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A TRIP TO THE MOTHERLAND

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Join the Harvey B. Gantt Center on an escorted tour of South Africa, with an optional extension to Ghana. Custom-designed by South African native Samantha West, you'll enjoy the abundance the continent has to offer – its history, culture, diversity, hospitality, natural beauty, and people.

Highlights:

- ❖ Three-day luxury photo safari at the stunning Kapama River Lodge
- ❖ Explore Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela served 18 years
- ❖ Guided tour of Zeitz Museum, the world's largest museum of contemporary African art
- ❖ Wine tasting at black-owned Seven Sisters Vineyards in the scenic Cape Winelands
- ❖ Ghana's Cape Coast Castle, the point of departure for many enslaved Africans
- ❖ Visit Ntonso Adinkra village and create your own fabric design
- ❖ Experience the rich history and culture of the Ashanti in Kumasi, Charlotte's sister city

South Africa Only, August 29 – September 10, 2019 | **\$5160 per person**, double occupancy

South Africa + Ghana, August 29 – September 14, 2019 | **\$6876 per person**, double occupancy

To book your trip, contact Bonita Buford, bbuford@ganttcenter.org or (704) 547-3766.

Detailed Itinerary

Thursday, August 29, 2019

Depart Charlotte, NC at 10:11 am on United Airlines Flight #6079 and connect in Dulles to South African Airways Flight #208 to O. R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Friday, August 30, 2019

Transfer: ORTIA to Hotel

Upon arrival at O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg you will be met by your South African representative who will transfer you to the Sandton Hotel in the heart of bustling cosmopolitan Sandton. Upon arrival at your hotel you will check in and spend the rest of the day at your leisure. Dinner at your leisure and for own account.

Sandton Sun

In: Friday Aug 30, 2019 | Out: Sunday Sept 2, 2019



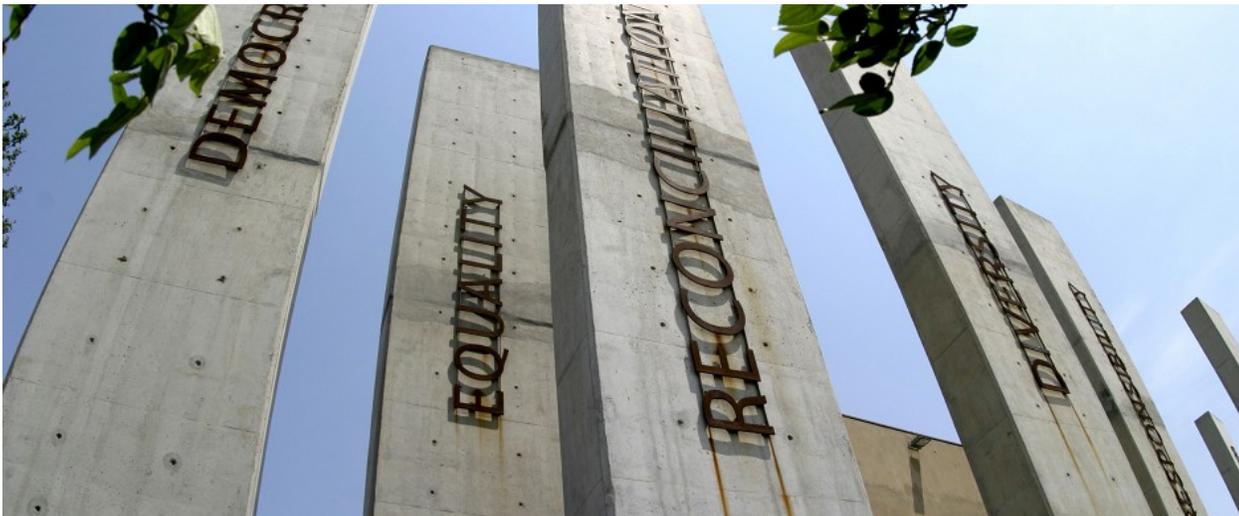
Sandton Sun is located in the heart of Sandton CBD, which is 40 minutes by road from O.R Tambo International Airport and one-half mile from the Gautrain Station. The hotel is linked by an indoor walkway to the Sandton Convention Centre and the Sandton Shopping Centre. The property offers world-class facilities, which include a luxurious spa, state of the art business suite and beautifully appointed dining venues.

