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Overview

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Experience the beauty, history, and culture of South Africa with Penn Professor Marybeth Gasman, who has traveled extensively throughout South Africa. Begin in Cape Town and travel the diverse countryside, visiting Table Mountain, Robben Island, Cape Point, and the wine country. Explore Johannesburg and Soweto with the people of South Africa, including a special visit with the residents of Kliptown, a shanty village near Soweto. Then, end the tour with a visit to Pilansburg National Park to enjoy the country's wildlife on an exciting safari. This tour will focus on the rich history of the country as well as examine its difficult past with lectures and discussion groups led by Professor Gasman.





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Sunday, August 17

Depart the United States on our group flight from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York to Cape Town.

Monday, August 18 Cape Town

Arrive in Cape Town and transfer to the Commodore Hotel, selected for its central location near the Victoria and Albert Waterfront. Celebrate your arrival tonight at a welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant. (D)

Commodore Hotel

Tuesday, August 19 Cape Town

Begin this morning with a visit to Table Mountain, where you will see a view of the city in all its grandeur. Also visit The District 6 Museum, which honors those families who were forcibly removed from their homes under the apartheid regime. Lunch is at leisure. In the afternoon, your tour of Cape Town continues with a visit to the Malay Quarter, a historically significant and ethnically diverse neighborhood. You will also see the city gardens, Parliament buildings, Signal Hill, and the trendy area of Camps Bay. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B) *Commodore Hotel*

Wednesday, August 20 Robben Island and Stellenbosch

Today, experience a unique part of South Africa's apartheid history by making the emotional journey to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Mandela and other anti-apartheid leaders considered Robben Island their "university" – where they made plans for their future leadership of the country. On the island, former inmates and guards will share their experience with you, and help put into greater context South

Africa's struggle for freedom. Afterwards, have lunch at a local winery. In the afternoon, visit the famed wine producing region of Stellenbosch, and stop for a tasting at a well-known South African vineyard. Enjoy dinner together tonight. (B,L,D)

Commodore Hotel

Thursday, August 21 Day trip to Hermanus

This morning, drive to Hermanus, the famous whale watching site wedged between the mountains and sea with spectacular views over Walker Bay. Time is set aside to go whale watching and enjoy the town. Return to Cape Town this evening for a free evening to enjoy our waterfront neighborhood. (B) *Commodore Hotel*

Friday, August 22 Cape Town

Understanding the land is fundamental to the history of South Africa. Today, drive along the Atlantic Coast towards Cape Point to see where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. Visit the Cape of Good Hope which Sir Francis Drake once called "the fairest Cape that we saw in the whole circumference of the Globe." Lunch is at leisure. On the Indian Ocean side of Cape Point, visit the Boulders Beach penguin colony and see historic towns on the False Bay side of Cape Town. Return to Cape Town for dinner together tonight. (B) *Commodore Hotel*

Saturday, August 23 Cape Town and Johannesburg

This morning transfer to Cape Town airport for your flight to Johannesburg. Take a driving tour of the city en route to the Apartheid Museum, where you will learn about the history of race and oppression in the country. Lunch is at leisure today.



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This afternoon, check into the Michelangelo Hotel and enjoy the facilities and nearby Nelson Mandela Square. This evening, meet local Penn Alumni in Johannesburg and enjoy dinner together. (B,D) *Michelangelo Hotel*

Day 8: Sunday, August 24 Johannesburg and Soweto

This morning, visit the city of Soweto. Stop at the Hector Peterson Museum, commemorating the death of a young boy and the Soweto Uprising of 1976. Afterwards, meet with Bob Nameng, the founder of SKY, a social services and youth program established as a response to the desperate conditions of poverty in Soweto's Kliptown area. Visit with families and children in Kliptown and see first-hand the transformation of the community. Stay for a lunch prepared by your hosts. Dinner this evening is at leisure. (B,L) *Michelangelo Hotel*

Monday, August 25 Johannesburg

This morning, follow the Alexandria Township of Rhythm Route which will take you into one of South Africa's most historic black townships. Gain a new understanding of the real essence of life in the township and how the community deals with the day-to-day issues. After lunch, visit Liliesleaf, the farm in northern Johannesburg that was secretly used by African National Congress activists in the 1960s.

