



South Africa Tour & Business Trade Mission Itinerary February 15-26, 2024

Thu Feb 15 Day 1

Depart USA

Depart from Washington, DC (DULLES) on your international flight to Johannesburg, South Africa.

DEPART WASHINGTON (DULLES) 10:00 AM ET 501

Fri Feb 16 Day 2

Arrive Johannesburg

ARRIVE ADDIS ABABA 7:15 AM

DEPART ADDIS ABABA 8:40 AM ET 809

ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG 1:05 PM

On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport, collect your luggage and then clear Customs & Immigration.

You will then be met by our **Travel** representative and transferred to your hotel.

Legacy's latest luxury hotel, **The Da Vinci on Nelson Mandela Square** is located adjacent to the prime location of Nelson Mandela Square. This is Legacy's fourth hotel on the cosmopolitan square in the heart of the Sandton business and leisure district. One could speak of the opulence of the rooms, the restaurant and lounge, pioneering fitness centre and health spa but we suggest you come and see for yourself. Guests can enjoy the endless edge swimming pool, or perhaps, even the convenience of luxurious shopping at the Legacy Corner Mall and Sandton City an elevator trip away.

Accommodation: The Da Vinci on Nelson Mandela Square

Sat Feb 17 Day 3

Johannesburg

This morning you will be taken on a half day **Soweto tour with visit to Kliptown Youth Centre** followed by lunch at **Sakhumzi Restaurant**.

Travel to **Soweto** (SOuth WEstern TOwnship), the largest black residential area in South Africa. This "city within a city" consists of 50 suburbs and essentially acts as a labor reservoir for the greater metropolitan area of the Witwatersrand.

In many ways, the story of Soweto is the story of South Africa; this is where the seeds of South African freedom took root. The tour includes all the major points of interest, such as the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Baragwanath taxi rank, Freedom Square, Hector Pietersen Memorial and Nelson Mandela's former home. This sprawling township was the scene of the tragic riots of 1976.

Despite crowded, chaotic conditions, there is a tangible sense of community in these neighborhoods which the ordered, walled suburbs lack. It is virtually impossible not to be moved by what you will witness.

Later this evening you will be transferred to for a special welcome dinner

Accommodation: The Da Vinci on Nelson Mandela Square (B, L)

Sun Feb 18 Day 4

Johannesburg

This morning you will be taken on a half day **Lesedi Cultural Village** tour including lunch.

Lesedi Cultural Village is a multi-cultural African village, set amongst the pristine Bushveld and rocky hills less than an hour's drive from the city of Johannesburg.

The village consists of a number of different homesteads or traditional villages: the Xhosa, with their beautiful thatched homes and red blankets; the Zulu with their fighting sticks and cozy beehive huts; the Pedi, with their courtyards and rhythmic drums; and the conical straw hats and sturdy mountain ponies of the Basotho. Guests experience a traditional welcome upon arrival, guided cultural walkabout through two of the four homesteads. The visit includes a **Show** and a **traditional lunch**.

Trade Meeting- This evening you will participate in the "Business Trade Mission" with like-minded business people. This meeting is for those who submitted the "Trade Mission" application. Meeting times to be determined (TBD)

Accommodation: The Da Vinci on Nelson Mandela Square (B, L)

Mon Feb 19 Day 5

Johannesburg/Pilanesberg

This morning the group will be taken by private transfer from the hotel by coach to the Pilanesberg Game Reserve.

The 4-star Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge is approximately a 3-hour drive from Johannesburg and ten minutes from Sun City. Kwa Maritane Lodge offers televisions with DSTv, Big Five game viewing, an underground hide, guided bush walks and game drives, two bomas, wireless internet connectivity, unlimited free internet access and two swimming pools.

At Kwa Maritane one can experience excellent game sightings. Virtually all the animal species of southern Africa exist here, including healthy populations of Lion, black and white Rhino, Elephant, Buffalo and Leopard - Africa's **Big Five** and over 360 bird species can be seen on bush walks or game drives in the company of qualified field guides.

You can also relax in the game viewing hide, connected to the lodge by a 500-foot tunnel, and enjoy a front row seat as the animals drink at the waterhole.

