



**The Gate City Bar Association  
presents  
its 2010 International CLE to**

**South Africa**



# SOUTH AFRICA TOUR ITINERARY PREPARED FOR THE GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION GROUP – SEPTEMBER 2010

**Dates: September 3 – 12, 2010**

## **Friday, September 3, 2010**

Depart Atlanta to Washington, DC where you will connect for your flight to Johannesburg on South African Airways.

## **Saturday, September 4, 2010**

On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport, collect your luggage and then clear Customs & Immigration. You will then connect to your flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival in Cape Town, the group will be met by a **South African Airways Vacations** representative (*please look out for the Customer Services Officer displaying the group's name*) who will assist and transfer the group to your hotel.

Located on the trendy V & A Waterfront, the **Portswood Hotel** is the mainstay of one of the most spectacular views in the world: from Table Mountain, across the Atlantic and Robben Island, over the aureate beaches in the distance and around to where Signal Hill meets the mountain again. Apart from its amazing natural and cultural surroundings, the PortsWood is also an ideal choice for any traveler, with all the most sophisticated facilities he or she might need. The PortsWood offers guests superlative accommodation, stunning cuisine and world-class service.

**Accommodation: Portswood Hotel**

## **Sunday, September 5, 2010**

The group to make its way to the Clocktower at the nearby V&A Waterfront for the half day **Robben Island tour**. Catch the ferry for the half hour boat ride to Robben Island where former South African president, Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners were held. The rest of the day is at leisure.

The island is now a World Heritage Site with stunning views of Cape Town and Table Mountain. For nearly 400 years **Robben Island**, 7½miles/12kms off the coast from Cape Town was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. It was here that rulers sent those they regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society. During the apartheid years Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality. The duty of those who ran the Island and its prison was to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. Some freedom fighters spent more than a quarter of a century in prison for their beliefs. Those imprisoned on the Island succeeded on a psychological and political level in turning a prison 'hell-hole' into a symbol of freedom and personal liberation. Robben Island came to symbolize, not only for South Africa and the African continent, but also for the entire world, the triumph of the human spirit over enormous hardship and adversity. Today, you will be escorted around the island by an ex-political prisoner, and given insight into the past and how the human spirit triumphs.

**Accommodation: Portswood Hotel (B)**



**Monday, September 6, 2010**

Spend your last day of leisure in Cape Town perhaps doing some shopping or visiting one of the many places of interest.

Cape Town is a fabulously diverse and vibrant city; from its beautiful natural attributes to its colorful culture, stunning wine farms and captivating history – it's a tourist heaven. Cape Town offers historic and cultural sites, world-class museums and bustling markets, inviting beaches and lush gardens, as well as great restaurants and wonderful shopping. While South Africa is perhaps best known for its game parks and natural splendors, it is also a land whose cities exude urban sophistication, rich in history, the arts, entertainment and other cosmopolitan delights.

**Optional Tours:**

Winelands Half Day Tour:	\$54.00
Winelands Full Day Tour:	\$87.00
Cape Peninsular Full DayTour:	\$87.00
Table Mountain & Capetown City Tour:	\$54.00
Township Half Day Tour:	\$54.00



**Accommodation: Portswood Hotel (B)**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010**

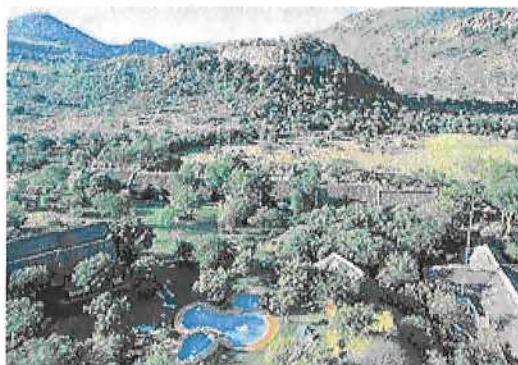
Today the group will be transferred from the Portswood Hotel to Cape Town Airport in time for the flight to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg Airport the group will be met and transferred to **Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge** in the malaria-free Pilanesberg National Park.



Travel via **Lesedi Cultural Village** where you will enjoy a Show and traditional lunch. Lesedi is a multi-cultural African village, set amongst the pristine Bushveld and rocky hills less than an hour's drive from the city of Johannesburg.

Dramatically located, hugging the slopes of an ancient volcano, and originally meaning "Place of the Rock", **Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge** is a hub of luxury in the heart of the Pilanesberg National Park. Each room is impeccably appointed with air-conditioning and television, direct-dialing telephones and 24-hour room service provide the perfect home from home. The lodge has many entertainment options on offer - from tennis courts to two magnificent swimming pools and outdoor chess. Furthermore, Sun City's endless entertainment options are just a few minutes away.

