



South Africa
Field Hockey Tour
Johannesburg & Cape Town
11 Day / 8 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 USA – JOHANNESBURG

Evening Fly overnight to Johannesburg, South Africa via major international scheduled airline with change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 JOHANNESBURG

Morning Late morning arrival at Johannesburg International Airport where you will be greeted by your local **Tour Manager**, who will be taking care of you for the duration of your stay in South Africa.

Johannesburg is South Africa's largest city with a population of 3.2 million people and is the country's most important industrial center. Founded in the late 1880s when gold was discovered in the area, Johannesburg's population is mostly young and the city is very "green" with many parks and nature reserves located on its outskirts.

Transfer to your hotel where you will check in to start your visit to the **Gauteng Province**.

Evening **Welcome Dinner** at your hotel or nearby restaurant (included in tour program).

Day 3

JOHANNESBURG

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

PRACTICE SESSION at a local astroturf field to prepare for your evening match.

Afternoon

Johannesburg City Tour



Johannesburg Skyline



Hillbrow Tower



Nelson Mandela Bridge

Start your tour with a visit to the 50th floor of the **Carlton Centre**, "the top of Africa". Enjoy a magnificent panoramic view of the city.

Travel through **Hillbrow** and the northern suburbs and see where **Nelson Mandela** lives today, before reaching **Museum Africa**, where you can learn about the history and cultures of the South African people (time permitting).

Later visit **Constitution Hill** (South Africa's Constitutional Court and old Fort Prison).

Continue your journey on a tour of **Soccer City**, the impressive stadium built for the 2010 Soccer World Cup, host to the final game.

Evening

MATCH # 1 vs. SOUTH AFRICAN HOCKEY TEAM



Day 4

JOHANNESBURG

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer to the Cradle of Humankind including the Sterkfontein Caves.

Morning

Cradle of Humankind & Sterkfontein Caves

This fascinating site consists of 300 caves containing the world's largest find of fossils belonging to hominids - human ancestors dating back some 2-3 million years. They are widely considered to have the most complete depiction of human evolution anywhere in the world. The best-

known of these caves are the **Sterkfontein Caves**, where among the valuable anthropological finds was "Mrs. Ples", a 2 million year old skull belonging to an early hominid.

Afternoon

Pilanesberg Game Reserve



Enjoy an afternoon game drive on this reserve where the "**Big Five**" animals are found – Lions, Elephants, Water Buffaloes, Leopards, and Black Rhinos. Pilanesberg is especially known for its large rhino population and huge variety of birds.

Day 5

JOHANNESBURG

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Pretoria City Tour

Pretoria, South Africa's capital, is a relatively compact city with a number of attractive historic buildings. Famous for the large number of Jacaranda trees whose purple blossoms grace its streets, Pretoria is a "walker-friendly" city to those wanting to explore the capital's pleasant center.



Pretoria Skyline



Jacaranda Trees



Union Buildings

Half-day tour of the lovely "**Jacaranda City**" with the trees' purple blossoms blanketing the city. View the impressive **Voortekker Monument**, **Church Square**, **City Hall**, **State Theatre & Opera House**, and the Sir Herbert Baker-designed **Union Buildings**, and the **State President's Offices**.

Afternoon

Soweto Township Tour

Visit the neighborhood where **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** and anti-apartheid activist and former South African President **Nelson Mandela**, both of them Nobel Peace Prize winners, hail from. South Africa's townships were segregated communities where the country's black and colored (mixed black/white race) populations were forcibly located during the Apartheid-era. Witness the bustling neighborhood life as you drive past the Nobel Prize winners' previous homes and see the **Hector Pieterse Memorial**, **Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital** (largest in Africa), and various community development projects.

Evening Dinner at Hotel or nearby restaurant (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 2 vs. SOUTH AFRICAN HOCKEY TEAM**



Day 6 **CAPE TOWN**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out and transfer to Johannesburg Airport for your flight to Cape Town.

Early afternoon arrival at Cape Town International Airport.

Transfer to your hotel and check in.

Cape Town is located in one of the world's most beautiful settings on the shores of the rugged Atlantic Ocean and base of imposing Table Mountain. The city is widely regarded as the "Jewel of South Africa" and is the country's most popular destination. Cape Town's first European settlement came when the Dutch arrived in 1652 followed by the British in the 18th century, which along with the local African population has made for a very diverse society.

Afternoon **Table Mountain**



Table Mountain



View of Table Bay



Cable Car

Visit **Table Mountain**, a 3,300 ft. high plateau surrounded by steep cliffs. Ride the cable car to the top for a beautiful view of the city and surrounding ocean. Or enjoy hiking the mountain's trails to the summit and back, which takes about 2.5 hours at a leisurely pace. **PLEASE NOTE:** The cable car does not operate on days with high winds or cloud cover (for safety and practical reasons) so the exact day that you ascend the mountain may vary.

