

Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Performance Tour to South Africa

January 21 - February 2, 2012

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| Day 1 3:10pm | Saturday, January 21 Depart from Minneapolis via Delta Air Lines flight 258 service to Cape Town via Amsterdam |
| Day 2 10:30pm | Sunday, January 22 Cape Town Arrive in Cape Town. Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Protea Sea Point Hotel |
| Day 3 | Monday, January 23 Cape Town Breakfast at the hotel Morning sightseeing tour of Cape Town, including a drive through the historic Malay Quarter, and a visit to the South African Museum with its world famous Bushman exhibits. Just a few blocks away we visit the District Six Museum. In 1966, it was declared a white area under the Group areas Act of 1950, and by 1982, the life of the community was over. 60,000 were forcibly removed to barren outlying areas aptly known as Cape Flats, and their houses in District Six were flattened by bulldozers. In District Six, there is the opportunity to visit a Visit a homeless shelter for boys ages 6-16 We end the morning with a visit to the Cape Town Stadium built for the 2010 Soccer World Cup. Enjoy an afternoon cable car ride up Table Mountain, home to 1470 different species of plants. The Cape Floral Region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the richest areas for plants in the world. Lunch, on own Continue to visit Monkeybiz on Rose Street in the Bo-Kaap. The majority of Monkeybiz artists have known poverty, neglect and deprivation for most of their lives. Their enthusiasm, perseverance and creative ability is astounding. Enjoy a 10 minute visual, a talk by a representative and time for Q & A. There will be artists doing beadwork as well Late afternoon return to the hotel Dinner at the hotel |
| Day 4 8:00am | Tuesday, January 24 Cape Town Breakfast at the hotel Full day Cape Peninsula tour to the majestic meeting place of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans. Sir Francis Drake the explorer called it "the fairest Cape that we saw in the whole circumference of the Globe" Depart for 45 minute drive to Hout Bay. Arrive and board a vessel of Circle Launches that will take you to the Seal Colony. A 40 minute scenic excursion to Duiker island, home to a squad of |



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blubbery, bewhiskered cape fur seals. The glass-bottomed boats offer a convenient porthole through which to spy the seals zipping past underwater

Continue to the Penguin Colony in the Naval Base of Simonstown, with the history of their miraculous return to “The Boulders”

Lunch (on own)

2:00pm Depart to Worcester to the Blind Institute
4:00pm – 5:30pm Rehearsal at the Institute for the Blind
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Change into concert dress (dressing rooms available)
7:00pm ***Concert at the Cape Town Institute for the Blind***

Day 5 **Wednesday, January 25** **Cape Town**

Breakfast at the hotel

8:00am Depart to visit Paarl, famous for its wine estates and scenic beauty

9:00am Enjoy a guided tour at the KWV Wine Emporium. The tour starts with an audio-visual presentation of the KWV and its various brands. A specialized tour guide will take you through a barrel maturation cellar, then to the world-renowned Cathedral Cellar, and the five big vats. The tour ends with an informal drink of Grape Juice

Visit Butterfly World in Paarl, the largest butterfly park in South Africa. Enjoy a guided tour followed by lunch of a burger, fries and juice.

Continue on to visit the Le Bonheur Crocodile Farm and enjoy a guided tour with bridges across dams and house more than a thousand crocodiles.

Depart to Franschoek, were you visit the chocolate factory. Your chocolate experience starts with the story of chocolates, followed by a chocolate tasting, then a demonstration on how it is made. Each will receive a packet of chocolate. Free time to explore the quaint town of Franschoek.

Late afternoon return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 **Thursday, January 26** **Cape Town**

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00am Travel to Gugulethu

11:00am Arrival at the Tembaletu Special School for physically disabled children. The school, located at NY 77, in Gugulethu, hosts 200 learners.

12:00pm Concert at Tembaletu Special School

Lunch, on own

1:30pm Travel to V&A Waterfront

Lunch, on own

3:30pm Set up at the V&A Waterfront Amphitheatre

4:00pm Rehearsal

5:30pm Change into concert dress (Dressing rooms available)

6:00pm Open-air concert at the V&A Waterfront Amphitheatre

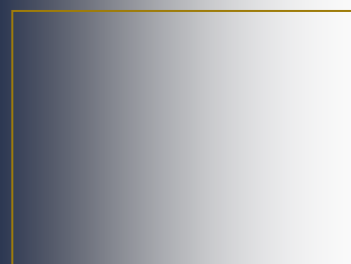
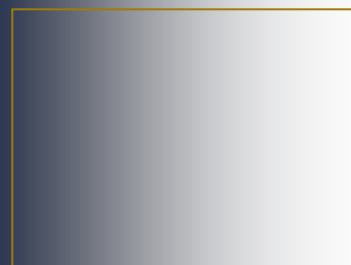
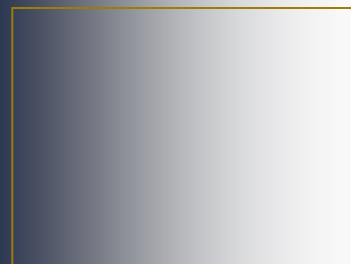
Dinner at the Cape Town Fish Market

