

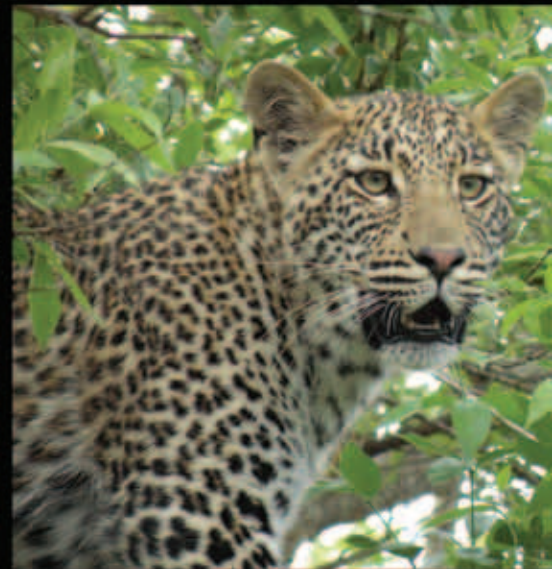


**CALVIN**  
Alumni Association

*A Journey to*  
**South Africa**

*Hosted by John Apol*

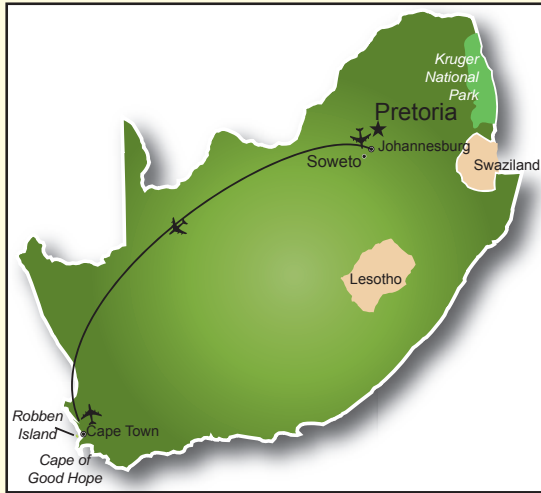
**NOVEMBER 2-17, 2012**



CALL and the Calvin Alumni Association have teamed up to offer members and friends a truly unique opportunity to “travel with a purpose” in South Africa, a land of many races, cultures, and languages as well as incredible diversity in geography. On our amazing 16-day journey, we’ll learn about the massive political changes that occurred with the end of apartheid in the early 1990s; and we’ll discover the country’s ongoing challenges. Meetings with South African leaders and villagers, and visits to museums and other sites will highlight differing points of view and experience.

Our itinerary includes Johannesburg and Cape Town, game viewing in Kruger National Park and visits to a number of townships and remote villages. As we travel, we’ll drink in the marvelous constantly-changing landscape of the Highveld and the Lowveld, the seacoast, the mountains and plateaus, and the unusual flora such as the fynbos of the cape region. While we’re in Cape Town, we’ll take a boat trip to Robben Island, Nelson Mandela’s prison home; and we’ll enjoy a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain, known for its magnificent views. We’ll also drive down to the Cape of Good Hope where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Indian Ocean.

Your host will be John Apol, a CALL member, a Calvin alumnus, and a frequent traveler to South Africa, including four Calvin student interim tours. For more information about the tour, contact John at [john\\_judy@apolworks.com](mailto:john_judy@apolworks.com) or 616-243-8600. Questions about travel arrangements should be addressed to Witte Travel at [groups@wittetravel](mailto:groups@wittetravel) or 616-957-8113 or 800-469-4883.



## November 2012

### 02, Friday

### Departure from the U.S.

The big day has arrived at last – We’re on our way to South Africa! (D)

### 03, Saturday

### Pretoria

*Welkom in Suid Afrika!* It’s early evening as we touch down at O.R. Tambo International Airport located outside Johannesburg. Following customs formalities, we’ll meet our guide, Mike Smuts, and transfer to Pretoria, which is just to the northeast of Johannesburg. Pretoria is one of the three capitals of South Africa. (The other two are Cape Town and Bloemfontein.) Our home here for the next four nights will be the Town Lodge Menlo Park. After time to settle in, we’ll get together for dinner. (B, D)

### 04, Sunday

### Soweto, Pretoria

Soweto – originally an acronym for “South Western Townships” – is the most populous black urban residential community in South Africa. On our visit to this area today, we’ll gain more insight into the freedom struggle against the apartheid regime.

