



Journey to South Africa



A Celebration of Freedom!

February 9 - 22, 2022

Day 1: Wednesday February 9

Depart USA to Johannesburg via United Airlines



Day 2: Thursday February 10

- Arrive at O.R. Tambo International Airport
- Clear immigration and customs
- Depart for Hotel
- Check in at the DaVinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
- Welcome dinner at Zula's Food Emporium

DaVinci Hotel

Situated in the heart of Johannesburg, DaVinci is within walking distance of Sandton Convention Centre and Sandton City. Also nearby are Nelson Mandela Square and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. DaVinci Hotel has a full-service spa, an outdoor pool, and a health club. Wireless Internet access is complimentary in public areas and in rooms. There is a business center on site. This spa hotel offers a bar/lounge and laundry facilities.



Zula's Food Emporium

Amongst green grass, tall pine trees and a tranquil lake, Zula's seduces visitors to be open to love and laughter, seeking life and seeing it in the eye of a child. Zula's mystical water features sing-songs of harmony to all who cross the bridge. The combination of outdoor and indoor gives the option of dining in the lush green terraced gardens or the colorful textured interior. Both take you on a journey of the senses to explore and experience diverse Africa.



Day 3: Friday February 11

- Breakfast at the Hotel (All breakfasts are included at all hotels)
- Afternoon departure for Lesedi Cultural Village
- Arrive in the car park to a vibrant traditional African welcome
- Explore Lesedi Cultural Village and craft market where Ndebele murals decorate the walls & courtyard
- Attend a multi-visual theatre presentation on the history and origin of our people
- Guided tour of the five homesteads, Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho, Ndebele and Pedi
- A Pan African Feast is served in the Nyama Choma restaurant with delicacies from North, East and South Africa
- After dinner, everyone meets back in the Traditional Dance Boma for The Giant Ingoma - song and dance of all five villages. The dance culminates in communal dancing with the guests around the fire



Day 4: Saturday February 12

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Full Day Soweto tour including:
 - Apartheid Museum
 - Hector Pieterse Museum
 - Elias Motsoaledi Informal Settlement •Mandela's Home
- Evening optional activities:
 - Market Theater
 - Joburg's Jazz Clubs
 - Joburg Nightlife Club Visits for the young and young at heart

Apartheid Museum

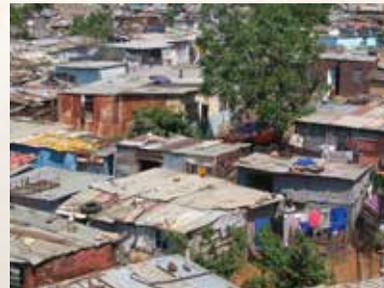
The Apartheid Museum opened in 2001, and is the world's pre-eminent museum on 20th century South Africa, at the heart of which is the apartheid story. The museum -- the first of its kind -- illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid.

An architectural consortium, comprising several leading architectural firms, conceptualised the design of the building on a seven-hectare stand. The museum is a superb example of design, space and landscape offering the international community a unique South African experience.



Tour of Soweto

Soweto is the most populous black urban residential area in the country. It was home to Nelson Mandela for many years and is now the centre of cultural development and black empowerment. In Soweto we have Freedom Square, which is where The Freedom Charter was discussed and signed in 1956, and the location of Hector Pieterse Memorial Square, which is named for the young schoolboy who was the first to die from gunshots during the June 1976 uprising.



Elias Motsoaledi Informal Settlement

The Global Linkages participants will share donated goods with persons living in one of Soweto's informal settlements. Elias Motsoaledi Informal Settlement is one of Global Linkages' community partners.



Tour Home of Nelson & Winnie Mandela

Mandela House is the house in Orlando West, Soweto, South Africa, that former South African president Nelson Mandela lived in from 1946 to 1962. It is located at number 8115, at the corner of Vilakazi and Ngakane streets, a short distance up the road from the home of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

Mandela donated the house to the Soweto Heritage Trust (of which he is the founder) on 1 September 1997, to run as a museum. It was declared a National Heritage Site in 1999.



Day 5: Sunday February 13

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional activities for this day:
 - Pilanesberg Game Safari
 - Mangwanani African Day Spa
 - Sandton & Rosebank Malls
 - Arts on Main Tour/Maboneng
 - Church Service
 - Cradle of Humankind

Pilanesburg Game Safari

Located in North West Province in South Africa, west of Pretoria, the park borders with the entertainment complex of Sun City. The park was originally owned by three local tribes, and is now administered by the North West Parks and Tourism Board. The area is fringed by three concentric ridges or rings of hills, of which the formation rises from the surrounding plains, this is the parks primary geological feature named the Pilanesberg Alkaline Ring Complex. Participants will see some of the Big Five with an opportunity to take many pictures. Lunch will be at Bakubung Game Reserve located at Pilanesburg.



