



# SOUTH AFRICA

14 or 25 Days

### SERVICE PARTNERS

Everybody participates together in each project.

- Sihlekisi Primary School
- African Impact

### ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Whitewater rafting Sabie River
- Views of unforgettable Cape Town from top of Table Mountain
- Elephant Experience
- Swim in the Indian Ocean
- Safari Kruger National Park
- Penguins at Boulders Beach
- Visit Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point
- Evening Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Umfolozi

## WELCOME TO THE RAINBOW NATION!

Incredible wildlife, varied landscapes, warm people and thrilling adventures await you on this unforgettable journey through South Africa. From working with the youth of South Africa, to unforgettable wildlife safaris viewing the Big 5 in Kruger National Park and Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve, this program combines service, wildlife education, cultural immersion, and adventure, and will truly be the experience of a lifetime.

### SOUTH AFRICA

#### SERVICE

Sihlekisi Primary School between the village of Acornhoek and Kruger National Park is the only primary school in this rural area for the children of the Sigagule community and is crowded with 35 kids per teacher. The government provides limited funds. While English is taught, the students rarely have the chance to practice with visitors. We fortunately provide the school with things that are truly of lasting benefit to the community and have formed close ties so that they look forward to our return.

We have planted fruit trees and vegetable gardens, painted classrooms, and most recently helped create the school's first library. Most of all, we look forward to being with the children again, enjoying cultural exchange with games, sports, language lessons where we learn a few words from their Tsonga dialect, while we help them practice their English! The bonds created with the children will leave you with both smiles and tears!

#### ADVENTURE

Our adventure begins with an orientation to Africa as well as to one another by whitewater rafting the Sabie River. Visit the Apartheid Museum and take a tour of Soccer City – one of the stadiums of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Heard of the Big 5? Scout with bush trackers for elephants, leopards, rhinos, cape buffalo and lions on an exciting safari drive in Kruger National Park, home to South Africa's most varied wildlife. Meet Jessica the Hippo, the world famous hippopotamus who will drink tea from a bottle from your very own hands. Discover Blyde River Canyon, the third largest canyon in the world, and take in the beauty of Bourke's Luck Potholes.

Can you imagine spending time up close to a majestic African elephant? Our Elephant Experience is surely one of those unmatched moments in life as you ride, pat, feed and discover the intelligence and personality of the largest animal – and if lucky, get an elephant kiss goodbye!

#### OUR 14 DAY TRIP ENDS HERE

#### ST. LUCIA/DURBAN

#### SERVICE

The beautiful area of St. Lucia which is located on the coast of the Indian Ocean is surrounded by communities that have HIV/AIDS infection rates of over 70%. We will be working in the two nearby villages of Ezwenelisha and Khula, where we have the opportunity to run a holiday camp for the children and orphans in the community. We will play soccer and games, run arts and crafts activities and help these amazing kids practice their English, all while learning about each other's cultures. These communities need our help to work on projects to construct fences to protect the crèches and the surrounding land, to build a playground or even start construction on a new crèche!

#### ADVENTURE

Get to know some of the local customs and learn a few words in Zulu as we partake in an interactive Zulu Cultural Evening. Take an evening game drive in the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Park in search of more wildlife. Travel to Durban, on the Indian Ocean, and enjoy the day swimming and exploring the coast!

### SIMON'S TOWN

#### SERVICE

In contrast to the rural communities we have worked with until now, here we experience the urban poverty of Red Hill or Masi Pamolailai and lend a hand where our help is desperately needed. In these townships, multiple families share a water source and are unable to build any permanent structures on the land, thus leaving them in poor living conditions. We will either work with crèches, run programs at a library or participate in a building project. Our participants will help teach the children English by singing songs and playing games in these informal settlements to support the families and communities.

#### ADVENTURE

At Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, we experience spectacular views from some of the southernmost tips of South Africa. Stop off at the Cape Point Ostrich Farm before exploring Boulders Beach and the colony of African penguins which call this bay home. Experience a Seal Island boat cruise and see firsthand where some of the incredible scenes from Planet Earth were shot!

### CAPE TOWN

#### ADVENTURE

Welcome to Cape Town, South Africa's oldest and most striking city! We will journey up to the top of Table Mountain where you will be amazed by the sights and the views of this world class city. Descend by cable car and then explore the V & A Waterfront for hidden treasures and to check out the seals basking on the wharf in the South African sun. Experience the UNESCO World Heritage site of Robben Island by taking a ferry out to the historical island to tour the Maximum Security Prison where Nelson Mandela spent many of his 27 years in prison.



*This program opened my eyes to everything I'm grateful for and showed me how many people I can help. It helped me to see how the cliché of 'I can make a difference' really is true.*

ALISON GREEN, SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

### 14 Days | \$3699

+ AIRFARE TO AND FROM JOHANNESBURG

June 26 to July 9  
July 9 to July 22

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Lodges and Hotels

#### CERTIFICATE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 14 day: 25 hours service
- 25 day: 60 hours service

Specific projects are confirmed in late spring and are similar to those described.

#### OPTIONAL COLLEGE CREDIT

The 25 day program may be completed for an option of 3 University credits. Optional credits have a fee of \$550 and are transferable to many Colleges and Universities. This decision is ultimately made by the school you attend.

#### GOOD TO KNOW...

- Price Includes lodging, 3 meals daily, activities, gratuities & taxes.

### 25 Days | \$6799

+ \$285 FOR INTERNAL AFRICA FLIGHT PLUS AIRFARE TO JOHANNESBURG & HOME FROM CAPE TOWN

June 26 to July 20  
July 9 to August 2