

Information Package

ITG IS GOING TO

South Africa

CULTURE

TOUR 2024

A Celebration of Freedom

*Includes visits to Johannesburg & Capetown
and so much more!*



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CURATED LUXURY TRAVEL

**Join us for this
exciting 13 Day
adventure to the
continent of Africa!**

Let's Travel!

OCTOBER 7 – 19, 2024

*ITG is excited to partner with Global Linkages
for this luxury experience.*

Friends.

Dust off your passport and get ready for a highly anticipated trip to the Motherland. ITG is heading to South Africa in 2024 for a culture tour that will be one for the books! From Nelson Mandela's home, to a tour of Soweto and a big game safari, you will not want to miss out.

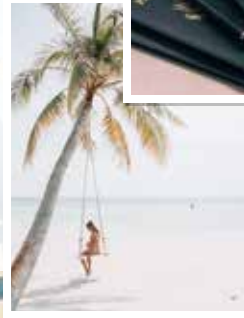
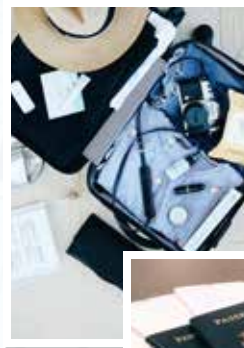
There is no doubt you will experience an amazing **13-day and 12-night adventure of a lifetime.**





Conceived after a 50th birthday destination trip to Jamaica in August 2021, Inspirations Travel Group (**ITG**) is the brainchild of two travel connoisseurs who want to share their experience with you.

Jameece Pinckney and Stephanie Drummond create the top-notch adventure you've been waiting for. With Dubai 2022 already in the books and big plans for 2023 and 2024, make sure you get on board now! With affordable payment plans, detailed itineraries, and custom excursions, come travel with our 40 and over group. Let ITG curate the travel experience of your dreams.



About Us



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Meet Your Fabulous Travel Squad!

South Africa 2024

Ready to get into the fine details of your amazing getaway?

Accommodations

DA VINCI HOTEL AND SUITES ON MANDELA SQUARE (5 STAR)

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, outdoor pool, and a health club. Wireless Internet access is complimentary in public areas, guest rooms, and at the on-site business center.

Day 1: MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- ◆ Depart the U.S. from Dulles International Airport to Johannesburg via United Airlines

Day 2: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- ◆ Arrive at O.R. Tambo International Airport
- ◆ Clear immigration and customs.
- ◆ Depart for hotel via luxury tour bus
- ◆ Check in at the DaVinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
- ◆ Welcome dinner *(included)*





Day 3: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- ✦ Breakfast at the hotel (*all breakfasts are included at all hotels*)

Optional Morning Activities:

- Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton Mall

Afternoon departure for Lesedi Cultural Village (snacks on the bus and dinner included)

- ✦ Arrive in the car park to a vibrant traditional African welcome
- ✦ Browse the Ndebele village and craft market where Ndebele murals decorate the walls and 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 (*included*) is served in the Nyama Choma restaurant with delicacies from North, East, and South Africa
- ✦ Everyone meets back in the Traditional Dance Boma for The Giant Ingoma – song and dance of all five villages. This dance culminates in communal dancing with the guests around the fire followed by dinner.

Day 4: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- ✦ Breakfast at the hotel
- ✦ Depart for full-day Soweto tour (*lunch included*) with stops at:
 - Apartheid Museum
 - Hector Pieterse Museum
 - Elias Motsoaledi Informal Settlement: Emthuzulini Day Care
 - Mandela's Home

(Dinner on your own)

ELIAS MOTSOALEDI INFORMAL SETTLEMENT

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 number 8115, located 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 September 1, 1997, to run as a museum. It was declared a National Heritage Site in 1999.

APARTHEID MUSEUM

The Apartheid Museum opened in 2001 and is acknowledged as the preeminent museum in the world dealing with 20th century South Africa, at the heart of which is the apartheid story. The first of its kind, The Apartheid Museum illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid.

