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Pilgrimage to South Africa: October 4-17, 2016

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Presently there are about 18 people joining me and we have room for more.

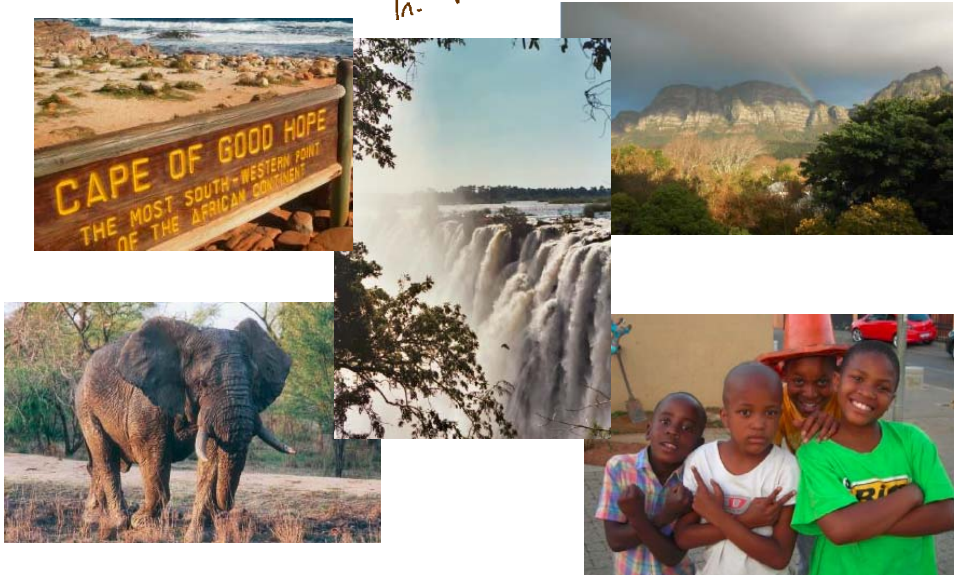
Brochures are available in the Parish Office, at the Information Table on the Plaza after Masses on the weekend, and on the Parish website, [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org).

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, July 5, at 3:00pm on the Parish Center Lower Level.

Our travel agent, Ari Marom, will be here to discuss the details of the pilgrimage.

Everyone who is going and those who may be interested in coming on the pilgrimage are invited to attend.

*F. Mike*

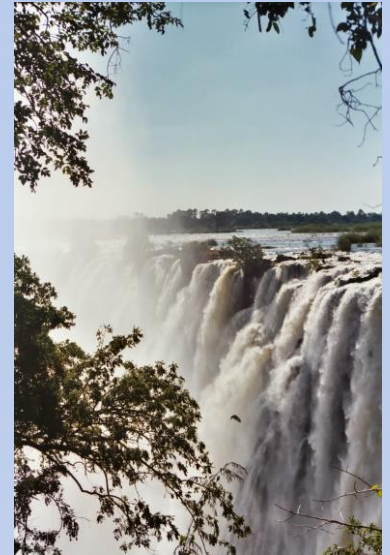




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led by: Fr. Michael Ratajczak



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I hope you will consider joining me...

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## Day 1 – Tues. Oct. 4 Depart USA

Board your international flight today, headed for beautiful and fascinating South Africa. Depart Los Angeles Int'l Airport at 9:35pm on British Airways flight BA268. Dinner and overnight on board. **(D)**

## Day 2 – Wed. Oct. 5 In transit

Arrive in London at 4:00pm. Depart at 7:05pm on BA55.

## Day 3 – Thurs. Oct. 6 Arrival Johannesburg, Pilanesberg

After arrival at OR Tambo International Airport at 7:05am, continue to passport control and baggage claim. At the arrivals hall our local representatives will meet us. Depart Johannesburg to Pilanesberg National Park and visit the Chameleon Handicrafts Village. Check-in to lodge and lunch. Head out for late afternoon game drive. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. **(B, L, D)**



## Day 4 – Fri. Oct. 7 Johannesburg, Pilanesberg

Enjoy an early morning game drive, before breakfast back at the lodge. Check-out and return to Johannesburg. Visit Liliesleaf, a farm that played an important role in the struggle for racial equality. Tour Johannesburg, including the Apartheid Museum. Continue to Soweto (South West Township), the black neighborhood where much of the resistance to apartheid began. Check-in to your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. **(B, D)**



## Day 5 – Sat. Oct. 8 Johannesburg, Cape Town

After breakfast transfer to OR Tambo International Airport for your flight to Cape Town. Depart on BA Comair flight BA6409 at 10:40am. Arrive in Cape Town at 12:50pm and transfer to our hotel and check-in for a free afternoon and an overnight stay. **(B, D)**

