for a late ‘boma’ dinner around 8:00pm, and overnight at the Lodge.

Tour Day 8: Wednesday October 8th, 2014. Meals Included: B, L, D

- Take a leisurely buffet breakfast at the Lodge and then, in the comfort of your air-conditioned tour-vehicle, drive to the Orpen Gate and into the Kruger National Park itself, for a full-day game drive through the mid-portion of the vast Park.
- Marvel at the huge variety of savannah/plains animals and birds on view, and be on the lookout for Africa’s “Big-5” (defined originally as those animals that were the most difficult to hunt on foot namely the Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo, Lion and Leopard). They are not the biggest or the rarest, but were grouped this way because they put up the fiercest fight.
- Take lunch in the Park at one of their large rest-camps, with a food and beverage hamper provided by the Lodge
- Continue the leisurely game-drive in the afternoon, and return to the Lodge around 5pm with your cameras overflowing with memories! Time to freshen up after a day in the bush.....
- Enjoy another excellent dinner in the ‘boma’ or around the pool, and then overnight at the Lodge

Tour Day 9: Thursday October 9th, 2014. Meals Included: B

- Leave Timbavati around 7:00am with a packed breakfast from the Lodge, and travel through the Strijdom Tunnel and Abel Erasmus Pass to the northern end of the spectacular ‘Panorama Route’, where fantastic vistas and photo-ops pop up around every corner. Depending on time and pace you will visit one or two of the beautiful waterfalls in the area (Lisbon Falls and Berlin Falls), stand in awe at the remarkable lowveld views from God’s Window, and take in the very impressive Blyde River Canyon (third largest in the world) with the unique Three Rondawels mountain feature.
- Travel south via the beautiful small towns of Graskop (with a short stop at an amazing curio-shop!) and Sabie to Nelspruit, and then westward to Pretoria via the N-4 motorway -- making stops as needed.
- Overnight at the Peermont Mondior Hotel, an OR Tambo Airport-convenient complex with a vast number of attractions (shops, restaurants, casinos, cinemas, etc.). Evening on your own.....

Tour Day 10: Friday October 10th, 2014. Meals Included: B

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- Transfer to O.R. Tambo International Airport by hotel-provided transport, in time for your 10:05am flight to Cape Town.
- After a two hour flight, your tour-guide will meet you at Cape Town International Airport and take you to check in at the Nine Flowers Guest House, your lodging in Cape Town cradled beneath the majestic Table Mountain. Ideally located within easy walking distance of the CBD and a wide variety of fashionable restaurants and nightlife, an immersion in local culture is guaranteed. A truly walkable city, Cape Town offers a wide variety of interesting and safe neighborhoods and museums to explore.
- Depart the Guest House for an orientation tour of the Victoria & Alfred (V&A) Waterfront, where you can browse a wide range of shops, more than 80 restaurants, and other attractions. Situated at the foot of Table Mountain and in the heart of Cape Town's working harbor, this is a modern, attractive area with a vibrant pulse frequently aided by township singers and dancers who perform there. Indoor shopping and entertainment venues seamlessly merge with ocean vistas and mountain views, and the fresh sea breeze and warm African sun add zest to the cosmopolitan atmosphere.
- Dine at the V&A Waterfront at a restaurant recommended by your guide, with transfer back to the lodgings.

Tour Day 11: Saturday October 11th, 2014. Meals Included: B

- After breakfast, commence a full-day Cape Town City and environs tour.
- Take the cable-car up Table Mountain, officially named in December 2012 as one of the 'New 7 Wonders of Nature', and marvel at the 360 degree views from the tabletop. Visit Bloubergstrand (with its beautiful view of Cape Town and Table Mountain across the Bay), the impressive historical Castle of Good Hope, the Gold of Africa Museum, crafts at Greenmarket Square, the Jewish Museum (parallels between holocaust and apartheid suggested), and the Houses of Parliament.
- We expect that the highlight of your stay in Cape Town will be the trip to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years as a prisoner of the South African government. For most people, this is the most impressionable aspect of a visit to Cape Town, and you will spend around three hours on the island to absorb the emotive atmosphere.
- Drop off at lodgings, and dinner transfer is provided if required. Evening on your own.....

Tour Day 12: Sunday October 12th, 2014. Meals Included: B

- After breakfast, embark on a full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula.
- First stop off at the world-famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Established in 1913 and nestled at the foot of Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch preserves the country's unique and abundant natural flora. Walk around at leisure and then, from the comfort of a golf-cart, enjoy a 1 hour guided tour of those areas of the Gardens normally not accessible to the tourist.
- Take in many interesting resorts and other stops on the drive down to Cape Point, the most south-westerly tip of the African continent. Walk to both the old and new lighthouses, where you have superb scenic views of the rough and treacherous waters.