You'll hear a first-hand account of the events and circumstances leading up to the infamous raid of the farm in 1963, and learn more about the revolutionary personalities who helped to shape South Africa's democracy. Tonight, enjoy dinner together. (B,L,D) *Michelangelo Hotel*

Tuesday, August 26 Pilanesberg National Park

Depart for Pilanesberg National Park, one of South Africa's magnificent game reserves. Check into the Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge where you'll have lunch. In the afternoon, prepare to see the 'Big Five' in their natural habitat: buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion, and rhinoceros. Afterwards, enjoy a farewell BBQ dinner and share stories about your experiences in South Africa! (B,L,D) *Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge*

Wednesday, August 27 Return to the USA

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the United States, arriving the next day.

Tour Host



Marybeth Gasman is a Professor of Higher Education in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania and holds secondary appointments in history and Africana Studies. She is the author or editor of 18 books and serves as the Director of the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions.

Dr. Gasman's areas of expertise include the history of American higher education, historically black colleges and universities, minority serving institutions, African American leadership, and fundraising and philanthropy. Gasman is extensively published and is a regular contributor to publications as diverse as the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and the *Huffington Post*.



Accommodations

Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

The Commodore Hotel is ideally located overlooking the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, with views of Table Mountain, Robben Island, the Harbor, and the Atlantic Ocean. The hotel's restaurant is open all day and features dishes prepared with the freshest and finest ingredients. Guest rooms have individual air-conditioning units, safes, hairdryers, mini bars, and color TVs.

Michelangelo Hotel, Johannesburg

The Michelangelo Hotel is located in Johannesburg's upscale Sandton neighborhood and overlooks Nelson Mandela Square. The Renaissance-style hotel offers easy access to the neighborhood's shopping, dining, and entertainment. It also features a sauna, heated indoor pool, and acclaimed spa. Guest rooms feature high speed Internet, TV, hairdryer, and mini bar.

Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge

The Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge, located within Pilanesberg National Park, is situated on the slopes of an ancient volcano. Designed in true African style, the lodge offers comfortable rooms with air conditioning, coffee and tea-making facilities, a hairdryer, international multi-plugs, and electronic safes. Meals are skillfully prepared in indoor and outdoor venues throughout the resort.

Tour Prices

Package of Air and Land Arrangements, \$6,485
(Group airfare is roundtrip from New York JFK to Johannesburg)

Land Arrangements Only, \$5,372

For a single room add \$1,345

*Please note: The flight from Capetown-Johannesburg on August 23 is included for all travelers.

Prices are listed in U.S. dollars and are based on a person sharing a room with another. We do our best to maintain the listed price, however prices are set over a year in advance, therefore we reserve the right to adjust costs due to extraordinary circumstances beyond our control. The cost is based on a minimum of 25 guests.

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What is included

- Comprehensive leadership by Marybeth Gasman, a tour manager and professional on-site guides and speakers.
- All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary.
- All ground transportation within the itinerary unless otherwise indicated.
- All sightseeing as specified in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees.
- Gratuities to porters, drivers, and guides.
- Transfers to and from airports for those arriving or departing according to the designated itinerary.
- Baggage handling for one checked piece and one carry on piece per person.
- The assistance of an ATA professional travel team to assist with pre-trip travel arrangements, including flights, extra hotel nights, and other services.
- Comprehensive pre-departure information about the destination, including a suggested reading list.

What is not Included

- U.S. domestic airfare from your home to New York for the group flight.
- Airport transfers and baggage handling for travelers not traveling on the group flight.
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance.
- Passport, visa, airport departure, and excess baggage fees.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meals.
- Personal items such as telephone, fax and internet charges, laundry, room service, alcoholic or other beverages not specified as included.
- Gratuities for non-group services.
- Other expenses incurred in making individual travel arrangements in conjunction with the trip.
- Roundtrip air arrangements from JFK to Johannesburg **only** included with purchase of air and land package.





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