Proposal to Host the 19th World Congress of the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC)
7-11 July 2014
Cape Town, South Africa
4 January 2007

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Dear Prof Kwon

Re: Invitation to make a complete and formal proposal to host the 19th IFAC World Congress

The South African Council for Automation and Computation (SACAC), the South African IFAC NMO, is delighted that it has been invited to make a complete and formal proposal to host the 19th IFAC World Congress in Cape Town in 2014.

SACAC is a loyal and longstanding NMO of IFAC – it became an IFAC NMO in 1961. It has been preparing for more than 10 years to reach the point where it can make this formal proposal. In 1997, SACAC wrote a letter to the then IFAC President, Yong-Zai Lu, signalling its intent to submit an expression of interest to host the 18th World Congress in 2011. This intention was again expressed at the IFAC friendship evenings held at the Beijing and Barcelona World Congresses. Our intention was formalised when a bid presentation to host the 18th World Congress in Cape Town was made to the IFAC Council in Rotterdam in 2003. Subsequently, a history book on “IFAC in South Africa” was presented to IFAC officials at the friendship evening held during the Prague World Congress.

In the 50-year history of IFAC there has never been an IFAC World Congress in Africa. The 2005-2008 IFAC Council had the opportunity to make history by assigning the first ever IFAC World Congress to Africa.

We believe that we can organise a very successful IFAC World Congress in 2014. In this document we present a very capable and dedicated team with Ian Craig as our proposed IFAC president for the 2011-2014 triennium. This team has the backing of a highly committed local control community, government, corporations, academic and professional institutions, and professional conference organisers. In addition, we have a terrific venue with superb facilities in the Cape Town International Convention Centre, which is situated in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Mr. IFAC President, SACAC would hereby like to thank you and your Council for the invitation to submit a proposal to host the 19th IFAC World Congress in Cape Town. The criteria for congress selection are addressed in the remainder of this document.

Yours sincerely

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African involvement

A significant effort will be made to involve other African countries in the 2014 Congress, both in the organisation and as participants. An initial step in this regard was the appointment to the steering committee of Dr Mandu Jeffrey from the University of Botswana. This effort does not mean that the IPC will be more lenient towards papers from Africa - the quality of submissions is paramount and no compromises will be made in this regard. We will however endeavour to make it easier for qualifying African candidates to attend the Congress.

Budget

A preliminary booking has been made at the Cape Town International Convention Centre for the 2014 World Congress for 7-11 July 2014. The preliminary budget indicates that the venue, the professional conference organiser, and the banquet will be the major expense items, and that income will mainly result from registration fees and sponsorships. We are confident that the registration fees will be no higher than the average of the last three congresses plus inflation, with reduced rates for students and other qualifying delegates. It is anticipated that full registration will include the banquet and other events such as the opening ceremony.

It is expected that this Congress will show a modest surplus. The South African IFAC NMO undertakes to bear full financial responsibility for this event, and to apply the anticipated surplus to further the aims of IFAC on the African continent.

Council and related meetings

SACAC will be delighted to once again host the IFAC Council and related meetings, as well as the IFAC Secretariat, in South Africa. An ideal venue for these meetings is the Arabella Sheraton Grand Hotel, which is an in-house hotel of the Cape Town International Convention Centre. This hotel would also be suitable accommodation for IFAC officials.

IPC

IFAC has over many years developed an excellent structure within which world congresses are organised. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the very significant role that the IFAC Technical Board plays in ensuring the technical success of a world congress. SACAC intends following the IPC structure used in previous congresses. As IPC co-chairs we propose Professors Ed Boje and Xiaohua Xia, and as IPC vice-chairs the IPC chair(s) of the previous (Milan, 2011) and the following (tbd, 2017) congresses. The sub-IPC chairs will as usual be the various co-ordinating committee chairs.

Plans to attract industrial participants

We appreciate that this is an issue to which IFAC has paid and continues to pay significant attention, and we welcome suggestions as to how to attract more industrial participants to the 2014 Congress. SACAC is in the fortunate position of having strong representation from industry on its executive committee and amongst its members. This is also evident when looking at the composition of the 2014 Congress Steering Committee that includes Dr Richard Roberts as industry liaison chair. The following proposals are made at this time:

Industry days: There will be focused industry days with items as recommended by the IFAC Technical Board, ie technical sessions with applications content, papers on best practices, and panel discussions on topics of interest to industry.

Paper submission: For manuscripts written by at least one author working in an industrial setting and presenting an industrial application, a short paper (2 pages) may be submitted instead of a full paper (6 pages). The submission date for these papers will be later than required for full papers.

Shortened registrations: One- or two-day registrations will be allowed for participants from industry who are unable to attend the full congress.

Targeted publicity: Industries will specifically be targeted and made aware of the various industry-relevant events held at the congress.

Technical tours: A comprehensive programme of technical tours will be organised, as detailed below.

Workshops: Some tutorial workshops will be tailored to the interests of industrial participants.

Professional conference organiser

Cape Town is a very popular conference venue and there are many highly competent professional conference organisers (PCOs) to choose from. The steering committee will select a suitable PCO to assist the NOC in organising the 2014 Congress. A PCO, Conferences et al (http://www.conferencesetal.co.za/), has already been employed to draw up an initial budget for the Congress.

Technical programme and proceedings

It is proposed that the technical programme should follow the traditional format - seven plenary speakers and five days of technical and poster sessions. It is envisaged that the 2014 Congress will make use of the soon-to-be established electronic site for IFAC proceedings papers. High-speed internet access is available throughout the venue, allowing delegates on-line access to session papers of interest. The 2014 IPC will follow the development of the new electronic site with interest and consider suggestions as to how this on-line database can be used before, during and after the 2014 congress.
TECHNICAL TOURS

Chevron Refinery, Cape Town  

Chevron in South Africa markets its products under the Caltex brand, one of South Africa’s top four petroleum brands. Caltex products are available to South African customers via Chevron South Africa Limited, with its headquarters in Cape Town, and more than 950 Caltex outlets throughout the country as well as other selected stores. Chevron South Africa Limited is part of the Chevron Corporation, the fifth-largest integrated energy company in the world, with headquarters in San Ramon, California. Chevron South Africa employs more than 1,500 people and forms part of the greater Africa-Pakistan-Middle East region, with its headquarters in Cape Town.

