



CAREER ENRICHMENT



## Library & Information Services Journey to South Africa

**11 days / 8 nights**

**September 27-October 6, 2021**

*\*arrival back in U.S. on October 7*

**\$5,999** (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

- ✓ 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)**.
- ✓ **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

- ✓ Talk to the people you meet along the way. You'll be delighted at how open to conversation the locals are, and you may surprise yourself with the new impressions formed.
- ✓ Giving back and engaging with the local community is an important part of your journey. Visit the **Bookery Project** to take part in a *coverathon* to help aid the depot repairing books donated and being fixed and passed along to a needy local public school.

### 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 Johannesburg (Soweto), Iziko Library in Cape Town, and/or Library of Parliament**.

#### 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)
- 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



📍 **Washington, DC (IAD)**

**DAY 1 – Monday, September 27, 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. 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 28**  
**Arrival in Johannesburg**

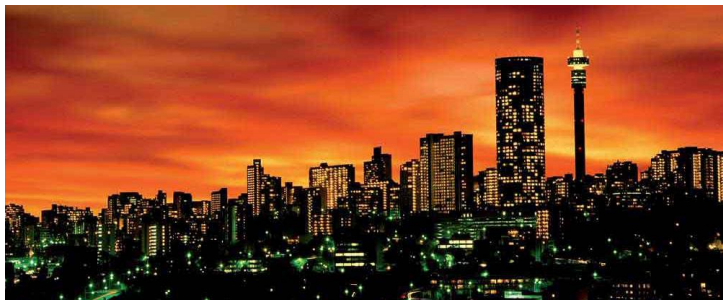
Upon arrival at Johannesburg International airport, you will meet your local guide to transfer to the hotel.

**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 & 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 29**  
**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 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 is by individual arrangement (own expense).

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





📍 **Johannesburg, South Africa**

**DAY 4 – Thursday, September 30**  
**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 a **public or city of Pretoria library**.

**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, October 1**  
**Professional & Cultural Program**

A meeting will be requested for this morning at the **University of Johannesburg Libraries (Soweto campus)**. 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.

**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 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.

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 2**  
**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 3**  
**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 4 Professional Exchange

Today is set aside for continued professional interaction with your counterparts to visit one of the three libraries of the **Iziko Museum of South Africa**. They have a natural history, social history, and national gallery library with various collections open to the public and researchers. They house some of the finest pieces in their respective focuses including rare books/journals.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

This afternoon, a meeting is requested with the **Library of Parliament**. The main purpose of this special library is to fulfil the information needs and requirements of Members of Parliament, Ministers and Parliamentary staff by providing unbiased, relevant information and publications. The library is a legal deposit library, meaning that it is entitled to claim a copy of every publication in printed and electronic form published in South Africa. Their vast collection includes books, maps, atlases, photographs, CDs, DVDs, online database and links to internet resources.

### Guest program:

*Guests will visit Bo-Kaap, the only area in the city of Cape Town where the Cape Malay community were not forcibly removed under Apartheid. It is a bright and colorful area, one of the most photographed places in Cape Town. Enjoy some time free late this afternoon to explore the waterfront. The V&A Waterfront is Cape Town's premier retail, dining and entertainment precinct. Lunch will be provided this afternoon.*

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 5 Morning Meeting & Cape Winelands

This morning spend time helping staff at the **Bookery project** with covering donated books. The Bookery identifies local schools that need libraries, and they partner with them to build vibrant and well-stocked libraries for their learners. They seek funding to help cover the costs of setting up the libraries; stock the libraries; and employ trained library assistants to care for and grow the libraries.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

Travelers will escape to enjoy a wine tasting at a winery in the **Constantia Winelands**. This growing area has centuries-old homesteads as well as new boutique wineries. Only 20 minutes from the city center, this is the oldest wine region in Southern Africa and has many world-class wines produced in the fertile valley. Visit a local winery estate like *Groot Constantia*, sampling various offerings. Visit their facilities and explore their old Dutch manor house. Those interested can purchase wine to bring (or ship) home.

Return to the hotel for some time to freshen up.

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

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





**📍 Departure**

**DAY 10 – Wednesday, October 6  
Departure**

Fly back to Washington, DC today with arrival the following morning (Thursday, Oct 7). 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 7  
Arrival in U.S.**

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





📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

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