Accommodation: Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge - Standard Room (B, D)

Tue Feb 20 Day 6

Kwa Maritane

The day starts as dawn breaks over the African bushveld. Venture out into the scenic Pilanesberg Game Reserve where an abundance of wild life proliferates and the *Big Five* are a common sight.



Pilanesberg wildlife

Aside from game viewing you'll enjoy the spectacular landscape with rocky outcrops, open grasslands, wooded valleys and thickets. Set in the crater of a long extinct volcano, the park ranks among the largest of the parks in South Africa and covers an area of some 55,000 hectares

The rest of the day is spent enjoying the tranquility of the bush or perhaps taking a nap. Later enjoy another afternoon game drive, returning to the lodge for dinner.

Accommodation: Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge - Standard Room (B, D)

Wed Feb 21 Day 7**Pilanesberg/Johannesburg/Cape Town**

Today you will be transferred from the lodge back to Johannesburg Airport for your flight to Cape Town.

On arrival in Cape Town you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

The **Commodore Hotel** lies where Table Mountain and the ocean meet, overlooking the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, with views of Table Mountain, Robben Island, the Harbour and the Atlantic Ocean. The 4-star Commodore Hotel is situated just a short walk from shopping and entertainment at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront and a multitude of restaurants.

The Commodore Hotel epitomizes stylish living, quality service and a tranquil setting. The elegantly furnished air conditioned classic rooms feature minibars, tea and coffee making facilities and in-room safes, free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs.

The hotel has a cocktail bar and a relaxed restaurant, offering a harbor-side terrace and international dishes. 24 hour room service is also available.

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel – Standard Room (B)

Thu Feb 22 Day 8**Cape Town**

After breakfast depart on your full day **Table Mountain and Cape Peninsula tour**. The tour starts early with a trip up Table Mountain in a cable car (weather permitting). The new revolving cable cars give stunning views over Cape Town.

This world-famous mountain is a national monument; it is covered with a wide variety of wild flowers and is the natural home of the famous silver tree. From the summit you can marvel at the awe-inspiring 360-degree view of Cape Town. There are great views of the City, Signal Hill, Sea Point and across to Robben Island.

After making the descent we head out to the **Cape Peninsula**. See for yourself how this spectacular southern tip of Africa became known as the 'Fairest Cape'. Drive past the pristine beaches of Camps Bay, Clifton and Llandudno - currently the hottest real estate in the world - to Hout Bay, a functioning harbor and heart of the local crayfish industry.

After a stop for lunch, it's on to the Cape Point Nature Reserve, where you are able to ride the Funicular to the scenic viewing point where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. The spectacular sea and mountain views are reason enough to make the 66km/41mile trip from Cape Town. Amid the rocky landscape - home to mountain zebra, eland and ostriches - blooms magnificent Cape flora.

We continue along the coastline to the beautiful Boulders Beach where you can sit among a colony of penguins. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon.

Trade Meeting- This evening you will participate in the "Business Trade Mission" with like-minded business people. This meeting is for those who submitted the "Trade Mission" application. Meeting times to be determined (TBD)

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel (B, L)

Fri Feb 23 Day 9**JAZZ FESTIVAL OPTION/NOT INCLUDED****Cape Town**

After breakfast you will be transferred to the nearby jetty at the Clocktower at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Here you board the ferry for your morning Robben Island tour. The rest of the day is at leisure.

For nearly 400 years, **Robben Island**, 12 kilometers from Cape Town, was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. During the apartheid years Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality. The duty of those who ran the Island and its prison was to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. Some freedom fighters spent more than a quarter of a century in prison for their beliefs.

Robben Island came to symbolize, not only for South Africa and the African continent, but also for the entire world, the triumph of the human spirit over enormous hardship and adversity.

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel (B)

Sat Feb 24 Day 10 **JAZZ FESTIVAL OPTION/NOT INCLUDED Cape Town**

Today you will have the day at leisure to explore Cape Town. Cape Town is a city with a diverse range of attractions, sights and activities to offer and it has something for everyone.

