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CAREER ENRICHMENT



Library & Information Services Journey to South Africa

11 days / 8 nights

September 26-October 5, 2022

**arrival back in U.S. on October 6*

\$5,499 (Based on double occupancy)

\$999 (single supplement)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of South Africa while you spend time exploring the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town and the capital city of Johannesburg. An optional safari post trip excursion will be offered on this itinerary.

Program Highlights

- ✓ **Accompanying guest program** – alternate activities will be provided for those who do not wish to attend the meetings.
- ✓ An optional **Kruger National Park** post-program extension will be available.

Focus on Community & Culture

- ✓ A personalized guided tour of the Hector Pietersen Museum with his sister, **Antoinette Sithole**, will give you a chance to learn about his life and tragic death during the protests on June 16, 1976. Learn about the famous photo of her dying brother shared with the world and how it sparked the beginning of the end of apartheid.
- ✓ Embark on an exploration of the darkest years in South African history as you learn about apartheid in South Africa including a **walking tour of Mandela's South African** and a historical tour of **Soweto** (South Western Township).

Focus on Professional Interaction

- ✓ Talk about the extent of professional development for South African librarians during a meeting with the **Library and Information Association of South Africa**.
- ✓ Explore South Africa's libraries and discuss challenges they are facing, including how they promote literacy, during visits to the **National Library, University of South Africa, University of the Western Cape** and/or **University of Cape Town**.
- ✓ Get special access to the **Brenthurst Library in Johannesburg** which is not open to the public.

What's Included:

- 4* accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the int'l airports
- International air to and from South Africa (gateway tentatively Washington, DC area)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Meals as mentioned and most tips

Not Included:

- Personal expenses at the hotels including room service and spa services
- Meals not specified
- Tips for national guide
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Domestic flight to gateway city



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📍 Washington, DC (IAD)

DAY 1- Monday, September 26, 2022 Depart for South Africa

Depart early this evening and make your way to **South Africa**. With a dynamic fusion of African, European, and Asian influences, South Africa is a place of vibrant cultural diversity. Years after its emergence from apartheid, the nation has become a fascinating mix of history and modernity, of ancient traditions and new ideas.

📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY 2 – Tuesday, September 27 Arrival in Johannesburg

Upon arrival at Johannesburg International airport, you will meet your local guide to transfer to the hotel.

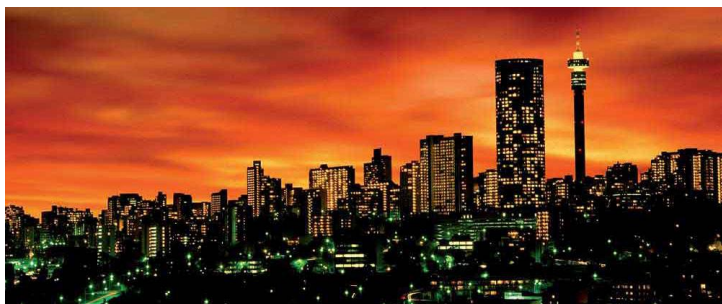
Johannesburg is currently the largest city in Southern Africa with more than six million people and urbanization at 97%. It is a city of contrasts with wealthy suburbs and commercial centers alongside informal settlements, Indian bazaars and African *muti* (medicine) shops, where traditional healers dispense advice and traditional medicine.

Situated in the heart of Johannesburg's most exclusive suburbs, **Southern Sun Hyde Park** offers guests the perfect blend of style, sophistication, relaxation, and elegance in Sandton. The hotel has free Wi-Fi, onsite dining, a business center, outdoor pool and bar, and other upscale amenities. It is close to local shops and restaurants for your convenience.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant this evening.

Overnight: SS Hyde Park (or similar)

Included meals: Dinner



📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY 3 – Wednesday, September 28 Welcome and Orientation

After breakfast, take part in an **orientation and welcome briefing** on South Africa. This comprehensive briefing covers an introduction to your local staff, some historical background, and current information on South African society and economy.

Immediately following, the group will have a speaker from an organization such as the **Library Information Association of South Africa (LIASA)** join the group to discuss professional development for librarians in South Africa. This will provide an opportunity to ask questions and interact with their knowledgeable representative(s).

