

NBCC 2012 South Africa Experience
August 20-29, 2012

Day 1 NY JFK Airport TO JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS - Flt. 204 11:15 AM arrives @ 8:35 AM

Day 2 ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG (D)

Arrival at Johannesburg International airport & meet greet ground provider.
Embark in your coach for an orientation city tour of Johannesburg. Hotel Check-in.
Dinner at the Carnivore restaurant

This open air meat specialty restaurant offers every type of meat imaginable including four choices of wild game, roasted on the traditional Masai Swords (skewers) over a huge charcoal pit. Masai warrior Waiters carry these around the restaurant carving unlimited portions of meat onto sizzling plates

Accommodation: Misty Hills Country Hotel (3 nights)

Day 3 MORNING SOWETO TOUR (B)

After breakfast, you will be escorted by a local tour guide from the hotel to do your half day Soweto Tour. (Soweto is an acronym for South West Township). Experience the excitement and goodwill of the inhabitants of Soweto as they work towards creating a better South Africa; enjoy the sights and sounds of the typical African township. We visit the site of the June 16 1976 massacre that gave birth to the rise of the anti-apartheid era that would eventually see the downfall of the oppressive government regime of the apartheid (segregation) era. Your tour includes a visit to the Hector Peterson Museum, a monument to a schoolboy shot by the police in 1976 and the only street which was once home to two Nobel Peace Prize winners, Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu and a visit to Regina Mondi Church, site of many underground meeting of the then banned political parties. We end this day with a visit to the Apartheid Museum before returning back to the hotel. Evening at leisure.

Day 4 HALF DAY TOUR OF NDEBELE VILLAGE AND LOCAL HOSPITAL (B, D)

This morning we begin with a visit to a kindergarten school in Soweto. ***A good opportunity to donate school supplies.*** Transfer to Broederstroom, near Pretoria. Visit a local hospital and continue to Ndebele Village.. You have some time to browse in the Ndebele village and African craft market where Ndebele murals decorate the walls and courtyard. Thereafter, your local guide meets you and explains the history and origin of the different cultures. Guests are then divided into smaller groups and taken on a guided tour of four homesteads – Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho and Pedi.
Afternoon at leisure.

EVENING NBCC AUTHOR MEET AND GREET DINNER AT HOTEL.

Day 5 FLY JOHANNESBURG TO CAPE TOWN (B)

AFTERNOON VISIT TO ROBBER ISLAND

After breakfast, travel to O.R. Tambo International Airport for your flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival you will be met by our representative who will assist you to your awaiting coach. Porters will be arranged to assist with transporting your luggage to the coach. Transfer directly to the hotel for check in.

A visit to Robben Island in the afternoon. Cruel home of our Nelson Mandela for so many years, it's a highly charged and emotional moment when you visit the site of this suffering, and realize how far South Africa has come from those days.

Accommodation: The Protea President Hotel (4 nights)

The 4-star hotel in Cape Town has a wide range of activities on offer for guests to enjoy. Spend lazy afternoons at the swimming pool, taking in the stunning views of the sea and beach, or enjoy a number of sporting facilities (including water sports) in the vicinity. There is also an in-house gym complimentary to all guests, as well as a physiotherapist and doctor on call to the hotel.

If you're looking to do some shopping, the Canal Walk Shopping Centre has a scheduled shuttle, which will pick you up and drop you back off right outside the hotel's front door. The V&A Waterfront also runs a shuttle that stops nearby the hotel.

Day 6 FULL DAY WINELANDS AND CHEETAH OUTREACH (B)

Escape to the beauty and tranquility of the Paarl and Stellenbosch Winelands. First stop is Spier Estate cheetah outreach followed by wine tasting. Then to Fairview Wine Farm for a cheese and wine tasting, followed by lunch (own account). Travel back through to Stellenbosch, an attractive town that is the capital of the Winelands and was the second town to be established by the Dutch settlers, full of old thatched and whitewashed Cape Dutch buildings and historic national monuments. A guided tour of the town. En-route back to hotel is a stop at Verdenheim Wine Estate will be made for wine tasting of their finest wines.

Day 7 TABLE MOUNTAIN CITY TOUR (B)

Today we depart for a morning city tour that includes a cable car ride to spectacular Table Top Mountain. We journey to the amazing Streetwires Beading Workshop, where skilled craftsmen and women use traditional wire crafting techniques to create colorful modern artworks. The cobbled stone square has a wide variety of African curios, clothing, candles and specialty shops and markets. The area is sprinkled with lunch options to consider. Open evening for personal activities/NBCC reception.

Day 8 *OPTIONAL DAY SAFARI AT AQUILA WILDLIFE RESERVE (BD)*

The Big Five near Cape Town? A mere two hours from the City, and we'll be tracking them at The Aquila Private Game Reserve. It's an early morning start on this scenic drive to Aquila, but refreshments and a full welcoming breakfast will ensure we're fully awake, before setting off on our adrenaline pumping game drive. Transferred into the ideal 4 x 4 safari vehicle and accompanied by an experienced game ranger, we're off, camera's and binoculars at the ready, searching for telltale signs of lion, hippo, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, rhino, ostrich, baboon, warthog, springbok and many other wild animals, birds and fauna. We spend two to three hours scanning the countryside, relishing the sightings, before returning for a leisurely buffet lunch and time to relax around the pool (summer) or settle cozily around a fire. Adrenaline slowing, we sink back into our coach for the return trip to Cape Town. A wild day to remember!

NBCC DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT AT OUR HOTEL.

Day 9 *FLY CAPETOWN TO JOHANNESBURG THEN TO JFK (B)*

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS – Flt # 203 8:35 PM / 6:40 AM

Day 10 *ARRIVE WASHINGTON DULLES INTL AIRPORT 6:40 AM Aug. 29*

NBCC 2012 South Africa Trip Quote

August 20 – 29, 2012

\$3,700 per person

From New York JFK Intl Airport to Johannesburg, SA

Price quote includes:

International airfare roundtrip from JFK Airport

- Domestic flights in South Africa (Johannesburg to Cape Town)
- Hotel accommodations based on double occupancy
- Breakfast everyday
- Three dinners
- Two receptions
- NBCC registration
- Tours and ground transportation to scheduled events
- Baggage handling
- Departure Taxes

Price quote does NOT include:

- Airfare from traveler home city to JFK Intl. Airport
- Single room (@ \$350.00 pp)
- Lunch (except where indicated)
- Dinner (except where indicated)
- Tips
- Personal Expenses
- Optional activities or events not included in the itinerary
- Passport fee
- Travel insurance