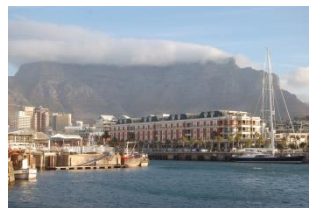


## Day 6 – Sun. Oct 9 Cape Point, Wine Lands, Cape Town

After breakfast, depart to the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Peninsula including a visit to Hout Bay harbor, Take the cable car up for a spectacular view of the southern tip of Africa. Continue on to Stellenbosch, for lunch and a visit to a winery. Continue to Franschoek for a brief tour. Return to Cape Town for dinner and overnight. **(B, L)**

## Day 7 – Mon. Oct 10 Cape Town

After breakfast, enjoy a Cape Town city tour, including a visit to the top of Table Mountain (weather permitting). Visit the V&A (Victoria & Albert) Waterfront and entertainment area and enjoy lunch on your own. Then take a short ferry ride to visit infamous Robben Island, the former prison for opposition to the apartheid regime, including Nelson Mandela. On your return to Cape Town enjoy some free time at the V&A. Return to your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. **(B, D)**



## Explore South Africa



### **Day 8 – Tues. Oct 11 Cape Town, Kruger Park**

Depart to the airport to board your morning flight to Nelspruit. Depart on SA Link flight SA8663 at 10:00am, arriving at 12:35pm. On arrival meet your guide and driver and continue to Kruger National Park. Check-in to your hotel and then head out for a late afternoon game drive. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay. **(B, D)**



### **Day 9 – Wed. Oct. 12 Kruger Park**

Early morning wake-up and departure for an all day open-vehicle safari game drive. A packed breakfast will be provided by the hotel to be enjoyed in the bush. Lunch on your own at one of the rest camps. Later in the afternoon return to your hotel. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel. **(B, D)**



### **Day 10 – Thurs. Oct. 13 Kruger Park, Johannesburg**

After breakfast depart Kruger National Park and transfer back to Johannesburg with stops en route to view panoramic sites “Gods Window” and “Lisbon Falls”. On arrival in Johannesburg, check-in to your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. **(B, D)**

### **Day 11 – Fri. Oct. 14 Johannesburg, Livingstone, Victoria Falls**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Livingstone, Zambia. Depart on BA Comair flight BA6291, departing at 11:00am and arriving at 12:45pm. On arrival, transfer to your hotel for a free afternoon, followed by a sunset cruise with breathtaking views of Victoria Falls. Dinner and overnight at the resort. **(B, D)**

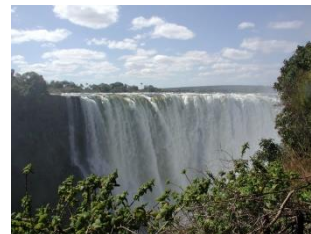


### **Day 12 – Sat. Oct. 15 Victoria Falls**

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of nearby Victoria Falls. Enjoy a free afternoon for rest or optional activities, including spectacular views of Victoria Falls from the air. Dinner and overnight at the resort. **(B, D)**

### **Day 13 – Sun. Oct. 16 Johannesburg, Depart**

After breakfast transfer to the Livingstone Airport to board your return flight to Johannesburg. Depart on BA Comair flight BA6292 at 1:30pm and arriving at OR Tambo Airport at 3:15pm. There will be some time for shopping before check-in for your return flight to the USA. Depart on flight BA54 to London at 9:10pm. Dinner and overnight on board your flight. **(B)**



### **Day 14 – Mon. Oct. 17 Arrival home**

Arrive in London at 7:20am. Depart at 9:45am on BA283. Arrive at LAX at 12:55pm. Return home today with wonderful memories of your visit to South Africa.

**PRICE OF TOUR: \$5,260 per person in double room  
(min 30 in group) \$875 single supplement**

## Terms & General Conditions

The actual order of days and sites in the tour itinerary may change but all events will remain.

### **PAYMENT**

Payment for the tour must be made directly by the passenger or by the Tour Leader who is the passenger's agent for the collection and remittance of tour payments. No other person is authorized to request, receive or collect payments. NEVERTHELESS, VERED HASHARON TOURS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR GOOD FUNDS PAID TO AND RECEIVED BY VERED HASHARON TOURS (USA). A deposit of \$450 per person is required at the time of booking. Balance of tour price must be received no later than six weeks before departure to confirm your reservations. Full payment received less than six weeks before departure (after **August 19, 2016**) is subject to a \$50 late fee.

