



SOUTH AFRICA: MEET THE PEOPLE, SEE THE COUNTRY

10-Day Global Camps Africa (GCA) Tour
(December 9th – December 18th, 2014)

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

Monday December 8th, 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 ^{Note 1}

Tour Day 1: Tuesday December 9th, 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: Wednesday December 10th, 2014. Meals Included: B, D

- 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.

Tour Day 3: Thursday December 11th, 2014. Meals Included: B

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- Pickup at hotel really early and drive to the Ann van Dyk Cheetah Breeding Station at de Wildt, in time to witness the unique, high-speed Cheetah Runs. These magnificent animals are the fastest on land, reaching speeds of 75 mph and covering up to 30' per stride.
- Follow that up with a 3-hour guided game-drive through their beautiful sanctuary, and experience many animal species up close in their natural habitat from your open Landrover. The visit will be a lasting memory.
- Drive to nearby Tshwane (previously Pretoria), the capital city of South Africa, where you will visit sites with political and historical importance.
- This full-day tour of Tshwane and environs includes, as time permits, stops at the Voortrekker Monument (commemorating the pioneer history of South Africa) and at the Union Buildings (current seat of government).
- A must-visit is 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.
- Dine at the Hillside Tavern, one of the city's premier eating spots, at your own expense
- Transfer back to Johannesburg hotel

Tour Day 4: Friday December 12th, 2014. Meals Included: B, L

- Pickup early 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 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 the hotel, with dinner transfer if needed.

Tour Day 5: Saturday December 13th, 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.

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- Hotel drop-off, and dinner transfer if needed.

Tour Day 6: Sunday December 14th, 2014. Meals Included: B

- Transfer to O.R. Tambo International Airport, in time for your mid-morning 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, with transfer back to the lodgings.

Tour Day 7: Monday December 15th, 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 afternoon 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.

Tour Day 8: Tuesday December 16th, 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.

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- Take in many interesting resorts, e.g. Muizenberg, 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.
- 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).
- Drop off at lodgings, and dinner transfer if needed

Tour Day 9: Wednesday December 17th, 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 10: Thursday December 18th, 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 three 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 an early-afternoon flight to Johannesburg.
- Relax in the Bidvest Lounge at O.R. Tambo International Airport until you depart for Dulles International Airport (Washington, DC) on South African Airways flight **SA 207** at **6:00pm** via Dakar, Senegal.

Friday December 19th, 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 lodgings on a bed and breakfast basis 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 should reckon with an estimated \$1,300.00/pp (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.

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 Botanical Gardens, Cape Peninsula, Cape Point, Cape Winelands, Cape Town City (including Table Mountain), Boulders 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 (it's for everyone!) in Cape Town to the internationally-known venue for great-white shark cage-diving.
- 'Short' Tour: A cheetah experience, and a 3-hour game-drive in a sanctuary where animals roam in their natural habitat.