



Meetings Africa Pre-Tour 23 February 2010

23 February	Option 2- Soweto Tour
08h30	Pick up at the hotel
09h00	Depart hotel for Soweto
09h40	<p><u>Bus Tour</u> Soweto Tour - a unique experience. Soweto is the township south of Johannesburg.</p> <p>On the way to Soweto, you will visit the Soccer City Stadium which is situated in Diepkloof near Nasrec, Johannesburg, some 10 kilometers to the south – west of the city centre and close to the old west reef gold mines. Built in 1987, Soccer City has played host to some of the most memorable matches in South Africa’s soccer history. Soccer City is the largest stadium in Africa. The stadium is also known as FNB Stadium (First National Bank Stadium).</p> <p>Key Matches and Dates : Friday 11 June 2010-South Africa vs. Mexico Monday 14 June 2010-Netherlands vs. Denmark Thursday 17 June 2010- Argentina vs. Korea Republic Sunday 20 June 2010 – Brazil vs. Ivory Coast Wednesday 23 June 2010- Ghana vs. Germany Sunday,27 June 2010- Round of 16 Friday , 2July 2010 – Quarter Final Sunday , 11 July Final of the World Cup</p> <p>Soccer City has been enlarged to seat 94 700 spectators for soccer’s showcase event. Some significant changes were made to the original two –tiered bowl for the World Cup: the upper tier has been extended around the stadium, while an encircling roof was added.</p>
	<p>The tour then takes you past Baragwanath Hospital, which is the largest hospital in the world.</p> <p>Soweto is the symbol of the New South Africa, caught between old squatter misery and new prosperity, squalor and an upbeat lifestyle. Its vibrant city, which still openly bears the scars of the Apartheid past , now shows what’s possible in the New South Africa.</p>
10h10	<p><u>Site Inspection - Holiday Inn Hotel in Soweto</u></p> <p>The Hotel opened its doors to the public on 1November. Situated at Walter Sisulu Square of Dedication, a tourist draw card in Soweto’s oldest suburb, the</p>

	<p>four star hotel offers accommodation of an international standard.</p> <p>In addition to its location on a world famous national heritage site, the hotel overlooks the informal market in Union Street and Jada's place, the house in which Nelson Mandela was hiding when the Freedom Charter was drawn up on 26 June 1955. Hotel décor is a mix of Kliptown history and African township-gogo blankets, Alf Khumalo photographs, vintage radiograms. With an electric blend of modern and old, private rooms and public areas offer style and comfort, without the visitor feeling removed from the real Soweto on the doorstep.</p>
11h15	<p>You will then proceed via Regina Mundi, the catholic church which was on the forefront of the Soweto uprising.</p> <p>And on to Hector Peterson Monument, the first child to be killed during the student uprising in Soweto. Learn about the past struggle and hope for the future of the people in the area. (10 minutes briefing at Hector Peterson Monument)</p>
11h30	Depart for Nelson Mandela House
11h40	<p>On arrival, you will walk along Vilakazi Street, the only street in the world to have received two Nobel Prizes (Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu). Visit Mandela House: The Mandela House at 8115 Orlando west, on the corner of Vilakazi and Ngakane Street, Soweto was built in 1945, as part of a Johannesburg City tender for new houses in Orlando. Nelson Mandela moved here in 1946 with his first wife, Evelyn Ntoko Mase and his first son. They divorced in 1957, and from 1958 he was joined in the house by his second wife, Nomzamo Winfred Madikizela (Winnie). Nelson Mandela was to spend little time here in the ensuing years, as his role in struggle activities became all consuming and he was forced underground (1961), living a life on the run until his arrest and imprisonment in 1964.</p> <p>Nelson Mandela returned to 8115 for a brief 11 days after his release from Robben Island in 1990, before finally moving to his present home in Houghton. Winnie Madikizela –Mandela, herself harassed by the security forces and imprisoned numerous times, lived in the house with her daughters until her own exile to Brandfort in 1977, where she remained under house arrest until 1986. The family continued to occupy the house until after Mandela was released from prison. The house was subsequently turned into a museum, with Nelson Mandela as a Founder Trustee of the controlling body, the Soweto heritage Trust.</p>
12h30	Depart for Lunch to one of the well known Soweto Restaurant
13h00-14h00	Lunch Served
14h00	Depart Restaurant
14h15	<p>First stop will be the Maponya Mall: It is the heartbeat of Soweto. It is the hub where fashion and style meets choice and function. Where South Africa's vibrant and trendy Sowetan community gather to shop, socialize, and eat and to see and be seen. It is also a home to the Hector Pieterse statue, a gift from the people of Sweden and South Africa to people of Soweto, to commemorate the historic Soweto riots. It attracts people</p>

	<p>from every corner of the globe who appreciate the fusion of African culture and international sophistication.</p> <p>Selection of food, entertainment, banking and shopping available makes it unique – a blend of world class choice and convenience stores. Visionary Richard Maponya bought the land in the 1980's and waited until the dawning of the African Renaissance and new dispensation to give his dream wings. His dream was to create the first, bespoke, mega-shopping centre for the people of Soweto- and in September of 2007 –his dream became a reality.</p>
14h30	Return to Hotel