CHATHAM HALL IN SOUTH AFRICA

MARCH 15–27, 2020

► DEPART WASHINGTON / Sunday, March 15, 2020
• KLM Airlines flight #652 departs Washington Dulles Int’l Airport for Amsterdam at 6:55 PM

► ARRIVE CAPE TOWN / Monday, March 16, 2020
• Arrive in Amsterdam at 7:20 AM
• KLM Airlines flight #597 departs Amsterdam for Cape Town at 10:15 AM and arrives in Cape Town at 10:40 PM. At Cape Town airport, outside Baggage Claim, Bonnie Adams, our certified local guide, will extend a warm South African welcome.
• Transfer to our hotel in international-class luxury coach (45 minutes)
• Overnight at Never@Home International Design Hostel (www.NeveratHomeWorld.com)

► THOMPSON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL / Tuesday, March 17, 2020
• Breakfast
• Service at Thompson Road Primary School, Athlone, Cape Flats ...
  ➔ Feed the young students in the dining room, assist with washing the dishes, and prepare meals for the following day.
  ➔ Assist in the library and in the classrooms...tell & read stories and help with new words.
  ➔ Plant new seedlings in the school gardens.
  ➔ Organize and referee sporting events for the older kids.
  ➔ Assist with computer lab instruction and paint the lab with murals.
Thornton Road’s principal is Nur Luddy. The kids who attend Thornton Road are primarily mixed-race. They speak various languages – primarily English. Generally, their economic circumstances are modest and vulnerable. Many students live in substandard housing, many have unemployed parents, and some are orphans. Academic achievement has outperformed expectations in recent years, a testament to Mr. Luddy’s leadership and his teachers’ dedication. Caravelle will enroll 530 students this year.
• Dinner & overnight at Never@Home International Design Hostel

► THOMPSON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL / Wednesday, March 18, 2020
• Breakfast
Service at Thornton Road Primary School continues ...
Dinner & overnight at Never@Home International Design Hostel

► ROBBEN ISLAND VISIT ... AND VICTORIA & ALFRED WATERFRONT / Thu, March 19, 2020

- Breakfast, followed by morning group reflections at the hotel
- Arrive at Robben Island ferry at 10:30 AM
- Robben Island ferry departs the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront at 11:00 AM
- Visit the former Robben Island prison & quarry, and tour the island (www.Robben-Island.org.za)
- Ferry returns to the Waterfront at 2:30 PM
- Late lunch at V&A Waterfront, followed by late afternoon at leisure
- Dinner & overnight at Never@Home International Design Hostel

► TABLE MOUNTAIN & SOIL FOR LIFE / Friday, March 20, 2020

- Breakfast, then ascend the inimitable, inspiring Table Mountain! (www.TableMountain.net) and take in those views! ... after which we head for awesome community gardening service at Soil for Life (www.SoilforLife.co.za). This year, our service will take place at the Nkanini informal settlement in Khayelitsha Township. The garden where we will work is run by one of SFL’s home gardeners and assistant trainers – a gentleman named Benji. This is a community garden, which Benji and a small group of women have set up to try and generate an income and grow food to supplement a feeding scheme the group runs for an early childhood development center. The specific ways that we will assist Benji include:
  - Mulching.
  - Feeding and building the soil.
  - Planting seed beds.
  - Creating and installing a home-made irrigation system.
  - Preparing seed boxes.
  - Creating tire-lined paths.

We may also work with Soil for Life DIY staff to build some new garden structures onsite at their offices. Soil for Life may invite a few additional home gardeners from the surrounding area to help us today.

- Dinner / Overnight at Never@Home International Design Hostel

► CAPE TOWN \( \rightarrow \) JOHANNESBURG / Saturday, March 21, 2020

- Breakfast, then depart the Protea by Marriott Cape Castle
- MORNING INTERACTIONS WITH KWAFAKU VULINDLELA READING CLUB! (We’ll take lunch onsite and continue w/ a “community book jam” book-distribution event until 2:00 PM.)
- At 2:00 PM, transfer to Cape Town International Airport
- Our BA/Comair flight departs Cape Town at 5:00 PM / Arrive in Johannesburg at 7:00 PM
- At OR Tambo airport in Joburg, Sindiswa Mlaza, our certified local guide, awaits us with a smile!
- Transfer to the Capitol 20 West Hotel, where we will check in & take a light late dinner
- **Overnight at the Capitol 20 West Hotel, Morningside Sandton** (https://thecapital.co.za/hotels/SANDTON/20_West)
SOWETO TOWNSHIP & THE APARTHEID MUSEUM

Sunday, March 22, 2020

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Soweto tour**, to include visits to the Mandela & Tutu homes, plus the iconic Hector Pietersen Museum, dedicated to the memory of the June 16, 1976 events that shaped a generation.
- **Lunch at Chez Alina in Soweto**
- Lunch, then visit the **Apartheid Museum** ([www.ApartheidMuseum.org.za](http://www.ApartheidMuseum.org.za)) in the afternoon. The Apartheid Museum is compared favorably to the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC. It is a must-visit site in contemporary Johannesburg, and it will contextualize nicely all that we’ve seen and experienced since arriving in the country 10 days ago. At the museum, visitors are randomly issued with an identity pass – Black, White, mixed-race, and Indian. With this identity, you’ll proceed through an extraordinarily well-interpreted history of South Africa’s 1948-1994 apartheid era. You’ll live the dark, difficult moments. You will learn of singular acts of courage and defiance. And you’ll emerge with more questions than answers.
- Return to the hotel / Dinner / Overnight at the Capitol 20 West Hotel, Morningside Sandton

