Around South Africa in 16 Days
Land of Nelson Mandela and the Rainbow Nation
September 16 – October 1, 2018

DAY 1 – Sunday, September 16
Afternoon Check into hotel in Cape Town.
Evening Dinner and briefing session.

DAY 2 – Monday, September 17
Morning Welcome breakfast. Relaxed city orientation and walk through St. Georges Mall including a visit to the Company’s Gardens and slave lodge. Depart to local communities to spend an afternoon at local community preschools.
Afternoon A visit to Bo-KAAP and the District Six Museum in the former inner-city residential area. It was founded as a memorial to the forced movement of 60,000 inhabitants of various races in District Six during Apartheid in South Africa in the 1970s.
Evening Dinner theatre at the Rockwell, presenting “Kaapse Stories”, which means Cape Town Stories. This award-winning show will transport international and local guests of all ages into the vibrant world of District Six, through the adventures of the Kleintjies family. Written and directed by Basil Appollis, the stories give you an inspiring insight into the “rainbow nation” of Cape Town. Included is a resplendent, 4-course offering of the best culinary experiences that traditional Cape cuisine has to offer.

DAY 3 – Tuesday, September 18
Morning Full English breakfast at hotel. Presentation on South African history. Enjoy a circular guided tour of the Cape Town Peninsula including a visit to Kirstenbosch Gardens, Table Mountain, Cape Point, and Simon’s Town.
Afternoon Lunch en route during tour.
Evening Dinner at the waterfront.
DAY 4 – Wednesday, September 19

Morning  Full English breakfast at hotel.
          Depart for Robben Island. Nelson Mandela, the former president of South Africa, was held as a political prisoner on the island for 18 of the 27 years that he was incarcerated before the end of apartheid.

          Depart for Stellenbosch, the heart of the Cape winelands.

Afternoon  Enjoy lunch at the Seven Sisters Wine Farm. The owner, Vivian Kleynhans, the only black wine maker in Stellenbosch, shares the story of the Seven Sisters and presents an African food and wine pairing.

          Check in to hotel at Stellenbosch.

Evening  Dinner and an evening of song at a local community church.

DAY 5 – Thursday, September 20

Morning  Full English breakfast at hotel.
          Discussion on South Africa Today, followed by a guided walking experience around Stellenbosch. Visit the historical center, university campus, and botanical gardens guided by Pietman Retif, a retired counselor responsible for tourism and agriculture at the Stellenbosch Municipality.

          Depart for the winelands and a visit in Solms-Delta situated in the Franschhoek Valley. Solms-Delta is a wine farm where ownership and profits are equally shared with the workers cultivating a sense of pride, belonging and ownership to those who have, for generations, call the historic farm home.

Afternoon  Lunch at Solms-Delta.
          Visit picturesque Franschhoek, the “French corner”, where French Huguenots settled and brought with them the art of winemaking, for a walkabout through quaint galleries and cafes.

Evening  Dine with locals in Kayamandi, a Xhosa township in Stellenbosch, to experience true South African hospitality in the company of the local host, storyteller, entertainer, and chef.
**DAY 6 – Friday, September 21**

**Morning**  
Full English breakfast at hotel.

**Afternoon**  
Lunch at Stellenbosch University, Neelsie Student Center.

Visit to the Van Ryn Brandy Cellar. The Van Ryn’s Distillery, housed in a beautifully preserved historic complex on the banks of the Eerste River, is the only brandy distillery in Stellenbosch. Also home to the world’s best brandy.

**Evening**  
Dinner at the hotel.

**DAY 7 – Saturday, September 22**

**Morning**  
Full English breakfast at hotel.

Early morning departure for Garden Route. The Garden Route is a 190 mile stretch of the southwestern coast of South Africa. The Route is sandwiched between the mountains and the Indian Ocean. Various bays along the Garden Route are nurseries to the endangered southern right whale.

**Afternoon**  
Lunch en route.

Arrive in Grand Route and check in to the hotel. Experience the beauty of the Outeniqua Mountains on a unique rail pass, one of the most scenic routes in South Africa. Enjoy the forest, four passes, waterfalls, seven tunnels, fynbos, proteas, bird, and animal life.

**Evening**  
Dinner.

**DAY 8 – Sunday, September 23**

**Morning**  
Full English breakfast.

Explore the Knysna Forest. World famous for its magical beauty, dark and mystical recesses and giant Outeniqua Yellowwoods, some of which are almost a thousand years old. It has achieved a mythical and permanent place in South African literature through the works of writer Dalene Matthee who has found inspiration for numerous novels in the heart of the forest.

**Afternoon**  
Picnic lunch in the forest.

**Evening**  
Dinner at Knysna Quays.
**Day 9 – Monday, September 24**
**Morning** Full English breakfast.

Depart for the western cape town of Oudtshoorn, driving through the Klein Karoo. Check into hotel.

Visit the Cango Caves which offer a choice of Heritage (easy) or Adventure Tours.

**Afternoon** Lunch at Highgate Ostrich Show Farm. Tour Highgate to learn the fascinating story of striches and ostrich farming in Oudtshoorn for over 100 years.

