



CAREER ENRICHMENT



## Music Education Journey to South Africa

**11 days / 8 nights**

**January 4-13, 2021**

*\*arrival back in the U.S. on January 14*

**\$5,699** (Based on double occupancy)

**\$799** (single supplement)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of South Africa while you spend time exploring the oceanfront city of Durban and the capital city of Johannesburg.

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### Program Highlights

- ✓ 8-night (11 day) journey through South Africa
- ✓ An *optional* 3-night **safari extension** will be available to explore the Munyawana Conservancy

### Focus on Community & Culture

- ✓ Embark on an exploration of the darkest years in South African history at the **Apartheid Museum** as well as a driving tour of the **South Western Township (Soweto)** where you will have a chance to visit a local community center such as ACOSA or MIAGI.

### Focus on Professional Interaction

- ✓ The primary professional objective of this journey is meaningful interaction and collaboration with a focus on **music education curriculum**, discussions on access to band and choral classes in schools, and an exchange of knowledge with your counterparts.
- ✓ Participants in this journey will enhance their understanding and appreciation of the culture and history of the South African people while learning about the **rich heritage of their music traditions**.
- ✓ Exchange knowledge and discuss challenges in education with colleagues in **public and private schools and universities** in Johannesburg and Durban such as the Durban School of Music and the University of Pretoria School of the Arts: Music.

### What's Included:

- 4\* accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airports
- International air to and from South Africa (gateway tentatively Washington, DC area)
- Meals as mentioned and most tips

### Not Included:

- Personal expenses at the hotels
- Meals not specified
- Tips for national guide
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Domestic flight to gateway city
- Departure taxes where applicable



📍 **Washington, DC (IAD)**

**DAY 1– Monday, January 4, 2021**  
**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. In the early 1990s, the nation emerged from years under the oppressive apartheid regime and evolved into a stable modern democracy under the inspirational leadership of Nelson Mandela, one of the world’s most respected political figures. South Africa is home to an enormous variety of birds and animals and is one of the best places in the world for big game encounters.

📍 **Johannesburg, South Africa**

**DAY 2 – Tuesday, January 5**  
**Arrival in Johannesburg**

Upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport, you will meet your local guide. Transfer to the hotel for check-in and overnight.

**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. Johannesburg is in Gauteng Province. “Gauteng” is a Sotho word meaning Place of Gold.

Situated in the heart of Johannesburg’s most exclusive suburbs, the hotel’s well-appointed rooms feature a range of amenities, including iPod docks, DVD players, mini bars, and in-room tea and coffee facilities. It is close to nearby shops and restaurants and offers onsite dining, a business center, pool and concierge.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant this evening.

**Overnight: Southern Sun Hyde Park (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Dinner**

📍 **Johannesburg, South Africa**

**DAY 3 – Wednesday, January 6**  
**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.

Late this morning meet with an introductory speaker from an organization such as the **South African Society of Music Teachers** for an overview of music education in South Africa. Learn more about education standards and assessments.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

This afternoon the group will embark on an exploration of the darkest years in South African history at the **Apartheid Museum**. Likened to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., this haunting museum takes you into the beating heart of the struggle for freedom from apartheid, the grip of the National Party’s regime during apartheid, and the giddy days of liberation.

Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant.

**Overnight: Southern Sun Hyde Park (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**





📍 **Johannesburg, South Africa**

**DAY 4 – Thursday, January 7**  
**Soweto & Music Center**

This morning you will visit the massive **South Western Township (Soweto)** of Johannesburg, 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.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

After lunch visit a community center or music centric organization such as the MIAGI Center in Soweto or ACOSA. The **African Cultural Organization of South Africa (ACOSA)** started as a community initiative over five decades ago to preserve the arts and culture of Johannesburg. It is now a home for young and old musicians alike to learn and perform together. Their vision is to improve music education in South Africa to ensure their indigenous music and original compositions are passed down from generation to generation and not lost due to the lack of music writing skills.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

**Overnight: Southern Sun Hyde Park (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

📍 **Johannesburg, South Africa**

**DAY 5 – Friday, January 8**  
**Professional Interaction**

Meetings will be requested for today with a local university such as the **University of Pretoria**. Their *School of Art: Music* program offers a broad range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs, covering classical, jazz and African music. They are the only university on the African continent that offers Music Therapy as an under- and post-graduate option.