Palmiet Pumped Storage Scheme  
([http://www.eskom.co.za/education/visit/palmiet/palmiet_body.htm](http://www.eskom.co.za/education/visit/palmiet/palmiet_body.htm))

The Palmiet Pumped Storage Hydro-electric Scheme is regarded as a leading example of good environmental engineering. It is located in the scenic and ecologically sensitive heart of the Cape Fynbos Plant Kingdom. The area has recently been given international recognition as the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve – the first such reserve in South Africa. Hydro-electric power stations can respond within minutes to increases in demand for electricity and pumped storage schemes are used where water resources are scarce. At Palmiet, water that has been used to generate electricity is pumped back to a storage reservoir so that it can be used again. Apart from generating electricity, the reversible pump/turbines also pump water to fulfil Palmiet’s role as part of an intercatchment water transfer scheme delivering water to Cape Town.

Pebble Bed Modular Nuclear Reactor  
([http://www.pbmr.co.za/](http://www.pbmr.co.za/))

The South African Pebble Bed Modular Reactor company, PBMR (Pty) Ltd, was established in 1999 with the intention to develop and market small-scale, high-temperature reactors both locally and internationally. The 550-member PBMR project team is based in Centurion near Pretoria, South Africa. The PBMR is a High Temperature Reactor (HTR), with a closed-cycle, gas turbine power conversion system. The South African project is internationally regarded as the leader in the power generation field, although it is not the only HTR currently being developed in the world. Under development since 1993, the PBMR project entails the building of a demonstration reactor project near Cape Town and a pilot fuel plant near Pretoria. The current schedule is to start construction in 2007 and complete the demonstration plant by 2011. The first commercial PBMR modules are planned for 2013.

Saldanha Steel  
([http://www.iscor.com](http://www.iscor.com/))

Saldanha is a largely export-focused steel plant in close proximity to the deep-sea port of Saldanha and employs 685 staff. The plant commissioned its first hot rolled coil (HRC) in late 1998 and is currently producing at its designed capacity of 1.2 million tonnes per annum. The plant is distinguished by merging leading edge technologies to produce high quality ultra-thin hot rolled coil (UTHRC). The ISO 9002 and ISO 14001 accredited plant is the only steel mill in the world to have successfully combined the Corex/Midrex process into a continuous chain – replacing the need for coke ovens and blast furnaces, and making the plant a world leader in emission control and environmental management. The continuous production chain is exceptionally short, taking only 16 hours from the time iron ore enters the Corex or Midrex units to the rolled product. The individual processes are linked very closely, with virtually no process stock between the units.

Sun Space and Information Systems  
([http://www.sunspace.co.za/index.htm](http://www.sunspace.co.za/index.htm))

Sun Space is a provider of high-performance small- and medium-sized satellites and related systems and solutions to the international aerospace market. SunSpace has its origins in the programme of SUNSAT, South Africa’s first satellite, was developed completely by a local team of engineers, and launched in 1999 by the American space agency, NASA. The team that designed and developed SUNSAT forms the core of SunSpace staff today.

Vodacom Technocentre  
([http://www.vodacom.co.za](http://www.vodacom.co.za/))

Vodacom’s new Cape Town Technocentre houses one of the most sophisticated GSM cellular telephony network management centres (NMC) in the world. The NMC employs cutting edge technology to monitor quality and performance of the network on a real-time basis, ensuring that service to subscribers remains at or above world-class standards. The Technocentre also includes three state of the art customer care call centres dedicated respectively to prepaid customers, general enquiries and directory enquiries. The level of equipment used by the network is of such magnitude and sophistication that the US State Department conducts annual inspections on the premises to ascertain that the technology is only used for its intended purpose.
IFAC IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa has been active in the affairs of IFAC since 1961 with the founding of SACAC, the IFAC NMO in South Africa, in response to a request from IFAC for local representation. The primary mission of SACAC is to promote the multi-disciplinary sciences of computation, automation and control and their application to industry in Southern Africa. SACAC comprises about 50 corporate and institutional members representative of leading corporations, tertiary educational establishments, professional institutions, research organisations and private companies involved in automation and control.

South Africa has a relatively small but vibrant control community that actively participates in IFAC events and committees. For example, Dr JDN van Wyk served IFAC in numerous capacities, including as council member, and Professor Ian MacLeod was chair of the Distributed Computer Control Systems TC (1996-1999). More recently, Professor Xiaohua Xia was appointed as vice-chair of the Non-Linear Control Systems TC (2002-2008). Professor Ian Craig is serving a second term as a member of the IFAC Council.

The South African NMO has organised and sponsored seven IFAC events, including the highly successful MMM 1995 at which the NMO also hosted the IFAC Council and related meetings. NOLCOS 2007 will take place in Pretoria from 22-24 August 2007, and MMM 2010 will be held in Cape Town from 2-4 August 2010.

For more information on IFAC-related activities in South Africa, please refer to the book entitled “IFAC in South Africa (1961-2005)” that was launched at the South Africa friendship evening at the Prague Congress in 2005.
**SOUTH AFRICA**

South Africa has the perfect blend of ingredients to provide the ideal backdrop for any event: luxury, adventure, wildlife, magnificent scenery, an efficient infrastructure and rich cultural diversity. Few regions in the world can match the fun, beauty and excitement you’ll find in South Africa.

South Africa has already demonstrated an outstanding track record of global significance such as the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference and the Non-Aligned Movement Summit, International Aids Conference, the World Conference on Racism, and various medical congresses, and has been the host country to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002.

**EXCEPTIONAL SOUTH AFRICANS**

Among the more famous sons and daughters of South Africa are ……

**NELSON MANDELA**

South Africa’s most famous son, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, is also a world icon of statesmanship and national reconciliation. Nelson Mandela is best known for his long struggle against the Apartheid government - a system of white domination and racial segregation. A co-founder of the African National Congress Youth League, he also founded the Defiance Campaign of 1952, based on Gandhi’s principles of non-violence. In 1964 he was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Apartheid government and sent to Robben Island.