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

Explore **Nelson Mandela's South Africa** during a walking tour with specialized guide: Jo Buitendach. Start at the Old Pass Office, which issued the permit documents that blacks had to carry - on pain of imprisonment - under apartheid. When Nelson Mandela was a lawyer in Johannesburg, what he was mainly doing was dealing with passbook issue. Also on the itinerary is the notorious John Vorster Square, now Johannesburg Central Police Station, where many political activists were detained and tortured. Proceed to Chancellor House, the office block where Mandela and his old friend and fellow anti-apartheid militant, Oliver Tambo, opened Johannesburg's first black law practice in 1952. Across the street from the law office building towers a six-meter statue of Mandela, the sculpture, titled "Shadow Boxing", portrays the Nobel Peace Prize laureate in boxing attire with his fists held up.

Dinner is by individual arrangement (own expense).

Overnight: SS Hyde Park (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY 4 – Thursday, September 29 Professional Interaction

This morning the group will meet with the **National Library of South Africa** (or similar). NLSA is South Africa's depository and custodian of national heritage materials and tasked to preserve published document and make them accessible to all for posterity of the country. They have a wealth of information, including rare manuscripts, books published in South Africa along with other publications and periodicals. After lunch continue onward to visit the **University of South Africa Library (UNISA)**. The library supports staff and students in teaching and research and has a library on each of their campuses. Meet with librarians and (if available) key faculty to learn about library information technology and other programs for training librarians in South Africa.

Mission: The primary aim of this professional exchange program is to interact with your counterparts in South Africa to explore South African libraries to get a better understanding of their successes in meeting their specific missions; any innovations they have developed; the major challenges/issues they are dealing with in their libraries; and to identify potential collaboration/partnerships.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant today.

Guest program:

Guests will venture to Pretoria, South Africa's political capital filled with stunning architectural and cultural history. At the Voortrekker Monument, see an unparalleled view of the city and take a moment to reflect upon the importance and long-term repercussions of the actions of the first whites to conquer South Africa's interior and northern territories. Later, visit Church Square and the Union Buildings, which are the seat of the South African national government and site of Nelson Mandela's presidential inauguration.

Dinner is by individual arrangement (own expense).

Overnight: SS Hyde Park (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY 5 – Friday, September 30 Professional & Cultural Program

A meeting will be requested for this morning at **Brenthurst Library**. This library is regarded by historians to be one of the most important repositories of Africana in southern Africa and one of the largest privately owned collections. The current facility was built on the Oppenheimer family estate and opened in 1984. The new facility is climate-controlled and includes a conservation studio. Review care of the collection and the importance of the preservation of these books for local and international research.

Guest program:

Guests will have some free time this morning to relax and will connect with the rest of the group for the afternoon humanitarian visit.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

This afternoon the group will visit **Soweto (South Western Township)**, the biggest city in South Africa and heart of the Freedom Struggle. In Kliptown, pay a visit to **Freedom Square**, a place where the Freedom Charter was adopted as the guiding document of the Congress Alliance. In Orlando is the famous **Vilakazi Street**, which has been home to two Nobel peace prize winners and the Hector Pieterse Memorial, the site where the student uprisings of '76 began. Tour the **Hector Pieterse Museum** with his sister, Antoinette Sithole, who will share insights into the uprising and the role her brother played in sparking the movement to end Apartheid.

Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant.

Overnight: SS Hyde Park (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





📍 Cape Town, South Africa

DAY 6 – Saturday, October 1 Fly to Cape Town & Table Mountain

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and head back to O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. Fly to the southern city of **Cape Town** late this morning. The oldest port in southern Africa, Cape Town is regularly heralded as one of the most beautiful cities on earth. Tucked into the arms of a broad bay, it is surrounded by white-sand beaches. Cape Town's Mediterranean look and feel attracts visitors from around the world, and it was the first place settled by European settlers, entrepreneurs, and religious refugees.

Lunch is on your own today if not included in your flight to Cape Town. *Options available at the airport.*

The **Southern Sun Waterfront** is in the heart of a tourist friendly area and a short walk to the V & A Waterfront area. Recently refurbished, they offer convenience and great amenities including free Wi-Fi, AC, fitness center and an outdoor pool. Guest rooms are quite comfortable and include a safe, tea and coffee maker, separate shower, and bathroom amenities.

If *weather permits*, you will have the opportunity to ascend **Table Mountain** via a revolving aerial cable car this afternoon. This iconic symbol of Cape Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site offering stunning views of the entire Cape Peninsula, the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Cape Town, and the harbor.

Dinner will be provided this evening.

