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EXPERIENCE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH AFRICA WITH LORNA OWENS 2014

Johannesburg/Bakubung Safari Lodge/Cape Town/Wine lands

\$4285.00 Price including all land and flights out of New York



Day 1 - Depart from USA to South Africa – 31st March 2014

Depart from USA to South Africa

Day 2 -Arrive in Johannesburg and Welcome dinner -1st April 2014

On arrival at Johannesburg International Airport you will be met by an African Angel Tours representative who will take time to explain the itinerary to you and answer any questions which you might have about your holiday. There will be a fully qualified guide and vehicle with you at all times during your stay in Johannesburg and on Safari in Kruger National park. You will be transferred to your hotel to check-in at your accommodation.



JOHANNESBURG also known as Jozi, Jo'burg or eGoli, is the largest city in South Africa. Johannesburg is the provincial capital of Gauteng, the wealthiest province in South Africa, having the largest economy of any metropolitan region in Sub-Saharan Africa. The city is one of the 40 largest metropolitan areas in the world, and is also the world's largest city not situated on a river, lake, or coastline.

While Johannesburg is not officially one of South Africa's three capital cities, it does house the Constitutional Court – South Africa's highest court. The city is the source of a large-scale gold and diamond trade, due to its location on the mineral-rich Witwatersrand range of hills.

Johannesburg includes **Soweto**, which was a separate city from the late 1970s until the 1990s. Originally an acronym for "South Western Townships", Soweto originated as a collection of settlements on the outskirts of Johannesburg populated mostly by native African workers in the gold mining industry. Eventually incorporated into Johannesburg, the apartheid regime (in power 1948–1994) separated Soweto from the rest of Johannesburg to make it a completely Black area.

ACCOMMODATION AT THE DA VINCI HOTEL AND SPA– SANDTON, JOHANNESBURG

THE DA VINCI IS LOCATED ON THE FAMOUS SANDTON SQUARE: Ten years after it was first opened, Sandton Square is again making headlines. Commemorating our first decade of democracy, a specially donated six metre bronze statue of Nelson Mandela has been unveiled, and our square aptly renamed NELSON MANDELA SQUARE at Sandton City. The intention is not only to honour the former president's vision of a free and just South Africa, but also to create a focal point where local and foreign tourists can contemplate the events that led to the creation of the Rainbow Nation. An already fashionable area with its sidewalk cafes, fine dining and some 93 exclusive shops, NELSON MANDELA SQUARE at Sandton City looks set to become one of the most popular venues in South Africa.



Its prime location in the heart of Sandton allows easy access to the financial district, the Sandton Convention Centre, world-class hotels and Sandton City's 295 shops. So whatever your reason for visiting Johannesburg, experience NELSON MANDELA SQUARE at Sandton City for yourself. We guarantee you'll find it just perfect.

http://www.nelsonmandelasquare.co.za/tourist_info.html



Day 3 - Apartheid Museum and Soweto Tour – 2nd April March 2014

After breakfast we will begin the visit to the Apartheid Museum and Soweto Tour.

APARTHEID MUSEUM: At times you feel overwhelmed by the screens and the sound and the powerful images they are projecting. The Museum leads you through room after room in a zigzag of shapes, some with tall roofs, some dark and gloomy, some looking through to other images behind bars or cages that make it clear that apartheid was not only immoral, but evil. After a few hours at the Apartheid Museum you will feel that you were in the townships in the 70s and 80s, dodging police bullets or teargas canisters, or marching and toy-toying with thousands of school children, or carrying the body of a comrade into a nearby house. And just when you feel you can't tolerate the bombardment of your senses any longer, you reach a quiet space, with a glass case which contains a book of the new Constitution of South Africa, and pebbles on the floor. You can express your Solidarity with the victims of apartheid by placing your own pebble on a pile, and take a book. You'll then walk out into grassland with paths which take you to a small lake - you'll need this reflective time.



SOWETO TOUR: Enjoy a fascinating tour of the Soweto Township. Soweto obtained its name from the first two letters of South Western Township which was the original description of the area. The establishment of Soweto is, like Johannesburg, linked directly to the discovery of Gold in 1885. Thousands of people from around the world and South Africa flocked to the new town to seek their fortunes or to offer their labor. Within 4 years Johannesburg was the second largest city. More than half the population was black, most living in multi racial shanty towns near the gold mines in the centre of the town. As the gold mining industry developed, so did the need for labor increase.

Migrant labor was started and most of these workers lived in mine compounds. However other workers had to find their own accommodation often in appalling conditions.

