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AFRICA SAFARI

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What is **AFRICA SAFARI**?

Africa Safari is a summer work-study-fun journey of two weeks to a country in Africa. The 2017 *Safari* will be to South Africa, the southernmost country on the continent. The trip is organized by *Things to Come Mission*, a non-profit organization dedicated to announcing the good news of Jesus Christ to the world, in cooperation with the Association of Berean Grace Ministries in South Africa (ABGMSA). This *Safari* will be headed up by TCM-South Africa missionaries Dean & Sheba Padayhag and Paul & Mariana Craesmeyer.

Each individual determines the purpose of his/her participation in the *Safari*: the desire to experience *firsthand* the life and work of a missionary in preparation for possible future involvement in missionary work, or the desire to see and help the ministry that they or their church have been supporting. For everybody it will be the excitement of being in Africa, interacting with the local people spiritually and personally, and experiencing life on this mysterious continent.

What is the Itinerary?

Africa Safari 2017 dates are July 26-August 9 and include the following events.

- Orientation meeting and *braai* dinner fellowship with TCM missionaries
- Daily team sharing with fellowship, testimonies, reports, songs.
- Participate in a Unity Worship Service and meet the ABGMSA ministry workforce.
- Participate in nightly Bible studies with missionaries.
- Assist in a full-day operation of Grace Berean Bible School.
- Share testimonies and interact with students at elementary and high schools where Padayhags' have a campus ministry.
- Attend Sunday worship services at various Grace churches and share a testimony or preach.
- Work Project #1: Manual construction work on Grace Berean Church-Tshepison and Grace Berean Bible School-Tshepison Satellite.
- Work Project #2: Print, cut, and bind textbooks and materials for the 2018 school year of Grace Berean Bible School.

If you have special skills or ability like singing, puppets, carpentry, etc., tell TCM and we will work in an opportunity for you to use them.

- Visit some of South Africa's top historical, cultural and tourist places (Apartheid Museum, Goldreef City + Underground Gold Mine, Pilanesburg Game Park, Sun City, Cullinan Diamond Mine, Lion Park) Take pictures to your heart's content.

[Should you want to stay on and tour other parts of South Africa with a tour guide, TCM can help with arrangements.]

What Will it Cost?

Cost for *Africa Safari 2017* is \$2600 which includes airfare, regular meals, transportation, work project, tour fees and lodging.

Extra personal expenses for souvenirs, postage, gifts, extra beverages, private accommodations, etc. are not included. ATMs for getting local currency using your debit card are readily available. Credit cards are widely accepted though you will incur foreign transaction fees.

How Will I Get that Much Money?

Think of this as an investment in your education, your outlook on life and God's world. Guaranteed you will never look at Africa, foreigners, missionaries or USA in the same way after two weeks in Africa!

Talk to your church and other churches where you are known, your relatives, friends and co-workers. Write to more distant friends and relatives. Tell them what you are planning, and why you are doing it. You may even have a chance to tell them about Jesus! Print and distribute photo prayer cards. All gifts sent to TCM are tax-deductible. You will be raising funds similar to how TCM missionaries do it.

Is South Africa Safe?

Parents and family members are bound to be concerned about sending loved ones to such a distant and unknown place as Africa. South Africa, however, has been relatively peaceful for many years. It is the most modern, developed country in Africa--no cannibals, headhunters or armed militia roam the countryside, and it is not affected by the strife in northern countries of Africa.

Of slightly more concern are thievery and what you eat and drink. The orientation meeting on arrival will equip you with precautionary measures.

Rest assured, the TCM missionaries make every effort to help your stay to be safe, meaningful and enjoyable. TCM missionaries are raising healthy children in South Africa!

What to Bring?

Prepare to dress for **mild winter**. Homes and buildings typically are not heated. Temperatures range from 40°F to 70°F in the afternoon. August tends to be dry.

Comfortable, layered clothing that is line-dryable and doesn't require ironing is recommended, though laundromats are available.

In general, you can wear what you would wear at home. Modest clothing that doesn't draw unwanted attention to yourself is best for the sake of purity and humility as well as safety.

Bring a lined windbreaker-type jacket that fits over a sweater or hoodie. Jeans or khakis are fine for both men and women. Men should bring a collared shirt and women should bring dress slacks or long skirt with tights for church. Warm pajamas or robe are a must for cold nights in unheated rooms. Strong, comfortable athletic shoes or hiking shoes are best and can be worn to church. Work gloves are helpful for the manual labor project.

You must bring your Bible. Prepare a five-minute testimony of who you are, where you come from, what you do there, when and how you were saved. Preachers or teachers will have chances to give lengthier messages or lessons. Prepare accordingly—but keep it simple and speak clearly—South Africans want to know you!