From the landmark beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay to the vibrant V&A Waterfront and Cape Town city centre, the award-winning wine farms of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek - time spent in Cape Town will not be forgotten. Cape Town is a sophisticated city at the gateway to a majestic continent. The Mother City is a place where old and new harmoniously converge – in history, architecture, cultural pursuits and the essence of its people. The city is dominated by a towering, table-shaped mountain, set on a peninsula of soaring, rocky heights and lush valleys, where two oceans converge - Indian and Atlantic.

Natural beauty and the fast pace and bright lights of a great urban centre meld effortlessly here. Firmly positioned on the international map, Cape Town offers a myriad things to do and places to see, whatever your tastes, inclinations or budget.

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel (B)

Sun Feb 25 Day 11 Depart South Africa

Today you will be transferred from your hotel to Cape Town Airport in time for your scheduled international flight back to the USA. **(B)**

DEPART CAPE TOWN	2:35 PM	ET 846
ARRIVE ADDIS ABABA	10:00 PM	
DEPART ADDIS ABABA	10:50 PM	ET 500

Mon Feb 26 Day 12 Arrive Home

ARRIVE WASHINGTON (DULLES) 8:15 AM

Arrive home with memories of a trip of a lifetime!

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner

CST Representative: Bernadette Champion – 240. 305-1969 (On travel use ONLY)

INCLUDES:

International Airfare from the US to South Africa
Domestic Airfare within South Africa (In-country flights)
All services as specified
Meals as specified
Accommodation in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis except where specified
Transportation in luxury air-conditioned vehicles including qualified drivers
Sight-seeing as per itinerary led by qualified English speaking guides
Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated above
TRAVEL Representative Meet and Greet upon arrival
Porterage for 1 reasonable size bags per person due to limited space on the coaches

EXCLUDES:

Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc.
All other services not mentioned above
Gratuities/Tips for game rangers, tour guides, and drivers
Extra cost per bag, for baggage handling over 1 bag (estimate \$1. pb)
Cost of obtaining Passports or Visa
Trip cancellation insurance

Please Note:

- **Visas: United States of America** passport holders will be issued with an entry permit valid for 90 days upon arrival into **South Africa**. The South African Government requires that you do have at least two blank visa pages in your passport for a visitor's entry & exit permit to be stamped onto – please see additional information below. On arrival into Johannesburg, please clear Immigration from the Foreign Passport holder's channels.
- **Passports:** Please ensure that you are in possession of **a valid passport** with at least **TWO BLANK PAGES** marked "**VISA**" (2 pages for each country) and that this is valid for **at least 6 months** after your intended return date from Southern Africa. If you are visiting other countries, please establish entry requirements and have additional blank visa pages for those countries as well.
- At Champion Services Travel our top priority is your personal well-being and we want you to travel with confidence. To learn more on how CST and our partners in Africa are taking every effort to ensure everyone's safety and well-being, please click on the link to read more: <https://www.lionworldtravel.com/your-wellbeing-our-priority>
- To support travelers and local teams well-being, we do required you to submit a signed Lion World Travel Well-Being Travel Declaration before your journey to Africa begins:<https://www.lionworldtravel.com/sites/default/files/LWT-Well-Being-Travel-Declaration-Form.pdf>
- Please check the following government site for **information for US Citizens traveling abroad: US citizens:** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/SouthAfrica.html>
- **Valuables:** Some areas you visit will be quite poor by our standards and it is thoughtless to flash money or jewellery. We urge you to **leave valuables, passports etc. in hotel safes** or with camp managers at lodges that do not provide safes.
- **Luggage:**
International flights – economy class:

Some international airlines, including South African Airways and Ethiopian Airlines, allow 2 pieces of checked luggage weighing no more than 23kg/50lbs on Trans-Atlantic flights.

KLM, British Airways and in some cases Kenya Airways only allow 1 piece of checked luggage weighing not more than 23kg/50lbs.

Domestic flights in South Africa:

If your domestic flights are issued as part of your international air ticket, the same allowance as on the international ticket will apply. If your domestic flights are issued on separate tickets, most airlines will have a luggage restriction of one piece of checked luggage weighing no more than **23kg/50lb**. Your Africa Specialist will be able to tell you which rule would apply to your tickets. Always go with the most restrictive rules to avoid having to either pay for excess luggage or be asked to leave items behind.