KINGSMEAD COLLEGE, CONSTITUTIONAL COURT & KLIPTOWN YOUTH PROGRAM

Monday, March 23, 2020

- Breakfast at the hotel, then visit **Kingsmead College**, an independent girls’ high school in the northern suburb of Melrose:
  →8.00 AM: Arrive Kingsmead College
  →8.00 AM– 8.30 AM: Coffee & "Rusks" at Etunzi
  →8.30 AM– 8.55 AM: lesson 1 – all girls join in the Kingsmead lessons
  →8.55 AM– 9.45 AM: lesson 2 – John Allen: Johannesburg’s History (Adults & Grade 10s)
  →9.45 AM– 10.45 AM: Drumming Workshop with Wian at Etunzi
  →11.05 AM– 12.00 PM: lesson 4 – all girls join in the Kingsmead lessons
  →12.00 PM – 1.00 PM: Lunch at Etunzi
  →1:20 PM - Depart for **Constitutional Court & Jail** ([www.ConstitutionalHill.co.za](http://www.ConstitutionalHill.co.za))
- **After-school dialogue w/ Local Township Activists**. We’ll take 90 minutes to engage with local civic & church leaders, plus Soweto youth, to discuss the role played today by schools, government, and faith-based organizations as South Africans work for social and economic justice in the contemporary, post-apartheid nation. Esteemed Soweto educator **Thulani Madondo** will lead and moderate this discussion – and, in doing so, will highlight select youth initiatives making a difference in and for Soweto township. Above all, he (and participating South African youth) will proudly host our visit to the **Kliptown Youth Program** ([www.KliptownYouthProgram.org.za](http://www.KliptownYouthProgram.org.za)).
- Return to hotel in the early evening
- Dinner, then overnight at the Capitol 20 West Hotel, Morningside Sandton

JOHANNESBURG → PILANESBERG

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

- Breakfast at the hotel, then mid-morning transfer to Pilanesberg National Park
- Check in to Manyane lodge, and enjoy a late lunch
- **AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE!**
- Dinner at the lodge
  **Overnight at Golden Leopard Resorts (Manyane Lodge), Pilanesberg National Park** ([http://www.goldenleopardresorts.co.za/manyane.php](http://www.goldenleopardresorts.co.za/manyane.php))

GAMEVIEWING, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT & CONSERVATION IN PILANESBERG PARK

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

- Early Morning Game Drive! (5:30 AM-7:30 AM)
• Breakfast at 8:00AM
• Interactive discussions on a range of conservation topics:
  ➔ Overview of wildlife management and conservation in the North West Parks protected lands.
  ➔ Strategies and projects: Rhino, brown hyena, and cheetah projects in the North West Parks.
  ➔ Community development projects for families living in the areas around the parks.
  ➔ Overpopulation in restricted areas and relocation projects to other parks.
  ➔ Poaching and climate change.
• Late Afternoon Game Drive! (4:00 PM–6:00 PM)
• Dinner at 7:00 PM
• Overnight at Manyane lodge

► YOUNG CHILDREN & THE JOY OF READING / Wednesday, March 25, 2020
• Breakfast at the hotel, and depart the hotel for Pretoria
• Renowned Pretoria educator Lorato Trok offers us a fascinating workshop around the process of writing a children's book, and on how she promotes the value of language diversity among small children. Lorato writes books that appeal to children's identities as Sotho, Zulu, Xhosa, and Venda – children whose reading needs were not addressed during apartheid.
• During this workshop, Lorato will introduce Rosina Sedibane to us. Rosina is a trailblazing athlete about whom Lorato has written a book. Rosina was the first black South African woman athlete to be invited to compete against white women athletes in apartheid South Africa.
• Catered lunch in Saulsville township, Pretoria
• Service: Saulsville library & school. We will shadow young local students at Saulsville library – and at a partner township school. These children will warm our hearts. It is here, on these premises, that Lorato carries out her important work. We will read English-language books to the Saulsville kids, to their great delight!
• Return to the hotel, dinner, then overnight at the Capitol 20 West Hotel

► RETURN TO JOHANNESBURG / DEPART SOUTH AFRICA
Thursday, March 26, 2020
• Breakfast at the hotel, followed by morning at leisure at Manyane Resort – enjoying the pool and other the grounds.
• LATE LUNCH & FINAL REFLECTIONS AT MANYANE – then return to Johannesburg.
• Dinner in Johannesburg – then airport check in at 9:00 PM
• KLM Airlines flight #592 departs Johannesburg for Amsterdam at 11:55 PM.

► ARRIVE WASHINGTON
Friday, March 27, 2020
• Arrive Amsterdam at 10:15 AM
• KLM Airlines flight #651 departs Amsterdam for Washington Dulles International Airport at 1:20 PM and arrives Washington at 5:05 PM.