

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**  
**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**  
**South African Odyssey**  
**March 12-23, 2020**  
**Itinerary**

**Thursday, March 12**

Depart Milwaukee by private motor coach to Chicago O'Hare  
Flight to South Africa

**Friday, March 13**

**Arrive in Cape Town**

Arrive in Cape Town, undeniably one of the most beautiful cities in the world. As you transfer to your hotel, you'll see the towering symbol of the city, Table Mountain. The rest of the day is at leisure in this magnificent seaside city.

*Overnight: Cape Town, Protea Hotel Victoria Junction*

**Saturday, March 14**

**Cape Peninsula Tour**

Depart on a full-day Cape Peninsula Tour with lunch along the way. Drive to Cape Point at the southwestern tip of the Cape Peninsula, passing steep mountains, secluded coves, and sweeping beaches en route. After a stop at the fishing village of Hout Bay, one of Cape Town's best-kept secrets, continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, comprising over 17,300 acres of indigenous flora and fauna, where you may see baboons by the roadside, rheboks, cape mountain zebras, bonteboks and the elusive eland. The native plant life, known as fynbos, forms one of only six floral kingdoms in the world. Following the coastline along False Bay, return to Cape Town after lunch by way of Simon's Town. Here, visit the penguin colonies at Boulders Beach, and continue with a scenic drive over Muizenberg Mountain. Lastly, visit the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, resting at the foot of Table Mountain, for a short walking tour of the beautiful gardens before arriving to Cape Town. This evening enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

*Overnight: Cape Town, Protea Hotel Victoria Junction*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Sunday, March 15**

**Cape Town City Tour**

After a leisurely breakfast, depart on a half day Cape Town city and Table Mountain tour. Driving to the city center, pass famous landmarks such as the Castle of Good Hope built in 1666 by the Dutch East India Company and City Hall, a splendid baroque building, and of course the Grand Parade. See St. George's Cathedral, the Anglican Diocese of Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Pass the Company Gardens and the Malay Quarter. The route then leads to Kloof Nek and the magnificent Table Mountain. Ascend to the top (weather permitting) by means of a cable car. At the summit, see wildflowers, the famous silver tree, and marvel at a birds-eye view of the city and its beaches. On a clear day, it is even possible to see Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, on one side and Cape Point on the other. Descend from the upper cableway station and proceed to the Milnerton Lighthouse. Later, you will have the opportunity to learn the three-billion-year-old story of diamonds while touring the prominent Shimansky Jewelers & Museum at Cape Town's famous V & A Waterfront. The 45-minute tour reveals the origins of

diamond mining and includes explanations of color, cut and clarity. Following the tour, stroll through the adjacent V & A Shopping Mall with its endless shopping and dining opportunities before returning to your hotel. Tonight, experience local culture in a relaxed and comfortable environment at a Home Hosted Dinner.

*Overnight: Cape Town, Protea Hotel Victoria Junction*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

### **Monday, March 16**

#### **Full Day in Cape Town**

Enjoy the day with a Winelands Tour which takes you along the country's principal wine route to the scenic towns of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch with tastings along the way.

*Overnight: Cape Town, Protea Hotel Victoria Junction*

### **Tuesday, March 17**

#### **Flight to Durban, Game Viewing Cruise on the St. Lucia Estuary**

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Durban. Upon arrival in the early afternoon, drive to St. Lucia. Later, embark on a game viewing cruise that takes you on the St. Lucia Estuary. This tidal estuary is home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles, and even sharks, making it a fascinating and uniquely diverse ecosystem. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

*Overnight: Hluhluwe, Anew Hotel and Safaris*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

### **Wednesday, March 18**

#### **Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, Travel to eSwatini**

After an early breakfast, travel to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, situated in northern KwaZulu Natal, which contains an immense diversity of fauna and flora and is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhinos. Home to Africa's "Big Five," you may have a chance to see elephant, Cape buffalo, lion and leopard, in addition to rhino during your morning game drive through the reserve. The park also boasts warthog, crocodile, and antelope. Following the safari, continue to the border of the Kingdom of eSwatini. This independent kingdom within the borders of South Africa is known for its lovely scenery and vibrant indigenous culture. Stop at a handicraft market this afternoon before arriving to your hotel in the early evening.

*Overnight: eSwatini, Mountain Inn*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

### **Thursday, March 19**

#### **Swatini Sightseeing and Matsamo Village Visit**

After breakfast, visit the Ngwenya glass factory, where visitors can watch talented glass blowers create a range of enchanting African animals, birds and fish, as well as tableware, made from recycled glass that is collected by the children of Swatini. Transfer to the South African border and visit Matsamo Cultural Village where you can learn more about the Swati traditions and customs. Enjoy traditional dance and song performances with authentic African instruments as well as traditional Swati cuisine. You may wander through the village with its many traditional huts and interact with the locals. Later, continue to the hotel where you will enjoy dinner.

*Overnight: Hazyview, Sanbonani Resort and Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### **Friday, March 20**

#### **Kruger National Park Game Drive**

The day begins at dawn with coffee, tea, and rusks, a South African dry biscuit. Upon departure from the

hotel, a pre-packed breakfast will be provided for you. Then, on to Kruger National Park for a thrilling full day open-vehicle game drive. Larger than the state of Connecticut, the park offers some of the best game and wildlife viewing opportunities in the world, and early morning is an optimal time of day. You may have a chance to see lion, elephant, giraffe, or zebra in their natural habitat. After stopping at a rest camp for lunch, continue your game drive. With any luck, you may even see cheetah and leopard. After the day's excitement, relax by the pool and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

*Overnight: Hazyview, Sanbonani Resort*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### **Saturday, March 21**

#### **Panorama Route to Johannesburg**

Depart after breakfast and travel to Mpumalanga Province, known as "Paradise Country," driving the spectacular "Panorama Route." Stop to admire the views of amazing scenery along the 16-mile-long Blyde River Canyon, cut deep into red sandstone, and God's Window (weather permitting), a breathtaking, Edenic vista at the edge of the escarpment overlooking Kruger National Park. Visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, a series of waterfalls and distinctive rock formations created by countless millennia of water erosion before proceeding this afternoon to Johannesburg.

*Overnight: Johannesburg, Protea Hotel Fire and Ice*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

### **Sunday, March 22**

#### **Soweto Tour**

After an early breakfast, depart on a half-day tour of Soweto. Experience a fascinating glimpse of the bustling neighborhood life of Soweto, the most metropolitan township in the country, setting trends in politics, fashion, music, dance and language. Drive by the former residence of Bishop Desmond Tutu and visit Nelson Mandela's former home. Continue to the Apartheid Museum, where you will journey through the racial segregation experienced by millions of South Africans. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers.

*Overnight: Johannesburg, Protea Hotel Fire and Ice*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

### **Monday, March 23**

#### **Depart South Africa**

Transfer to airport for your departure flight

Flight to Chicago O'Hare

Private motor coach to Milwaukee

*Meals: Breakfast*