

## BEST CONNECTION TRAVEL

### ITINERARY FOR SOUTH AFRICA GROUP - Culture, Heritage and Wildlife Tour OCTOBER 17-31, 2010

Oct 17 Depart Washington Dulles Airport

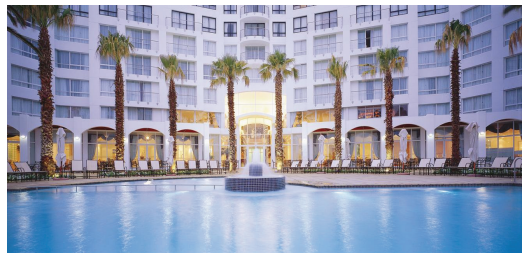
Depart Washington-Dulles International Airport for flight to Cape Town, South Africa – Arrival next day

Oct 18 Arrive Cape Town

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Upon arrival in Cape Town International Airport, you will be met by your driver and your guide who will assist you to your awaiting coach. Porters will be arranged to assist with transporting your luggage to the coach. Transfer directly to your Hotel for check-in.

The atmosphere at Protea President is relaxed, yet professional. The accommodation is luxurious, yet extremely affordable. It's a resort in the city. Most of the exclusively spacious rooms and suites overlook the Atlantic Ocean or Lion's Head, offering facilities one would expect of a world-class hotel.



This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at the Hotel.

#### **Overnight Protea President in sea facing rooms on a bed and breakfast.**

Oct 19 Cape Town

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This morning, after breakfast, depart on your half-day city tour of Cape Town. The ultimate Mother City experience! We pass by the Houses of Parliament, and visit the Castle - South Africa's oldest building and District Six Museum. Bargain hunt at Green market Square flea market in the heart of the city centre, then take a cable car up Table Mountain (subject to weather), before descending to savor the spicy aromas of the Malay Quarter. The afternoon is board the ferry to Robben Island for a 3 hour tour. Return to your hotel after your tour.

#### **Overnight Protea President in sea facing rooms on a bed and breakfast.**

Oct 20 Optional : Full day tour of the Winelands

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Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before spending the day either relaxing at the hotel, traveling to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront or taking part in an optional Cape Winelands Tour (including Lunch).

#### **Cape Winelands Tour (Optional)**

Depart the hotel and head north into the tranquil Cape Winelands Regions of Paarl. Your first stop is the famous Afrikaans Language Monument, which offers panoramic views of the surrounding area. Continue onto Fairview Wine Farm for a cheese and wine tasting and **lunch**. Afterwards, transfer to Spier Wine Estate for an additional wine tasting before traveling back to Cape Town and your hotel.



## Overnight Protea President in sea facing rooms on a bed and breakfast

Oct 21 Full day Peninsula Tour

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This morning, after breakfast, the day is devoted to the ruggedly beautiful Cape Peninsula. Your tour begins with a stroll through the famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. Then, drive past the pristine beaches of Camps Bay, Clifton and Llandudno, currently the hottest real estate in the world, to Hout Bay. Continue on to the Cape of Good Hope nature Reserve and its scenic viewing point. The spectacular sea and Mountain Views are reason enough to make the 66km-trip from Cape Town. After lunch at Simon's Town, the country's third oldest European settlement, visit Boulders Beach and the Penguin Colony before coach to Cape Town and your hotel.



## Overnight Protea President in sea facing rooms on a bed and breakfast

Oct 22 Cape Town to Nelspruit (Kruger Park)

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After breakfast, transfer to Cape Town Airport for your flight to Nelspruit. Upon arrival, meet your coach and guide and transfer to Numbi Gate for your afternoon game drive in 4x4 vehicles.

After your afternoon game, your coach will meet you at a Kruger Gate, and transfer you to Perry's Bridge Hotel.

The 31 spacious rooms and 3 family suites offer relaxed, yet sophisticated accommodation in a beautiful indigenous garden setting. The colonially custom furnished air-conditioned rooms each feature satellite television, indoor and outdoor showers, mini-safes, tea and coffee making facilities, fridges and private patios with Lowveld vistas. Time spent at the swimming pool in this beautiful garden setting, is bound to leave you feeling refreshed and revived.

Relax and enjoy dinner at the Hotel Restaurant.

## Overnight Perry's Bridge Hotel on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Oct 23 Kruger Park

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Join your experienced game rangers - into South Africa's largest and most famous game reserve, the Kruger National Park, in specially modified open safari vehicles. This incredible expanse of wilderness is unrivalled in its variety of wildlife. Your rangers will enthrall you with their passion and knowledge of the bush and its inhabitants, both big and small. All vehicles have carry maps, reference books, binoculars. Blankets are available on the open vehicles. Enjoy a **picnic lunch** in the Park. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon and freshen up before heading to dinner at the Hotel.



## Overnight Perry's Bridge Hotel on a lunch, dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Oct 24

Perry's Bridge to Johannesburg

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After the morning game drive, depart from Perry Bridge and travel through the panoramic route of Mpumalanga. See the beautiful Blyde River Canyon, the vistas of God's Window and the deep cavities at Bourke's Luck Potholes. Visit the historical town of Pilgrims Rest and enjoy lunch before traveling through to Johannesburg.

Late afternoon / early evening arrival in Johannesburg.

\*\* Drive for the day will be approximately 600km – total hours of driving time is 7 hours.