The Standard Room features an extensive choice of amenities, complimentary extras and elegant décor

Option includes: Accommodation, breakfast, Government Tourism Levy and VAT

Saturday August 31, 2019

Full day Soweto Tour with Guide



Today you will embark upon a full day historic tour of Soweto. You will visit the Apartheid Museum, Nelson Mandela's home and Hector Pieterse Memorial where you will learn about the 1976 uprisings and the subsequent triumph of democracy in South Africa. Lunch is included in Soweto at Sakhumzi restaurant (B/L) or similar

Included: Applicable entrance fees & lunch at local restaurant

Excludes: Drinks & gratuities during lunch

Sunday September 1, 2019

Private half-day Public Art tour

You will explore the heritage trail of public art in the urban core that celebrates the colorful culture, history, and heritage of Johannesburg. Part of the tour includes street art, which creates a meaningful appreciation of Johannesburg's culture and artistic expression. If time allows, a visit to artists' studios in Newtown may be included. The afternoon is at your leisure.

Later that evening, enjoy complimentary sundowners and snacks on the San Deck while getting to know your fellow travelers.

Included: Specialist guide
1 glass of local wine or beer and snacks

Monday September 2, 2019

Transfer: Hotel to ORTIA with Guide

After breakfast you will be transferred to O.R. Tambo International Airport to connect to Hoedspruit Airport where you will spend the next two nights at Kapama River Lodge (B/L/D)

Kapama River Lodge

In: Monday, Sep 2, 2019 Out: Wednesday, Sep 4, 2019



Kapama is one of South Africa's largest privately owned game reserves, perfectly positioned in the Limpopo province safari area, renowned for its high density of big game animals. The Reserve occupies a vast area between the northern Drakensberg Mountains and the Greater Kruger National Park and is renowned for superb safari vacations. Kapama River Lodge is stylishly furnished and beautifully positioned along a dry riverbed. The ambience of nature is captured perfectly. The central guest entertainment areas include a large rim-flow swimming pool with sun umbrellas and recliners, L-shaped lounge and bar under a double-volume thatch and a huge double-sided fireplace creating a wondrous open-plan yet cozy atmosphere. The Rhino Boma is the most popular buffet dinner venue with tables tastefully arranged under a low thatch in a horseshoe shape and has a central open area where a roaring fire offers a brilliant glow at evening meals.

Spacious air-conditioned suites with uninterrupted views over the Big Five game reserve from a private patio, featuring en-suite bathrooms with lavish amenities replenished daily. The suites are decorated to reflect old Africa in a luxury game lodge setting. Beverage stations for early morning coffee in suite and minibars for sundowners on the private patio are standard in all rooms.

Included: Accommodation, all meals, teas and snacks, 2 daily safari activities with soft drinks and waters on these activities, return transfers from Eastgate Airport (HDS) on scheduled flights only

Excluded: Laundry, drinks, personal bar, mini bar and curio purchases and all additional activities and spa treatments

Wednesday September 4, 2019

After your early morning game drive and breakfast you will depart from Hoedspruit to Cape Town International Airport. Upon your arrival in Cape Town you will be met by our representative who will transfer you to your hotel. The Commodore Hotel, which is ideally located on the waterfront, will be home for the next 5 days. The rest of the evening is at your leisure (B)

Transfer: CIA to Hotel with guide

Commodore Hotel

In: Wednesday, Sep 4, 2019 | Out: Monday, Sep 9, 2019



The hotel is located 325 yards from the V&A Waterfront in the heart of Cape Town, 25 minutes from the airport and 5 minutes from the city center. With panoramic views of Table Bay and Table Mountain, the Commodore is decorated in a nautical theme. It features an outdoor swimming pool and sauna, fitness and massage facilities. Guests can enjoy a workout in the gym or book a relaxing massage in the spa. Apart from a breakfast buffet, Clipper Restaurant serves an à la Carte menu featuring seafood dishes and regional wines. The Admiralty Bar and Lounge provides a 24-hour cocktail menu. The Commodore offers 236 elegantly furnished standard rooms and suites, ideal for both business and pleasure.

These luxury rooms offer all amenities that a guest on a well-deserved vacation will expect. These rooms have modernized bathrooms equipped with showers-over-bath, plenty of space and natural light. Exceptional quality in bedding and towelings. All Luxury rooms offer either two 3/4 or a queen size, extra length beds.

Included: Accommodation and breakfast

Thursday September 5, 2019

Full day Cape Point Tour



After a hearty breakfast, get ready for a full day tour along Cape Town's beautiful coastline. Today's full day Cape Peninsula tour will begin in the exclusive suburb of Camps Bay, through the fishing harbor of Hout Bay, up to Chapman's Peak and stopping at Cape of Good Hope. After a quick lunch break we will continue back to Cape Town through the fishing village of Simon's Town (B/L). Lunch at Town Oceans Restaurant.

