

Ascend

by Lushescapes

Learning Beyond Borders



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ASCEND

Lushescapes empowers students through immersive learning, global exploration, and transformative growth beyond the classroom.



Applied Skills

Hands-on learning experiences that build real-world competencies.



Cultural Exploration

Immersive journeys that foster global awareness and understanding.



Nurtured Development

Holistic growth that inspires confidence, leadership, and personal transformation.



Empowering young minds through
compassionate service and meaningful journeys.





ASCEND with Purpose: Empowering Students Through Service and Impact

At **ASCEND** by Lushescapes, we believe true education goes beyond the classroom. Our Community Service & Philanthropic Program offers students a transformative journey—one that fosters empathy, builds leadership, and leaves a meaningful legacy. It's not just about service; it's about purpose-driven impact through real-world connection and contribution.

From clean water and farming to environmental restoration and education, each initiative is thoughtfully designed to meet local needs while inspiring students to act with compassion. Through **ASCEND**, they experience the power of giving back—leaving a lasting mark on communities and growing deeply in the process.





Community Service in South Africa

25th - 30th April 2026

Exclusively Designed for Dubai International Academy



Day 1: Arrival in Cape Town & Stellenbosch Experience



Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, clear immigration and customs before meeting a Royal African Discoveries representative who will assist with your transfer. Travel to Stellenbosch, a scenic one-hour drive, and enjoy a delightful lunch at Blaauwklippen restaurant. Afterward, experience an unforgettable cheetah encounter at Cheetah Outreach in Somerset West, an educational program dedicated to cheetah conservation. Following this unique wildlife experience, transfer to your hotel for check-in and some relaxation. In the evening, meet your driver and guide for a transfer to Pigalle restaurant, where you will enjoy a delicious dinner before returning to your hotel.



Cape Town



Cape Town, South Africa, is a captivating coastal city known for its stunning landscapes, from the iconic Table Mountain to the picturesque beaches. With a rich cultural heritage, it offers vibrant neighborhoods, world-class wineries, and historical landmarks like Robben Island. Whether hiking, exploring art galleries, or enjoying fresh seafood, Cape Town is a dynamic destination that blends natural beauty with urban energy.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



Cheeta Encouter

A cheetah encounter in South Africa offers a close-up experience with the world's fastest land animal at conservation centers like Cheetah Outreach or Ann van Dyk Cheetah Centre. Visitors learn about cheetah behavior, threats, and conservation efforts. Ethical programs avoid direct contact, focusing on education and awareness.



Day 2: Cape Peninsula Discovery & Wildlife Encounters



Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before being picked up for a Private Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour. Travel along one of South Africa's most scenic routes, passing Hout Bay, and enjoy a cruise to Seal Island to see seals and sea birds (weather permitting). Continue along Chapman's Peak Drive, then stop for lunch at Fish Hoek Galley restaurant. Visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach and explore the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, with its stunning wildflower-filled landscape in spring. Reach the Cape Point lighthouse, the most powerful in the world, and take the funicular to the top for breathtaking views. After the tour, return to your hotel for leisure time, followed by a delicious dinner at Sevruga restaurant



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



Visit Boulders Beach

A visit to Boulders Beach allows you to get close to the famous African penguin colony, nestled among large granite boulders with crystal-clear waters



Private Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour

A Cape Town City Tour explores highlights like Table Mountain, the colorful Bo-Kaap, and the historic Castle of Good Hope. Options include hop-on hop-off buses, guided walks, and panoramic cableway rides. These tours offer a rich mix of culture, history, and scenic views.



Explore the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve

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Day 3: Philanthropic & Cultural Exploration in Cape Town



Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a half-day Philanthropic Educational Excursion with Uthando South Africa, an award-winning non-profit linking tourism and community development. Explore meaningful community projects in the Cape Flats, gaining insights into the local challenges and the inspiring activists driving social change. After lunch at Scala restaurant, enjoy a Private Cape Town City Tour, including a trip up Table Mountain for panoramic views (weather permitting), passing through the Malay Quarter, Castle of Good Hope, Houses of Parliament, and Company Gardens. Continue to Sea Point and Camp's Bay for ocean vistas, and visit the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront (time permitting). Return to your hotel in the afternoon, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



Educational Excursion with visit the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront Uthando South Africa

- Join workshops with youth and educators.
- Lead arts, music, or storytelling.
- Help in community gardens. Support early childhood programs.
- Join talks on social justice.



Table Mountain for panoramic views

Table Mountain offers breathtaking panoramic views of Cape Town and the surrounding coastline.



Malay Quarter, Castle of Good Hope, Houses of Parliament, and Company Gardens.

Pass by the vibrant Malay Quarter with its colorful houses, the historic Castle of Good Hope, the grand Houses of Parliament, and the scenic Company Gardens filled with statues and greenery.



visit the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront

Visit the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, a lively hub with worldclass shopping, dining, entertainment, and stunning harbor views.