First off, we’ll attend a worship service at the Diepkloof Uniting Reformed Church. Then we’ll see Freedom Square, the Regina Mundi Church and Vilakazi Street where Bishop Tutu and President Mandela have homes. We will also visit the



Hector Pieterse Museum, named for the 12-year-old boy who was killed when police fired on a group of protesting students during the Soweto Uprising in 1976. Lunch today will be served in a restaurant in Soweto and we’ll have dinner at our hotel in Pretoria. (B, L, D)

### 05, Monday

### Johannesburg, Pretoria

Now that we’ve had a good night’s sleep, we’re ready to do some exploring! After breakfast, we’ll return to Johannesburg to visit the inner city ministry of the Metropolitan Evangelical Services (MES) and the Carlton Centre where we’ll have a wonderful view over the city. We will also visit Constitution Hill and the Johannesburg Art Gallery boasting one of the foremost art collections in the world. In the evening, we will meet and dine with Prof. Piet Meiring and Maake Masango who will share their experiences as members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission – TRC. (B, D)

### 06, Tuesday

### Pretoria

Today we’ll focus on Pretoria. Our city sightseeing tour will include the majestic Voortrekker Monument, Fort Klapperkop, Church Square and the Union Buildings, the official seat of the South African government. After dinner at our hotel, Mike Smuts will lead a discussion on the mystery of how the Reformed Churches could support the policy of apartheid and the role the Dutch Reformed family of churches played in the change to justice and democracy. (B, D)

### 07, Wednesday

### Dullstroom, Ohrigstad, Kgautswane

Our destination is Kgautswane in the province of Mpumalanga. On the way, we’ll drive through South Africa’s main coal- and electricity-producing region. Passing the towns of Bronkhorstspuit, Witbank and Middleburg, we’ll reach Belfast where we leave the

national road for Dullstroom in South Africa's premier flying-fishing area. We'll stop here for lunch and then we'll continue to Lydenburg and Ohrigstad. Pay a short visit to Rev. Anton Doyer, a retired minister. Then it's on to the deep rural region and the Kgautswane Community Development Centre. Our accommodations for the next two nights will be at Clara Masinga's Guesthouse. Clara, who will also be our guide tomorrow, is a renowned community builder and a recipient of the Order of the Counsellor of Baobab, one of the highest national awards granted by the President of South Africa. (B, L, D)

**08, Thursday** **Kgautswane**

Under Clara Masinga's guidance, we'll get acquainted with the Kgautswane area. Since our bus cannot navigate the rural roads, we'll take local taxis for our visits to crèches, schools, a cultural village and other sites. (B, L, D)

**09, Friday** **Panorama Route, Namakgale, Phalaborwa**

We'll take off right after an early breakfast this morning for a drive to the north and east to the town of Namakgale. On the way, we'll see some of the breathtaking sights along the Panorama Route, including Blyde River Canyon and the eerie Bourke's Luck Potholes. With a stop en route for lunch, we'll arrive in Namakgale in midafternoon. Here we'll meet Rhody Kgoghloane who, like Clara Masinga, is an outstanding community champion. Rhody will take us to visit a local crèche in the area where we'll be able to interact with the kids, hear them sing, and watch as they enjoy their evening



meal, prepared for them by Rhody and her colleagues. Then we'll continue to nearby Phalaborwa for a two-night stay. An important copper-mining town, Phalaborwa has also become a holiday center owing to its location about halfway along the length of Kruger National Park. After we check in at the Royal Game

Guesthouse, we'll get together for our own dinner. (B, D)

**10, Saturday** **Namakgale, Phalaborwa**

We'll spend part of the day with Rhody, learning more about life in this part of South Africa. Perhaps, she and her husband will take us to an overlook of the nearby mine – It's one of the largest open-pit mines in the world and is still in operation. Rhody is even going to make lunch for us at her home. Later, we'll have free time to rest, take a walk, explore the small, modern town of Phalaborwa or visit some of its exotic shops. (B, L, D)

**11, Sunday** **Kruger National Park**

Two days in Kruger National Park lies ahead! Covering nearly 2,000,000 hectares – about 4,500,000 acres, this park is home to a huge variety of trees, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Going in after an early breakfast, we'll enjoy a morning of game viewing from our coach.



