



'because we are different'

Calabash Tours/ Experiences 2014. Rates Valid until Sept 30 2015

FIT'S and small groups Max 8

Untold Stories

After an orientation of the township, you will visit two local residents who will share their story with you. These are ordinary people, with extraordinary tales. Some of the story tellers tell tales of our political past. Some tell of their life as township artists, and how their African roots influence their work. Other will tell of the joy of raising a family, despite sometimes trying conditions. Our story tellers are real people, and their love of life and visitors have prompted them to open their lives to you. Food is an excellent way to come together, so expect to be well fed. Dinner or lunch is included.

The Detail

- This is an unscheduled tour, so booking in advance is essential
- Minimum 2 people
- It can be conducted in the morning or late afternoon
- It includes lunch or dinner, at home, with a story teller
- Our guides are expert facilitators
- Cost R 695 per person (STO 555) including transport

Home is where the heart is.

The townships of Port Elizabeth are home to the majority of citizens of Nelson Mandel Bay. It is where the major changes of the past 20 years of democracy are most visible. Its home to the proud, friendly and engaging Xhosa people who have made it their home for the last 100 years. ***We have developed some products to serve a variety of interests, and all are guaranteed to be beneficial to hosts and visitor.***



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(i)The Beating Drum

The drum is like the heartbeat of Africa. After an orientation of the township, you will meet some young passionate drummers, who will share with you their love of drumming, and what drums mean in African Culture. And then its your turn, as the drummers run a workshop for those of us with less rhythm!

(ii)Stories of Hope

Townships are home to some interesting, inspiring people. Join us on a Journey of Hope as we visit some amazing self-help projects, where community members will explain their work, and show you around the projects. From burgeoning vegetable gardens, to community care workers, this visit will leave you in awe.

(iii)Schools at the heart of the Community

This tour will take you into the heart of the township community – its schools. It is here, where despite many challenges, we can introduce you to teachers and principals who are making a difference. These visits are well co-ordinated to minimise any disruptions to learning, and give a wonderful insight to the opportunities schools are creating for ordinary township children.

The Details:

- These are not scheduled and are run on a private basis
- Minimum 2 people
- Includes pick up and drop off from your Hotel or Backpacker
- Our guides are expert facilitators
- Cost R 695 per person (STO R555)including transport

For Large Groups – Can be done as Hop On if group coach is in Port Elizabeth

Real City Tour 3-4 hours

Discover the real essence of South Africa by taking an unforgettable 'roller coaster' ride tour that reveals the inescapable contrast between social deprivation, but at the same time highlights the inspirational stories and successes of the present.



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Our expert guides explain in detail the complex history surrounding Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape, giving you a unique opportunity to see the city through different eyes and meet the ordinary people 'face to face'.

This informative city tour includes insight into the lives of the early Settlers, and explores the harsh legacies of 'Apartheid' that have shaped our history. At some levels the country still remains surprisingly divided and this journey into the past, present and future aims to narrow that divide and clarify misconceptions.

Particular emphasis is on Port Elizabeth's Black history, examining its time of transformation and new development. We explore the arrival of the first Settlers, the Donkin Reserve and their influence. We focus on 7 of the oldest townships in Port Elizabeth, including New Brighton, Kwazakhele, and Zwide. The combined population of which is over 400 000 people.

The tour covers a distance of around 70 kilometres, and exposes the diversity of people from all walks of life, not only those in the desperately poor areas, but also the middle class and elite suburbs within a thriving community – interspersed with monuments to remember the struggle, and colourful and high activity trading markets.

The incredible amount of positive feedback from our clients is undoubtedly a result of contact with local people at the community projects we visit.

Port Elizabeth is known as 'The Friendly City' and the unmistakably warm welcome is something that remains forever etched in the memory.

A township is not just about being poor, it is also about people living together in a community with a beating heart – and displaying the real 'spirit of South Africa'.

Rack 550 STO 440

Series or "hop on" rates can be requested, and are provided based on volume and frequency

The Shebeen Tour (evening Tour from 4pm)



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Duration: 3-4 hours

This version of the 'local' is at the vibrant heart of social life in every township.

Shebeens were previously the illegal drinking houses or Inns particular to South Africa and found within the township communities.

Calabash Tours will take you on an unforgettable journey to experience the diversity of the townships, before relaxing at one of our carefully selected Shebeens for drinks and dinner. Enjoy the unbeatable hospitality of our African hosts and absorb the convivial community atmosphere with the locals.

Most tourist accommodation is found in areas of the city where there is little opportunity to mingle with the ordinary South African. Our guides are in constant contact with our local taverners and as a result are able to select the best venues for local entertainment and hospitality.

Shebeen tours have proven overwhelmingly popular as an opportunity for visitors to participate in ordinary life. In a city with a reputation for its friendliness, the experience is made all the more rewarding.

Join us and feel the rhythm of Africa.....

Rack 650 STO 520

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