

Press Release

Senior Citizens explored South Africa Culture – Adventure – Wild Life

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A delegation of 25 Senior Citizens (age 60 – 81 years) placed their feet at the lowest point of the earth, “**The Cape of Good Hope**” in the southern most tip of the African Continent. They also saw the meeting and merging of Atlantic and Indian Oceans from the mountain top of **Cape Point**. It was a breath-taking, fascinating and thrilling experience for the Senior Citizens to feel that they were actually standing at the lowest point of the earth. It was like a dream come true.

The Indian Senior Citizens group started their day from **Cape Town** in the morning and stopped at **Haut Bay** for visiting the **Seal Island** by cruise. It was a sight to see, where hundreds of seals were basking in the sun on large blocks of stones at the Seal Island. The Cruise carrying about 200 persons was a mini world as the people were representing from across the globe. After the visit to **Seal Island** the Indian Senior Citizens continued their journey to **Cape Point** and **Cape of Good Hope**. This is a scenic journey along the coastal road with small villas and holiday homes all along. After 2 hours of drive, we entered the **Table Land National Park**, which is residence free and full of nature until we reached the base of **Cape Point**. We then transferred into cable train which travelled on a steep hill. At the top is a light-house to guide the oceans traffic. After arriving on the top, the visitors were spell bound when they saw merging of 2 oceans and 330° view of the oceans all around. We then continued our journey and arrived at **Cape of Good Hope** to step on the lowest tip of the African Continent and of the world. It is said that Vasco-Da-Gama landed here on his search for India. It was a great experience.

Penguin Island

Our group then travelled on to another interesting **Maritime Institution**, which has a special beach where the Penguins come out of the sea and relax. This is also their breeding point. We saw more than 50 – 60 Penguins.

Table Mountain Tour – Cape Town

This exciting tour in a cable car takes the visitors to the top of **Table Mountain in Cape Town**. The visitors get a panoramic view of the **Cape Town** city and its beautiful coastline.

Victoria Water Front is an area of South Africa’s most talked about tourist venue with shops, restaurants of international cuisine including Indian food. Cape Town is also famous for **Heart of Cape Town Museum**, which Honours Dr. Christiaan Barnad who performed the first human to human heart transplant.

Our journey continued to **Johannesburg**, where we landed into the African art craft market. It was full of wild life items such as tiger furs, stuffed animals, wooden animals such as Hippos, Giraffes, Deers, Baboons and hundreds of other items made of Beads, Textile Hand Paintings, Ladies Kaftans and Crafted Jewellery. In other words, this market represented the culture of original inhabitants of South Africa. Of course the adjoining Malls presented the international brands in Textile, Leather, Perfumes and a host of other items. The city sight-seeing bus drives through the Indian dominated **Malay Quarters**. An area full of Indian houses, shops and restaurants.

Gold Reef Mine Heritage Tour - Johannesburg

Nowhere in South Africa will you experience the pioneering history more vividly than at **Gold Reef City's Story of Gold Heritage Tour**. It's an interactive trip back in time, that starts with an amazing movie about one of the most exciting periods in their history. We experienced what its like to descend into one of the world's deepest mine shafts, witness a gold pour, visit historical mining houses filled with artifacts of a bygone era and pan of gold in icy waters.

Sun City – an experience of man-made marvel

The **Sun City Resort** in South Africa is aptly named “**Africa's Kingdom of Pleasure**” as it provided dazzling entertainment for everyone! The resort at **Sun City** featured glamorous casinos, gourmet restaurants, extensive sports facilities and star-studded performances. From slots to safaris, theatre extravaganzas to the games arcade for children, horse riding to golf, and the Valley of Waves to The Lost City, South Africa's **Sun City Resort** was a mind-blowing experience.

Wild Life Game Drive

We started our tour to the neighboring **Pilanesburg National Park** at 5:30 a.m. in open vehicles. We were fortunate to see a variety of wild animals such as Zebra, Giraffe including Lions in their natural habitat. It was thrilling to be face to face with lions from a short distance.

The 7 days tour of Indian Senior Citizens tour to South Africa – a country just waiting to be explored and to discover a place that offers endless opportunities for adventure, relaxation and cultural sharing which is ringed by beautiful beaches and the blue-green waters of **Atlantic and Indian Oceans**.

Some comments

- “I appreciate the care and concern shown to all of us during the tour, May God Bless you”. Thanks a million, said Mrs. Savitri Babulkar. (Retired army official)
- “It was a thrilling experience everything was more than excellent”, said Mr. Ram Partap Tayal – Chairman, Krishna Group.
- “My wife and I enjoyed the sight-seeing and had a wonderful time on tour, everything was well-planned and excellent”, said Mr. LVK Pai – Vice President – SCOP.
- “My wife joins me to thank you for the most memorable and excellent tour”, said Mr. Brij Mohan Setia – Builder
- “My wife and I enjoyed every moment of the most exciting and beautifully managed tour”, said Mr. Esmail Patrawala – Shipping Business

Mr. Om Prakash Sahgal, Director – Inorbit Tours Pvt. Ltd. and the leader of the delegation place on record his sincere appreciation of cooperation of the South African authorities such as South African Consulate, South African Tourism Board, South African Airlines which helped in the operation of this tour. In India, our thanks to Senior Citizens Associations such as AISCCON, FESCOM, SCOP & Andhra Pradesh Senior Citizens Association for their cooperation in informing their members. The organisers feel that this tour has “**added Cheer to the lives of Senior Citizens**” and thereby met its objective. Similar future tours are planned to **Dubai – China – Hong Kong – Macau – South Africa**. More details of these tours can be obtained from Mr. Om Prakash Sahgal on tel: 022-24229281/09821719940 or email: omprakash@inorbittours.com

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