At midday, we'll arrive at our first rest camp – Olifants – where we'll take a break for lunch and a siesta. In the late afternoon, we'll go out on another game drive. Those who would like to do so can book game drives in open safari vehicles at additional cost. Back at camp, we'll have dinner and talk about what is sure to have been a marvelous day. A worship service is planned for after dinner. (B, D)

**12, Monday** **Kruger National Park**

Another amazing day in Kruger begins with an early morning game drive. Then we'll return to our rest camp for breakfast. Later, we'll check out and travel south through the park in search of more animals. Tonight's dinner and accommodations will be provided at the rest camp at Skukuza. (B, D)



**13, Tuesday** **Johannesburg, Cape Town**

On the road early this morning, we'll travel south and west to Johannesburg's Tambo Airport where we'll catch a plane for the flight to Cape Town. Called *Kaapstad* in Afrikaans and *iKapa* in Xhosa, Cape Town is the seat of the National Parliament and the legislative capital of South Africa. A magnet for immigrants and expatriates, Cape Town is one of the most multicultural cities in the world. It's also the

most popular tourist destination in South Africa, thanks in great measure to its beautiful natural setting. Our headquarters here will be the Town Lodge Bellville. Dinner is served at the hotel or in a nearby restaurant. (B, D)

**14, Wednesday** **Cape Peninsula, Cape Town**

Our tour has taken us from one peak experience to the next ... and today will be no exception! Leaving the city, we're going to take in the sights and sounds of the Cape Peninsula. First off, we'll travel along the Atlantic Coast for visits to Camps Bay and Hout Bay. Here we'll board a boat for a visit to Seal Island, a small mass of Cape granite known for its many Cape Fur Seals. Later, we'll continue our travels along spectacular Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Stops are planned

at Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope Bay, the southwestern tip of the African continent. On our return drive, we'll follow the Indian Ocean side of the peninsula, traveling along the coastline



of False Bay; and we'll stop to observe the inhabitants of the Boulders Beach penguin colony. (B, D)

**15, Thursday** **Cape Town**

We'll devote our day to getting better acquainted with Cape Town. On our agenda, is a cable car ride up Table Mountain, a "walk about" in the downtown area and a visit to Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for many years. We'll also have time for shopping on



the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. After dinner this evening, we'll meet a person who will share with us the story of the Belhar Confession or someone who will tell us about the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation. (B, D)

**16, Friday**

**The Cape Winelands,  
Departure from South Africa**

It's our last day in South Africa and we'll use it to explore the beautiful Cape Winelands, situated amongst majestic mountains. We plan to visit Franschoek and Stellenbosch; and we'll stop at a wine estate for a cellar tour, which will



include a wine tasting and a wonderful buffet lunch. Of course, there will be an opportunity to buy a bottle or two of wine to take home! In the early afternoon, we'll transfer to Cape Town International Airport to check in for our flights via Johannesburg and back to the U.S. (B, L)

**17, Saturday** **Arrive in the U.S.**

Arriving in the U.S. in the morning, we'll clear customs before continuing to Grand Rapids. We hope your Journey to South Africa has fulfilled your expectations on every level and we look forward to taking you traveling again soon! (B)

PER PERSON FROM GRAND RAPIDS  
\$5,795 *with applications and deposits  
received by March 15, 2012*

\$5,945 *with applications and deposits  
received after March 15, 2012*

*Witte Travel will be happy to arrange flights for those who wish to depart from other cities and join the group either at the connecting airport in the U.S. or in Johannesburg.*

REGISTERING FOR YOUR TOUR HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!

If you'd like to register, go online to  
[www.regonline.com/south\\_africa](http://www.regonline.com/south_africa)  
or fill out and return the paper application to Witte Travel.