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- Marvel at the wide variety of protected fauna and flora in the Cape Point Nature Reserve. Travel to one of the beaches in the Reserve, hoping to spot some of the wildlife (e.g. ostrich, eland, zebra, hartebeest and baboon)
- Travel back to Cape Town along Chapman's Peak Drive – a truly exhilarating experience taking in well-known spots like Noordhoek Village, Hout Bay and Clifton.
- Enjoy an evening at the Athol Fugard Theater in District 6 (a 'Colored-Area' during the apartheid era). Ticket cost is included in the tour-cost.
- Drop off at lodgings.

Tour Day 13: Monday October 13th, 2014. Meals Included: B

- Today take a full-day tour of the Cape Winelands, which produce some of the world's best wines. Some vineyards were established back in the 1600's.
- Visit Paarl and Franschhoek, both major wine-producing areas, and sample local wines, cheeses, olive oils, gourmet food and artisan chocolates on the estates.
- In the afternoon, take a short walking tour of Stellenbosch, a wonderful old university town, while absorbing many aspects of Cape Dutch history and the culture of the area. More wine-tasting if time permits.
- Return to Cape Town lodgings, and dinner transfer if needed

Tour Day 14: Tuesday October 14th, 2014. Meals Included: B

- Today you visit the town that claims to be the 'Southern Right Whale Capital of the World' – Hermanus. With its unparalleled scenic beauty, modern infrastructure, upmarket shops and endless adventure options, it's little wonder that Hermanus has grown in size and popularity during the last decade.
- Visitors from near and far flock to this small town to enjoy its many charms while local residents and homeowners savor the privilege of living in this unique region. Hermanus is a cosmopolitan town but has retained some of its historical fisherman's village heritage. A number of craft markets sell a range of interesting wares, a marimba band frequently adds a vibrant atmosphere on different occasions, and the old harbor with its restored fishing boats gives a glimpse of times past.
- But on leaving Cape Town first drive through Gordon's Bay and then take the very scenic and twisty Clarence Drive which follows the False Bay coastline all the way to Betty's Bay to visit the Stony Point Penguin Colony, one of only three land-based colonies in South Africa. The colony first began in 1982 and was originally unfenced allowing visitors to wander and spend time with the penguins in close proximity. This changed in the late 1980's and since the penguins have now been fenced in, boardwalks have been erected to provide easy viewing for visitors.
- You drop in at the Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, with 25 acres of cultivated fynbos garden, and almost 500 acres of natural fynbos to gratify the visitor. The peaceful garden includes sweeping mountain slopes, deep gorges, and four vegetation types that occur naturally in the Overberg - afro montane forests, wetlands, coastal dunes and fynbos. Harold Porter is a magical display of proteas, ericas and leucadendrons set amidst meandering nature trails that

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take one up mountains, down gorges and through gardens in which some 60 species of bird come to play.

- Afterwards continue to Hermanus and, as luck (or good planning) would have it, you will be there at peak whale-watching season (which lasts from June through December)! When you get there, head for the parking area where the only 'whale crier' in the world is found. It is his job to spot the whales and then blow his 'pipe', which is actually a piece of dried seaweed.
- Regarded by WWF and Greenpeace as being one of the world's best locations to watch whales, Hermanus holds its annual week long International Whale Festival at the end of September each year (so you're there just at the right time of year). This event attracts over 130,000 eager whale watchers. Southern Right Whales, Humpbacks and Bryde Whales are observed, with the record number of 196 whales being spotted in ONE day occurring in October 2008.
- Board the sleek MIROSHCA, a modern catamaran specifically designed and built for whale-watching and leisure cruising, and licensed to carry 70 passengers. The 3-hour trip will take you out to sea for a really close-up meeting with these gentle giants of the deep, rather than attempting to spot them from the shore. Read more about the MIROSHCA at: <http://www.southernrightcharters.co.za/boat.html>
- Late in the afternoon, return via Sir Lowry's Pass to Cape Town.
- Dinner at a local restaurant if so desired – Allan will recommend (transfers provided)

Tour Day 15: Wednesday October 15th, 2014. Meals Included: B

- After breakfast, drive out towards the airport to tour the largest black township in the Western Cape area.
- Khayelitsha (meaning "new home") was established in the 1980s during the apartheid era. For many years it was a desperate place with few facilities and little infrastructure to house the large influx of people living there. These days, by opening themselves to the world, the attitude of residents is changing through increased contact with outside visitors -- although poverty and unemployment are still rife. There are goods for sale, made by the local community.
- The tour covers an extensive discussion on South African history, the legacy of apartheid, political, social, economic, cultural and local issues. Visits are made to different local community development projects, where you have a chance to interact with the local people.
- When the tour is over, transfer on to Cape Town International Airport for your 1:15pm flight to Johannesburg.
- Relax in the Bidvest Premier Lounge at O.R. Tambo International Airport until you depart for Dulles International Airport (Washington, DC) on South African Airways flight **SA 207** at **6:40pm** via Dakar, Senegal.
- Bidvest Premier offers the following facilities and services: Complimentary light snacks, beverages, newspapers and magazines, TV and Wi-Fi. Also shower facilities, with towels, shampoo and body soap.

