
GEEO ITINERARY

NEAF South Africa Global Learning Fellowship

Day 1: Cape Town Arrive in Cape Town and be transferred to Cresta Grande Hotel.

Arrive in Cape Town at any time. There are no planned activities today. The airport is Cape Town International Airport (CPT). Hotel check-in is normally between 2–3 p.m.

Dinner is on your own, but you can eat at the hotel.

Joining Instructions

Cape Town International Airport is about 22 km from downtown. A G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you.

Accommodation: Cresta Grande Hotel

Day 2: Cape Town We will start with breakfast at the hotel, have an introduction meeting on the bus, then enjoy a full day in Cape Town, including a walking tour of Bo-Kaap and visits to the District Six Museum and the !Khwattu Center. Have dinner at the hotel in the evening, followed by a presentation by education expert, Dr. Jonathan Jansen.

The day begins with breakfast at the hotel, followed by an introductory meeting on the bus, where you will meet your tour leaders.

Next, set out on a walking tour of Bo-Kaap, Cape Town's iconic neighborhood known for its vividly painted homes and its deep roots in Cape Malay culture. This community represents a living testament to the resilience of a people who preserved their identity, language, and traditions through centuries of colonial rule and apartheid.

From there, the group visits the District Six Museum, a profoundly moving institution dedicated to preserving the memory of the approximately 60,000 residents who were forcibly removed from this neighborhood under apartheid-era legislation. The museum's oral histories, maps, and personal artifacts offer educators a powerful model for community-centered, memory-based pedagogy.

In the afternoon, the group will visit the !Khwattu Center to eat lunch and then learn about San culture, language, and history. Like many other Indigenous Peoples, the languages, cultures, and home ranges of the San are under very considerable threat from the fast changes to their world. They are now amongst the most marginalized and poverty-stricken peoples in Southern Africa.

After dinner at the hotel, there will be an evening conference-room presentation by Dr. Jonathan Jansen, a distinguished Professor of Education at Stellenbosch University and the immediate past President of the Academy of Science of South Africa. Dr. Jansen will provide an academic framework for contextualizing the week's experiences.

Accommodation: Cresta Grande Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 3: Cape Town After a morning school visit to the South Peninsula High School, enjoy a packed lunch on the bus followed by a guided tour of Robben Island. Finish the day with dinner on the waterfront at Karibu.

Over the next two days, engage directly with Cape Town's educational environment during morning visits to local schools, offering a rare opportunity for cross-cultural professional exchange between educators. These visits illuminate the enduring challenges and remarkable innovations shaping education in post-apartheid South Africa. Our first school visit is scheduled to take place at South Peninsula High School.

After a provided packed lunch on the bus, visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners were held during the apartheid era. The island is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and tours are often led by former political prisoners themselves, providing an unparalleled firsthand encounter with living history.

In the evening, gather for dinner at Karibu, situated at the vibrant V&A Waterfront, a location that bridges Cape Town's colonial maritime history with its contemporary urban identity.

Accommodation: Cresta Grande Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 4: Cape Town Following a morning school visit to Portland High School, stop by SEED for lunch and to learn about their work helping young people learn about gardening and ecology. In the evening, the group will have an immersive African dining experience at Gold.

This morning we will visit Portland High School.

Afterward, drive to SEED for lunch and the opportunity to learn about the work of this non-profit organization. Through SEED's workshops and trainings, they equip people of all ages with knowledge in gardening, ecology, food systems, entrepreneurship, and more.

In the evening, put on a dressier outfit for dinner at Gold, an immersive African dining experience. Begin with an optional interactive pre-dinner djembe drumming session, and then experience traditional dancing and Mali puppetry, all while vibrant marimba percussion echoes the heartbeat of Africa. The group will then share an unforgettable 14-dish tasting menu. Throughout the meal, learn about each dish, its country of origin, traditional cooking techniques, and the rich spices that bring each dish to life.

Accommodation: Cresta Grande Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 5: Cape Town / Johannesburg Enjoy a free morning in Cape Town. In the afternoon, fly to Johannesburg and check into the hotel. After dinner, the group will have a conference room presentation with a panel of education experts.

The morning in Cape Town is intentionally left open, giving participants time to explore more of the city. One recommendation is a visit to Table Mountain, one of the world's most iconic natural landmarks and a UNESCO-listed site. Rising over 1,000 meters above sea level, Table Mountain offers sweeping views of the Cape Peninsula. Please ask your tour leader for instructions on how to get to Table Mountain, or any other activity you have in mind. (Please note: Travelers must check out of the hotel by 10:00 AM and be back at the hotel by 12:00 PM for the group transfer to the airport)

After lunch on your own, the group will transfer to Cape Town International Airport for the flight to Johannesburg. Check into the Hotel Sky Sandton upon arrival, with dinner at the hotel in the evening and a conference room presentation with a panel of education experts.

Accommodation: Hotel Sky Sandton

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 6: Johannesburg Visit Inxiweni Primary School in the morning. After a packed lunch, explore the Apartheid Museum. The evening is free.

The day in Johannesburg begins with an early breakfast and then a visit to Inxiweni Primary School.

After a packed lunch, we will visit the Apartheid Museum, widely regarded as one of the premier museums in the world and an essential resource for any educator teaching 20th-century history, human rights, or social justice. Through film, photography, text, and artifacts, the museum chronicles the rise and fall of apartheid with unflinching clarity and remarkable curatorial depth.

The evening is free to explore Johannesburg.

Accommodation: Hotel Sky Sandton

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 7: Johannesburg Tour Soweto this morning, followed by an included lunch. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at Nelson Mandela Square.

This morning, the group will tour Soweto (South Western Townships), one of the most historically significant urban communities in the world. The Soweto Heritage Tour traces the neighborhood's central role in the anti-apartheid movement, including the 1976 Soweto Uprising, a watershed moment in which thousands of students took to the streets to protest the imposition of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction. A significant location in Soweto is Vilakazi Street, the only street in the world to have been home to two Nobel Peace Prize laureates (Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu).

After the tour, there will be an included lunch followed by free time in Johannesburg.

The day concludes with a farewell dinner at Nelson Mandela Square, a fitting and reflective send-off in honor of the statesman whose legacy can be felt throughout this journey.

Accommodation: Hotel Sky Sandton

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 8: Johannesburg The program concludes after breakfast. A transfer to the airport will be provided for travelers departing today.

The program ends today after breakfast. An airport transfer will be provided for any travelers departing Johannesburg today. The airport in Johannesburg is **O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)**.

For travelers wanting to experience South Africa's wildlife, GEEO is offering a Kruger safari that begins today. Space is limited. For more details, [visit the program's webpage here](#).

Meals included: Breakfast

Where you'll stay

The hotels listed below reflect the properties expected to be used for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:

Day 1 Cape Town (Jul 19): Cresta Grande Hotel

Day 2 Cape Town (Jul 20): Cresta Grande Hotel

Day 3 Cape Town (Jul 21): Cresta Grande Hotel

Day 4 Cape Town (Jul 22): Cresta Grande Hotel

Day 5 Johannesburg (Jul 23): Hotel Sky Sandton

Day 6 Johannesburg (Jul 24): Hotel Sky Sandton

Day 7 Johannesburg (Jul 25): Hotel Sky Sandton

***Itinerary Disclaimer:** *While it is our intention to adhere to the routes described on our website, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The information on our website is a general guide to the tour and region, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.*