An architectural consortium, comprised of several leading architectural firms, conceptualized 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 center of cultural development and black empowerment. In Freedom Square, The Freedom Charter was discussed and signed in 1956, and The Hector Pieterse Memorial Square, was named for the young schoolboy who was the first to die from gunshots during the June 1976 uprising.

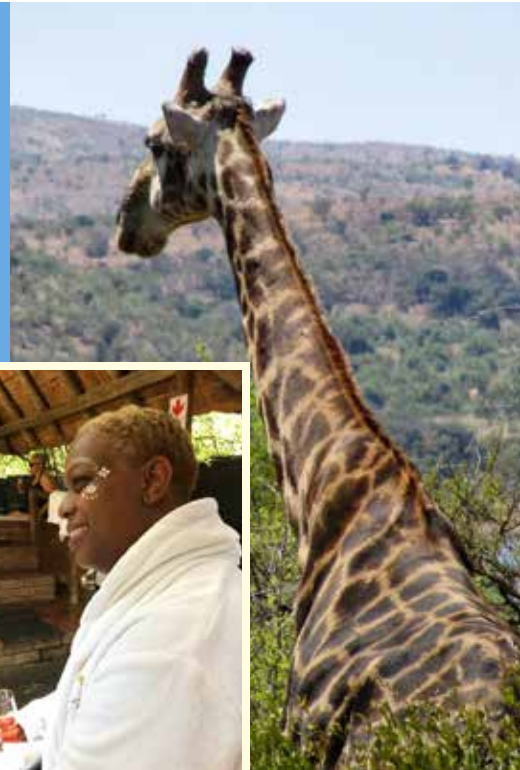


PILANESBURG GAME SAFARI

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, the park's primary geological feature named the Pilanesberg Alkaline Ring Complex. Participants will see some of the "Big Five" with an opportunity to take lots of pictures. Lunch will be at Bakubung Game Reserve located in Pilanesberg.

MANGWANANI AFRICAN DAY SPA

Nestled in the Valley of the Hennops River, en-route to Hartebeespoort Dam is the original African Day Spa. Experience the appealing combination of true African nurturing traditions and a setting of serene ambience, offering you the best of both worlds as nature and culture merge right in the middle of the African bush. Leave de-stressed from a decadent revitalization package. A true delight and special experience, Mangwanani has won the best spa in South Africa for several years. *(Note: One high end package is available for this full day spa experience that includes light breakfast, snacks, and lunch.)*



Day 5: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

- ◆ Breakfast at the hotel

Optional activities for this day:

- ◆ Pilanesburg Game Safari *(lunch included)*
- ◆ Mangwanani African Day Spa *(lunch included)*
- ◆ Shopping at Sandton and Rosebank Malls
- ◆ Day of Rest

(Dinner on your own)

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 harbor, the V & A Waterfront offers visitors an abundance of unforgettable experiences. Indoor shopping and entertainment venues seamlessly merge with ocean vistas and mountain views. 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 tablecloth cuisine.

