

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Environmental Biology – Cape Town

Itinerary at a glance:

Day	Travel	Accomodation	Style	Meals incl.	Morning Activity	Afternoon/Evening
Day 1	Travel Day					
Day 2	Arrive Cape Town	Cape Town Guest House	GH	-		
Day 3		Cape Town Guest House	GH	B	Table Mountain	V&A waterfront
Day 4		Cape Town Guest House	GH	B, L	Cape Point, Boulders, Chapmans Peak	Township Bike Tour including interactive Drumming
Day 5		Cape Town Guest House	GH	B, D	Harvest of Hope tour	Cheetah rehabilitation center
Day 6		Cape Town Guest House	GH	B, D	Green Mkt Square	Robben Island, evening talk with an ex prisons warden
Day 7		Cape Town Guest House	GH	B, D	SA National paks biodiversity talk	District Six Cape Malay cooking class
Day 8	CPT - Hermanus	Baleens Guest House	GH	B, L		Educational presentation by shark research biologists
Day 9		Baleens Guest House	GH	B	Shark Cage diving	
Day 10	Hermanus - KZN	Thanda Game Reserve - Big Five research program	VL	B, D	Flight from CPT-DBN	Evening Game Drive
Day 11		Thanda Game Reserve - Big Five research program	VL	B, L, D	Morning game drive, Elephant Interaction	Evening Game Drive
Day 12		Thanda Game Reserve - Big Five research program	VL	B, L, D	Morning game drive, bush walk	Evening Game Drive
Day 13	DBN - JNB			B	Morning game drive	Transfer incl, flight from DBN-JNB
Day 14	Travel Day					

Some help with the abbreviations: CPT: Cape Town; JNB: Johannesburg; GH: Guest House; VL: Volunteer Lodge
B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner

All accommodation and services subject to confirmation

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ITINERARY FLEXIBILITY AND COST

The itinerary is flexible and can be adjusted to meet the groups needs but if there are any major changes to the itinerary then the cost will need to be reviewed.

Cost: TBC

NETT to Agent

For the full 14 day accommodated trip based on

Number of paying persons	Price USD Per person	Chaperones FOC (land arrangements only)	Single Supp
8-13	TBC	1	TBC
14-16	TBC	2	TBC
17-28	TBC	3	TBC

WHAT THIS INCLUDES

- All transport, fuel, tolls and road taxes in a Toyota quantum (or similar depending on confirmed numbers)
- Airport transfers
- Services of a Edutours Africa guide and driver
- Bottled Water provided 1 bottle per person, per day

CAPE TOWN, CAPE TOWN GUEST HOUSE

A comfortable and good standard guest house in Cape Town

- Meals: Please see above for meal specifications
- 6 nights guest house accommodation standard rooms sharing

HERMANUS, BALEENS GUEST HOUSE

- Meals: Please see above for meal specifications
- 2 nights guest house accommodation standard rooms sharing

KWAZULU-NATAL, THANDA VOLUNTEER LODGE

A comfortable and good standard guest house in Cape Town

- Meals: Please see above meal specifications
- 3 nights accommodation in chalets at the Volunteer Lodge in Thanda Private Game Reserve
- Daily scheduled game drives and a bush walk
- All conservation fees and park levies



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ACTIVITIES AND SIGHTSEEING INCLUDED

- A visit to Table Mountain with a cable car
- Trip to Cape Point and Boulders Beach (penguins)
- A township bicycle tour, lunch in the local community
- An interactive Djembe drumming session
- A visit to the District Six Museum
- A hands on Cape Malay Cooking Class
- A visit to Green Market Square and the V&A Waterfront
- A Boat/Ferry trip to Robben Island including museum tour
- An evening educational talk with a ex prison warden from Robben island
- Educational introduction to the Cheetah rehabilitation center
- South African National Parks (SANPARKS) bio diversity management lecture by guest speaker
- Introductory talk by marine biologist on marine and shark conservation
- A shark cage dive
- Elephant interaction
- 1 half day and 2 full days on the Thanda Big 5 wildlife research project

WHAT THIS EXCLUDES

- Items of a personal nature, personal insurances, visas and gratuities
- All drinks (except 1 bottle of bottled water per day)
- Laundry
- Internet
- All Flights
- Lunches on travel and sightseeing days and as per itinerary and meals taken in restaurant.

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ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Service Learning

EduTours Africa is deeply engaged in community development and conservation, offering students the opportunity to not only get involved in our authentic, on-going community projects, but to know that by doing so they themselves are impacting positively on the developmental, economic and environmental issues faced by the communities they visit.

Being hands-on involved and being able to practically 'give back' to another community through our service-learning opportunities greatly aids the development of cognitive, emotional and social growth in students. These experiences can often form major stepping stones in preparing students for life beyond the classroom, and often are THE HIGHLIGHT of many of our educational tours.

Big 5 Project: Elephant, Rhino, Africa, Research, Conservation, tracking, African bush, Big 5, Thanda Big 5 Game Reserve

To give you an idea of how your time will be split between the different aspects of the program, the following should be taken as an approximation:

- Elephant and Rhino Research and Monitoring 40-50%
- Conservation work within the Park 30-40%
- Data Recording 10-20%

Possible activities will include:

- Monitoring the behavior, feeding patterns and movement of a herd of elephant who were released into the park in early 2011
- Monitoring the rhino population to support the data recorded by the anti-poaching team during the day - This will help the reserve managers to understand the health of the animals, which are part of an endangered species reintroduction programme.
- Capturing data as required by the reserve management team on their ongoing endangered species work
- Finding and removing snares. This is a vital part of the anti-poaching effort within a park
- Carrying out physical work to help regenerate natural bush from reclaimed farmland including the prevention of further soil erosion and the removal of old structures to avoid injuries for animals
- Contributing to the long term strategy of removal of Alien Plants from the park

Elephant Interaction at Bayeti:

Come and enjoy an up close and personal meeting with Rambo, Rachel and Jabulani our habituated elephants. One of our knowledgeable rangers will talk you through Rambo and Rachel's history and provide you with interesting facts about elephants. You will be given opportunity to feed Rambo and Rachel as well as touch Rambo's ears, behind his tusks and even get to feel his tongue!