Mangwanani African Day Spa

Mangwanani is nestled in the Valley of the Hennops River, in the Schureveberg Mountain range en-route to Hartebeespoort Dam. It is the original African Day Spa where you will experience the appealing combination of True African Nurturing Traditions and a setting of serene ambience, offering you the best of both worlds as nature & culture merge right in the middle of the African bush, leaving you de-stressed through its decadent revitalization Spa Packages. Mangwanani has won the best spa in in South Africa for several years. A true delight and special experience.



Arts on Main

Johannesburg's Arts on Main is breathing new life into the city centre and is an important feature on the South African arts and crafts landscape. As a multi-discipline arts centre, it combines studio, commercial, residential and retail spaces in a renovated warehouse that was originally built in 1911. This inner city development provides a stimulating space for artists from many disciplines, including film, literature and contemporary art, to create and sell their work.



Church Service: (On Own Account)

Cradle of Humankind

The Cradle of Humankind is a World Heritage Site first named by UNESCO in 1999, about 50 kilometres northwest of Johannesburg, South Africa in the Gauteng province. This site currently occupies 47,000 hectares, it contains a complex of limestone caves, including the Sterkfontein Caves, where the 2.3-million year-old fossil *Australopithecus africanus* was found in 1947 by Dr. Robert Broom and John T. Robinson. The find helped corroborate the 1924 discovery of the juvenile *Australopithecus africanus* skull, "Taung Child", by Raymond Dart, at Taung in the North West Province of South Africa, where excavations still continue. The name Cradle of Humankind reflects the fact that the site has produced a large number, as well as some of the oldest, hominid fossils ever found, some dating back as far as 3.5 million years ago. Sterkfontein alone has produced more than a third of early hominid fossils ever found. This experience includes the tour, dinner and star gazing.



Day 6: Monday February 14-Happy Valentine's Day! ❤️

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for the Morning:
 - Tour of Constitution Hill
- Depart for Afternoon activities:
 - Nelson Mandela Square Sandton Mall-Hotel
 - or Orange Farm Day Care Centre-Community Partner
 - Celebrate Valentine's Day with a South African Braai!



Constitution Hill

Nowhere can the story of South Africa's turbulent past and its extraordinary transition to democracy be told as it is at Constitution Hill. This national heritage site has witnessed a century of South Africa's history. From rebellious British soldiers who fought with the Boers at the turn of the century, to the youths caught up in the Soweto Uprising, to the dawn of democracy and the building of South Africa's new Constitutional Court, Constitution Hill has witnessed it all. Constitution Hill depicts the injustices of South Africa's past while observing the process by which freedom was won and is now protected.



Orange Farm Day Care Centre

Orange Farm is a township in the Guateng Province (Johannesburg) and one of the youngest informal settlement in South Africa, with the original inhabitants being laid off farm workers, taking up residency in 1988. Many of the original dwellers of Orange Farm came from Soweto. The Orange Farm Day Care Centre was founded in 1989 by Thadeka Mlaza which she started in her home to fulfill a need to assist parents in the township while they worked or looked for employment. Since that time, the Orange Farm Day Care Centre has grown to 130 children-28 babies, 59 toddlers, and 43 preschool learners. The Orange Farm Day Center is one of Global Linkages' Community Partners.



South African Braai! at the Soweto Brewing Company

Braais are synonymous with having fun in South Africa with their unique food and festivities. Sample the food along with good South African wine, a marimba band and unique vendors as the trip closes the Joburg experience.



The Soweto Brewing Company is located in Soweto, the historical and emotional center of Johannesburg. It was founded in 2012 and created with the vision of bringing the success of local brewing into a township environment and to create a world-class beer that is truly Sowetan.



Day 7: Tuesday February 15

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Early Check Out and departure for the Airport
- Afternoon flight to Cape Town
- Arrive in Cape Town and depart for hotel
- Check in at the Cullinan Hotel
- Explore V & A Waterfront and enjoy dinner at one of its various restaurants (On Own Account)

The Cullinan Hotel

The Cullinan is a 4-star hotel within walking distance of the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront as well as the Cape Town commercial business district. It is the only Cape Town hotel that offers views of all of the city's main attractions: Table Mountain, the harbour and ocean, the V & A Waterfront and the city skyline.



V & A Waterfront

Situated at the foot of Table Mountain, within a stone's throw from the Cape Town Stadium and in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour, the V & A Waterfront offers an abundance of unforgettable experiences. 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 a cosmopolitan, vibrant atmosphere. More than 80 restaurants bring a fusion of international food, from rustic al fresco fish and chips to starched table-cloth cuisine.