**Mission:** Share and exchange information about music and the arts; education; and cultural similarities/differences with colleagues and students. The goal is to investigate required curriculum in music classes; explore traditional music of South Africa; visit and interact with teachers in the local communities; and to gain an understanding of teacher training requirements in universities.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant today.

Later in the day visit a local school or music organization such as the **Johannesburg Youth Orchestra**. Established in 1998, JYOC is a non-profit with a vision to be recognized as the premiere youth music organization in the world. They work with the local youth and communities to provide a center of musical excellence in orchestral training.

Dinner is by individual arrangement (own expense).

**Overnight: Southern Sun Hyde Park (or similar)**  
**Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**





📍 **Durban, South Africa**

**DAY 6 – Saturday, January 9**  
**Fly to Durban**

Check out of the hotel this morning and depart for **Durban**. Durban is a sophisticated city that is home to Africa’s busiest port and has a population of over three million people. East meets West in this cosmopolitan city that is still distinctly African.

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to a local market area where lunch is on your own arrangement this afternoon.

Continue to the **Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel** later this afternoon for check-in and some free time to get settled.

The hotel’s vibrant beach location is great for business travelers and has exceptional amenities and accommodation. Set alongside the Indian Ocean, the fantastic view and 7 km promenade are a fabulous location for your stay in Durban. The hotel has a wide variety of onsite dining, three heated pools, a spa, two fitness centers, and concierge services.

Dinner will be provided early this evening followed by a **music performance** (*more information will be available closer to travel depending on what performances are available*).

**Overnight: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani**  
**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**



📍 **Durban, South Africa**

**DAY 7 – Sunday, January 10**  
**Cultural Explorations**

Depart the hotel this morning to explore Durban including a stop to see the **Kwa-Muhle Museum**. Housed in the former headquarters of the infamous Native Administration Department, this museum honors the individuals who helped Durban achieve national prominence in the pre-apartheid era. See some of the temples in Durban and learn about the rich Indian heritage of the city.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon at Govindas, at the ISKON Temple of Understanding.

This afternoon the group will visit a local market such as **Victoria Street Market**, a vibrant Indian market, with its colorful stalls, fish market, and curio outlets. Many local markets offer a wide range of African arts and crafts are available, including finely woven baskets, beaded dolls and animals, and intricately carved chairs.

Enjoy a home hosted meal this evening with a local fourth-generation South African Indian family. They will provide a home cooked dinner for your enjoyment.

**Overnight: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**



📍 Durban, South Africa

**DAY 8 – Monday, January 11**  
**Professional Program**

Today the group will **visit a local school** such as *Sathya Sai in Chatsworth* or *B Hariram Sungeeth School of Music*. Spend time visiting with their faculty and students to learn about music ensembles in local schools and to discuss access to music education in South Africa.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

After lunch visit the **Durban Music School** (or similar). Located in the heart of the city, they set up shop in a very disadvantaged area (at least at that time) with the aim to enrich and offer a future to the children in the neighborhood. This provides the opportunity to take music lessons and be immersed in hearing fantastic music from local talent. The community has a chance to also attend their concerts quarterly (free to the public) with many of the local children performing. Discuss their program and learn about education standards and assessment in South Africa for the arts.

Dinner is by individual arrangement (own expense).

**Overnight: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani**  
**Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

📍 Durban, South Africa

**DAY 9 – Tuesday, January 12**  
**Morning Meeting & Free Time**

Today wrap up your professional exchange with a last visit with musicians and music educators at an organization such as **UKUSA Performing Arts Program at the University of Kwazulu-Natal**. Their program is known nationally and internationally for its creative works and research in Africana music, dance, ethnomusicology, jazz and music education and fantastic staff. The school generally has 260 undergrad and 50 grad students at a time allowing for lots of interaction with the faculty in the music departments. Talk to the faculty about the cultural impact of students attending universities in South Africa and teacher training.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon, perhaps at *Florida Fields*, before returning to the hotel.

You will have a chance to freshen up and relax this afternoon before dinner.

Say goodbye as you reflect and share memories over a **farewell dinner** at a local restaurant.

**Overnight: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani**  
**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**





📍 **Departure**

**DAY 10 – Wednesday, January 13**

**Departure**

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

Lunch is on your own this afternoon with meal service provided on your international flight home.

**Included meals: Breakfast**

📍 **Arrival**

**DAY 11 – Thursday, January 14**

**Arrival in US**

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





📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

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📍 Durban, South Africa

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