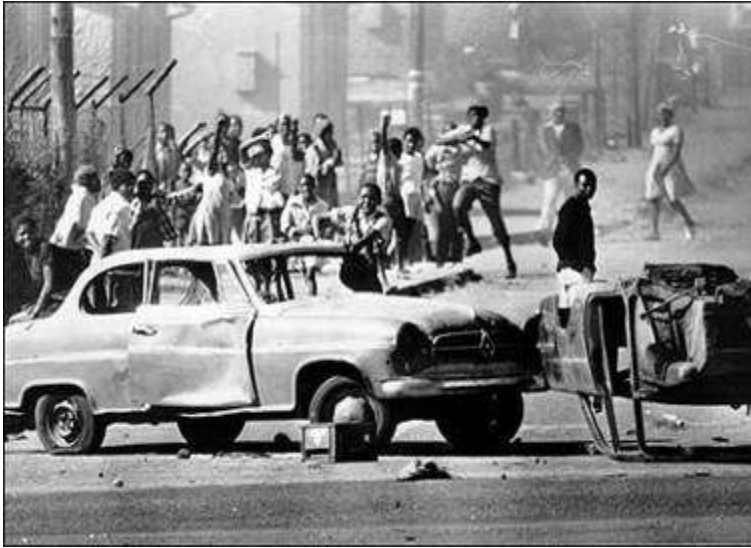
MANDELA HOUSE & HECTOR PETERSON on the Soweto Tour



You will also visit the home of former President Nelson Mandela in Orlando West, a four-room house in Soweto where he lived during the late 1950's and early 1960's and again immediately after his release from prison in 1990.

The Hector Pieterse Museum opens on Youth Day, 16 June, but don't expect to come away with an image of what Hector looked like - the family do not have a single snapshot of their famous son. Hector, 12, was one of the first casualties of the **Soweto uprising of 16 June, 1976**, when over 500 people were killed as they protested over the imposition of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in township schools. A news photograph of the dying Hector being carried by a fellow student was published around the world. Shortly afterwards journalists approached the Pieterse family for pictures of Hector. Photographs were handed over with a promise they would be returned - but they weren't. Now, 26 years later, the search for the photographs continues, with the chief curator of the Museum, Ali Hlongwane, saying: "We have the phone number of one

of the photographers, now retired; who we hope will give us a photo." So you won't see snapshots of Hector but what you will see is one of Sam Nzima's six photographs showing the unconscious Hector being carried by fellow student Mbuyisa Makhubo, with Hector's sister, Antoinette Sithole, running alongside. When you visit the museum you will get to see Antoinette herself, as she will be working at the museum, giving guided tours.



Business Lunch at Wandies – Soweto: We will have an extended lunch with a group of South African business women. The first residents of what is now known as Soweto were located into the area called Klipspruit in 1905 following their relocation from "Coolietown" in the centre of Johannesburg as a result of an outbreak of bubonic plague. The Johannesburg City Council took the opportunity to establish racially segregated residential areas. Some residents were to be relocated to Alexandra Township (near the present day Sandton).

This group comprised black, Indian and colored families and they received freehold title to their land (this was subsequently reversed by the Apartheid Government). Only black families were located into Klipspruit and the housing was on a rental basis. Klipspruit was subsequently renamed Pimville.

During the 1930's the demand for housing for the large numbers of black people who had moved into Johannesburg grew to such an extent that new housing was built in an area known as Orlando, named after the first administrator Edwin Orlando Leaky. In the 1940's a controversial character James Mpanza led the first land invasion and some 20000 squatters occupied land near Orlando. James Mpanza is known as the "Father of Soweto". In 1959 the residents of Sophiatown were forcibly removed to Soweto and occupied the area known as Meadowlands. Sir Earnest Oppenheimer, the first chairman of the Anglo American Corporation, was appalled by the housing shortage and was instrumental in arranging a loan for the construction of additional housing and this is commemorated by the Oppenheimer Tower in Jabulani. Soweto falls within the municipality of the Johannesburg Metro Council in the province of Gauteng which appropriately means place of Gold. The original rental houses have now been sold to the tenants who received a subsidy from the government to cover the cost of the houses. Private sector housing was developed from the 1980's funded by the various banks. Freehold title is available to the properties. Services are provided by the Johannesburg Metro council and electricity by Escom.

ACCOMMODATION AT THE DA VINCI HOTEL – SANDTON, JOHANNESBURG

Day 4 - Bakubung Safari Lodge - all inclusive – 3rd April 2014



ACCOMMODATION AT THE BAKUBUNG LODGE – PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK

Hidden in the expanse of the Pilanesburg National Park, you will find 76 luxurious rooms at the Bakubung Lodge. The Lodge offers world-class accommodations, but perhaps what the Lodge is best known for is the world class game drives into the Pilanesburg Game Reserve in search of Africa's Big Five.