Accommodations

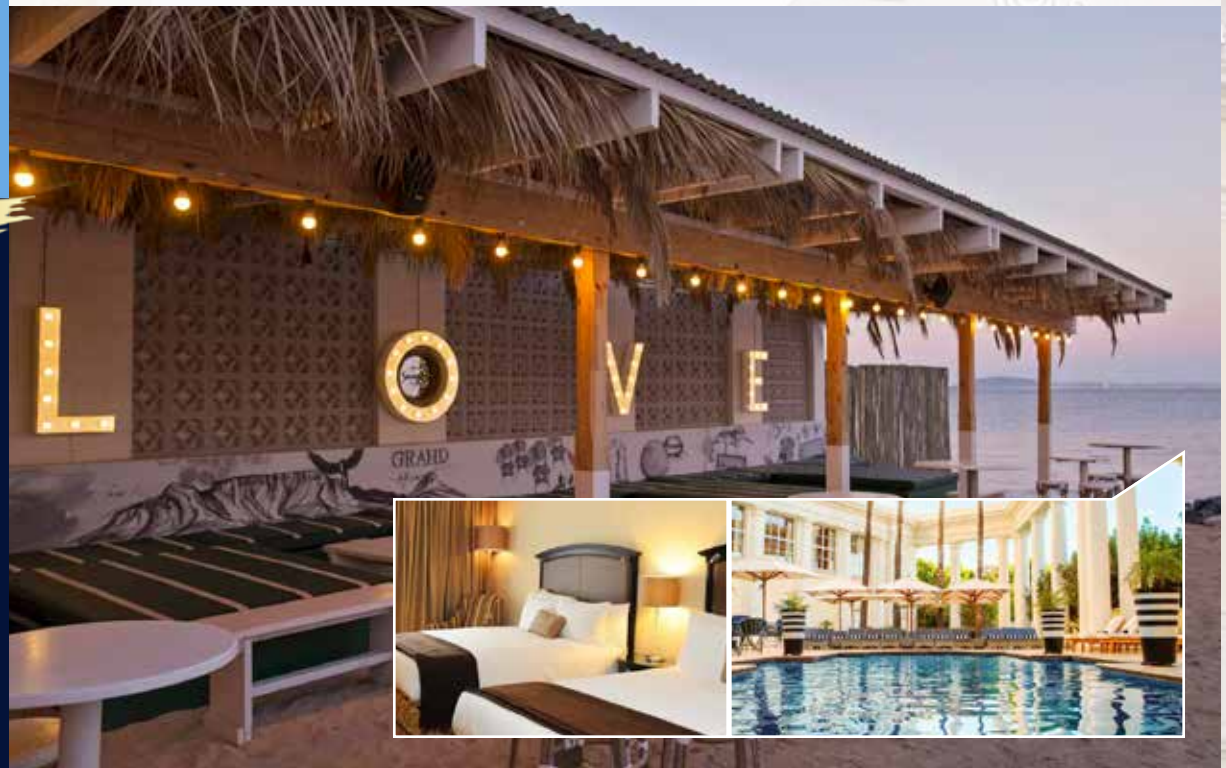
THE CULLINAN HOTEL (4 STAR)

The Cullinan is a 4-star hotel with shuttle service to and from 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.

Day 6: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12



- ✦ Breakfast at the hotel
- ✦ Early check out and departure for the airport
- ✦ Afternoon departure for Cape Town
- ✦ Arrive in Cape Town and transfer to The Cullinan Hotel
- ✦ Visit Marguerite Designs & Mali South for customized clothing
- ✦ Dinner at Africa Grand Café (*on your own – sunset or later*)



Day 7: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- ✦ Breakfast at the hotel
- ✦ Sunday Chill and Hang @ Moule's Point & The Biscuit Mill, Woodstock
- ✦ Sunset dinner at The Bungalow *(on your own)*

Day 8: MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

- ✦ Breakfast at the hotel
- ✦ Depart for Cape Town city tour including:
 - Bo-Kaap
 - District Six Museum
 - Lunch at the Bo-Kaap Deli *(included)*
 - Company Gardens
 - Table Mountain *(weather permitting)*

(Dinner on your own at the V & A Waterfront)



CAPE TOWN

The name 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 splendor 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

Named the Sixth Municipal District of Cape Town in 1867, District Six was originally established as a mixed community of freed slaves, merchants, artisans, laborers and immigrants as a vibrant center 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, are found in no other place in the world.

Day 9: TUESDAY OCTOBER 15

- ✦ Breakfast at the hotel
- ✦ Langa Quarter visit (*community service project – lunch included*)
- ✦ Cape Winery Tour with Zuri Wines, Sip N Soul (*heavy hors d'oeuvres included*)

LANGA QUARTER

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.

CAPE PENINSULA

Cape Point is part of Cape Peninsula National Park (which also encompasses the Silvermine Nature Reserve and Table Mountain), and is the farthest tip of the 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: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16

- ✦ Breakfast at the hotel
- ✦ Depart for Cape Peninsula:
 - Chapman's Peak Drive
 - Cape of Good Hope
 - Lunch at Black Marlin Restaurant (*included*)
 - Boulders Beach

(Dinner on your own)

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.



Day 11: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- ✦ Breakfast at the hotel
- ✦ Morning Activity: Robben Island Tour
– Lunch on your own
- ✦ Farewell Dinner at Gold's *(included)*

Day 12: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

- ✦ Depart Cape Town for U.S.

