

SDARL AGRICULTURE TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA:

23 JANUARY - 7 FEBRUARY 2010

DAY 0 FLIGHTS FROM SIOUX FALLS AND RAPID CITY TO DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, DC –	
23/01/10 Saturday	SA Flight 208 departs DC at 5:40 p.m. for Johannesburg, South Africa and then to Cape Town

DAY 1 USA - JOHANNESBURG - CAPE TOWN	
24/01/10 Sunday	We will arrive at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg at 18:20 (SA208). Marius Botha, our guide, will meet us at the airport. At 20:10 (SA369) we will fly to Cape Town. We will arrive in Cape Town at 22:20.
OVERNIGHT: GARDEN COURT EASTERN BOULEVARD, CAPE TOWN	
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DAY 2 CAPE TOWN	
25/01/10 Monday	<p>After breakfast we will visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Nearly 8 000 hectares of indigenous fynbos (fine bush) cover the reserve and about 1 200 plant species have been recorded in the area.</p> <p>From here to the world famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Kirstenbosch is the head quarters of South Africa's National Botanic Gardens and is the premier centre for the study and propagation of South Africa's indigenous flora. It covers 560 hectares filled with over 6 000 species of trees and plants.</p> <p>We will also visit Table Mountain and Signal Hill (weather permitting), to enjoy the spectacular views over Table Bay. Table Mountain (1 134m) is arguably the best-known mountain in the southern hemisphere.</p> <p>From here to the Bo-Kaap (Upper Cape) suburb. Many slaves made their home in the Bo-Kaap after their emancipation in the 1830's and the area is famous for its flat-roofed 18th century cottages. Here, one of the community leaders, Casine Amhmed, will address the group about the culture and history of this community (The so-called Malay people of Cape Town).</p> <p>We will also visit the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, one of the most popular tourist attractions in South Africa. Main features include the glittering Victoria Wharf shopping mall, large covered craft markets, a huge food emporium, a working brewery and the state-of-the-art Two Oceans Aquarium (For own account).</p> <p>Tonight we will enjoy dinner at Gold Restaurant (19:00).</p>
OVERNIGHT: GARDEN COURT EASTERN BOULEVARD, CAPE TOWN BD	

DAY 3 DURBANVILLE - STELLENBOSCH	
26/01/10 Tuesday	<p>After breakfast we will visit the dairy farm of Phillip Blanckenberg, "Klipheuwel" (09:00). The farmer farms with 650 Holstein cows and supplies milk to Parmalat in South Africa. The farmer will also tell us more about the black and white relations between farmers and their workers.</p> <p>From here to Kanonkop Wine Estate, where we will enjoy a wine tasting. This estate is renowned for its Pinotage. Most of the cultivars in South Africa originated in France and Germany, but Pinotage is a South African cultivar. It was created in 1925 by Professor Al Perold from an Hermitage (Cinsaut)-Pinot Noir crossing. The winemaker, Abrie Beeslaar, or one of the estate managers, will give us more technical information.</p> <p>This afternoon we will visit a black township near the town of Stellenbosch. Here a community leader, Sandile Eland, will tell us more about the pre- and post-apartheid circumstances/conditions of this community.</p> <p>Tonight we will enjoy dinner at The Ritz Restaurant (19:30).</p>
OVERNIGHT: GARDEN COURT EASTERN BOULEVARD, CAPE TOWN	
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DAY 4 CAPE TOWN - PAARL	
27/01/10 Wednesday	<p>After breakfast we will visit the Green Point Stadium*. It is in the process of being transformed into a completely new 70,000 seater, all-weather, multi purpose, environmentally sustainable, modern, technologically advanced, world class stadium. Some of the 2010 World Cup Soccer matches will take place here.</p> <p>From here to the town of Paarl, where we will visit Vesuvio Estates (13:00). Some 400 hectares of the estate are used exclusively for the cultivation of olives. Of the more than 100 000 trees, 90% are cultivars for oil production (Frantoio & Leccino), while the remaining 10% are cultivars for the production of table olives (Manzanilla, Mission & Kalamata).</p> <p>At 18:30 (SA364) we will fly to Johannesburg. From here we will be transferred to our hotel in Pretoria.</p>
OVERNIGHT: IRENE COUNTRY LODGE, PRETORIA	
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DAY 5 PRETORIA - HEIDELBERG	
28/01/10 Thursday	<p>After breakfast, Dave Ford, the chairman of the Red Meat Industry Forum of South Africa, will address us (07:30).</p> <p>From here to the town of Heidelberg, where we will visit Karan Beef. This feedlot can accommodate over 120 000 head of cattle – making the Karan Beef feedlot the largest privately owned feedlot in the southern hemisphere. They have the largest feed mill of its kind the world. Making use of the very best design techniques and technology available, the feed mill now occupies an area of 15 000 square meters and is capable of producing up to 1 000 tons of mixed feed per day. We will also visit their abattoir.</p> <p>We will enjoy lunch at Karan Beef.</p> <p>Return to Pretoria. En route we will visit Hokaai Butchery, one of the biggest in Pretoria. Tonight Dr. Martin Lazenby, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, will tell us more about religion in South Africa.</p>
OVERNIGHT: IRENE COUNTRY LODGE, PRETORIA	
BL	

