

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. Founded in 1886, Johannesburg has become the country's commercial, industrial, and financial center, perfectly preserving South Africa's history and offering a look at a promising future. Cape Town is regularly heralded as one of the most beautiful cities on earth with the magnificent Table Mountain provides a stunning backdrop to the city.

Program Highlights

- 8-night (11 day) journey through South Africa
- Accompanying guest program alternate activities will be provided for those who do not wish to attend the meetings.
- Embark on an exploration of the darkest years in South African history at the **Apartheid Museum**.
- 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

- Meaningful interaction and collaboration with counterparts will focus on the status of information technology implementation and other innovations happening today.
- 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.

Journey Leader: Dr. Camila Alire, Dean Emerita at the University of New Mexico and Colorado State University

She serves as the lead consultant for Alire and Associates. Camila received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado and an MLS from the University of Denver. Recognized as a library leader, Camila is a past president of ALA (American Library Association), ACRL (Association for College and Research Libraries) and national REFORMA (Association to Promote Library and Information Services for Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking) and Reforma Colorado.



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