Evening Dinner at Hotel or nearby restaurant (included in tour program).

Day 7

CAPE TOWN

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Victoria & Alfred Waterfront



Leisure time to enjoy Cape Town's bustling and impressive **Victoria & Alfred Waterfront** shopping, dining and entertainment hotspot. Featuring over 400 designer shops, crafts stalls, pubs and waterside restaurants, the Waterfront offers an unending variety of fun alternatives. This is one of South Africa's most popular destinations with millions of locals and visitors enjoying the "Waterfront" each year.

Afternoon

Two Oceans Aquarium



Enjoy the **Two Oceans Aquarium**, located at the "Waterfront". Widely regarded as one of the world's foremost aquariums, this aquatic facility is "A Window on the Oceans of South Africa" (Atlantic and Indian Oceans) with displays on the predators and exotic fish inhabiting the waters off Cape Town.

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. SOUTH AFRICAN HOCKEY TEAM



Day 8

CAPE TOWN

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Robben Island – Half-Day Tour



Guard Tower



Prison Entrance



Cells

Depart on the ferry from the Cape Town Waterfront to **Robben Island**, five miles offshore, for a moving tour of the prison where the famed anti-apartheid activist **Nelson Mandela** was held captive for over twenty of the thirty years that he was incarcerated (he later was South Africa's president from 1994-99). The Prison tour depicts the lives of political prisoners detained from the 1960's to 1991. Former Robben Island prisoners conduct the tour. Return ferry to the Waterfront.

Afternoon

Free time for lunch and to explore the city.

Evening

MATCH # 4 vs. SOUTH AFRICAN HOCKEY TEAM



Day 9

CAPE TOWN

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Cape Peninsula – Full-Day Tour



Exciting full-day trip to explore the Cape Peninsula's rugged and enchanting seaside beauty. Start the day travelling by private motorcoach to trendy **Clifton Beach** and **Camps Bay**, which is famous for its long white sandy beach. It is a great spot for beach sports or just relaxing in the sun. Nearby to the beach, there are roadside cafes and vendors selling snacks and drinks throughout the day. **Lunch included.**

Continue south along the scenic **Cape Peninsula** to **Hout Bay**, eventually reaching the breathtaking **Chapman's Peak Drive**, which in an amazing feat of engineering, was blasted out of the side of the steep cliffs that drop to the ocean. Cross the peninsula to the charming village of **Simon's Town**, where you will board a boat for a ride to see **Seal Island**, a 300-meter long island which is home to the world's largest **Cape Fur Seal** population. With so many seals in one place, **Great White Sharks** are often spotted looking for their next meal.

Your Cape Peninsula adventure continues on **Boulder's Beach** where one of South Africa's few penguin colonies makes its home. The highlight of the day awaits you at the lovely and picturesque **Cape Point Park**, location of the legendary **Cape of Good Hope**. The cliffs, which are some of the highest in the world, form the south western-most point of Africa. These make for breathtaking views of some of the continent's most rugged landscapes. Return to Cape Town by the early evening.

Evening **Farewell Dinner** featuring traditional South African dishes.

Day 10 **CAPE TOWN – FLIGHTS**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of Hotel.

Free time for one last afternoon enjoying Cape Town. Lunch at the "Waterfront" would be the ideal way to wrap up a great trip !

Afternoon Transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your overnight flights to the USA.

Day 11 **USA**

Morning arrival in USA.

Your South African Field Hockey & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime!

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-Class Air Transportation USA – Johannesburg – Cape Town – USA.
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Johannesburg including daily breakfast.
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Cape Town including daily breakfast.
- Airport / Lodging round-trip transfers in Johannesburg and Cape Town.
- Welcome Dinner at hotel or nearby restaurant.
- One additional Dinner in Johannesburg.
- Johannesburg City Tour
- Cradle of Humankind & Sterkfontein Caves (including basic entrance fee)
- Pilanesberg Game Reserve including Game Drive
- Pretoria City Tour
- Soweto Township Tour
- Table Mountain excursion, including cable car fee.
- Two Oceans Aquarium Excursion, including entrance fee.
- Robben Island excursion, including ferry transfer.
- Cape Peninsula Full-Day Tour

- One additional Dinner in Cape Town
- Farewell Dinner at hotel or nearby restaurant in Cape Town.
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in South Africa and 24/7 in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours** Operations Office.

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch (Cape Point outing)
- 4 Dinners

Field Hockey Program:

- ***Four Games with clubs / university teams at your level.***
- ***One Practice Session.***
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Field Hockey Activities by private motorcoach.**

Tour Price:

- Approx. \$ 3500 - 3700 from New York, per person, **triple** occupancy.
- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. Dollar / foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.