DAY 6 PRETORIA - SOWETO - BRITS	
29/01/10 Friday	<p>After breakfast we will visit the agriculture school of Sabina Khoza (09:30). Sabina, one of South Africa's top poultry farmers, is taking her business knowledge to the community via the Fair Deal Education and Production Training Centre, which she has initiated on her Fair Deal Poultry Farm at Zuurbekom near Soweto. The first group of trainees completed their course in November 2003.</p> <p>We will enjoy lunch at Inyoni Crocodile Farm (13:00).</p> <p>After lunch we will travel to the town of Brits, where we will visit the Embryo Plus Centre (14:30). The centre specialises in embryo transfers and has established a worldwide reputation. In recent years it has exported approximately 12 000 embryos to places such as Canada, the USA, Brazil, Argentina, Australia and many African countries. Breeds like the Brahman, Simmentaler, Bonsmara, Sentrapol, Boran, Brangus, Redpole, Simbra, Angus and South Devon can be seen. At the centre Futhi, the first animal to be cloned in Africa, was cloned. Dr Morne de la Rey will give more information regarding the marketing of semen, embryos and cattle diseases in Africa.</p> <p>Return to Pretoria.</p> <p>Tonight an agriculture banker, Ernst Janovsky, will address the group.</p>
OVERNIGHT: IRENE COUNTRY LODGE, PRETORIA	
BL	

DAY 7 PRETORIA - BELFAST - PRIVATE GAME RESERVE	
30/01/10 Saturday	<p>After breakfast we will travel to a private game reserve situated in the vicinity of the town of Ohrigstad. En route we will visit the farm of Gerrit Roos, "Leeubank". He farms with approximately 4 000 German merino sheep, Tuli and Pinzgauer (A dual purpose breed) cattle breeds, corn and soy bean. We will enjoy lunch at the farm.</p> <p>From here we will travel to a private game reserve. This beautiful private game reserve embraces more than 8 000 hectares of malaria-free, unspoiled African bushveld. This afternoon we will enjoy a game drive. We will also learn more about their sable project: the breeding and marketing of these unique antelopes. The sable is one of the rarest antelopes in Africa.</p> <p>After dinner a wildlife expert, Eghardt Nel, will address us about game farming in South Africa.</p>
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DAY 8 PANORAMA ROUTE	
31/01/10 Sunday	<p>Before breakfast we will enjoy a game drive.</p> <p>After breakfast we will explore the natural splendour of the Panorama Route. We will also view spectacular wonders like the Three Rondawels at the Blyde River Canyon and Bourke's Luck Potholes. The Blyde River Canyon, a gigantic gorge, is one of the natural wonders of Africa. This canyon is the largest green canyon in South Africa. Bourke's Luck Potholes were named after Tom Bourke, who discovered gold there at the influence of the Treur and Blyde Rivers. The potholes are deep cylindrical holes formed by the action of the sand and rock carried down by the rivers when in flood.</p> <p>We will also visit a native village.</p> <p>We will enjoy lunch at Forever Blydepoort (12:30).</p> <p>Tonight we will enjoy a special boma (wooden enclosure) dinner. We will be entertained by native singers and dancers. Some of the local black people will tell us more about their culture and traditions.</p>
OVERNIGHT: PRIVATE GAME LODGE	
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DAY 9 PRIVATE GAME RESERVE	
01/02/10 Monday	<p>After breakfast we will visit a local black school.</p> <p>We will also visit Bavaria subtropical farm (10:00). This farm is one of the biggest in the southern hemisphere. 845 hectares are planted with mango trees and 111 hectares are planted with citrus trees. Of the mangos 27% are grown organically. Two pack houses, a drying factory, nursery and composting site also exist on the farm.</p> <p>From here to the town of Hoedspruit, where our private game reserve is situated. This 13 000 hectares of unspoilt wilderness is home to the "Big Five": lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo.</p> <p>We will arrive in time for lunch. This afternoon we will enjoy another game drive. Qualified and enthusiastic rangers will lead us through close and unrestricted encounters with Africa's big game.</p>
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DAY 10 PRIVATE GAME RESERVE - JOHANNESBURG - FLIGHT BACK HOME	
02/02/10 Tuesday	<p>Before breakfast we will enjoy our last game drive. After breakfast we will travel to the airport in Johannesburg.</p> <p>At 18:10 (SA207) we will fly back home.</p>
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B = BREAKFAST L = LUNCH D = DINNER

EXTENDED TRIP (23 people)

DAY 10 PRIVATE GAME RESERVE TO ALLDAYS VIA POLOWAYNE	
02/02/10 Tuesday	Before breakfast we will enjoy our last game drive. The group on the extended trip will meet Bertus Gerhardt of Dumukwa Safari's at Polokwayne and travel to Alldays. Possible visit enroute.
OVERNIGHT: MAKAPPA'S NEST SAFARI LODGE – ALLDAYS Tel 011 27 14 767 1071 Fax 011 27 14 767 1176 Mobile 011 27 82 782 3701	
DAY 11 ALLDAYS	
03/02/10 Wednesday	Crocodile farm, orange and cotton production, local taxidermy, the business of Dumukwa Safari's. Dinner with local farmers and friends.
OVERNIGHT: MAKAPPA'S NEST SAFARI LODGE – ALLDAYS	
DAY 12 ALLDAYS	
04/02/10 Thursday	Potato, corn, sweet bean and pepper production. Visit Major Johan Kruger "Chattaronga Safari's", with special emphasis on his breeding herd.
OVERNIGHT: MAKAPPA'S NEST SAFARI LODGE – ALLDAYS	
DAY 13 ALLDAYS	
05/02/10 Friday	Focus on local livestock production. Visit local black village and cultural arts center.
OVERNIGHT: MAKAPPA'S NEST SAFARI LODGE – ALLDAYS	
DAY 14 ALLDAYS TO JOHANNESBURG	
06/2/10 Saturday	Travel to JNB to board flight SA 207 to Washington Dulles 18:10 (6:10 p.m.)
DAY 15 ARIVE U.S.	
07/02/10 Sunday	Arrive at Washington, DC and board connecting flights to Sioux Falls and Rapid City.