

George Mason University
South Africa Study Abroad: Summer 2012
29 JULY – 10 AUGUST
Programme*

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University of Pretoria, with assistance from Dr Yolanda Spies.

Sunday 29 July:

Individual Arrival/Check-in at Brooklyn Guesthouse

7:15pm Group dinner at guesthouse
8:30pm Welcome and Orientation

Monday 30 July

7.30- 8:30am Breakfast at your leisure
8:30am Departure for the University of Pretoria (10 min walk, if you need special transportation please book in advance with MMM)
9:00-10:30am *An overview of the South African Political landscape*, Mr Prince Mashele, Director: Centre for Politics and Research / Dept of Political Sciences, UP
10:30-10:45am Tea break
10:50-12:30pm *Dreaming of BRICS: South Africa's reality in the big league*, Dr Lyal White, GIBS, UP.
12:30-1:30pm Lunch on campus
1:30-3:00pm *The scourge of HIV/AIDS in South Africa*, Mr Pierre Brouard, Centre for the Study of AIDS, UP.
3:30-5.30pm Drumming session with Mr Charles Mugenwa on campus (Music Department)
Evening Group dinner at Guesthouse

Tuesday 31 July

8:30am Departure for Hammanskraal for visit to the AIDS centre. Mr Sydney Montana will act as guide.
12:00pm Lunch
Afternoon sightseeing
We'll drive through the city of Pretoria. Pretoria is the administrative capital of South Africa and renowned for its colorful gardens, shrubs and trees. Your city tour will bring you to visit the Voortrekker Monument, which dominates the Pretoria skyline.
5:00pm Return to guesthouse
6:30pm *The US and South Africa*, Dr Siphamandla Zondi, Director of the Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD).
7.30pm Traditional Braai group dinner

Wednesday 1 August

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure

9:00am Departure to Apartheid Museum (Johannesburg)
2:30pm Buffet Lunch at Apartheid Museum
1:30pm Trip through Soweto. Visit to Hector Petersen Museum and Mandela's house.
6:30pm Dinner at Soweto Restaurant.

Thursday 2 August

8:00- 8:30am Breakfast at your leisure
8:30 am Departure to the University of Pretoria (10 min walk. If you need special transportation please book with MMM in advance)
8.45-10.00am *South African Foreign Policy*, Dr Yolanda Spies, Dept of Political Sciences, UP.
10:00-10:15am Tea break
10:15-11:45pm *South Africa and the Southern African Region*, Dr Yolanda Spies, Dept of Political Sciences, UP.
12:00-1:30pm Lunch on campus with Prof David Medalie, Dept. of English, UP and author of the novel *The Shadow Follows* and the collection of short stories, *The Mistress's Dog*.
1:30-3:00pm *Aspects of Black Economic Empowerment (BEE): Socio-economic and enterprise development in poverty alleviation*, Dr Tashmia Ismail, GIBS, University of Pretoria
3-3:30pm Tea break
Evening: Free (dinner on your own)

Friday 3 August

8:00am Breakfast at your leisure
9:00am Check-out of guest house load bus
9:00-10:30 *The African elephant as a flagship for transnational conservation*, Prof Rudi van Aarde, Dept of Zoology, UP
10:45am Departure for Pilanesberg Nature Reserve
1:00pm Arrival and check-in to Kwa Maritine. Lunch at the lodge.
3:45pm Depart for Evening Game Drive
Evening: Free, Dinner at your leisure in the lodge restaurant

Saturday 4 August

Breakfast at your leisure
Day free for individual activities
3:45pm Depart for Evening Game Drive, Group dinner in the bush

Sunday 5 August

12:00pm Check-out and load bags
12:30pm Lunch in Lodge
1:00pm Departure for airport, with a quick stop for shopping
Check-in to the Breakwater Lodge.
Dinner on your own.

Monday 6 August

8:00am	Breakfast at your leisure
9:00am	Depart hotel for the University of Cape Town Business School (5 minute walk)
9:30-10.45am	Review discussion with Maxi Schoeman and Thys van Schaik
11.00-12.30	<i>South Africa's growing corporate expansion into Africa</i> , Dr Mills Soko, University of Cape Town Business School
12:30-1:30	Lunch at the Breakwater Lodge
1:30-3:00pm	<i>Southern African transport issues</i> , Mr Chris van den Bergh, Afrigistics
7:30pm	Evening Free. Dinner on your own.

Tuesday 7 August

8:00am	Breakfast at your leisure
9:00-10:30am	<i>Crime, violence and peace-building in post-apartheid South Africa</i> , Mr Guy Lamb, Institute for Security Studies.
10:30-10:45am	Tea break
10:45-12:15pm	<i>South Africa as a mediator in African conflicts</i> , Dr Laurie Nathan, Director, Centre for Mediation in Africa, UP
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch at the Breakwater Lodge
1:00pm	Departure for Cape Point <i>The half-day excursion to the Cape Peninsula begins with a scenic drive along the magnificent Marine Drive via Fish Hoek, a quaint fishing village on the Atlantic Ocean, to the Cape of Good Hope Natural Reserve. The breathtaking views from the Cape Point are stunning! As you back track to Simon's Town, a naval port, you will visit Boulders Beach to view the African Penguins.</i>
7.00pm	Group Dinner at Baia Seafood Restaurant

Wednesday 8 August

8:00am	Breakfast at your leisure
8:30- 10:00am	<i>Land reform and socio-economic transformation in Southern Africa</i> , Ms Karin Kleinbooi, Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), University of the Western Cape
10:00-10:15	Tea break
10.15-11.30am	<i>Understanding the impact of the dominant party system on South Africa's democracy</i> , Dr Nicola de Jager, University of Stellenbosch
11:45- 12:30pm	Lunch at Breakwater lodge
12:30pm	Depart Breakwater Lobby for Afternoon Tour
1:00pm	Tour of Robben Island
Evening:	Dinner on your own

Thursday 9 August

8:30am	Breakfast at the Breakwater Lodge
9:00-11:00am	Final wrap-up, Discussion, and presentation of position paper topics.

11.15am Depart for Thandi Farm (lecture and group farewell lunch)
3:00pm Drive through the Western Cape
Evening free: Dinner on your own

Friday 10 August

Check out and fly home: Participants book their own transportation to the airport
Group shuttles cost approximately ZAR80 per person (10 USD),
Individual taxis cost approximately ZAR380 (55 USD).

If you choose to spend the weekend in Cape Town, additional nights of hotel and activities (such as wine tours, whale watching, even shark cage diving) can be booked on your own through

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*The schedule may change or be modified at any time