If you're not the type to lounge around the pool and get spa treatments, but would prefer to go on a safari or game drive, the Bakubung Lodge is the place for you. Guests have many activities to choose from including tennis and volleyball. Children will enjoy the playground and adventurers will enjoy the game drives. The lodge offers free shuttle service to nearby Sun City for those that are lured by the night life and entertainment of South Africa's Las Vegas.

Day 5 -Full Day game viewing on 4 x 4 open vehicles – 4th April 2014

After breakfast, we enter the Pilanesburg Park. From your open 4 x 4 game viewer you are afforded an outstanding opportunity to fully experience Africa's wild animals. The elevated vantage position and absence of glass windows allow for truly unforgettable sight, sound and scent experiences and brilliant photographic opportunities. Spend the full day game-viewing and bird-watching in the company of a knowledgeable guide.



ACCOMMODATION AT THE BAKUBUNG LODGE – PILANESBERG

Day 6 –MORNING GAME DRIVE AND REST OF THE DAY AT THE GATSBY SPA, SUN_– 5th April 2014

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ACCOMMODATION AT THE BAKUBUNG LODGE – PILANESBERG

Day 7 -Transfer to the airport for the flight from Johannesburg to Cape Town – 6th April 2014

We will wake up early and will be transferred to the Johannesburg International Airport to catch the flight to Cape Town. **At the Cape Town International Airport** you will be met by an African Angel Tours representative and transfer to the Hotel.



From More Quarters you can explore nearby bars, beaches, great little shops, local eateries and boutiques. It's an authentic experience of Capetonian living, with Lion's Head above you, the buzz of the neighbourhood next to you and the vibrancy of the city all around you.

ACCOMMODATION AT THE MORE QUARTERS LUXURY APARTMENTS – CAPE TOWN



Accommodation: The More Quarters, Cape Town

Day 8 - City Tour – 7th April 2014

CAPE TOWN (Afrikaans: Kaapstad; Xhosa: iKapa) is the second-most populous city in South Africa, and the largest in land area, forming part of the City of Cape Town metropolitan municipality. It is the provincial capital and primate city of the Western Cape, as well as the legislative capital of South Africa, where the National Parliament and many government offices are located.

The city is famous for its harbor as well as its natural setting in the Cape floral kingdom, including such well-known landmarks as Table Mountain and Cape Point. Cape Town is also Africa's most popular tourist destination.

Located on the shore of Table Bay, Cape Town was originally developed by the Dutch East India Company as a victualing (supply) station for Dutch ships sailing to Eastern Africa, India, and the Far East. Jan van Riebeeck's arrival on 6 April 1652 established the first permanent European settlement in South Africa. Cape Town quickly outgrew its original purpose as the first European outpost at the Castle of Good Hope, becoming the economic and cultural hub of the Cape Colony. Until the Witwatersrand Gold Rush and the development of Johannesburg, Cape Town was the largest city in South Africa. Today it is one of the most multicultural cities in the world, reflecting its role as a major destination for immigrants and expatriates to South Africa. As of 2007 the city had an estimated population of 3.5 million.



THE CITY TOUR: In the Morning you will join us for an orientation tour of the Mother City as we venture through streets crowded with history. From the City Hall where Nelson Mandela gave his liberation speech to the multi-cultural Green Market Square, Cape Town has it all.

We begin the day with a District Six Tour and after lunch you will spend the rest of the day on an afternoon tour of the colorful Malay Quarter.

Discover the multicultural side of Cape Town and interact with the locals. From District Six where forced removals changed the lives of many people to informal settlements where traditional healers and shebeens add to the rich culture of township life.



We will visit the Bo-Kaap/ Malay Quarter, District Six Museum (closed on Sundays), an informal settlement and community project. You will have the opportunity to purchase arts & crafts and also to visit a school/ crèche.

Business Dinner: This evening we have organized a dinner with a handpicked group of top South African business women's at the famous Gold Restaurant. The group will consist of dynamic and successful corporate and entrepreneurial business women.

Accommodation: The More Quarters, Cape Town

Day 9 –Transfer to Franschhoek in the heart of the Cape Winelands – 8th April 2014

Check into the La Fontaine Guest House and then depart for a full day wine tour



CAPE WINELANDS

The fertile green valleys of the Cape Winelands are surrounded by proud mountain ranges. Towns and villages have many historic homesteads and monuments, and every so often fruit orchards are to be seen, whose produce may be found in all corners of the world. It is the Mediterranean climate and winter rainfall of the south-western Cape that produces some of the best wines in the country.