Released in 1990, Nelson Mandela was central to the multi-party negotiations which led to democratic elections in 1994. On May 10 of that year, he was inaugurated as South Africa’s first black president. To this day, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate continues to work for the children and the poverty-stricken masses of South Africa.

**PRESIDENT THABO MBeki**

In the post-Mandela era, President Thabo Mbeki has been a champion of the concept of African Renaissance - a far-reaching vision for the continent at large. After the initial process of reconciliation, his government tasked with the job of implementing much needed reforms like poverty alleviation, job creation and nation-building in the new South Africa.

**ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU**

Another Nobel laureate, Desmond Tutu is more recently famous for his chairing of the ground-breaking Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the late 1990s. Known throughout his long career as a vocal, charismatic anti-Apartheid spokesman and former head of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa, Archbishop Tutu is one of South Africa’s most-loved citizens.

**MARK SHUTTLEWORTH**

At age 28, ICT entrepreneur, Mark Shuttleworth became Africa’s first astronaut in 2002.

**NADINE GORDIMER**

Described by her peers as a “colossus of South African literature”, Nadine Gordimer was the first South African to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. A prolific writer of novels, short stories, essays and journalistic articles, Gordimer was one of the voices of protest during the Apartheid years - and continues to practise her elegant craft in the modern era.

**JM COETZEE**

Winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize for Literature, JM Coetzee is the author of a vital body of South African writing, including such works as ‘The Life and Times of Michael K’, ‘Disgrace’, ‘Youth’, ‘Waiting for the Barbarians’ and ‘Elizabeth Costello’.

**HUGH MASEKELA**

Self-exiled in the 1960s, the wonderful jazz trumpeter Hugh Masekela has returned to South Africa and is still a major player on the local concert circuit. He is also an inspiration to young jazz players and actively promotes their careers.

**ERNIE ELS**

Affectionately nicknamed “The Big Easy” due to his calm demeanour, Ernie Els took the international golfing world by storm when, as a 24 year old, he won the 1994 U.S. Open. He has since evolved into one of the world’s top-ranking golfers, boasting a total of 35 international crowns, including two US Open titles and the 2002 British Open.

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE**

South Africa is fondly known as the “Rainbow Nation”, due to its cultural diversity comprising people of the San (or Bushman), Nguni, Sotho-Tswana, Tsonga, Venda, Indian, Afrikaner, English and mixed origins, as well as immigrant communities from all corners of the world.

The South African people have managed a remarkable transition from a racially divided society to one that is founded on democratic principals. The way South Africans have overcome historical racial divides is lauded throughout the world. The people of South Africa continue to work together to develop and promote their country which recognizes and celebrates difference in diversity of cultures and religion.
SOUTH AFRICA

EXCEPTIONAL LAND

- South Africa has the oldest meteor scar in the world, just across the Vaal River near Parys, called the Vredefort Dome. The meteor plummeted to Earth nearly two billion years ago (Earth is said to be 4.5 billion years old), predating the heady days of oxygen and multi-celled life.

- The rocks around Barberton in Mpumalanga are some of the most ancient in the world - over three billion years old. Because they are also the most accessible such formations, NASA scientists come here to gain an idea of how life might form on distant planets.

- There are only 12 countries in the world that supply tap water that is fit to drink, and South Africa is one of them. Our tap water quality is about third best overall in the world.

- At least half of South Africa’s population is now officially urbanized. Interestingly though, a huge trend is developing where young urban families move from big cities to rural towns to live on a more sustainable scale and get in touch with the Earth, simultaneously revitalizing the countryside.

- The Cederberg Mountain range in the Western Cape is called the biggest art gallery in the world, thanks to hundreds upon hundreds of ancient San/Bushman paintings. Bushman paintings make up the earliest rock art on the planet - some are tens of thousands of years old.

TASTY TITBITS

There are some South African specialities that visitors to our shores won’t find anywhere else in the world. Here’s a taste of what to expect:

- **Kingklip** - no other country consumes as much kingklip as South Africans do. A sturdy fish with beautiful flakes, it absorbs flavours well and packs a satisfying ocean punch.

- **Karoo lamb** - by all accounts most chefs agree that we have something special in Karoo lamb. The animals feed on fragrant shrubs and wild herbs that lend the meat its unique flavour. Grilled, gourmet-style, barbequed or basted, it’s a sure-fire winner.

- **Biltong and boerewors** - these must be our national icons in the food arena. In the early days before refrigeration the Dutch preserved excess meat from the hunt by rubbing it with salt, pepper, coriander, vinegar and saltpeter and hanging it out to dry. Meat treated in this manner lasted indefinitely as long as it was kept dry. Boerewors is a robust farmer’s sausage sold in coiled ribbons. The meat is spicy and redolent of coriander and sizzles and splatters companionably when slapped on the coals or dropped into a hot skilet.

- **Mielies (corn) and pap (maize meal porridge)** - Maize has long been the basis of African cuisine. This is roasted on open fires and ground finely to make the maize meal for their beloved maize porridge. Eaten at breakfast with sour milk and sugar or served with meat drizzled with a tomato and onion gravy, it’s a national treasure.

PEOPLE AND CULTURE

- Our country is home to two of the world’s most profoundly compassionate philosophies - Ubuntu and Gandhi’s notion of “passive resistance” (Satyagraha), which he developed while living in South Africa. Ubuntu stresses the fact that all people are fundamentally connected, that we are human because of each other: “I am because you are”.

- South Africa’s traditional healers have been found by pharmaceutical companies to be a font of information on medicinal plants.
SOUTH AFRICA

Samoosas - these triangular savoury pastries are the Indian South African answer to the English meat pie (although we have those too). The filling can be made of either chilli-laden mince or a spicy vegetable mix.

So what’s to drink around South Africa?

If you’re looking to find something non-alcoholic, here are a few suggestions:

Liquifruit and Ceres: these 100% fruit juices are so highly valued that delis in New York and Paris stock them. No preservatives, no added sugar - just concentrated fruit juice that tastes like the real deal. Try the watermelon flavour - it’s a winner.