Return to hotel for overnight

Day 7 **Friday, January 27** **Cape Town**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit to Robben Island. Situated in Table Bay,



approximately 12 kilometers north of Cape Town, Robben Island has over the years become synonymous with the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa. Known as the "Alcatraz" of Cape Town, this former prison (and now a national monument), was "home" to many of South Africa's freedom fighters, including Nelson Mandela. Robben Island is now a World Heritage Site. It has come to symbolize, not only for South Africa, but also for the entire world, the triumph of the human spirit over enormous hardship and adversity. The island also offers sweeping views of Table Mountain and the West Coast

2:30pm – 5:00pm Afternoon rehearsal at Cape Town City Hall
 6:00pm Dinner at a local restaurant
 7:00pm Return to City Hall, change into concert dress (dressing rooms available)
 8:00pm **Concert at the Cape Town City Hall as part of the Cape Town International Music Festival**

Day 8 Saturday, January 28 Cape Town / Johannesburg

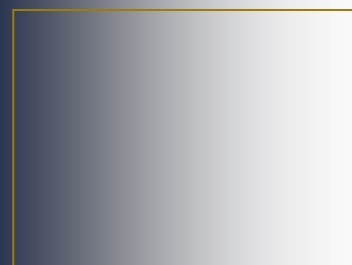
9:00am Breakfast at the hotel, followed by hotel check-out
 Depart for the student town of Stellenbosch for lunch on own
 Continue to the airport
 12:00pm Check-in for your afternoon flight to Johannesburg
 Upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel Protea for dinner and overnight

Day 9 Sunday, January 29 Johannesburg

8:30am Breakfast at the hotel
 Depart (with instruments) for Soweto for morning tour. In Soweto, South West from Johannesburg, you will catch a glimpse of the lives of its three million residents. 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. We also visit a typical shebeen (local restaurant and bar) for refreshments and a chat with the locals. The tour is concluded with a drive past a taxi rank, a squatter camp (informal settlement), Vista University, Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital and Soccer City (home to the opening and closing functions of the World Cup 2010)
 11:30am – 12:30pm Lunch, on own in Soweto
 1:00pm – 2:00pm Rehearsal at Cape Miagi Centre Music Hall
 2:30pm Change into concert dress (Dressing rooms available)
 3:00pm **Concert in Soweto at the Cape Gate Miagi Centre Music Hall**
 Return to Johannesburg for dinner and overnight

Day 10 Monday, January 30 Johannesburg / Pilansburg

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by hotel check-out
 Transfer to Pilansberg, located three hours north of Johannesburg
 Upon arrival, check in at the Bakgatla Resort in 5 sleeper chalets
 Lunch, on own
 1:00pm – 4:00pm Afternoon game drive in the Pilansberg Game Reserve by bus (**open vehicles at additional cost**). An abundance of wild life proliferates in 580 km of diverse and arresting bushy terrain. The park is home to healthy populations of lion, leopard, black and white rhino, elephant and buffalo - Africa's "Big Five". A wide variety of rare and common species exist like the nocturnal brown hyaena, the fleet-footed



cheetah, the majestic sable, as well as giraffe, zebra, hippo and crocodile, to mention but a few.

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Early dinner at the resort.

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Rehearsal at the Sun City Resort Amphitheater

7:30pm

Change into concert dress (Dressing rooms available)

8:00pm

Concert at the Sun City Resort Amphitheater

Night visit to the Sun City resort, home of the annual 1 million dollar Golf tournament with lots of entertainment such as gambling, shows, an upmarket sports bar, and a nightclub.

Overnight at the resort

Day 11

Tuesday, January 31 Pilansburg / Pretoria

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by hotel check-out

This morning enjoy another game drive through Pilansburg

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 centre

Continue to your City Lodge Lynnwood hotel and check-in

Special farewell dinner at a local restaurant

Day 12

Wednesday, February 1

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by hotel check-out

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. Today it is the most visited site of its kind in Gauteng and one of the top ten cultural historical visitor attractions in the country

From here we go to the centre 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 OR Tambo International Airport for return flight home

8:20pm

Departure via Delta Air Lines flight 201, connecting in Atlanta

Day 13

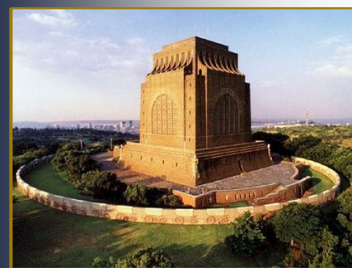
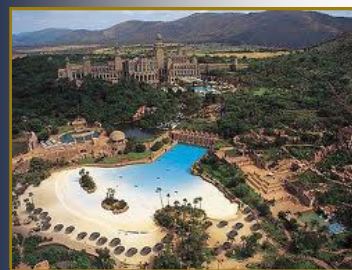
Thursday, February 2

12:14pm

Arrive in Minneapolis

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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