**Accommodation: Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge (B, L, D)**



**Wednesday, September 8, 2010**

The group will be taken on a morning open vehicle game drive in the malaria-free Pilanesberg National Park. **Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge** is in the malaria-free **Pilanesberg National Park** which also borders on the entertainment complex of Sun City. The park is almost perfectly circular because it comprises the area of a 1200 million years old volcano crater with a small lake in the centre. It is within the transition zone between the dry Kalahari and wetter Lowveld vegetation, commonly referred to as "Bushveld". Unlike any other large park, unique overlaps of mammals, birds and vegetation occur because of this transition zone. Virtually all the animal species of southern Africa exist here, including healthy populations of lion, leopard, black and white rhino, elephant and buffalo - Africa's "Big Five".

Bird watching is excellent with over 300 species recorded. The park offers a number of wonderful picnic spots, numerous hides for game watching, huge walk-in aviaries, safe hiking trails, safari drives at night and flights over the park in a hot-air balloon.

Spend the hottest part of the day relaxing around the rock swimming pool, or perhaps take a siesta or visit nearby **Sun City**, just 10-minutes away by shuttle. There is a huge range of sporting and leisure facilities at Sun City- floodlit Tennis courts, horse back riding, nature trails, lawn bowls as well as jet-skiing, parasailing, windsurfing, water-skiing, and sunset cruising at Waterworld. The Valley of the Waves offers an astonishing selection of activities, from surfing on two-meter high waves to the relaxing lazy river ride. Sun City is also home to one of the largest casinos on the Southern Hemisphere.



In the afternoon enjoy another open vehicle game drive in this spectacular wildlife kingdom.



**Accommodation: Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge (B, D)**

**Thursday, September 9, 2010**

Early this morning the group will be transferred from the lodge to back to Johannesburg to go on a private half day **Soweto tour** with lunch.



This morning we travel to Soweto (SOuth WEstern TOwnship), the largest black residential area in South Africa. This "city within a city" consists of 50 suburbs and essentially acts as a labor reservoir for the greater metropolitan area of the Witwatersrand. In many ways, the story of Soweto is the story of South Africa; this is where the seeds of South African freedom took root. Our tour includes all the major points of interest, such as the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Baragwanath taxi rank, Freedom Square, Hector Pietersen Memorial and Nelson Mandela's former home. This sprawling township was the scene of the tragic riots of 1976. Despite crowded, chaotic conditions, there is a tangible sense of community in these neighborhoods which the ordered, walled suburbs lack. It is virtually impossible not to be moved by what you will witness.

After your tour you will then be transferred to your hotel. The **D'Oreale Grande Hotel** is surrounded by palatial buildings and set in a display of gardens, fountains and statues; the experience is breathtaking while the art of personal service is practiced with efficiency and aplomb. The hotel features 196 beautifully appointed rooms and suites that provide the optimum in convenience and comfort. All rooms include 24-hour room service, fully adjustable air-conditioning, an interactive PAY-TV with Internet access, SABC TV, M-Net, e-TV and selected DSTV channels, radio, a personal keypad safe, hairdryer, bathroom telephones, laundry service and valet services. Within every room is a writing desk with a Business Panel comprising standard electronic connections used worldwide and a modem connection for PC or fax machines.

**Accommodation: D'Oreale Grande Hotel (B, L)**

**Friday, September 10, 2010**

Those attending the **2010 Gate City CLE** will proceed to the Emperors Palace Complex for the CLE at the conference center. The CLE conference registration fee will include lunch, refreshments and CLE credit hours. Conference registration fee is \$100 and payable directly to Gate City (see trip reservation form).

For those not attending the CLE, feel free to explore the Emperors Palace Entertainment Complex. Emperors Palace offers a glorious health and beauty spa, a magnificent casino with unparalleled gaming enjoyment, the finest in dining options, spectacular entertainment choices, a retail concourse and impeccable service, Emperors Palace has it all. You may also enjoy your day by exploring Johannesburg.

**Optional Tours:**

Half Day City Tour of Johannesburg	\$54.00
Half Day tour of the Apartheid Museum	\$54.00

Later this evening everyone will enjoy a Farewell dinner at Tribes Restaurant at Emperor's Palace.

**Accommodation: D'Oreale Grande Hotel (B, D)**

**Saturday, September 11, 2010**

Today the group will be transferred from the hotel to Johannesburg Airport. On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport you will board your scheduled international South African Airways flight to the USA or to Zimbabwe for the Victoria Falls Extension. **(B)**

**Sunday, September 12, 2010**

Arrive in Washington, DC and connect to your flight to Atlanta. Arrive home with memories of your trip of a lifetime!

- B = Breakfast**
- L = Lunch**
- D = Dinner**