Rock shandy - this is the sportsman’s thirst quencher of choice, but has proved to be equally popular in restaurants. It’s a mixture of club soda, carbonated lemonade, a splash of Angostura bitters, loads of ice and a twisted slice of lemon. Bliss…

On the alcoholic front we serve:

Cane spirits - made from distilled sugar cane, where it is mixed into cocktails and combined with tropical fruit juices. South Africa’s answer to Vodka…

Brandy - we make some of the best brandy (cousin to the Cognacs of France) in the world - a fact not widely known. Drunk traditionally with Coca-Cola it should actually be enjoyed in a crystal snifter after a good meal with a cigar to match.

Beer - every country has its beers and South Africa is particularly partial to its brew in view of the warm climatic conditions that prevail here.

Wine and sparkling wines - this is where you can expect to be spoilt. South African wines are excellent and very, very affordable when compared to overseas products. Try the robust local reds (very strong though, be careful) like Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinotage (a variety unique to this country). For something special at no price at all, order a bottle of local bubbly like Cap Classique or Krone Borealis. Fermented in the bottle in the French tradition, it makes for light, easy drinking with a festive air.
Facts About South Africa

- South Africa has three international airports: Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Durban. Other airports include: Port Elizabeth, East London, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, George, Pietersburg, and Lanseria.

- The South African currency is the Rand, which is made up of 100 cents. Notes issued: R10, R20, R50, R100, R200. Coins issued: 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, R1, R2, and R5. Foreign currency can be exchanged at commercial banks and at various foreign exchange bureaux. Banks are open from 09:00 – 15:30 weekdays and 08:30 – 11:00 on Saturdays. Most banks have Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs), which are open 24 hours a day for statements, cash withdrawals and deposits.

- South Africa has a modern and sophisticated banking and commercial system and most shops and hotels will accept all major international credit cards.

- South Africa has adopted a Value Added Tax (VAT) system of 14% on purchases and services. Foreign visitors to South Africa can reclaim their VAT on purchases if they have spent more than R250.

- Shopping and business hours: Most shops in the city centres and suburbs are open between 09:00 and 18:00 on weekdays and until 14:00 on Saturdays. Generally major shopping malls usually open at 09:00 and close at 18:00.

- South African Time is set at GMT +2. There are no time zone differences within South Africa and the country has not adopted a daylight time saving system in summer.

- Cellular phones (mobile phones) can be rented at the airport or at Visitor Information Centres. Blue public phones work with the use of coins, while green public phones work with local Telkom phone cards. International roaming is possible depending on your service provider.

- Driving: An international driver’s licence is required in SA and the licence must include a photograph as well as the signature of the holder. Driving is on the left hand side of the road and speed limits are in kilometres. Cash is required to pay for fuel.

- Duty-free shops are situated at Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban International Airports.

- There are 11 official languages in SA. English is the language of administration and is widely spoken. Other languages are: Afrikaans, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu.

- Customs: Personal effects (used) are admitted duty free. The allowance for visitors to South Africa is as follows (free of duty per adult):
  - 1 litre of spirits
  - 2 litres of wine
  - 400 cigarettes
  - 50 cigars
  - 50ml perfume
  - 250ml eau de toilette
  - Gifts and souvenirs to the value of R3 000

- Permits are required for firearms and are available at the entry points.

- Health Requirements: No vaccinations are required for cholera or smallpox. If arriving from a yellow fever zone, you must have a valid international yellow fever inoculation certificate. Due to the threat of malaria contamination, preventative medication is necessary for the Northern Province, Mpumalanga and the north of KwaZulu Natal. It is obtainable from all pharmacies in South Africa. Malaria preventative medication is not necessary for Cape Town and the Western Cape.

- In most cities/towns/game reserves the tap water is purified and 100% safe to drink.

- Visas are issued by the South African missions abroad and must be affixed in the applicant’s passport before departing to South Africa. Visas are not issued on arrival at South African ports of entry.
TOP TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Cape Town has so much to offer as a tourist destination. It is blessed to have South Africa’s top six tourist attractions within one hour’s drive from the city centre, the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Table Mountain, Cape Point, the Winelands, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and Robben Island, a short boat trip away.

1. Table Mountain
South Africa’s world-renowned icon, the beloved Table Mountain, was given National Park status in May 1998.

Table Mountain offers something for everyone – magnificent views, cable car rides, mountain-biking, hiking, serious rock climbing, cross country running, fascinating botany, birding and for the more adventurous, abseiling and paragliding. Visitors are treated to a spectacular view during the ride to the top of Table Mountain aboard a modern cable car with a revolving floor.

2. Victoria & Alfred Waterfront
Cape Town’s Victoria and Alfred Waterfront has established itself as a leading world-class waterfront. The unique working harbour with scenic views of Table Mountain combined with entertainment options like shopping, street musicians, museums, an aquarium, boat trips and cinemas promise to make any visit an unforgettable experience.

3. Robben Island
Robben Island is one of South Africa’s four World Heritage sites. This barren windswept island was the prison home of former President Nelson Mandela for many years. Here you can experience the view that kept Nelson Mandela’s dream of freedom for his country alive.

4. Winelands/Wine Routes
South Africa and the Western Cape produces some of the world’s best wines. The first wines in South Africa were produced at Steenberg in 1695 and Groot Constantia is the oldest productive wine estate in the country.

5. Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
Kirstenbosch is internationally acclaimed as one of the great botanical gardens of the world. Situated on the eastern slopes of Cape Town’s magnificent Table Mountain, the estate covers 528 hectares and includes a cultivated garden and a nature reserve.

6. Cape Point
The Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point form part of the Cape Peninsula National Park, and are managed by the South African National Parks. Visitors can enjoy the 7 750 hectares reserve of indigenous flora and fauna and over 150 bird species and can also travel with the only funicular in Africa to the viewing platform 678 metres above the sea.

Other attractions in Cape Town & Western Cape include:
- The Castle Goede Hoop
- Cape Town Townships
- Whales
- Bo Kaap
- Floral Heritage
- Beaches
- Garden Route
- Cango Caves
- National Parks
- National Reserves

Estimated costs of consumables in Cape Town (as at January 2007)

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SAFETY AND SECURITY

While there may be perceptions to the contrary, Cape Town is as safe as most international cities.

