

AFRICAN Art Tours



AFRICAN ART TOURS
in conjunction with
RED EARTH TRAVEL
Presents:

A SOUTH AFRICAN ART SAFARI

August 25-September 10, 2009

With ARTISTS – ANNE WATT & ANNAMARIE DE VOS

Travel the breathtaking Western Cape coastline, from Cape Town to Lamberts Bay, taking in the glorious wildflower display. Meander through quaint fishing villages, sail out to nesting gannets on Bird Island, and capture the essence of the African coast. Taste wines under shady oaks on the wine route, picnic in Boschendal. Spend time in Cape Town, with



its wealth of art and culture. Whale-watch from your terrace in Hermanus. Gaze upon the 3rd largest natural canyon in the world, and come face to face with Africa's Big 5. Wine and dine with local artists. Take a brush with nature that will fulfil all of your senses! Photographers

and non-artists are welcome!

August 25- Arrive at Cape Town International, and met by Red Earth Travel, (Anne and Annamarie) and transferred to accommodation in Camps Bay. Once settled into rooms, there will be a small welcome reception to allow artists to get to know one another, and to review the itinerary.

August 26-28- These three full days will be spent in Cape Town. We will visit various galleries, shop at the Waterfront, see the Cape Malay district, picnic with the penguins, drive the coast to Cape Point, and try to take in all the Mother City has to offer. Our breakfasts will be taken at various venues on the beachfront in Camps Bay. Lunches will be in shady restaurants or picnics on the beach, and we will dine throughout the city. On the 26th we will dine at Fisherman's Wharf in Hout Bay. The seafood is supreme, and the atmosphere is relaxed and elegant.

(One dinner and the other meals are for your own account.)

August 29- Leave Cape Town after an early breakfast, and head towards the West Coast. Spend time in Paternoster and Langebaan, and explore the galleries and beachfronts. We travel through the West Coast National Park, en route, and it is here we come across our first show of wild flowers. There is a visit to the Postberg wildflower reserve. During the afternoon we arrive at Lamberts bay, and visit Bird Island. Stay overnight in Lamberts Bay Hotel (B/B).

August 30- Leave Lamberts bay after a hearty breakfast, and drive along the beautiful coastline, looking out for whales and sea lions. Arrive in the quaint town of Klaver, to visit some galleries and taste excellent local wines perhaps over lunch. We continue to Vanrhynsdorp, with flowers all the way. The succulent nursery in this town is the largest in the world. Leaving Vanrhynsdorp, we head south to Clanwilliam, to our four star accommodation, where a lovely meal awaits. B / D

August 31- Stay in Clanwilliam and visit the many flower reserves around Clanwilliam, picnic lunch included. The mountain scenery is majestic, and the colours of the flowers carpet the entire area. B /L

Sept 1-2 - Depart from Clanwilliam and head south to Stellenbosch, the heart of the winelands. Check in to our wonderful four star accommodation, and head out to explore the town, galleries and crafts. Visit Uitkyk and Kannonkop wine estates, to view the old house. This dates back to Simon Van der Stel, and old frescoes have been uncovered on the walls. The red wines here are the best of the Cape, and Uitkyk brandy can only be purchased here. Lunch at one of the estates. On the 2nd we drive over the mountains to Franschoek, and picnic at Boschendal Estate. B/B plus one picnic lunch at Boschendal

Sept 3-4- We depart from the winelands and drive over to Hermanus, the playground of the whales. It is the calving season, and our four star guest house sits on the cliffs, overlooking the ocean. Hermanus is small and bustling, with many new galleries springing up and markets to explore. Lunch will be taken perhaps in town, or in one of the little villages along the coast. Dinner will be in town on the 3rd. On the 4th we eat a lovely breakfast then drive inland to Beaumont wine estate. The owner is a well known Cape artist, and the estate boasts the only original working water mill. We shall have a picnic lunch. Dinner will be a fish braai at the guest house this evening. B, 1-Lunch and 1 Dinner



Sept 5-6- Leaving the beautiful Cape, we fly to Johannesburg, where we drive North via Pilgrims Rest, to the little town of Sabie. For the next two nights we stay at a beautiful 4 star lodge, nestled in the mountains. One day can be spent in Nelspruit, the heart of the Lowveld, where we will visit local artists, galleries, and lunch at Casterbridge Farm. There is a wonderful art refinery here, where bronzes are cast. Dinner on the 5th will be a braai at the lodge, and the next night we will dine in the town of Sabie. B, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

September 7, 8, 9 - Kruger

We depart from Sabie after a full breakfast, and drive into the Kruger national Park. Our day is spent travelling through Kruger, game spotting and marvelling at the vastness of this wonderful Reserve. We will stop for lunch at Lower Sabie, then continue to the Orpen Gate, where we exit to cross into the Manyeleti reserve. Our final three days are spent relaxing, sketching, painting the abundant wildlife we shall encounter. The accommodation is 5 star, with 2 game drives per day, and all meals. There will be a farewell special dinner in the evening of the 9th.
B/L/D; game drives and walks.



Sept 10- It is time to say goodbye, and Red Earth will transfer you to Eastgate Airport, for your flight to Johannesburg, and your onward flight to the States. Many wonderful memories will stay with you, as you reflect on your art tour of a lifetime.

PRICE & TERMS

Price

The per person price based on double occupancy and 8 participants is \$2995.

Includes

- All accommodations and most meals
- English speaking art teacher and tour guide
- Entrance fees for museums and other activities in itinerary

Excludes

- All international flights and their departure/airport taxes
- South Africa flight to Johannesburg on September 5
- Visa & Passport fees - Additional meals, Beverages, Additional activities
- Medical & Trip Cancellation Insurance
- All items of a personal nature
- Gratuities

Reservations:

To reserve a place on this tour, please call Pam at African Art Tours, 720-746-0748. Once it is determined that there is space, you will be required to send a \$1000 deposit in the form of a check to:

African Art Tours
23676 Genesee Village Rd
Golden, CO 80401

The check must be made out to African Art Tours. The balance of the tour cost is due June 20.

Airfare:

International airfare is NOT included in the price of the tour. Participants organizing their own travel need to arrive in Cape Town before or on August 25. This will require departing the USA by at least August 23 or 24. My office can assist with airline reservations and other pre/post trip requests. PLEASE NOTE: SPRING IS HIGH SEASON IN SOUTH AFRICA SO AIRLINE RESERVATIONS ARE GOING QUICKLY!

Cancellation:

It is advisable to obtain Travel Insurance in case cancellation, lost luggage, etc. Please call my office if you would like to discuss purchasing a policy.

If you must cancel, the following policy applies:

+ 91 days prior to trip departure	Full refund minus a \$300 administration fee
90-61 days prior to trip departure	50% of monies paid will be refunded
60-46 days prior to trip departure	25% of monies paid will be refunded
45-0 days prior to trip departure	NO REFUND (<u>Some monies may</u> be refunded if a replacement is found)

Physical Fitness:

While most of the tour will involve easy walking on even ground or pavement, there are several days that include wildflower hikes. Please be sure that you are fit for this tour by contacting your physician if necessary.

If you have any other questions, please contact Pam Rathke, African Art Tours at 720-746-0748 or pam.rathke@gmail.com

I hope you are able to join this wonderful tour!

Pam

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