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# APPLICATION

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## PASSENGER DETAILS

1. Name (AS IT App EARS on you R pASSpo RT - pRInT cl EARl y)

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle  I do not have a middle name

Male  Female Nickname (for nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Citizenship:  U.S.  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
mm dd yyyy (country)

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
mm dd yyyy

Home Phone \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Preferred Contact #  Home  Work  Cell

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

Would you like to be contacted by email regarding future tours & travel promotions?  Yes  No

Vegetarian  Diabetic  Low Sodium  Gluten free  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name (AS IT App EARS on you R pASSpo RT - pRInT cl EARl y)

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Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
mm dd yyyy

Work Phone \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact #  Home  Work  Cell E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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### MAILING ADDRESS

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Applications and deposits are due by March 15

Register online at  
[www.regonline.com/south\\_africa](http://www.regonline.com/south_africa)  
 or return this form and deposit of \$1,000 p.p., made payable to Witte Travel, to  
 Witte Travel  
 3250 28th Street SE  
 Grand Rapids MI 49512  
 616-957-8113

*Refer to the Terms and Conditions for the payment schedule. If registering after further payments are due, include sufficient funds to bring your account current.*

**PASSPORTS** must be valid for at least six months beyond your intended return. See "Documentation" in the Terms and Conditions for more information. No visas are required for U.S. citizens traveling as tourists for a maximum stay of 90 days but passports must include two blank (unstamped) visa pages.

**MEAL REQUESTS** cannot be guaranteed, but we will pass them on to the airlines, hotels, and your tour personnel.

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## ROOMMATE/ACCOMMODATIONS

I plan to have a roommate (name if not listed on Application):

Roommate not yet known     I need assistance finding a roommate.

I understand that if a roommate is not available, I will be responsible for the cost of single accommodations.

I prefer single occupancy     Smoke     Do not smoke

## TRAVEL PROTECTION

The easy, affordable way to protect your travel investment is with the Witte Travel & Tours Travel Protection Plan offered by Travelex Insurance Services.

**The premium for this travel protection is \$420.\***

I wish to purchase the travel protection. I understand the premium is nonrefundable.

I wish to decline the travel protection at this time.

\* The premium may be higher for those who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements.

## SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

**The fee for special arrangements is \$75.**

**Domestic flight Connections:** Roundtrip from \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Special Air Arrangements:** To spend additional time in Johannesburg, I/we would like to depart on \_\_\_\_\_ and return on \_\_\_\_\_.

To request special land arrangements—car rentals, hotels, rail, etc., write in the space provided at the right, or include a note and we'll contact you.

## SIGNATURE

**I / we have read, understood and accept the terms and conditions for the tour as outlined in the tour brochure and that I have been advised about Witte Travel & Tours Travel Protection Plan.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: We will be emailing statements to those who provided email addresses. Those who didn't, will receive statements in the mail.**

## Travel Protection Information:

- You can enroll in this plan when you register for the tour or ANY TIME PRIOR TO MAKING YOUR FINAL PAYMENT.
- POLICY EXCLUSION for pre-existing conditions is waived if you enroll within 14 days of registering for the tour, provided you are not disabled from travel at the time you enroll.
- The travel protection premium is nonrefundable and is subject to change.
- If the premium has increased, participants who indicate they wish to purchase the travel protection will be notified and given the option of declining it.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION and an outline of the included benefits, see the terms and conditions.

## Notes:

## HAVE YOU:

- Completed the Passenger Details, Travel Protection, and Signature section?
- Included your deposit check OR completed the Credit Card form?

These items MUST be completed in order to process this application form

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PASSENGER NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Type of card:  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Security code \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Billing address of credit card (if other than on application):

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Billing phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize Witte Travel & Tours to charge this credit card, per the schedule below, for all payments for the passenger names listed above. I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions as indicated in the brochure.

Cardholder's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If a payment is due on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday, it will be billed to your credit card on the next business day.