Making Cape Town’s Central Business District (CBD) the safest in the country was the main driver behind the establishment of the Central Improvement District (CID) in November 2000. The CID collects over R14.5 million a year from property owners, of which nearly half pays for extra security on the streets of Cape Town’s central city.

A security force of 129 community patrol officers, 15 private security ground patrols and eight mounted patrols keep the streets of the central city of Cape Town safe for all those who work in, visit or live in the city of Cape Town.

A 75-camera surveillance network, paid for by the City of Cape Town, assists in keeping crime at bay. In addition, Cape Town now also boasts a municipal police force. Three hundred and fifty officers have already been trained: 35 are allocated to the central city specifically.

CAPE TOWN’S CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS

Cape Town has successfully hosted many top class international congresses and conventions with the assistance of local organisers, namely:

PAST EVENTS
2004 Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN) (500 delegates)
2004 International Conference of Principals (3000 delegates)
2005 International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC GM) (1000 delegates)
Repeat Gartner Symposium / IT Expo (1500 delegates)
2006 International Diabetes Federation (IDF) (12 000 delegates)

FUTURE EVENTS
2008 World Congress of Anaesthesiologists (10 000 delegates)
2009 FIGO World Congress (8000 delegates)
2009 IEEE Geoscience & Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS) (1400 delegates)
2010 IEEE Globecom (1500 delegates)
2012 International Congress of Psychology (6000 delegates)
2014 16th IUPHAR World Congress of Basic Clinical Pharmacology (10 000 delegates)

CAPE TOWN’S CREDENTIALS

• Best City in Africa and the Middle East (Conde Nast Travelers, 2004)
• Favourite Foreign City (2004 Daily Telegraph Travel Award)
• Best City to Eat Out, 2004 (British Highlife Award)
• One of the World’s Top 8 Creative Cities (Newsweek, September 2002)
THE CONFERENCE

TRAVEL TO CAPE TOWN

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM CAPE TOWN / SOUTH AFRICA

When visiting Cape Town, delegates will mostly arrive and depart by air. Once here, getting around is relatively simple and convenient, whether by rail, taxi, inner city bus or hired car.

CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

BANKS

International Departures
- ABSA has a bank, a bureau de change and an ATM in International Departures.

International Arrivals
- You will find a Master Currency bureau de change in International Arrivals.

EXECUTIVE LOUNGES

International Departures
- South African Airways
- British Airways – Terraces
- The Premier Lounge (www.Rennies.co.za)

The Premier Lounge is an executive lounge that is open to any passenger, no matter the airline or ticket class. You can pay per visit or buy a pre-paid card for six or more visits.

INTERNET ACCESS

ACSA has provided a WIFI (Wireless Internet Access) facility at the International as well as at the Domestic Terminals.

VAT REFUNDS

Foreign visitors leaving South Africa may claim back Value Added Tax on purchases from the VAT refund administrator. The goods have to be shown to the administrator before check-in.

The VAT refund office is on the ground level of International Departures. Only after a passenger has checked in and passed through passport control is the value of the VAT (less the administrator’s commission) paid back. This happens on the ground level of International Departures, between passport control and the boarding gates.

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Most European Airlines fly via Europe

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ESTIMATED FLYING TIMES

Estimated flying time between various destinations within South Africa

- Johannesburg - Cape Town 1 hr 50 min
- Durban - Cape Town 1 hr 55 min
- Port Elizabeth - Cape Town 1 hr 15 min
- Johannesburg – Livingstone 1 hr 30 min
- Johannesburg – Sun City 40 min

Estimated flying time between destination Cape Town and International cities:

- Atlanta 18 hrs 25 min
- Boston 25 hrs 50 min
- Copenhagen 14 hrs 50 min
- Dubai 10 hrs 10 min
- Edinburgh 12 hrs
- Frankfurt 10 hrs 30 min
- Hong Kong 16 hrs
- London 11 hrs 30 min
- Melbourne 20 hrs 50 min
- Nairobi 6 hrs 10 min
- New York 19 hrs
- Perth 11 hrs 15 min
- Sao Paulo 11 hrs 45 min
- Singapore 13 hrs 35 min
- Vancouver 21 hrs 35 min
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GETTING AROUND

By Taxi or Coach
Cape Town’s metered taxi operators have a proud record of helping visitors make the most of their stay. Luxury air-conditioned coaches and shuttle buses will move delegates between the airport, hotels, the CTICC and their functions.

By Train
Cape Town station is situated within walking distance of the ArabellaSheraton Grand Hotel, and the functional Metro Rail system connects the city centre with the northern suburbs, southern suburbs and Cape Flats.

By Canal
Cape Town’s newest tourism precinct, the Roggebaai canal, will ferry visitors and locals in water taxis from their hotels in the world-renowned Victoria & Alfred Waterfront along a picturesque stretch of water to the front door of ArabellaSheraton Grand Hotel. As hotels are within easy walking distance, this offers a recreational alternative. Architecturally, the canal and convention centre reflect the historical heritage of Cape Town. In time the banks of the canal will be dotted with sidewalk cafes and restaurants, speciality retail outlets, small boutique hotels and guesthouses.

ACCOMMODATION

Cape Town has a wide selection of superb hotels in all categories that promise local and international business visitors a pleasurable stay in the Mother City.

With access to more than 3000 rooms, all within walking distance, the Cape Town International Convention Centre is ideally located to accommodate the specific needs of any delegation. Our on-site hotel, the 5 star Arabella Sheraton Grand Hotel has 483 rooms and suites and provides delegates with immediate access from the hotel to the heart of the convention centre.

Our clients have access to more than 2500 five-star rooms, 3500 four-star rooms and 2200 three-star rooms. If conference organisers are looking for moderately priced accommodation, they can access an additional 8000 rooms in the city’s excellent guesthouses and lodges.

Cape Town is a value-for-money destination and hotels offer excellent service to our delegates. Currently, conference delegates can expect to pay for accommodation within the following bandwidths:

Rates:
- exclusive of Tourism Levy charged at a rate of 1% of the total accommodation revenue;
- exclusive of any national or provincial tourism or other levies, which may be required by legislation to be collected from time to time;
- the quoted rate will increase automatically, without prior notification in the event that the prevailing rates of either Value Added Tax or other applicable levies are increased;
- current and subject to year on year escalation and will be confirmed when contracted; or
- year–on–year escalation is based on the CPIX and is dictated by economical variables.