The rich, fertile soils along the [Breede River Valley](#) and especially the areas of [Somerset West](#), Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek, have become world famous for their whites, reds, sherries, ports and brandies.

View the [Wine Routes of the Cape](#) for a detailed overview of all of the wine routes which includes the Constantia Valley, Coastal Routes, Little Karoo and Olifants River Wine Routes and more.



STELLENBOSCH The beautiful little town of Stellenbosch, roughly an hour from Cape Town, lies surrounded by the Stellenbosch Mountains in the Jonkershoek River Valley in one of the most picturesque settings in the Cape.

The second oldest town in Africa has fondly been called 'Eikestad' or city of oaks and its streets are lined with some of the most beautiful surviving examples of Cape Dutch, Georgian and Victorian architecture in the Cape. Dorp Street is a national monument and taking the time to walk around this cozy old part of Stellenbosch, with its secluded lanes, water furrows, cosmopolitan restaurants and coffee bistros, with superb views of mountain, vineyards and orchards, is an idyllic morning venture.

- City orientation
- Dorp Street
- De Braak
- Free walk into historical town
- Wine tasting on a Stellenbosch Estate
- Cellar tour
- Cheese tasting

PAARL The town of Paarl has a unique character, not least because vineyards still grow in between residential neighborhoods maintaining a country feel to a town virtually the size of a small city, but also because it is here that the struggle to gain recognition for Afrikaans as a written language was achieved. Today the Afrikaans Language Museum bears testament to this accomplishment and there is a monument to this unique language on the slopes of Paarl Mountain.

- Drive through Paarl
- Wine Tasting on a Paarl Wine Estate
- View Nelson Mandela's former prison (Victor Vester)

FRANSCHHOEK The French corner of the Cape, Franshoek lies in one of the most beautiful wine valleys in the world, just 45 minutes' from Cape Town and within half an hour of the Stellenbosch, Paarl, Wellington and Somerset West wine routes. This traditionally French town is the food and wine capital of the country and one would be hard pressed to dispute the claim. Eight of the top 100 restaurants in the country are found in Franshoek, there are nigh on 30 wine cellars and over 28 restaurants from which to choose for your gastronomic experience.



- Franschhoek historical village
- Huguenot Memorial (optional)
- Wine Tasting at a Franschhoek vineyard
- Helshoogte Pass
- Optional lunch & Cheetah viewing at Spier Wine Estate (time permitting)
- Opportunity to purchase wine
- Minimum 3 wine tasting

Accommodation: La Fontaine Guest House, Franschhoek Cape Town.

Day 10 - Cape Peninsula Tour – 9th April 2014

View the golden beaches of Camps Bay and Clifton home of South Africa's beautiful people. We stop at the quaint fishing village of Hoot Bay where local fisherman still go out every day in little fishing boats to feed their families hoping for a big catch.



From there we go via Chapmans Peak sandwiched between the ravaging ocean and looming mountain cliffs via the scenic artist village called Noordhoek en route to the Cape of Good hope Nature Reserve – home to the famous fynbos plant species and you might also catch a glimpse of buck and ostrich.

We spend some time at Cape Point - There is some debate as to whether or not this is where the two oceans meet. Some people believe the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet at the southern most point of Africa, Cape Agulhas, about 200km East of Cape Town, while others think it is here at Cape Point on the Cape Peninsula.

We then proceed via enchanting False Bay Coast line paying a visit to some penguins and land based Penguin Colony and then onto historical Simonstown and Kalk Bay.

In the afternoon take a trip to Table Mountain and a cable car ride to the summit where you can take in the spectacular views of the city of Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula.

Accommodation: La Fontaine Guest House, Franschhoek Cape Town.

Day 11 -Transfer to airport and flight back home – 10th April 2014

After breakfast we can do some last minute shopping and packing before transferring to the airport for your flight home

Day 12 -Arrive in the US – 11th April 2014

Arrive back in US to digest your African Dream Experience

NOTES

This is only a quote and no components of the package have been booked

- * PRICES and AVAILABILITY are subject to confirmation at time of booking.
- * Quote is valid for 14 days only from above shown date.
- * Prices quoted are on a per person sharing basis
- * Prices quoted are only valid for the number of people quoted for - any increase or decrease in numbers will affect the price.
- * All items of a personal nature, meals and drinks (unless stipulated), flights, airport taxes, fuel (unless stipulated), sightseeing entrance fees, caddies, carts, golf accessories and all other unstipulated items are excluded.
- * No booking can be guaranteed unless a 20% non-refundable deposit has been received
- * Only once the deposit has been received will a booking be confirmed
- * As availability is always checked before quoting, we can in no way be held responsible when it is no longer available due to the time taken to confirm the quote

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