Irregular shaped luggage and luggage with long straps that cannot detach may need to be wrapped (this is a payable service offered at major airports) if they are to be checked.

Hand / carry-on luggage should weigh no more than **8kg/17lb** with dimensions not exceeding 56cm x 36cm x 23cm, total dimensions of 115cm (22 inches x 14 inches x 9 inches, total dimensions of 45 inches). You can also carry a slim line laptop bag or small purse. Exceeding the carry-on restrictions will result in you being sent back to the check in counters and checking the bag.

- **Airport Lounges in South Africa:** OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg, Cape Town Airport and King Shaka Airport in Durban all have Bidvest Premier Lounges that have agreements with various airlines and corporate clients e.g. Diners Club, Priority Pass, etc. which allow the card holder access based on the terms and conditions set by the respective issuing company. Cash visits also welcome.

Walk-In Rates (payable at the lounge – prices below are valid until January 31st, 2021). Domestic R247.00: valid for two hours prior to your scheduled flight departure time. International R413.00: valid for four hours prior to your scheduled flight departure time. Pre-purchasing the access online is slightly less expensive – please let us know if you would like us to purchase the access on your behalf.

- **Photography/Security:** Do not take photographs of the local people without their permission. Never take photographs of military, military institutions, armed forces barracks, policemen, the President, Government officials or airports.
- **Import regulations:** Please note that the import of meat or any products thereof (dried, canned etc.), plants, seeds, vegetables, fruits, livestock, endangered wildlife species and products thereof (for example clothing and accessories) into the United States and Canada is prohibited. This includes Ostrich eggs and animal skins for sale in Africa!
- **USA Security:** You may be asked to turn on any electronic or battery powered devices such as telephones, tablets, e-books and laptops in front of airport security teams and /or demonstrate the item's functionality. Please make sure you do all you can to ensure that items are fully powered before arriving at the airport, items may be confiscated if you are not able to demonstrate their functionality.



VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION FEBRUARY 25-28, 2024

Sun Feb 25 Day 12

After breakfast this morning you will be transferred from your hotel to Cape Town Airport in time for your scheduled flight to Johannesburg and then onto Victoria Falls.

DEPART CAPE TOWN	7:45 AM	SA 308
ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG	9:40 PM	
DEPART JOHANNESBURG	11:35 AM	4Z 494
ARRIVE VICTRIA FALLS	1:20 PM	

Please Note: There is a SINGLE ENTRY VISA charge to enter ZIMBABWE of USD\$30 cash per person for USA passport holders. (Visa fees are subject to change without notice.)

On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

The Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is set high on a plateau, which forms a natural boundary to the unfenced Zambezi National Park, and is just four kilometers from the majestic Victoria Falls. This deluxe 72-roomed African Lodge prides itself on hospitality and food rivaled only by uninterrupted views and magnificent sunsets. Created with a keen eye for detail; hardwoods, thatch, vibrant colours - the effect is awe inspiring. Each bedroom has its own balcony, air-conditioning and modern bathroom.

In the Buffalo Bar, Makuwa-Kuwa Restaurant and pool deck you will enjoy not only the wonderful views, but excellent service from friendly Zimbabwean staff renowned for their warmth and understanding of the needs of international visitors. An on-site waterhole attracts a wide variety of game, including elephants, buffalo, impala and kudu.

Partially open to the African skies and sheltered by the indigenous Gusu forest is the award winning **Boma restaurant**. It offers a unique African experience that bombards the senses with the tastes, sights, sounds and smells of Africa - coupled with the warmth and hospitality of the local people. Styled in the traditional manner, the thatched boma has an open fire to enhance the vibrant atmosphere. Specializing in a superb selection of traditional dishes, there is also a good selection of salads and vegetables for vegetarians.

Tonight enjoy dinner at the Boma restaurant.

Accommodation: The Victoria Falls Safari Lodge (B, D)

Mon Feb 26 Day 13

This morning the group will be taken on a guided tour of Victoria Falls, one of the *Seven Natural Wonders of the World*. This walking safari takes you through the magnificent rain forest where you are able to view the Cataracts, Livingstone's statue and a wide variety of birds and plants. Complete the day with a Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River.