Day 8: Wednesday February 16

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for Cape Town City Tour:
 - Bo-Kaap
 - District Six Museum
 - Lunch at the District Six Guesthouse (Included)
 - Company Gardens
 - Table Mountain (weather permitting)

Cape Town

Cape Town originates from the term 'Cape of Good Hope' when Bartholomew Diaz and other seafarers looked forward to the sight of Table Mountain, like an inn that promised hospitality and prosperity. The presence of Table Mountain in all its splendour still invokes this kind of emotion. Cape Town is steeped in a rich history and is a cultural melting pot with its diverse and vibrant character being derived from Khoisan and other African tribes from the North, and Indonesian, French, Dutch, British, and German settlers.



District Six

Was named the Sixth Municipal District of Cape Town in 1867. Originally established as a mixed community of freed slaves, merchants, artisans, laborers and immigrants, District Six was a vibrant centre with close links to the city and the port. By the beginning of the twentieth century, however, the history of removals and marginalization had begun. The first to be 'resettled' were black South Africans, forcibly displaced from the District in 1968.



Table Mountain

Table Mountain is a sandstone plateau rising up above the Cape Flats. The top is approximately 3km wide, and at its highest point, Maclears Beacon, rises to 1085m. Over the centuries it has become one of South Africa's most famous landmarks. The steep cliffs and rocky outcrops of the mountain play home to a number of plants and animals. The mountain is home to approximately 1470 species of plants: more than the entire British Isles! Complimenting this vast array of flora is a stunning range of fauna, some, like the Table Mountain Ghost Frog, being found in no other place in the world.



Day 9: Thursday February 17

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for Cape Peninsula:
- Chapmans Peak Drive
- Cape of Good Hope
- Lunch at Black Marlin Restaurant (Included)
- Boulders Beach
- Dinner (On Own Account)

Cape Peninsula

Cape Point is part of Cape Peninsula National Park (which also encompasses the Silvermine Nature Reserve and Table Mountain), is the Cape of Good Hope and is most famous for the Cape Point, the farthest tip of the Cape Peninsula. The reserve is home to baboons, eland, ostrich, and bontebok.



Boulders Beach, Penguins

Just around the corner from the seaside village of Simons Town turn left off main road to Boulders Visitor Centre to visit the famous colony of African Penguins, so called for their hilarious braying call.



Day 10: Friday, February 18

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Langa Quarter Tour
- Visit Constantia Wineries
 - Wine tasting experience at sundown
 - Enjoy dinner in Constantia (Optional - On Own Account)
- Cape Town Long Street Pub Crawl for the Young and Young at Heart (Optional)

Langa Township

Langa is Cape Town's oldest township, established in 1923. Similar to the nearby communities of Gugulethu and Khayelitsha, Langa is one of the many areas that was established prior to the apartheid era designated for Black Africans. The name Langa means "sun" in the Xhosa language, but the name of the township is actually derived from the name Langalibalele – a famous chief who was imprisoned on Robben Island for rebelling against the government.



Constantia Wineries

Constantia is a historic wine-growing area in the southern suburbs of Cape Town. Constantia's wineries stretch from low ground all the way up the south-eastern sides of the Constantiaberg Mountain.



Long Street Pub Crawl

An established event on Cape Town's annual calendar, the Cape Town Pub Crawl is designed as a unique way to experience the heritage, diversity, culture and nightlife of the oldest and most beautiful city in South Africa, while visiting some of the best pubs and bars that our city has to offer.



Day 11: Saturday, February 19

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Cape Town Exploration Day for Shopping, Beach, Aquarium Visit, or Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Other optional Activities:
 - Woodstock/NeighborWorks Market/Long Street
 - Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa
 - Dinner at Lelapa Restaurant (Included)

Two Oceans Aquarium

The Two Oceans Aquarium is an aquarium located at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront in Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa. The aquarium was opened on the 13 November 1995 and comprises seven exhibition galleries with large viewing windows. The enchantment of this particular aquarium is due to its location, where the Indian and Atlantic ocean meet. Among its features are the Atlantic Ocean Gallery, the Cape Fur Seal Exhibit, and the Indian Ocean Gallery.



Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden lives up to its reputation as the most beautiful garden in Africa and one of the great botanic gardens of the world. Few gardens can match the sheer grandeur of the setting of Kirstenbosch, against the eastern slopes of Cape Town's Table Mountain.



Lelapa Restaurant

Lelapa is one of Langa's big surprises. The restaurant is a place where tourists from all over the world go for lunch or dinner. If you are seeking a taste of township life, visit Lelapa in Langa, Cape Town and experience a vibrant environment while enjoying a wide range of township cuisine and listening to Lelapa's in-house marimba band.



Day 12: Sunday, February 20

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Robben Island Tour
- Final Shopping and Optional Activities
- Farewell Dinner at Seven Sisters Vineyards

Robben Island

For nearly 400 years, Robben Island, 12 kilometres from Cape Town, was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. It was here that rulers sent those they regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society. During the apartheid years Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality.