Included: Applicable entrance fees & lunch at local restaurant

Excluded: Drinks & gratuities during lunch

Friday September 6, 2019

Full day Cape Town City Tour, including Table Mountain & Robben Island

Join your guide on a half-day Cape Town city tour. This tour will include a cable car ride up to Table Mountain where you will relish in the sweeping views of Cape Town below and Signal Hill. End your morning at District 6 Museum. We then head down to the Waterfront to enjoy lunch (for own account) at your leisure. This afternoon embark on a tour to Robben Island where Mandela spent 18 of the 27 years imprisoned. (B)

Table Mountain Morning Peak Return

The trip to the top is an outing in itself, as you are safely and gently transported from the lower cable station to the top of the mountain and vice versa. The journey takes a little more than 5 minutes and the high tech rotating cable car offers the best views of the city. There are trips up and down every 10 – 15 minutes and the cableway operates 7 days a week, with the first car heading up at 8:00 am. The departure time of the last car down depends on the time of the year, and varies between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm. Once at the top, over 3500ft above the city, you will find a vast network of well-marked paths to explore as well as strategically positioned lookout points.

District Six Museum

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 center with close links to the city and the port. By the beginning of the twentieth century, however, the process of removals and marginalization had begun.

The first to be forced out were black South Africans who were displaced from the District in 1901. As the more prosperous moved away to the suburbs, the area became a neglected ward of the city.

On 11 February 1966 it was declared a white area under the Group Areas Act of 1950, and by 1982, the life of the community was over. More than 60,000 people were forcibly removed to barren outlying areas aptly known as the Cape Flats, and their houses in District Six were flattened by bulldozers.

The District Six Museum, established in December 1994, works with the memories of the District Six experience and with that of forced removals more generally.

Robben Island Ferry And Tour



From the 17th to the 20th centuries, Robben Island served as a place of banishment, isolation and imprisonment. Today it is a World Heritage Site and museum, a poignant reminder to the newly democratic South Africa of the price paid for freedom. The standard tour to Robben Island is 3.5 hours long, including the two half-hour ferry rides. Ferries depart at 9am, 11am, 1pm and 3pm, weather permitting, from the V & A Waterfront in Cape Town.

The Robben Island Tour includes:

- A return boat trip across Table Bay
- A visit to the infamous Maximum Security Prison
- Interaction with an ex-political prisoner
- A 45-minute bus ride with a guide providing commentary
- The opportunity to explore the Murray's Bay Harbor precinct attractions, such as the Muslim shrine, or kramat, and the Museum Shop.

We recommend the wearing of comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunglasses and sun protection cream.

Saturday September 7, 2019

Morning Museum visit



Morning tour of the Zeitz Arts Museum – lunch for own account

The Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa is a contemporary art museum located at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, South Africa. Zeitz MOCAA collects, preserves, researches, and exhibits twenty-first century art from Africa and its Diaspora in its more than 100 galleries. It is the largest museum of contemporary African art in the world.

Afternoon is at your leisure.

Included: Entrance fees

Excluded: Lunch

Sunday September 8, 2019

Full day Cape Winelands Tour

Enjoy a full day in South Africa's majestic winelands. Your day will include two (2) wine tastings (Seven Sisters wine estate and Ernie Els), a walking tour of the town of Stellenbosch, lunch and a little shopping to end the day. Once back at the hotel the group will then be transferred to Gold restaurant for our farewell dinner. (B/L/D)

Included: Applicable entrance fees & Lunch at local restaurant

Excluded: Drinks & gratuities during lunch and dinner

Monday September 9, 2019

Transfer: Hotel to CIA

After checking out from your hotel you will be transferred to Cape Town International Airport to connect to Johannesburg for your onward flight back to the USA. (B)

Summary

Johannesburg

- Transfers and Porterage
- 2 x Nights Accommodation at 5-star Sandton Sun, breakfast included
- Full day Soweto Tour, lunch included, Apartheid Museum
- Half day Public Art and Newtown tour with specialist guide

Kapama Lodge

- Transfers
- 2 x Nights Accommodation at 5-star Kapama Lodge
- Full board and 2 safari activities per day

Cape Town

- Transfers & Porterage
- 5 x Nights Accommodation at 4-star Commodore Hotel, breakfast included
- Full day Cape Point Tour, lunch included - applicable entrance fees included
- Full day Cape Town city tour, includes Table Mountain, District Six Museum & Robben Island tickets – lunch for own account
- Morning Zeitz Museum entrance fees - lunch for own account
- Full day winelands tour, lunch included and farewell dinner at Gold restaurant – applicable entrance fees and lunch included



GHANA EXTENSION

DAY 1: MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 9, 2019: ARRIVAL & ACCRA CITY TOUR

Arrive at Accra International Airport at 9:00 pm

Meet and transfer to your hotel

Overnight: Golden Tulip Hotel

DAY 2: TUESDAY: SEPTEMBER 10, 2019: FLORAL, FAUNA & CASTLE TOUR

Cape Coast Castle



Kakum Canopy Walk



Breakfast at hotel

Depart Accra to Kakum National Park in the Central Region. Drive along the coast through several fishing villages and coconut-lined beaches. Arrive and go on a walk of the 'Kuntan Trail' with its countless trees with medicinal properties. For the young at heart, experience the "Canopy Walk" suspended 100 feet from the ground for a panoramic view of the flora and fauna of one of the remaining vestiges of the rain forest.

