

American Celebration of Music in

# South Africa

*An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles*



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# An Exclusive Concert Series

**S**un-scorched plains, glorious beaches, and awe-inspiring sunsets are part and parcel of a trip to South Africa. From deserted canyons, gorgeous lakes, and lush green landscapes, to the enigmatic super-cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa claws at the imagination and strums at the heartstrings. The country has an abundance of natural beauty and a diverse range of flora and fauna, including those few animals that have captured humans' imaginations in all corners of the globe: lions, zebras, cheetahs, and rhinos.



A concert tour to South Africa is an incredibly diverse experience, and could include a sustainable safari, a stay at a rural lodge, or even mountain-trekking. In Cape Town, a visit to the South African Museum, with its world-famous Bushman exhibits, is a must. Also, a tour of the District Six Museum, which in 1966 was declared a white area under the Group Areas Act of 1950, takes visitors back to the dark area of apartheid that tainted the country. 60,000 people were forcibly removed to barren outlying areas known as the Cape Flats, and their houses

in District Six were flattened by bulldozers. A visit to Robben Island, the imprisoned home to Nelson Mandela for 18 years, is also a somber reminder of the country's dark past. A day trip to the Cape of Good Hope, the majestic meeting place of the Indian and Atlantic oceans, is a sight to behold.

No matter where you are in South Africa, its musical heritage is never far away. Music tours can be found at many major vineyards, offering pairings of locally-produced wines set against complementary seasonal music. Visitors may experience South Africa's traditional Gospel music, neo-traditional African music, and the deep basslines and tantalizing rhythms of Kwaito – a genre of house music endemic and unique to the country. Visitors could also indulge in a concert of the Soweto String Quartet, with classically-trained musicians bringing their own fresh approach to time-honored classical genres. The calendar around the country is packed with sensational music events: the Macufe Festival of African Arts, the Cape Classic, and the South African Choral Festival are all recipes for a fantastic African musical experience.

All in all, South Africa is a fantastic and unique option for a concert tour - packed with both highly musical, historical, and cultural experiences.

The American Celebrations of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

# Sample Itinerary

CAPE TOWN / JOHANNESBURG  
PILANESBERG / PRETORIA

## DAY ONE: ARRIVE

Depart via scheduled air service to Cape Town, South Africa

## DAY TWO: CAPE TOWN

Late evening arrival in Cape Town

Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel

Overnight at the hotel

## DAY THREE: CAPE TOWN

Morning sightseeing tour of Cape Town, including a visit to the South African Museum and District Six Museum. Also visit St. George's Cathedral and walk through the company gardens of the government houses. Drive through Bo-Kaap, formerly known as the Malay Quarter. Bo-Kaap is an historical center of Cape Malay culture in Cape Town. Ascend to the top of Table Mountain voted one of the seven wonders of nature.

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## DAY FOUR: CAPE TOWN

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day Cape Peninsula tour to the majestic meeting place of the Indian and Atlantic oceans. Morning drive to Hout Bay. Arrive and board a glass-bottomed vessel to the Seal Colony, a 40 minute scenic excursion to Duiker Island.

Continue via Chapman's Peak for a two-hour drive to cape point, the most Southern tip of Africa. Visit the Good Hope Nature Reserve ascending by funicular and view the meeting of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans

Travel North to the Naval base of Simon's Town

Enjoy lunch at Bertha's restaurant

Visit Penguin Colony, with the history of their return to "The Boulders"

## DAY FIVE: CAPE TOWN

Walk to Nelson Mandela Gateway on the waterfront to catch the ferry to Robben Island. From the 17th to the 20th centuries, Robben Island served as a place of banishment, isolation and imprisonment.

Lunch on own at the waterfront

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Special African dinner at the Gold Restaurant. From the moment you walk through the glass doors into the aged brick interior, with its ancient doors, wooden beams and iron pillars, you will feel the heartbeat of a unique African restaurant in Cape Town

## DAY SIX: CAPE TOWN / JOHANNESBURG

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit to Le Bonheur Crocodile Farm as well as Butterfly World

We also visit the student town of Stellenbosch for lunch on own

Continue to the airport for your afternoon flight to Johannesburg

Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight



Cape Town



Table Mountain  
Cape Town



Penguin Colony  
Cape Town



Johannesburg

## DAY SEVEN: JOHANNESBURG

Depart for Soweto for morning tour. This popular tour includes a visit to attractions such as the Mandela House Museum, the Hector Pieterse Museum and Memorial site and the Regina Mundi Church.  
*Afternoon concert in Soweto as part of the American Celebration of Music in South Africa*

## DAY EIGHT: JOHANNESBURG / PILANESBERG

Transfer to Pilanesberg  
Upon arrival, check in at the Bakgatla Resort in five sleeper chalet's  
Afternoon game drive in the Pilanesberg Game Reserve by bus (open vehicles at additional cost). The park is home to healthy populations of lion, leopard, black and white rhino, elephant and buffalo - Africa's "Big Five".  
Evening visit to the Sun City Resort, home of the annual 1 million dollar Golf tournament. The resort includes lots of entertainment such as gambling, shows, an upmarket sports bar, and a nightclub  
*Possible performance in this world famous resort\**

## DAY NINE: PILANESBERG / PRETORIA

This morning enjoy another game drive through Pilanesberg  
Depart to Pretoria with a stop en-route at a flea market for some shopping and independent lunch  
Upon arrival in Pretoria spend some more time shopping at Menlyn Park shopping center  
Continue to your hotel for check in  
Special Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant

## DAY TEN: DEPART FOR HOME

Breakfast at the hotel  
Morning sightseeing tour of Pretoria. Visit the Voortrekker Monument, a unique Monument which commemorates the Pioneer history of Southern Africa and the history of the Afrikaner and is situated in a beautiful setting. From here we go to the center of Pretoria and drive past the Kruger House, the historic Church Square, and lastly a stop at the Union Buildings, which also house the office of the President of South Africa  
Transfer to the airport for return flight home

## DAY ELEVEN: ARRIVE HOME

Arrive Home



Gustavus Symphony Orchestra



Pilanesberg Game Reserve  
Pilanesberg



Voortrekker Monument  
Pretoria

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