Overnight: Southern Sun Waterfront (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



📍 Cape Town, South Africa

DAY 7 – Sunday, October 2 Cape Point Tour & Botanical Gardens

Spend the day with fellow travelers enjoying the sights in and around Cape Town. Explore the countryside via a motor coach tour of the **Cape Peninsula** all the way to the **Cape of Good Hope** (Cape Point) in Table Mountain National Park. Extraordinary care has been taken to protect this lush reserve of indigenous flora and fauna, and the striking natural beauty of the area makes it a destination for both foreign and local visitors.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

After lunch, stop to see the rare **African penguins** in their natural surroundings at Boulders Beach. There are few places in the world where you can get this close to a breeding colony of penguins, and you'll get a firsthand look at these flightless birds as they roam freely around the area.

On the way back to town, stop to take a walk through the **Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens** to see some extraordinary indigenous plants.

Dinner is by individual arrangement this evening. You might check out the **Victoria and Alfred Waterfront**, which features magnificent sea and mountain vistas as well as exciting shopping and entertainment venues, cafés, restaurants, and markets.

Overnight: Southern Sun Waterfront (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch





📍 Cape Town, South Africa

DAY 8 – Monday, October 3 Professional Exchange

Today is set aside for continued professional interaction with your counterparts to visit one of the **University of Cape Town libraries**. UCT Libraries is a network of seven libraries across all UCT campuses that offers state-of-the-art technology, vast collections of reading and research material. Their librarians can assist students in person and online via virtual appointments and other resources like subject guides and Ask a Librarian tool.

Weather permitting, enjoy a stroll through the **Company's Garden**. The oldest garden in South Africa the Dutch East India Trading Company, the infamous tea importer, started the garden in 1652 by shipwreck survivors who planted fruits and vegetables to stay alive. Today, the garden (now a provincial heritage site) is home to some 8,000 species, a mix of indigenous and foreign plants.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

This afternoon, a meeting is requested with a **Cape Town City Library**. Cape Town's Library and Information Services Department consists of 103 service points, including 102 libraries and one satellite library. These services loan out books, CDs and DVDs, as well as provide access to electronic resources, newspapers, magazines/journals, and programs in information-retrieval skills.

Guest program:

This morning guests will enjoy a transcending history tour before lunch. This is a walking tour in the Mother City which engages primarily with and speaks to pre-Apartheid Cape history. It will incorporate local history SAN KHOE and Slavery. Later enjoy a wine tasting and cellar tour at Groot Constantia, sampling various offerings. Visit their facilities and explore their old Dutch manor house. The farm of Groot Constantia was established in 1685, when the land was granted to Simon van der Stel – thus making it one of the oldest commercial wine farms in South Africa.

Dinner is by individual arrangement (own expense).

Overnight: Southern Sun Waterfront (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

📍 Cape Town, South Africa

DAY 9 – Tuesday, October 4 Morning Meeting & Cape Winelands

This morning, head out of town to explore outside the city including a visit to a library affiliated with the **University of the Western Cape**. Continue discussions of mutual interest with their library staff, including the Centre for Student Support Services (CSSS), which enhances student learning on multiple levels.

Guest program:

*Guests will stop in the delightful village of **Pniël** between Stellenbosch and Franschhoek for a walking tour. Pniël traces its history back to 1842 when two local farmers of Huguenot descent, Pieter Isaac de Villiers and Paul Retief, donated land to the recently freed slaves of the Groot Drakenstein area with the intention that they should use it to build a self-supporting mission station. The village is in the bosom of Simonsberg Mountain that has watched over a history of slavery, but also of a people that struggled for freedom through hard work, faith and education.*

Lunch will be provided this afternoon at Babylonstoren, one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms, set at the foot of Simonsberg in the Franschhoek wine valley. Enjoy a stroll through their amazing 8-acre gardens as well.

This afternoon, visit a local **black-owned wine estate** such as *M'Hudi* or *Aslina*, sampling various offerings to enjoy an authentic African wine experience.

Return to the hotel for some time to freshen up.

Say goodbye as you reflect and share memories over a farewell dinner at GOLD Restaurant (a favorite of your leaders offering an immersive experience).

Overnight: Southern Sun Waterfront (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





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📍 Departure

DAY 10 – Wednesday, October 5 Departure

Fly back to Washington, DC today with arrival the following morning (Thursday, Oct 6). The morning is yours to explore independently and prepare for hotel check-out.

Depending on flight time, lunch is on your own this afternoon with meal service provided on your international flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

📍 Arrival

DAY 11 – Thursday, October 6 Arrival in U.S.

Arrive back in the U.S. this morning to connect to your flight home.





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📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

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