Day 13: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- ✦ Arrive back in the U.S.

TRIP SUMMARY

COST Per Person Sharing (2 people/room):

- ◆ \$6600 if deposit is made between July 10 – 31, 2023. Trip cost increases to \$6700 if deposits are made after July 31st, 2023.
- ◆ Single Occupancy Supplement \$1650 (additional cost for the entire trip)

(Airtfares are subject to final confirmation of United Airlines costs.)

- ◆ **Hotels:** Accommodations Johannesburg/5 star – Cape Town/4 star
- ◆ **Meals:** Full breakfast daily included in the hotels packages. Other meals are included as noted.
- ◆ **Tours:** All tours are included except for optional activities.

Global Linkages on behalf of ITG will handle the payments and coordinate airfare, hotel reservations and tours. Global Linkages offers Travel Guard AIG Insurance at an additional cost.

Trip must be paid in full by August 7, 2024.

What's Included in Price

- ◆ Round-trip airfare from Dulles International Airport to South Africa
(Other add-on cities may require additional costs)
- ◆ Hotel accommodations
- ◆ All breakfasts
- ◆ Lunch and dinners where indicated
- ◆ All group tours
- ◆ Customized events
- ◆ Ground transportation in Johannesburg and Cape Town
- ◆ Personal group guides
- ◆ Welcome packages and conference calls/orientations
- ◆ On the ground assistance in South Africa
- ◆ Travel assistance in the U.S.
- ◆ On-ground portage gratuities
- ◆ ITG and Global Linakge concierge support

**10% of our proceeds will be given as a donation to the Langa Quarter in Cape Town S.A.*

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND REFUND POLICY

Payment Schedule

- ◆ A deposit of \$500 is required to hold your space. Once reservation forms are received, ITG will invoice you for the \$500 deposit.
- ◆ For the remaining balance, Global Linkages on behalf of ITG will handle payments in full or installments (Suggested minimum of \$500 or more per month).
- ◆ Global Linkages accepts checks, money orders, major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover), and PayPal & Zelle transactions (lkjglobalink@aol.com). A returned check fee of \$40 will be charged for all returned checks. Please make checks and money orders payable to GLOBAL LINKAGES.
- ◆ Global Linkages on behalf of ITG will coordinate airfare, hotel reservations and tours. Global Linkages offers Travel Guard AIG Insurance at an additional cost.
- ◆ Final payment must be received by Global Linkages no later than August 7, 2024*

**Trip participants with balances due after August 7, 2024 will be charged an administrative fee of 10% of the balance cost of the trip.*

Refund/Cancellation Policy

- ◆ Until August 1, 2023: Full Refund
- ◆ August 2, 2023 – November 30, 2023: Deposit minus \$500
- ◆ December 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024: Payment minus \$1000
- ◆ February 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024: Payment minus \$2000
- ◆ April 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024: Payment minus \$3500
- ◆ June 1, 2024 – August 6, 2024: Payment minus \$5000
- ◆ August 7, 2024 to Trip Departure: NO REFUNDS

Sign Me Up!

To secure your seat, you must complete the ITG registration form. Get started by clicking the link below:

RESERVATION FORM

*****RESERVATIONS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED FOR THE FIRST 25 RESPONDENTS. Initial deposit of \$500 paid is managed by ITG.** Upon receipt of your reservation form, ITG will invoice your for your \$500 deposit. The timeframe to submit your registration form and deposit is July 10 – July 31, 2023.

**While not mandatory, we strongly encourage the purchase of travel insurance and will provide more information in the welcome package you will receive following receipt of your deposit.*



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All payments after the initial \$500 deposit will be made to Global Linkages using this form.

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 (include form with payment)

Credit Card (*5% transaction fee will be added*)

PayPal or Zelle (*lkjglobalink@aol.com*)

Amount to be Charged _____

Card No. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration date ____/____

This card is a (*Check one*):

MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Signature _____



Send payments and form to:

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in 2024!



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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 30 years with travels to the continent of over 200 trips to the continent.