In the Protea Hotels' African Pride Hotels stable, the 197 roomed property offers cost-conscious travelers the chance to relax in affordable comfort, whilst still being able to access one of the many incredible restaurants in the area, such as the Pigalle, Grand Central, Tashas, Mangiare, Pizza Vino all on the new Piazza as well as Giovanni's, Meat Co, JB's Corner and the world-renowned Moyo restaurant on the original Melrose Arch square. This "African international" precinct continues to develop and has become one of the most sought after locations for retail, residential and commercial property in the country. The hotel also offers its own restaurant where breakfast, lunch and dinner are served and a more informal street level deli for a light snack.

Dinner under own arrangements this evening.

### **Overnight Protea Melrose Arch in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis**

Oct 25

Johannesburg

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Today travel with your guide and coach through to Soweto, the largest township in Southern Africa. (Soweto is an acronym for South West Township). Experience the excitement and goodwill of the inhabitants of Soweto as they work towards creating a better South Africa; enjoy the sights and sounds of the typical African township. We visit the site of the June 16 1976 massacre that gave birth to the rise of the anti-apartheid era that would eventually see the downfall of the oppressive government regime of the apartheid (segregation) era. Your tour includes a visit to the Hector Peterson Museum, a monument to a schoolboy shot by the police in 1976 and the only street which was once home to two Nobel Peace Prize winners, Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu. Enjoy lunch at a local shebeen and in the afternoon travel through to the Apartheid Museum. Apartheid was dismantled over a decade ago, but its horror lives on in a stark white building in Johannesburg. The museum takes you on a journey from the dark days of 'whites only' privilege, through to Nelson Mandela's historic release. Time to witness documented film snippets, texts, sound clips and live accounts recapture life in the old South Africa.

### **Overnight Protea Melrose Arch in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis**

Oct 26

Johannesburg

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Day at your leisure to shop or sightsee on your own.

### **Overnight Protea Melrose Arch in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis**

Oct 27 Johannesburg to Sun City

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After breakfast travel through to Sun City (approximately 2 hours). Your guide will assist you with check-in and give you a brief introduction and tour of the complex.



Facing the renowned Gary Player Country Club Golf Course and overlooking the Sun City Lake. The hotel is built around a spectacular atrium themed as a tropical paradise. Dining at the Sun City Hotel is a gastronomic experience not to be missed! Choices range from the African-themed Calabash to the Oriental Orchid. The hotel is home to the Sun City Casino, Salon Privé and the International Room. Three conference venues are available. The hotel is wheel-chair friendly and offers a spa for all guests who could use some relaxation. All rooms at the hotel offer superb views of the Pilanesberg Mountains. Every room

has air-conditioning, an en-suite bathroom, telephone, television, radio, mini bar and safe.

**Overnight Sun City Main Hotel in luxury rooms on a bed and breakfast basis**

Oct 28 Sun City

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Day at leisure.

**Overnight Sun City Main Hotel in luxury rooms on a bed and breakfast basis**

Oct 29 Sun City

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Day at leisure.

**Overnight Sun City Main Hotel in luxury rooms on a bed and breakfast basis**

Oct 30 Sun City to Johannesburg

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Your guide and coach will meet you at the hotel and transfer you back to O.R. Tambo Airport for your flight home to the USA.

**MAIN TOUR - PRICES -- VALID FOR OCT 2010**

**\$5,395.00 per person/double occupancy**

**Single Room Supplement:**

**\$1,200.00**

**Inclusions in above prices:**

- All Airfare, both domestic and international – booked by Best Connection Travel
- Group Meet and Greet at Cape Town Airport and O.R. Tambo Airport
- Transport in a luxury air conditioned coach as specified in the above itinerary
- Registered and qualified guides - one guide in Cape Town and a 2<sup>nd</sup> guide to meet the group at MQP and travel with the group to Johannesburg and provide day tours in Johannesburg.

- 4 nights at Protea President in a standard room on bed and breakfast basis
- Welcome dinner at President Hotel
- Full day Cape Town including entrances for Castle, District Six and Table Mountain and in the afternoon tour of Robben Island
- Full day Cape Town Peninsula Tour including lunch at Simon's Town.
- 2 nights accommodation at Perry's Bridge on a dinner, picnic lunch, bed and breakfast basis
- 1 x afternoon game drive in 4x4 vehicles
- 1 X morning game drive on Day 7 in 4x4 vehicles
- 1 x Full day 4x4 safari with picnic lunch
- Visit to Bourke's Luck Potholes
- Lunch in Pilgrims Rest
- 3 nights accommodation at Protea Melrose Arch in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis
- Full day Soweto tour with entrances into Nelson Mandela home and Hector Peterson Memorial and visit to Apartheid Museum
- Lunch at Baseia shebeen
- Hotel and airport portorage, hotel taxes
- Guide to give a brief tour/introduction to Sun City. Guide will not stay with the group Sun City
- 3 night's accommodation at Sun City Main Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis
- Complimentary travel bags and neck pillows

**Exclusions in above prices:**

- All departure taxes
- Personal items
- Full day Winelands tour including wine tasting and lunch at Fairview, wine tasting at Spier, and visit to Taal Monument
- Meals unless listed in itinerary
- Tips & Gratuities
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms (standard check-in time is 2pm and check out 10am)
- Travel Insurance
- Visa and Passport Handling Fees

**Full day optional Winelands tour including lunch: Add \$150.00 per person**

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