Other essentials are flashlight, camera, memory card. If you're serious about photographing wildlife you want a camera with telephoto capability. A pocket knife is handy, but put it in check-in luggage. Bring sufficient medicines you will need during your stay. Sunglasses and sunscreen lotions are necessary. If you wear contact lenses, bring a pair glasses as well.

Electricity is 220 volts, 50 Hz so only bring appliances/electronics that are dual 110/220 voltage. Plug type is 15 amp 3-prong or 5 amp 2-prong round pins. Consider bringing a plug adaptor with you, although they can be purchased locally.

What About Passports, Visas & Tickets?

TCM will purchase airline tickets for the *Safari*. Normally, these will be e-tickets and you will receive an airline itinerary which you should print and carry, although you only need a photo ID to check in.

You are required to have a passport which is valid for at least 6 months after the *Safari*. If you need a passport, follow the instructions carefully at travel.state.gov/passport or apply at a main Post Office or Passport Office. Your first

passport costs \$110 +\$25 fee, a renewal is \$110. Passports are valid for 10 years. Start early because it takes 4-6 weeks to process!

Americans do not need a visa to stay less than 90 days.

Hints for filling in the visa application:

Nationality = "USA"; **Purpose of Visit** = "Tourist" not "Missionary"; **Address in South Africa** = "136 Leisure Bay Estate, Bayside Road, Erasmus Park, Pretoria"

No immunizations are required by law to enter South Africa. Make sure routine vaccinations are up to date.

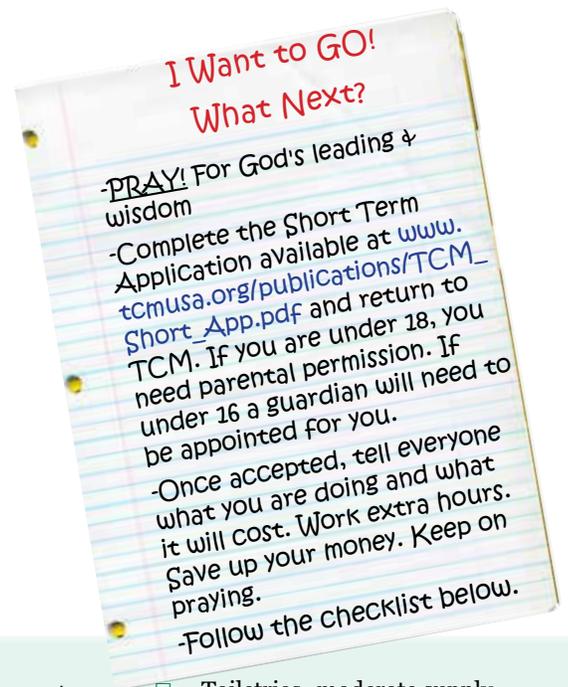
Tell Me More About the Country and People

Good news! South Africa is primarily an English-speaking country! After tuning your ear to the accent you'll be able to communicate with most people you meet. There are 10 other national languages.

South Africa has 53 million people and is twice the size of Texas. While 80% claim to be Christian by religion, many still hold to traditional African religious beliefs and practices. The true number of regenerated Christians is between 10% and 20%.

A high measure of income inequality exists in South Africa, so a few live well, enjoying modern shopping malls and high end supermarkets while most live simply, eating staple foods such as pap (like cooked cornmeal), maize, beans, fruit and vegetables, with meat as a luxury.

South Africans are friendly to foreigners. They greet one another with a back and forth hand shake and often a touch on the shoulder. More about culture when you arrive.



Preparation Checklist

- Short Term Application sent to Things to Come Mission. (www.tcmusa.org on Resources page.) Wait for acceptance letter.
- Passport application, or renewal if expiring within 6 months after *Safari*.
- Deposit of \$250 sent by May 1, 2017.
- Medications purchased.
- Remaining *Safari* funds sent to TCM.
- E-ticket received.

Packing Checklist

One 50# check-in plus one carry-on bag. No liquids over 3oz. or sharp objects in carry-on. Liquids should be in a zip-lock bag. Avoid sentimental items which could be lost.

- Set of modest dress clothes for meetings
- Work clothes (jeans, T-shirts, hoodie)
- Lined windbreaker jacket
- Warm pajamas or robe
- Passport and ATM/credit card
- Medications: headache, stomach upset, personal, prescription

- Toiletries—moderate supply
- Shoes: casual, work and flip-flops
- Bible, notes & lesson materials
- iPad or notebook computer (opt.)
- Camera or Phone-get international roaming if you want to use it for calls/texts in South Africa
- Sunblock
- Glasses, sunglasses, contacts, solution
- Flashlight