Season Rates
Cape Town is a popular leisure destination and a fast growing business / conference destination. Seasons play a particular part in negotiating the best possible tariff for our conference.

Cape Town has three particular periods (seasons) which within rates are determined. These are:

- *Shoulder: High/Low season rate apply – depending on hotel availability
- Peak Periods are:
  - Peak Season: January (Week 1), November, December (from 3rd week)
  - Pick n Pay Argus Cycle Race: 2nd Weekend March
  - Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon: 2nd week in April

Room Allocation
- Each hotel will allocate a number of rooms for your event based on the dates requested and how it fits in with high/low demand periods.
- As a basic indication, hotels offer 1 complimentary room per certain amount of rooms reserved. Normally, that will be 1 complimentary room for every 50 rooms occupied.
- Upgrades, interleading and staff rooms can be negotiated as soon as event is contracted with hotel.

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### LOCAL ORGANISER AND SUPPORT SERVICES

There are many experienced Professional Conference Organisers, audio visual support teams, exhibition organisers and suppliers, coach companies and other supplies to assist in staging a top class event in Cape Town and the Western Cape.

Cape Town Routes Unlimited is the official marketing organisation for Cape Town and the Western Cape. The Cape Town and Western Cape Convention and Events Bureau is a strategic business unit of Cape Town Routes Unlimited and is tasked to promote the region as a premier events and meetings destination. The Bureau would be able to provide the local host committee with destination expertise and support in securing the necessary suppliers to manage all details which will make the conference successful.
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SOCIAL EVENTS

In many international congresses, the social programme is almost considered as important as the conference proceedings. This is a time when the host country is able to share some of the traditions of the country with international visitors. Cape Town is a cosmopolitan city with many opportunities to stage unique and memorable social events.

For smaller functions and candle lit dinners in the historical Cape of Good Hope Castle, social functions on chartered vessels in the harbour or at other beautiful Cape Town venues are easily arranged. Dinners at local wine estates or at world-renowned hotels can also be very special.

Some examples of the kind of social that could be organised for the Congress are as follows:

A South African Theme Dinner
An African Theme dinner can be the highlight of any congress’ social programme. Entertainment could include some of South Africa’s top entertainers, such as the Soweto String quartet, Sibongile Khamalo and Hugh Masekela, plus the best of African dancing and singing.

A Cape Vineyard Braai
Coal fires will abound with the best seafood to a wide range of meats being cooked the traditional South African way, plus “potjiekos” and other delicacies. There will be an opportunity to formally taste and compare the fine local wines in smaller groups under expert guidance.

A Formal Forest Dinner at Historical Site
Sit down to a formal dinner in the middle of Newlands Forest, one of the city’s Cape Peninsula National Park forests, complete with long tables and white napery. The tall, imposing pine trees will be illuminated for dramatic effect while dinner is served. Newlands forest is but a 15-minute drive from the city centre.

Cape Malay Street Party
Cape Town’s vibrant Cape Malay community are descendants of the slaves and political exiles brought to Cape Town in the 17th century from the Malaysian islands and the Indian subcontinent. Three hundred years later, the Cape Malay community in Cape Town remains a vibrant one. This event introduces the guests to this unique community, with its rich heritage and culture and fabulous culinary tradition.

Spier Vintage Train
The Spier Vintage Train is a unique way of ensuring your group arrives at Spier Wine Estate in style. The guests board the train at Cape Town Station, then head for Stellenbosch, Spier Wine Estate. The delegates will experience a truly unique and sophisticated African evening at Moyo Restaurant.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMMES

Cape Town is the Jewel of Africa and it has a wealth of interesting places to visit and intriguing people to meet. We’re determined that they should make any accompanying person’s stay unforgettable.

To name but a few:

• A visit to the top of South Africa’s most famous landmark, Table Mountain.
• A wild life experience at one of the game reserves near Cape Town.
• A tour to Robben Island, where former President Nelson Mandela spent most of his years in prison.
• A day of wine and brandy tasting in the famous Cape Winelands (South Africa offers some of the world’s best award-winning wines).
• A visit to the Gold of Africa Museum and a diamond workshop to watch goldsmiths at work and learn about our precious stones.
• A cultural tour, learning about the different cultures in our country and interacting with the locals.
• A visit to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden world-renowned for the beauty and diversity of the Cape flora it displays.
THE VENUE

CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Situated on the outskirts of the Central Business District, the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) is close to the vibrant beat of the city's heart. At its official opening, President Thabo Mbeki called the development ‘a symbol of hope, a symbol of our glorious past, a symbol of modernity and a symbol of future prosperity’. It is a notion that is as true today as it was then.

Location and setting: a stunning environment

When you visit Cape Town, bring your camera. Table Mountain presides majestically over the entire city bowl, with landscapes as diverse as beaches and winelands just a short drive away. Many of the city’s landmarks – shops, buildings, cultural attractions – are a few minutes from the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The nearby V&A Waterfront, with its mesmerizing list of restaurants, boutiques, malls, and creative characters, remains the country’s most visited venue. This is indeed a city that embraces its ancient and recent history, fusing it with a sense of cutting edge design, contemporary fashion, and social chic.

The CTICC has added to this vibrant space. Its arrival has resulted in the blossoming of the Foreshore precinct – land reclaimed from the Atlantic Ocean in the 1930s. The Foreshore now forms a lively link between the Central Business District (CBD) and the city’s harbour. Hotel and infrastructure developments abound – and the CBD itself has been infused with a new sense of purpose.

The new centre of Cape Town

One of the city’s most recent developments is the Roggebaai Canal, which provides a water-taxi route between the CTICC and the V&A Waterfront. With an embarkation point in the main court, Convention Square, the canal offers visitors a unique view of the city. And it’s just one of the ways the Convention Centre’s location makes for an unforgettable stay.

Flexibility: the key to multi-use facilities

The Cape Town International Convention Centre is designed to meet the varied needs of its delegates and visitors. Its sub-divisible, multi-use convention facilities – and dedicated exhibition area – create an environment that allows for any number of events and functions.