Seven Sisters Vineyards

The Seven Sisters wine brand started in 2005 by Vivian Kleynhans in an effort to change the destiny and build a legacy for her family. The seven Brutus sisters and their brother grew up in a disadvantaged community on the outskirts of Cape Town. Their father lost his job and they were evicted from their home but always yearned to return. Twenty years later, they reunited to create fine wines.

Seven Sisters Vineyards operates as one of the few black female owned wineries in South Africa. Their wines are cultivated in its very own vineyard and are named after the style and personality of each sibling. Seven Sisters Wines has achieved great success in markets around the world, including China, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, Scandinavia and 42 states within the United States, and the wines are sold in Walmart stores.



Day 13: Monday, February 21

- Depart to Johannesburg for USA or Post Optional Tours

Day 14: Tuesday, February 22

- Arrival In U.S.



Cost, Per Person Sharing:

\$6875 (Deposit paid before December 1, 2020) \$6950 (after December 1, 2020)

Single Occupancy: add \$1250

(These fares are subject to final confirmation of United Airlines airfare.)

Hotels: Accommodations: Johannesburg-5 star; Cape Town-4 star.

Meals: Full breakfast daily included in the hotel packages. Other meals are included as noted.

Tours: All tours are included except for Optional Activities.

Trip includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from USA to South Africa. (Other add-on cities require additional costs)
- Hotel accommodations
- All breakfasts
- Lunch and dinners where indicated
- All group tours
- Customized Events and Excursions
- Ground transportation in Johannesburg & Cape Town
- Group Personal Guides
- Welcome Packages & Conference Call Orientations
- On the ground assistance in South Africa
- Travel assistance in the US
- On Ground Portage Gratuities

Post Optional Trips:

These options are available for Global Linkages participants. Please see optional tours description brochure for full description of these activities. All post optional tours should be confirmed by July 1, 2021 for airfare booking purposes.

- Victoria Falls: \$2275 per person - 4 nights
- Kruger National Park Game Safari: \$1074 (Minimum 6 persons)
- City of Durban: \$1050 (Minimum of 2 persons)
- Namibia: TBC

A deposit of \$500 will be required to reserve a place and must be paid check, money order, credit card, PayPal or Zelle. Includes airfare, transfers in Africa, hotel, full breakfast and other selected meals and tours as noted in bold. A payment schedule and plan will be available. Global Linkages will handle the payments and coordinate airfare, hotel reservations and tours. Trip travel insurance is available at an additional cost.

As a result of COVID-19, adjustments may have to be made to the trip schedule and planned activities.

Trip must be paid in full by December 5, 2021

Questions:

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Reservation Form



Yes! Please reserve my space for the Celebration of Freedom 2022 South Africa Trip.
I have read and understand the attached payment and refund policy.

\$500 DEPOSIT REQUIRED

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like the following accommodations (Check one) _____ Single _____ Double

If double, my roommate will be _____

Method of Payment

____ Check or Money Order – Payable to Global Linkages ____ Credit Card - (6% transaction fee will be added)

_____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration date ____/____

Signature _____

This card is a ____ MasterCard ____ Visa ____ American Express ____ Discover (check one)

____ Paypal Email: lkjglobalink@aol.com (personal)

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Payment Schedule and Refund Policy

After paying a deposit of at least \$500, payments of \$500 and above will be accepted from those who prefer to pay for the trip in installments. A suggested payment plan will also be included in the welcome package.

Global Linkages accepts checks, money orders, and major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover). A returned check fee of \$30 will be charged for all returned checks. ***Please make checks and money orders payable to GLOBAL LINKAGES.***

Final payment must be received by Global Linkages no later than December 5, 2021.

Trip participants with balances due after this date will be charged an administrative fee of 10% of the balance cost of the trip.

REFUNDS*:

A deposit of \$500 is required to hold your space. The refund policy is as follows:

December 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 – Payment minus \$500

March 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 – Payment minus \$1000

October 1, 2021 to December 4, 2021 – Payment minus \$2,500

December 5, 2021 to Trip Departure – NO REFUNDS

*Participants are strongly encouraged to take Travel Insurance. While not mandatory, we recommend the purchase of insurance and will provide information in the welcome package you will receive following receipt of your deposit.



Global Linkages, founded in 1997 and based in the NJ-NYC metropolitan area is a management consulting firm that specializes in providing partnerships with the African continent. As part of its services, Global Linkages provides "boutique travel experiences" that connect individuals, educational institutions, governments and businesses with unique and exciting explorations in Africa. This is due mostly to those extensive relationships created by the firm's international development work. Global Linkages, Principal, Lorna K. Johnson, trained as a lawyer and urban planner, has been working in Africa for over 25 years and has made more than 150 trips to the continent.

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