Day 4: Cultural and Philanthropic Exploration of Cape Town



Start your day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a visit to the District Six Museum, where you'll learn about the area's history and the impact of forced removals under the Group Areas Act. Explore the Bo-Kaap, Houses of Parliament, and the historic Malay Quarter with its distinctive architecture, then visit the townships of Langa, Gugulethu, and Khayelitsha for a more comprehensive Cape Town experience. Enjoy lunch at a local Restaurant before embarking on a half-day Philanthropic Educational Excursion with Uthando South Africa, visiting community development projects and learning about the social change driven by local activists. End your day with a delightful dinner at a local restaurant.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



Educational Excursion with Visit the District Six Museum Uthando South Africa

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Tour the Bo-Kaap, Houses of Parliament, and Malay Quarter

Tour the Bo-Kaap with its vibrant houses, explore the historic Malay Quarter, and see the grand Houses of Parliament, showcasing Cape Town's rich cultural and political heritage.



Visit Langa, Gugulethu, and Khayelitsha Townships

Visit Langa, Gugulethu, and Khayelitsha townships to experience local culture, history, and community life while learning about South Africa's resilience and transformation.



District Six Museum

The District Six Museum in Cape Town stands as a poignant tribute to the vibrant, multicultural community that was forcibly displaced during apartheid. Housed in a former Methodist church, the museum showcases photographs, maps, and personal stories, preserving the memory of over 60,000 residents removed from District Six in the 1970s.



Day 5: Journey Through Cape Town: A Day of Philanthropy, History, and Legacy



Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before heading out for a half-day Philanthropic Educational Excursion with Uthando South Africa, where you'll explore community projects that foster social change, learning about the challenges and triumphs of local activists. After lunch at the restaurant, embark on a walking tour of Cape Town, discovering the city's pivotal role in Nelson Mandela's journey from prisoner to president. The 2 ½ hour tour includes highlights like the Mandela Rhodes Building, Greenmarket Square, City Hall, and Parliament, offering a deeper understanding of South Africa's history and the struggle for freedom. Return to your hotel in the afternoon and enjoy a delightful dinner at the restaurant.



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Visit the Mandela Rhodes Building

Visit the Mandela Rhodes Building, a landmark that honors Nelson Mandela's legacy and serves as a symbol of reconciliation and the fight for freedom in South Africa.



Stop at Greenmarket Square

Stop at Greenmarket Square, a historic marketplace where you can explore vibrant stalls selling local crafts, artwork, and African souvenirs



Explore City Hall

Explore City Hall, where Nelson Mandela famously addressed the nation after his release from prison in 1990, marking a pivotal moment in South Africa's history.



Day 6: Shopping & Departure from Cape Town



Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the hotel before checking out. Spend your final hours in Cape Town exploring local shops and picking up last-minute souvenirs or keepsakes from this vibrant city. Whether you're browsing local crafts, boutique fashion, or artisanal goods, Cape Town offers a delightful shopping experience. Later, you will be met by your driver for a private transfer to Cape Town International Airport. With unforgettable memories and treasures in hand, you'll board your onward flight home, bringing your South African adventure to a wonderful close.



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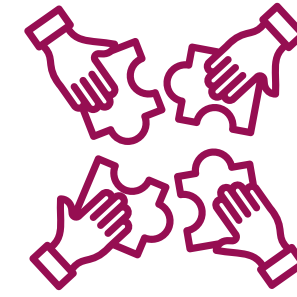
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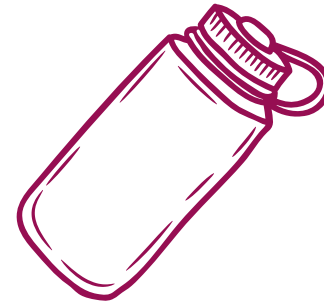
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Activities and Entrances as Per
Itinerary



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itinerary



Water bottles provided throughout
the trip



All Meal as
per Itinerary



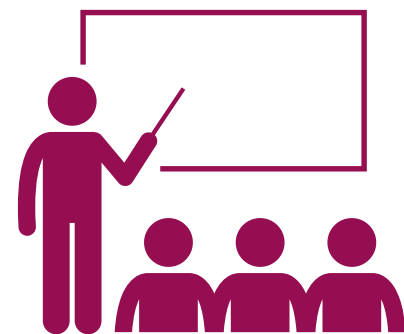
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and Single Occupancy for Chaperones and
Program Director



Premium Travel Insurance



Local English Speaking
Guide



Ratio 1:10 for teachers



Tips and Mandatory Gratuity



Trip Exclusions



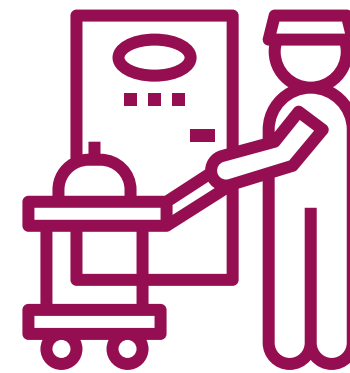
Personal Expenses



Visa Cost and Assistance



Any Other Service not Mentioned



Any Extra Room Service at Hotels



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