**Evening** Dinner and entertainment.

**DAY 10 – Tuesday, September 25**
**Morning** Full English breakfast at hotel.

Early morning departure continuing on the Garden Route. Nestled between forested mountains, sea and curving around a big lagoon, visit The Heads where the sea crashed through these two massive sandstone cliffs. Optional bungee jumping – face your fears as you bungee from the world’s highest bungee jumping bridge or watch the adrenaline junkies as they scream through the air or visit the 1000 year old Big Tree in Tsitsikamma forest. Walk along forest trails in Tsitsikamma National Park, exploring this marine reserve with its unique combination of dramatic coastal and forest landscapes.

**Afternoon** Depart for Port Elizabeth airport for the flight to Johannesburg. Lunch is en route. Port Elizabeth forms part of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality and is located in South Africa’s Eastern Cape Province.

Depart for Johannesburg.

Arrive at Oliver Tambo International Airport. Johannesburg is South Africa’s largest city and the capital of Gauteng province. It began as a 19th-century gold-mining settlement. Its sprawling Soweto Township was once home to Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

**Evening** Check in and dinner at the hotel.

**DAY 11 – Wednesday, September 26**
**Morning** Full English breakfast at hotel.

Depart for Cradle of Humankind UNESCO World Heritage Site. This is a paleoanthropological site.

**Afternoon** Return to Johannesburg. Lunch en route.

**Evening** Dinner and Jazz at the Orbit. The Orbit is a small jazz social club that offers an intimate environment where musicians and jazz aficionados hang around to listen to live music. **Evening alternative: Theatre production**
DAY 12 – Thursday, September 27
Morning       Full English breakfast at hotel.

Depart for Kruger National Park. Located in north-eastern South Africa, this is one of Africa’s largest game reserves. Its high density of wild animals includes the Big 5: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and buffaloes. It is also home to hundreds of other mammals and bird species such as vultures, eagles and storks. Mountains, bush plains and tropical forests are all part of the landscape.

Check into the lodge.

Afternoon      Lunch at the lodge.
               Game drive. The first opportunity to view Africa’s incredible wildlife.

Evening       Dinner at the lodge.

DAY 13 – Friday, September 28
Early Morning  Tea and coffee.

Enjoy excellent sunrise game viewing in Kruger Park.

Morning       Packed breakfast.

Afternoon      Lunch in Kruger National Park as we continue our search for wildlife.
               Continue on game drive with experienced guide offering in depth knowledge of the Kruger Park and all the best waterholes to spot wildlife.

Evening       Dinner at the lodge with boma and campfire experience.

DAY 14 – Saturday, September 29
Morning       Early morning nature walk with a qualified guide where we learn more about spoor (tracks) of the various animals, birdlife and more.

Full English breakfast at the lodge.

Depart for Blyde River Canyon via the Panorama route to enjoy the incredible scenery.

Afternoon      Depart for Johannesburg. Lunch en route.

Evening       Dinner at the hotel.
DAY 15 – Sunday, September 30
Morning    Full English breakfast at hotel.
            Depart for the Apartheid Museum.
Afternoon  Lunch in Soweto.
            Hector Petersen Museum and Vuyokazi Street.
Evening    Farewell dinner in true South African style.

DAY 16 – Monday, October 1
            Group departs from Oliver Tambo International Airport.

Optional add-on
Victoria Falls

DAY 16 – Monday, October 1
Check in to the Ilala Lodge. Lunch and dinner are provided this day.

DAY 17 – Tuesday, October 2
A guided tour of the majestic Victoria Falls and encompassing nature reserves is an awe-inspiring experience. Known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya (the smoke that thunders), tons of water plunge over a chasm that is nearly 2km wide falling just more than 100m to the Zambezi River below. The shower of spray and the thunderous sound of the water can be heard from miles around. The tour takes you to the best viewpoints of this iconic waterfall, one of the seven wonders of the world, allowing you to soak up the powerful and enigmatic atmosphere of Victoria Falls.

DAY 18 – Wednesday, October 3
Step into the romance of Africa on this two-hour cruise down the Zambezi River complemented by the sinking sun and host of onboard amenities. Besides the ambience on board the boat, helped along by finger snacks, beer, champagne and soft drinks, this is fantastic choice for those wanting to do some last-minute game viewing as animals come down to the river banks to drink and to take spectacular photographs of this special time of night in Africa. The sunset cruise is a fantastic way to end another day in Africa.
**DAY 19 – Thursday, October 4**
Half day Chobe Day Trip – Head over the border into Botswana on this exciting half-day exploration of the Chobe National Park, home to vast herds of elephant, hippos, lions, hyena, and cheetah. The morning is spent exploring the reserve in customized game vehicles or cruising down the impressive river for some relaxed game viewing. Either way you are assured of an outstanding wildlife experience at this esteemed and most popular wildlife destination.

**DAY 20 – Friday, October 5**
Departure from Victoria Falls returning to Johannesburg.

**Program fee:**
16-days in South Africa $4,500.00 based on double-occupancy; single-supplement $700.00

**Optional add-on**
16-days in South Africa and 4-days in Victoria Falls $6,000.00 based on double-occupancy; single-supplement $905.00

Included in the program fee: All transportation once you arrive in Africa, meals, lodging, museum entrance, and excursion fees. If you choose the Victoria Falls add-on, your round-trip airfare (Johannesburg to Victoria Falls) for this portion is included in the add-on price.

Not included in the program fee: Airfare to and from Africa, laundry charges, liquor purchases, and luxuries/souvenirs.