A sublime sense of space

One of the outstanding features of the CTICC is its imposing, two-storey gallery that extends the full length of the centre. Move from one vehicle to the next, and you will soon notice that the design lends itself to a smooth flow and circulation of visitors. From major medical and scientific conventions hosting thousands of delegates, to consumer exhibitions and trade shows, as well as intimate meetings and events, the CTICC accommodates them all.

The Auditoria

The two auditoria, which offer excellent technological infrastructure and superb acoustics, provide tiered seating for large plenary sessions, lectures, product launches award evenings and theatre productions. Situated on opposite ends of the building, both auditoria can be utilized simultaneously while still allowing delegates breathing space. Design details such as writing tablets attached to the seats add a final quality touch.

The sweeping space of Auditorium I seats 1500 guests, and is equipped with a large stage and screen, six interpreting booths, an orchestra pit and a projection room. Linked VIP dressing rooms comfortably accommodate speakers, or the cast of theatre productions. The auditorium’s spacious foyer enables delegates to enjoy refreshments, register, network, or view conference-related exhibits with ease. A designated exterior smoking terrace leads off from the foyer.

Auditorium II seats 620 delegates and is also equipped with a stage, screen, six interpreting booths, and a projection room. This venue is ideally located off the Strelitzia Conservatory and can be accessed from Level 1 of the centre. The Conservatory is the ideal pause point between busy conference schedules – enjoy some refreshments, and relax.

From lectures to live jazz, the CTICC’s auditoria remain consummate hosts.
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Exhibition Halls

The Cape Town International Convention Centre provides 10 000m² of dedicated, column-free exhibition and trade show space. The exhibition halls are sub-divisible and can be configured into five separate venues for smaller exhibitions, banquets, special events or conferences.

It’s not called the Grand Ballroom for nothing

The magnificent, multi-functional 2000m² Grand Ballroom is delicately bathed in natural light. It can also be divided according to a 60-40 ratio by means of soundproof partitioning. And, although the aesthetics are designed to take full advantage of the view, motorised vertical blinds do allow for blackout.

The venue is serviced from two dedicated kitchens situated on either side of the room. This allows for speed of service when the entire venue is in use. The 60-40 configuration would therefore see each individual room with its own kitchen.

More room to move

The Roof Terrace Room situated on Level 2 has spectacular views of Table Mountain. Natural light flows into the room from three sides of the venue, and motorised blinds allow for blackout. The Roof Terrace Room includes a dedicated foyer and exterior terrace, making this prime space highly flexible.

There are also four flexible Meeting Rooms, each accommodating up to 330 delegates. The Meeting Rooms are sub-divisible and can be set up for a variety of seating configurations.

The thirteen Meeting Suites are well equipped and vary in size, accommodating up to 25 delegates. Many of these suites are glass fronted, and overlook the bustle of the Exhibition Halls. They double as private viewing boxes or VIP suites, broadcasting or pressrooms. These venues are most-often used as Speakers’ Preparation rooms and Organizers’ Offices.

A diverse number of dedicated conservatories and landings complement the meeting requirements of event organisers. The Convention Centre’s two multifunctional restaurants are the Strelitzia and the Jasminum. Both are accessible from several venues and the exhibition halls and are adjacent to the Clivia, Strelitzia and Jasminum conservatories.

More than just a striking façade

The interior of the Cape Town International Convention Centre reflects the city beyond. Modern, tranquil, and welcoming, this floating space creates an atmosphere of ‘African Zen’. Generous conservatories are flooded with natural light and surrounded by indigenous flora. These relaxing, less formal settings are perfect for viewing of exhibits, cocktails, light lunches, a meal on the run, or just a moment of quiet reflection in the course of a busy conference schedule.

The Registration Foyer is a spacious area dedicated to the efficient registration of large numbers of conference delegates. Ideally located off the Main Foyer on the ground floor, this flexible space can be easily adapted to suit particular needs.

The CTICC’s main foyer leads off Convention Square, a grand piazza that looks out over the Roggebaai Canal and the ArabellaSheraton Grand Hotel. Convention Square links the road network to the centre’s walkways and parking areas as well as the Roggebaai Canal embarkation point.

Future flexibility

The Cape Town International Convention Centre is already thinking ahead. In 2007 the exhibition area will be expanded to include a further 1200m². Adjacent to Hall 4, this additional space will allow for breakout sessions for large conventions, dinner and lunch parties or exhibitions. Facilities and services will naturally match the exacting standards of the CTICC.

The art of conferencing

Bold, distinctive artworks that express African and Cape essences ensure that the centre is not only technologically sophisticated but also aesthetically pleasing. The striking 28-metre wide and nearly 8-metre high relief sculpture in the Main Foyer, entitled Baobabs, Stormclouds, Animals and People, is a collaboration between the late San artist Tuoi Stefaans Samcuia and award-winning artist Brett Murray. It reflects the rich diversity of South African culture and brings into focus the qualities that make Cape Town historically and culturally unique.
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The second major artwork, Reservoir, is a vast two-piece sculpture by well-known local sculptor Gavin Younge. One portion comprises suspended vessel-like forms, woven from wire and metal strapping. The second piece consists of woven wooden boat hulls situated in the foyer of Auditorium I. Hidden speakers broadcast the life stories of people from Cape Town, South Africa, Africa and elsewhere in the world in a telling reflection of the region’s cultural heritage.

Access for the disabled

The CTICC has been designed around its visitors, including the disabled. The complex features international standard wheelchair access, designated drop-off points and parking bays, toilets for the physically challenged and elevators with Braille inscription. In fact, in 2004, the centre hosted Access, an International Conference on Partnership in Disability, as well as the sixth General Assembly of the World Blind Union.

Technology: at your fingertips

The Cape Town International Convention Centre combines aesthetics with supreme functionality. The highly sophisticated IT network with its fibre optic backbone, includes some 1800 CAT5e data points located across the exhibition halls, meeting rooms and public spaces. This infrastructure is used to offer a host of technology services which include secure broadband internet. Every corner of the CTICC is also covered by separate wireless networks.

Remote control touch panels in certain venues allow event organisers to control light levels, blinds, and projection screens. Should a power failure occur, emergency back-up generators guarantee an uninterrupted power supply.