The **Victoria Falls** are situated on the Zambezi River, on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. They are approximately 1.7km/1mile wide and 128m/420feet high. They are considered a remarkable spectacle because of the peculiar narrow slot-like chasm into which the water falls, so one can view the falls face-on.

David Livingstone, a Scottish explorer, visited the falls in 1855 and renamed them after Queen Victoria, though they were known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya – “the Smoke that Thunders”. Livingstone was so moved by what he saw that he wrote: “Scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight”. The Victoria Falls is the largest single sheet of water in the world and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The great **Zambezi River** starts in northwest Zambia and meanders for 1700 miles through several countries and empties into the Indian Ocean at Mozambique. This great river affects thousands of people and animals along the way. The sheer volume of water that flows through this planetary vein and manifests its grandeur at the famous Victoria Falls, cannot keep from stirring an emotional response from all who visit. You're likely to see Hippo, other animals, birds of prey, and even some elephants, along the riverbank or on one of the many islands that occupy this wide river.

Tonight enjoy dinner at the Makuwa-Kuwa Restaurant at the lodge.

Accommodation: The Victoria Falls Safari Lodge (B, D)

Tuesday Feb 27 Day 14

Today you will be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport in time for your flight back to Johannesburg. **(B)**

DEPART VICTORIA FALLS	2:00 PM	4Z 495
ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG	3:40 PM	

On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport, connect with your scheduled international flight back to the USA.

DEPART JOHANNESBURG	11:30 PM	ET 858
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Wed Feb 28 Day 15

ARRIVE ADDIS ABABA	5:55 AM	
DEPART ADDIS ABABA	8:40 AM	ET 516
ARRIVE WASHINGTON (DULLES)	6:15 PM	

Arrive home with memories of a trip of a lifetime!

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L = Lunch

D = Dinner

CST Representative: Bernadette Champion – 240. 305-1969 (On Travel USE ONLY)

INCLUDES:

- Regional flights: Cape Town/Victoria Falls/Johannesburg
- All services as specified
- All transfers as specified
- Accommodation as specified
- Meals as specified
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned vehicles including qualified drivers
- Sight-seeing as per itinerary led by qualified English speaking guides
- Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated
- Travel Representative Meet and Greet upon arrival

EXCLUDES:

- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc.
- All other services not mentioned
- Gratuities/Tips for tour guides and drivers
- Costs of obtaining Passports or Visas
- New Government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases beyond our control
- **Trip cancellation insurance**

Please Note:

- United States of America passport holders **require a visa for Zimbabwe** which is only obtainable at the port of entry.
- We strongly advise you to take **precautions against malaria** prior to the commencement of your holiday. Please contact your physician or travel clinic for advice as to which prophylactic is recommended.
- All Non-South African passport holders are required to have at least **THREE**, entirely blank (unstamped) visa pages (i.e. one side of such a page not front and back thereof) in their passport, each time entry is sought into South Africa. These pages are in addition to the endorsement/amendment pages at the back of the passport. South African government regulations prohibit airlines from boarding passengers without the required blank visa pages.
- Passports must be valid for a **minimum of 6 months** after intended date of departure.
- **ZIMBABWE:** For **United States of America** passport holder's payment of **Single Entry Visas (US\$30)**, **Double Entry Visas (US\$45)** and **Multiple Entry Visas (US\$55)**. The **Airport Departure Tax (US\$25)** US dollars cash is required. We recommend the exact amount, as officials are not always in a position to give change.
- **ZIMBABWE:** Effective 01-Jan-2007 it is best to travel with **small denominations of US Dollars for extras, or any purchases**. Hotels only accept payment in foreign currency. No change will be given in foreign currency, but in Zimbabwe dollars. As a result of fluctuating exchange rates, **we recommend that guests do not use their credit cards for purchases within Zimbabwe**. We suggest that travelers checks in Dollars or US cash is utilized. Hotels will also only accept US\$ notes printed after 2001.
- There is a **luggage-storage depot** on the upper level of the underground parkade, near the main lift lobby in International Arrivals at Johannesburg Airport. You may leave any baggage at a cost of R50.00 per item for the first day and R40.00 per item every day thereafter. Mastercard and Visa accepted. Open 24 hours 7 days a week. Tel (+27) 11-390-2064