### **CANCELLATION CHARGES**

No cancellation charges will be assessed for cancellations made prior to June 24, 2016 **except for a \$50 administrative fee. Cancellations after June 24, 2016** will be charged a \$450 fee per person in addition to cancellation fees charged by the airlines, hotels or other service providers.

### **INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is recommended and may be purchased prior to departure. Contact your Tour Operator for further details.

### **REFUNDS**

All claims for refunds must be made before departure in writing to the tour operator. On or after day of departure, no refunds will be made for services not used.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

VERED HASHARON TOURS agrees to arrange for the tour outlined in this brochure which represents the agreement between the passenger, agent, Tour Leader and VERED HASHARON. No changes or deviations are effective unless authorized by an officer of VERED HASHARON. No other person is authorized to adjust, modify cancel or change this program or to make any representation or warranty concerning this tour. Except for willful negligence, VERED HASHARON assumes no responsibility for any injuries, damages, losses, accidents, delays, schedule changes, irregularity or incidental damages resulting from circumstances beyond the control of VERED HASHARON or by any person or reason, including but not limited to default or omission by any private or commercial carrier or third party providing services or facilities connected with this tour or any part thereof. VERED HASHARON assumes no responsibility for acts or omission on the part of the Tour Leader. The airlines or steamship lines are not to be held responsible for any act or omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board plane, ship or conveyance. The passenger contracts in use by the airline or steamship lines or other lines and passenger or purchaser of this tour and/or passage, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and/or steamship line and the purchaser and/or passenger, and VERED HASHARON assumes no liability or any responsibility in connection therewith.

Price of the tour is based on air and hotel rates and currency exchange rate effective **December 21, 2015**. If any changes occur, the tour price will change accordingly.

PLEASE READ THE TOUR CONDITIONS CAREFULLY. ENROLLMENT AND PAYMENT FOR THE TOUR CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE CONDITIONS.



Let Us Show You Our World

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### Tour Enrollment Form

Please enroll me in the **Explore South Africa Pilgrimage October 4-17, 2016**  
**led Fr. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor, Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, Oceanside, CA**

Name (as it appears on my passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (home/credit card billing): \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home/Office ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure City \_\_\_\_\_

I am a citizen of (country) \_\_\_\_\_ and hold a passport valid until \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to share a room with  (name) \_\_\_\_\_  Non-smoker  Smoker

I am enclosing \$450.00 deposit to enroll in this tour

I am enclosing \$5260.00 (min 30 pax) as full payment for my tour. Single supplement, if applicable: \$875.00. (Full payment must be received by Aug. 19, 2016)

Please charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ on my \_\_\_\_\_ (type) credit card

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Security code: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase travel insurance at the price offered, \$375.00 per person.

I decline the travel insurance as offered.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **TOUR CONDITIONS**

### **AIR TRANSPORTATION**

IATA jet economy class (departure city to same) applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers based on \*NON-REFUNDABLE fares as applicable for groups flying together for the entire itinerary. The operator reserves the right to cancel, withdraw or change the tour in whole or in part at any time. In the event of a change deemed necessary by the operator, the sole and exclusive obligation of the operator is to refund any payment received in connection therewith. \*Subject to governmental, IATA, ARC and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour.

### **BASIC TOUR PRICE: \$5,260.00**

The above price includes the following:

### **HOTELS**

First Class type hotels. All hotels offer twin or double bedded rooms with private facilities. Single room, if available, will be at extra charge. It is the responsibility of each passenger to find a roommate or pay the single supplement.

### **MEALS**

Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily. Lunch may be substituted for dinner. See the itinerary.

### **SIGHTSEEING**

Local transportation by motor coach or local conveyance as indicated and the service of an English-speaking guide. Entrance fees to all sites as outlined in the itinerary are included in the tour.

### **TRANSFERS**

Transfers of one passenger and one suitcase (weight/dimensions not exceeding airline limitations) per passenger between overseas airports, hotels, piers, stations, etc. are included throughout the tour in both directions. Transfers to airport of departure in North America are not included.

### **SERVICE CHARGES, TIPS (GRATUITIES) & TAXES**

Service charges imposed by foreign facilities, nominal taxes in connection therewith by government authorities, US Transportation Tax are included in the tour price. NOT INCLUDED: excess baggage, items of personal nature, such as laundry, telephone calls, lunch and dinner beverage, transportation from your hometown to the airport of departure and return, tips for personal favors, travel insurance, gratuities and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not shown herein as being included.

### **DEVIATIONS**

All deviations must be requested in writing. Deviation fees will be charged separately according to the airline or other service providers fees.

Travel arrangements by:

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Dedham, MA 02026