Lunch at a local restaurant

Proceed after lunch to visit the Cape Coast Castle, which was originally built by the Swedes in 1652. It served as the headquarters and seat of the British colonial government until 1877. Go on a comprehensive tour of the Castle and the Slave Dungeons. This castle also houses the West African Historical Museum established by the Smithsonian Institute in collaboration with the Ghanaian Government in 1994.

Return to Accra

Dinner at your hotel (*on own account*)

Overnight: Golden Tulip Hotel

B/L

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 11, 2019: ACCRA – KUMASI & CITY TOUR

Breakfast

Depart Accra to Kumasi. Drive past several scenic villages and charming towns and through the evergreen forests. Arrive by lunch time and have lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, enjoy a city tour of Kumasi (Sister City to Charlotte, NC) visiting the Manhyia Palace Museum, to learn about the legacies of the Ashanti kingdom. A regal history that dates back to 1700 is told with relics and artifacts. Enjoy a drive through the city with monuments dedicated to the memory of the great Ashanti people. End the day's tour at the National Cultural Center, which

features the Prempeh II Jubilee Museum and various studios of brass makers, potters and batik makers.

Check in to your hotel

Dinner at your hotel (*on own account*)

Overnight: Golden Tulip Hotel

B/L



DAY 4: THURSDAY: SEPTEMBER 12, 2019: CRAFT VILLAGES TOUR – ACCRA

Breakfast and check out of hotel

Depart after breakfast to visit a few Ashanti crafts villages including, Ahwiaa – the woodcarver’s village specializing in woodcarving such as the Ashanti stools, fertility dolls and walking sticks and Ntonso - noted for its indigenous artisans whose expertise lie in Adinkra textile printing using traditional symbols that express the spiritual, moral, political and socio-cultural philosophies of the Akan people. In the Ntonso Adinkra village you will be able to try your hand at creating your own designs. From here we will visit Bonwire, famous for their Kente cloth production, where you will have the opportunity to observe weavers exhibiting their age-old skills in producing the adorned cloth, some of which are a preserve for the Ashanti Kings.

Lunch at a local restaurant

Depart to Accra driving past several scenic villages and charming towns.

Arrive in Accra in the evening

Overnight: Golden Tulip Hotel

DAY 5: FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 13, 2019: ACCRA CITY TOUR - DEPARTURE

Independence Arch



Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum



Breakfast at hotel

After breakfast, continue your city tour of Accra visiting Old Accra which was divided into Dutch and British Accra. The two European nations operated from different locations within the same township of less than 1 sq. kilometer. You will drive past Fort Crèvecoeur (Ussher Fort) built by the Dutch in 1652, James Fort built by the British in 1662, Old Accra Square and the Post Office, the old light House built by the British to guide commercial ships into the Accra Harbor.

Continue to the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, burial place of the first President of Ghana. This Mausoleum has been visited by many world dignitaries. Your last stop for the tour will be at the Arts and Crafts market where you may try out your bargaining skills on the local vendors and to “shop till you drop”.

Lunch at a local restaurant

Transfer to airport for departure

B/L

Summary

- 3 Nights at Golden Tulip Hotel in Accra on Bed and Breakfast basis, taxes included.
- 1 Night at Golden Tulip Hotel in Kumasi on Bed and Breakfast basis, taxes included.
- Overland transportation in air-conditioned vehicle.
- Entrance Fees to all tour sites as listed in Itinerary.
- Meals as outlined in Itinerary. B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner (Beverages extra)
- English-speaking Tour guide

Total Cost, per person

- ❖ South Africa Itinerary Only (August 29 - September 10, 2019) | **\$5,160 per person**, double occupancy
- ❖ South Africa + Ghana Itineraries (August 29 – September 14) | **\$6,876 per person**, double occupancy

Terms and Conditions

- 25% deposit required to book your space
- Bookings will not be made until the deposit is received
- Rates are quoted in US dollars and are subject to amendment in the event of any changes in tariffs or rate of exchange.
- \$100 per person deposit for airline ticket is required on October 1, 2018
- Final payment for the total package is due April 30, 2019.
- The rates quoted are based on 20 travelers. Should the number of travelers change, the quote is subject to amendment.
- If a booking is cancelled between 90 days and 8 days prior to arrival, a minimum of 60% cancellation fee will be charged. All cancellations must be in writing.

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