

# LIFE EXPERIENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

School, work experience, lions, elephants, stunning landscapes and rich culture and history, South Africa has it all!



South Africa is a large country at the bottom tip of the African continent. Its nine provinces each have a distinct personality and something special to offer. The entire country is crowded with amazing natural scenery, and not just one kind of scenery. There are sandy coastlines, mountains and waterfalls, huge forests, deserts, scrub and bush, not to mention one of the six floral kingdoms of the world, found only in the Western Cape. South Africa's wildlife is spectacular, from the famous big game animals found in reserves such as the Kruger National Park to rare coastal birds.

South African people are warm and hospitable and represent one of the broadest range of cultures in the world - where else will you find eleven official languages? Among the many cultures that call this country home you will find descendants of black African tribes, English and Dutch colonialists, Indian, Portuguese, Asian and French immigrants.

South Africans are known for their relaxed

and laid-back lifestyle, with the famous braai (barbecue) as a favourite way to gather family and friends together on the weekend. Most South Africans are crazy about sport, whether watching it or playing it. The most popular sports are soccer, surfing, cricket and rugby.

This country's history stirs the emotions. The apartheid policies of the old National Party government separated black and white inhabitants and discriminated against black and coloured people. After the fall of the apartheid, Nelson Mandela became President in 1994, and then the country finally united to become a true rainbow nation. History can be seen today in the way that first and third world live side by side, and Western influences blend with tribal African traditions.

The average school day for a student in South Africa starts around 7:30am and ends between 2:00pm and 3:00pm for high school students. The exchange program Students of the World offers you is a chance to attend high school for one, two, three or a full four terms. Additionally, you can choose to pair your schooling with hands on Industry Experience (IE) in either Office Administration and Management, Education, Healthcare and Social Work or Nature conservation. What a great way to study abroad AND receive some practical hands on work experience too!



## PROGRAM INFO

### South Africa High School Program

Programs	Travel Dates	Application Deadline	COST (from AUD)
One term	July - September	20th March 2020	\$8500
Two terms	July - December	20th March 2020	\$10,300
Three terms	July - April	20th March 2020	\$13,100
One full school year	July - June	20th March 2020	\$15,800

### South Africa High School Program PLUS Program with Industry Experience (IE)\*

Programs	Travel Dates	Application Deadline	COST (from AUD)
One term 5 weeks School & 5 weeks IE	July - September	20th March 2020	\$8800
Two terms 4 months school & 5 weeks IE	July - December	20th March 2020	\$10,600
Three terms 2 terms school & 1 term IE	July - April	20th March 2020	\$13,400
One full school year 3 terms school & 1 term IE	July - June	20th March 2020	\$16,100



## Important Information

- Age: Between 14 and 17 years of age on departure
- Language pre-requisite: Not required
- Flexible with dates with one and two term programs
- VISA required for Semester and Year students
- Two-day orientation in Cape Town
- \*Only available to 17 and 18 year olds
- \* Orientation Program for Industry experience program
- \* Orientation program at the organisation facilitated by company mentor and other staff
- \* Evaluation reports



The population of South Africa is 58.5 million.



The capital city of South Africa is Cape Town (legislative), Bloemfontein (judicial) and Pretoria (executive). The official languages spoken are South African English, Zulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans, Northern Sotho, Tswana, Southern Sotho, Tsonga, Swazi, Venda, Southern Ndebele. The official money used in South Africa is the Rand R.



The majority of people in South Africa use informal minibus taxis as their main mode of transport. They also have the regular bus that covers outers areas of the city.



South African cuisine includes both cookery practiced by indigenous people of Africa such as the Sotho- and Nguni-speaking people, as well as styles that emerged from several waves of colonisation and immigration. Some dishes you will find in South Africa is *Boerewors* - a traditional South African sausage, *Chakalaka* and *pap* - a cold veggie dish usually served along with *Braai/Shisa nyama*, a South African BBQ!



Generally, the climate ranges from Mediterranean in the southwestern corner of South Africa to temperate in the interior plateau, and subtropical in the northeast. A small area in the northwest has a desert climate. Most of the country has warm, sunny days and cool nights. South Africa's mid-summer is in December and January, while mid-winter is in June and July - like Australia!