Table Mountain:

Table Mountain is a definite must! As one of the winners of the New 7 Wonders of the Nature, it deserves a visit. The views from up there are breathtaking, with spectacular vistas of the City Bowl all the way around to Camps Bay and the Twelve Apostles. If you don't make it up the mountain you haven't experienced Cape Town.



Cape Point:

Visit Africa's 2nd most south-westerly point. Situated in the Table Mountain National Park, a natural World Heritage Site, you will be treated to stunning views over the ocean from the steep sea cliff. You will be able to take a scenic walk towards the lighthouse or enjoy one of the numerous nature trails in the scenic landscape.

Township Bicycle Tour:

Community-based Bicycle Tours in Cape Town – a responsible take on township tours – providing the tourist with many more opportunities to interact with the community than they would have from an air-conditioned bus. BEN facilitates the importation of discarded second hand bicycles to South Africa where they have helped to set up and provide ongoing support to locally owned bicycle workshops, training and employing members of the local community to renovate the bikes for the Community Bicycle Tours. During your bicycle tour you will also stop and enjoy an interactive Djembe Drumming Session.

District Six Museum:

This intriguing museum gives a background of the fascinating history of this community, from its once vibrant atmosphere to the forced 'resettlement' of its residents. After being declared a 'whites only' area under the Group Areas Act, its people were removed by force and their houses flattened by bulldozers.

Cape Malay Cooking Class:

Standing in the kitchen of a Malayen woman, you will be taught how to make your very first Malayen Dish. Jasmina will guide you through the process of cooking a Traditional Cape Malayen Dish- step by step!

Green Market Square:

You cannot visit Cape Town and not visit one of its oldest markets, set on a cobbled square between Short and long Market Streets. This is where Capetonians have been buying their clothing, jewelry, sandals, crafts and nick-knacks for years, and whilst the face of the market may have changed a little - African curios now predominate - there is still an exciting buzz as well as evidence of the city's most colorful and eccentric characters.

Victoria and Alfred Waterfront:

Situated at the foot of Table Mountain, within a stone's throw from the Cape Town Stadium and in the heart of Cape Town's working harbor, the V&A Waterfront offers the visitor an abundance of unforgettable experiences. Indoor shopping and entertainment venues seamlessly merge with ocean vistas and mountain views and the fresh sea breeze and warm African sun add zest to a cosmopolitan, vibrant atmosphere. More than 80 restaurants bring a fusion of international foods, from rustic al fresco fish and chips to starched table-cloth cuisine. Come and spend the day with us- there is just so much to do, so much to discover.

Robben Island:

After serving as a place of isolation and imprisonment for hundreds of years, Robben Island is a World Heritage Site today. Many renowned men and women, including South Africa's first democratic President, Nelson Mandela, were imprisoned here on the island. This trip gives you a glimpse into the dark and sad history of this wonderful nation.

Dinner with ex Robben Island prison warden, Christo:

This evening we will enjoy a buffet dinner in the company of an ex prison guard and close friend of Nelson Mandela. Mandela served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. The ex prison guard, Christo, will be sharing his many tales with us.



Shark project:

A unique opportunity to view, observe and be involved in the research of the magnificent Great White Shark in its natural environment in South Africa! You will also see other marine wildlife species, including Cape Gannets, Bryde Whales, Cape Fur Seals, Dolphins and Jackass Penguins. The knowledge which you have gained will be put to use, by assisting in the conservation and research into this awesome animal.

Harvest of Hope

<http://harvestofhope.co.za/>

Abalimi Bezekhaya ("Farmers of the Home") is a non-profit development organisation based primarily in township communities like Nyanga and Khayelitsha. Residents in these townships are encouraged and supported to grow their own organic vegetables to feed their families. Vegetables are now grown in hundreds of gardens in the townships, sustaining thousands of individuals and families. Some of the micro-farmers are now producing more than enough to feed their families, and after giving to needy neighbours and selling 'over the fence'. However, there is little or no access to markets outside the immediate neighbourhood to sell the high quality organically grown produce.

The Harvest of Hope Marketing Project - a "Community Supported Agriculture" Scheme Abalimi's Harvest of Hope marketing project provides a much-needed outlet for excess produce by selling this produce on behalf of the farmers in the form of a weekly organic box scheme. Harvest of Hope contracts with the farmers in advance – guaranteeing to purchase their produce and thus giving them some income security. Members of Harvest of Hope sign up for the box scheme and pay for their weekly delivery of vegetables in advance. Thus Harvest of Hope is a Community Supported Agriculture scheme (CSA) that facilitates the commitment between the micro-farmers and the consumers/members. Our objective is to foster growing connections between the farmers and members, and we encourage members to get involved by volunteering or simply coming to visit some of the farms and meet the inspiring micro-farmers. Regular Tuesday morning tours are offered which is a great way to see the farming in action as well as to observe the Tuesday pack-shed activities.

Who are the micro-farmers? The community-garden micro-farming groups are typically made up of 3 to 8 farmers. Most of the growers are women – pillars of strength in their families and neighbourhoods. But more and more men are getting involved as they see the opportunities for making a decent, dignified and sustainable living out of peri-urban farming. Typically the farm plots are the size of a few classrooms and are often located on pieces of land at schools in the townships or on council land.