Service and quality: a great Cape tradition

The staff at the Cape Town International Convention Centre are a committed team, aided by a sophisticated infrastructure, and cutting edge technology. This is enhanced by the excellent reputation of the operating company, the Dutch RAI Group, which has extensive international experience in all facets of the facility’s operation.

The CTICC is supported by the qualified expertise of professional, preferred suppliers who complement the core services of the centre. These incorporate a full range of services from audio-visual and IT, to rigging and security.

A choice of restaurants on the menu

The Cape Town International Convention Centre’s catering division is managed by a team of talented, internationally trained chefs. They will help customise any menu you can imagine – and perhaps some you can’t. Running the length of the centre, the kitchen facilities are the largest and most advanced in the Western Cape. Dedicated lifts from the kitchen to each venue allow for every event to be catered for with efficiency, flair and friendliness.

Delegates and visitors also have the option of visiting the CTICC’s two informal restaurants, the Jasminum and Strelitzia, or the privately-owned Marimba Restaurant, a vibrant eatery offering a combination of African and world cuisine. At the Marimba, guests can tune in to the vibrant beat of live jazz music, or take in the commanding city and mountain views from the outdoor terrace.

Convention convenience

Visitors to the CTICC will find a host of useful facilities located in the Main Foyer, off Convention Square. These include: the Mahisha Business Centre, which incorporates the Imali Express Bureau de Change, a travel booking desk and a range of business services; the Illy Café, which is perfect for a quick bite and a cup of coffee; and the Afrique Convenience Store, offering duty-free shopping, local and international newspapers and magazines, and a selection of African crafts. An on-site Medi-clinic provides first aid services if required.

Outside, there are 1400 secure parking bays available for visitors.
PRE & POST TOURS

Few countries in the world can match the fun, beauty and excitement you’ll find in South Africa. Whilst in Cape Town for your conference, take the opportunity to stay a little longer to explore the unique aura of Africa:

Post Tour Options:

Bush Babies: Game Lodge Fly-in package
The Kruger National Park is an area known as Paradise Country, it is large and diverse enough to guarantee each visitor his or her personal safari adventure. The main attraction of course the ‘Big Five’ however, the interesting indigenous fauna and flora, abundance of general game and prolific bird life completes the idea bush sojourn. Delegates will be flown from Johannesburg International Airport to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport to begin their game viewing experience.

Shamwari Game Reserve
Port Elizabeth
2 Days and 1 Night
Steeped in settler history and dating back to a time when a multitude of game roamed freely, the reserve boasts five eco-systems, thus supporting the many forms of plant, animal and bird life. Game viewing is carried out on game drives with a trained ranger who will increase your enjoyment with his knowledge of both the flora and fauna.

The Magical Garden Route
This tour departs from Port Elizabeth and heads to Cape Town, passing the forests of the Tsitsikamma Mountains and the Bloukrans and Grot River Passes. Highlights of this tour will include the scenic Garden Route featuring attractions such as Bloukrans, Stormsriver, Tsitsikamma Forest, Big Tree and Nature’s Valley, the oyster capital of Knysna (with the opportunity of a lagoon boat cruise), the ostrich capital of Oudtshoorn, including a visit to the Cango Caves, ending the tour in magical Cape Town.

Augrabies & Namibia Wonderscape
Upington to Windhoek
5 days and 4 nights
Few sights are as awesome or a sound as deafening as water thundering down the 56 metre Augrabies Waterfall when the Orange River is in full flood. The Khoi (Bushmen) people called it “Aukoerebis” or place of Great Noise, as this powerful flow of water is unleashed from rocky surroundings. Places visited on this tour include the Fish River Canyon, the second largest natural gorge in Africa. Offering fantastic photographic opportunities, the majestic and pristine sand dunes will be visited in the Sossusvlei region before leaving for the bustling city of Windhoek.

Table Mountain and City Tour
This half day tour includes: cableway trip to the top of Table Mountain where the varying flora and fauna will be explained; Malay Quarter tour; Castle of Good Hope; Milnerton for a spectacular view of Table Mountain and Cape Town Diamond Works.
Winelands Tour
The tour includes: scenic and historic drive through and wine tasting at local farms in Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschoek.

Colonial Conflict Chronicles (Natal Battlefields)
An early start inland towards South Africa’s famous battlegrounds, more battles were fought in this remote area of KwaZulu–Natal than anywhere else in South Africa. The expert battlefield guides will have you hanging on every world as they recount the 1979 battle of Isandlwana where 24 000 Zulu Impis’ took on the fire power of the British troops, and eliminated almost an entire regiment in less than an hour. Highlights of this tour include the relics of Isandlwana, Fugitive’s Drift and Rourke’s Drift, featuring historical conflicts between Zulu Impi and British troops and Relics of Spioenkop showcasing the battle between Boer and British soldiers.

Madiba’s Coast
Departing from Durban, this tours takes delegates along the spectacular coastal road to Ramsgate, crossing the Mtamvuna River and into the beautiful Transkei. We pass local villages and tea plantations to visit the Magwa Waterfall. Leaving East London the tour will pass Kariega Game Reserve where many indigenous animal species of the area including the Big Five can be viewed. Highlights of this tour include the Pristine Transkei coast, Nelson Mandela Museum and home village of Qunu, Kariega Game Reserve in open safari vehicles, historic Grahamstown and game viewing in Addo Elephant National Park.

Holistic South Africa
This tour is ideal for those taking time to rejuvenate their mind, body and soul whilst enjoying the scenic and wildlife wonders South Africa has to offer. From Johannesburg International Airport, take a leisurely drive to the Magaliesburg Mountains, to the thatched-roof stone Spa complex which has been built away from the main hotel in the mountain village, to ensure peace and tranquility and offers and exciting range of indulgent face and body treatments, complemented by outdoor heated rock pools set in an indigenous meditation garden. For the more energetic, hot air ballooning safaris can be arranged.

Cape Highlights Tour
This full day tour includes: Camps Bay, Hout Bay, Chapmans Peak, Cape of Good Hope Reserve, Simonstown, Muizenberg, wine tasting at a local wine estate and the University town of Stellenbosch.