



SEMESTER AT SEA®



Spring 2014 Parent Trip

South Africa

March 26 - April 4, 2014

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DAY 1

March 26: Arrival in Cape Town

Independent travel to Cape Town. Upon arrival in Cape Town, transfer from the Cape Town International Airport to the hotel will be arranged. The afternoon will be at leisure, followed by a Welcome Reception in the hotel featuring South African wines and cuisine. *Evening Reception* | *Lodging: Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront Cape Town*

DAY 2

March 27: Cape Town

This is a free day in Cape Town for everyone to explore the city as they please. You may wish to climb Table Mountain, visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years, or simply explore the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, until we meet up again for spectacular views and sunset with selections of fine South African cuisine. *Meals: B, D* | *Lodging: Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront Cape Town*



DAY 3

March 28: MV Explorer Arrival in Cape Town

Following breakfast at the hotel, we will watch the arrival of the *MV Explorer* to Cape Town. The remainder of the day and evening will be free to spend with family. You will have the option of boarding the ship or exploring Cape Town. Please note that some voyagers may have required, faculty-led Field Labs. *Meals: B, L (optional, on ship)* | *Lodging: Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront Cape Town*



DAY 4

March 29: Cape Peninsula & Cape Point

In the morning, we will drive along one of South Africa's most scenic routes to Cape Point, the spectacular southern tip of Africa. Among the highlights along this journey are the African penguin colony at Boulders Beach, the famous Groote Schuur Hospital, and the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. We will return to Cape Town in the late afternoon. Dinner will be on your own. *Meals: B* | *Lodging: Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront Cape Town*

DAY 5

March 30: Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve

Following an early breakfast and hotel checkout, we will depart for Johannesburg where we will be met by a local guide and fly by charter to the Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve. In the late afternoon we will reach our spectacular lodges in the Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve, which borders the southwestern section of the world-famous Krueger National Park. Following tea, we will depart for our first of four game drives in our open air 4 x 4 vehicles. Dinner with regional South African cuisine will be served at the lodge. *Meals: B, L (picnic lunch), D | Lodging: Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve (Bush Lodge or Earth Lodge)*

DAY 6

March 31: Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve

We will have coffee, tea, and biscuits before our early morning game drive. Upon our return to the lodge, we will have a full breakfast. The remainder of the day will be free for various activities, such as a bush walk around the lodge, a massage at the spa, a quick workout at the fitness center, or watching wildlife from your private veranda. We'll meet again for afternoon tea and a late afternoon game drive followed by dinner by firelight. *Meals: B, L, D | Lodging: Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve (Bush Lodge or Earth Lodge)*



DAY 7

April 1: Sabi Sabi & Return to Cape Town

We will have another early morning game drive followed by a hearty breakfast before checking out of the lodge. We will travel back to Johannesburg for an afternoon flight back to Cape Town, arriving at our hotel in the early evening. We will have an unforgettable evening of South African cuisine and dancing at Marco's Place, an iconic and eclectic restaurant. *Meals: B, L (picnic lunch), D | Lodging: Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront Cape Town*

DAY 8

April 2: Cape Town/MV Explorer

This is an open day for parents and voyagers to explore Cape Town independently while some voyagers attend required, faculty-led Field Labs. In the late afternoon, there will be a reception with the voyage deans and faculty aboard the *MV Explorer* prior to the departure of the ship. *Meals: B, Reception | Lodging: Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront Cape Town*



DAY 9

April 3: The Winelands

In the morning, we will take the N1 National Road to the romantic town of Paarl, the "Pearl" of the Berg River Valley. We will also visit the village of Franschhoek, which has a rich history and tradition of viticulture dating back to the 17th century arrival of French Huguenots. Following lunch on your own we will visit Stellenbosch, a popular university town and the second oldest town in South Africa. For our last evening, we will have a farewell dinner. *Meals: B, D | Lodging: Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront Cape Town*

DAY 10

April 4: Cape Town/Journey Home

Departures from Cape Town, with transfers to the airport included. *Meals: B*