Thursday October 16th, 2014.

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Arrive Dulles International Airport at **6:25am**^{Note 1}, and make your own way home.

The tour includes accommodation at highly-rated Bed & Breakfast lodgings with Wi-Fi access, luxury air-conditioned transport to all venues (including mobile Wi-Fi while touring in the Cape), and stimulating activities to fill each day.



NOTES FOR 2014 TOURS:

Note 1 - Flight Options:

There are numerous flight options available, and you can reckon on \$1,300.00 for the fare package (economy class). Business class fare is typically 4 to 5 times the economy fare. There are direct flights from New York and Washington to Johannesburg (15+ hours) on South African Airways (SAA). SAA also includes the Johannesburg-to-Cape Town and Cape Town-to-Johannesburg flights at no additional charge. There are flights via Europe on a multitude of different carriers, typically two overnight flights (8 hours + 11 hours) with a day stopover in-between. As a result, if you fly via Europe, your departure date from the USA will typically have to be a day earlier than shown on the itinerary. Note: KLM has only a 3-hour stopover in Amsterdam between flights.

Most flights from South Africa back to the USA via Europe only have a short 3-hour stopover.

Important: The flight package is quoted separately from the tour package – for those who may want to use their frequent-flyer miles. It is also strongly suggested that, before any flight bookings are made, the choices are discussed with Peter Wilmot to ensure that you arrive in time for the Tour.

Note 2 – Booking Notes

ITEM	'LONG' TOUR (10/1 – 10/15)	SHORT TOUR (12/9 – 12/18)
Book By (latest)	May 30th, 2014.	June 30th, 2014.
Estimated Tour Package Cost (exchange rate dependent)	\$4,200.00**	\$3,200.00**
Deposit 1 (due upon booking)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Deposit 2 (due a month later)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Final Balance (calculated 4 months before departure and due 3 months before departure)	TBD	TBD
Cancellation After 1 st Deposit and Before 2 nd Deposit	Full Refund	Full Refund
Cancellation At Any Time After 2 nd Deposit	Refund of 90% of all monies paid at time of cancellation if <u>space is re-sold</u> . Otherwise no refund.	Refund of 90% of all monies paid at time of cancellation if <u>space is re-sold</u> . Otherwise no refund.

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** This is an ALL-INCLUSIVE price, i.e. all accommodation, all transport, all guides, all airport pick-ups/drop-offs, all entrance fees where applicable, all excursions (e.g., game-drives), all breakfasts and occasional dinners. Lunches and most dinners are at your own expense.

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Note 3 – Tour Differences

Both the 'long' (15-day) and 'short' (10-day) tours include the following aspects:

- Camp Sizanani Related: Full-day at the Camp, visit to a follow-up 'Kids Club' in Soweto, meetings with two GCA partner organizations in Johannesburg
- Political/Historical/Cultural Related: Pretoria/Tshwane (Voortrekker Monument, Union Buildings, and Freedom Park), Johannesburg (Soweto and Apartheid Museum, African Craft Market, Moyo's, Nelson Mandela Square), Cape Town (Robben Island, Khayelitsha Township, Athol Fugard Theater, Cape Town Castle, and Stellenbosch)
- Nature/Scenery/Animal Related: Kirstenbosch and Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, Cape Peninsula, Cape Point, Cape Winelands, Cape Town City (including Table Mountain), Stony Point Penguin Colony

The tours differ in the amount of time spent at each of the above attractions, and more importantly they differ in the overall exposure to nature and animals as follows:

- 'Long' Tour: Three fabulous days and nights at a private game-lodge in the world-famous Kruger National Park, with morning and evening game-drives and campfire evenings, and a trip down the scenic 'Panorama Route' close to the Park. A not-to-be-missed full-day excursion along the very scenic False Bay coastline to Hermanus, an internationally known venue for deep-sea whale-watching.
- 'Short' Tour: A cheetah experience, and a 3-hour game-drive in a sanctuary where animals roam in their natural habitat.