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Reservation ID \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Deposit of \$1,000 per person with Application by March 15

Payment of \$1,500 per person by May 1

Payment of \$1,500 per person by July 1

Balance due 45 days prior to departure

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### The cost of your tour includes:

**Air transportation** from Grand Rapids to Johannesburg, from Johannesburg to Cape Town, and from Cape Town back to Grand Rapids with any regularly-scheduled air carrier, based on a non-refundable/nonchangeable fare, which requires a minimum of 10 passengers traveling roundtrip together. Tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure. **Passengers who cancel after tickets are issued will forfeit the total airfare in addition to the penalties noted under "Cancellation and Refunds."** If cancellation results from the documented hospitalization or death of the passenger, part of the airfare penalty may be waived. All current airlines taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges are included. Note that these items cannot be guaranteed until tickets are issued.

**Secure flight information.** The requirement to collect date of birth, gender, and full name are federally mandated by the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight Program. While disclosure of this information is voluntary, if it is not provided, participants may be denied boarding. TSA's privacy policy, as well as additional details, can be found at [tsa.gov](http://tsa.gov) using the keywords Secure Flight. Witte Travel takes all reasonable steps to safeguard the privacy of all information collected from its clients.

**Land transportation** by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach.

**Accommodations** based on two persons sharing a room with private facilities, in superior tourist- and first-class hotels, lodges and guesthouses. **The supplement for single accommodations is \$460.** If you register alone but want a roommate, we will do our best to assign one. If a single room must be assigned to any member of the group for any reason, even if it is at the last minute or while on tour, we will need to charge the single supplement. Changes in rooming arrangements requested by the participant 45 or fewer days prior to departure may result in additional charges.

**Meals.** Breakfast and dinners are provided each day. Lunches are included on November 6, 7, 8, and 16. Beverages are typically not included with lunches and dinners but coffee or tea may occasionally be served.

**Tour personnel.** Mr. Mike Smuts will guide the group throughout the tour and he will be assisted by local people at various points.

**Sightseeing and admission fees** in accordance with the itinerary.

**Tipping and taxes** are included for all services, with the exception of a tip for the guide and drivers. We recommend a tip of US\$6 per person per day to be divided between the guide and drivers.

**The tour cost does not include** passports, airline luggage fees, optional travel protection plan including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, portage of luggage and any other items not mentioned as included.

**Luggage allowance.** Each person may take one suitcase—with a maximum size of 62" (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 pounds is included. You may also carry a small piece of hand luggage—soft sided and without wheels—weighing no more than 15 pounds and a purse and a camera.

**Health precautions.** At present, no vaccinations are required for entry into South Africa. The following vaccines are however recommended: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, tetanus. Malaria pills are also recommended. For the most up-to-date information and specific recommendations, please contact your local Health Department and/or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

**Optional travel protection.** Witte Travel recommends that each traveler purchase a travel protection package. For your convenience, we make available a travel protection plan offered by Travelex Insurance Services. This travel protection can be purchased at any time prior to making the final payment for your tour. The policy exclusion for pre-existing conditions will be waived if your premium is received by Witte Travel within 14 days of the initial deposit for your tour, provided you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay your pre-

mium. Tours over 30 days are not eligible for coverage. The premium for the travel protection plan that applies to your tour is noted on the application form. It may be necessary to increase the travel protection premium for those participants who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. The travel protection premium is nonrefundable and is subject to change. If the premium has increased, participants who indicate they wish to purchase the travel protection will be notified and given the option of declining it. Note that the premium may be higher for those who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. The travel protection plan does not cover any travel arrangements not made by or purchased from Witte Travel.

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit Amount
Accidental Death & Dismemberment.....	\$25,000
Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance	
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation.....	\$250,000
Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation.....	Trip Cost
Post-Departure Trip Interruption.....	150% of Trip Cost
Missed Connection.....	\$750
Travel Delay (Up to \$150 per day).....	\$750
Baggage / Personal Effects .....	\$1,500
Baggage Delay .....	\$250

Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Travel Insurance Certificate. For example, coverage does not apply to any sickness or condition of a Traveling Companion or an Immediate Family member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (this exclusion is waived if your premium is received within 14 days of the initial deposit/payment for your Trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time your premium is received), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war, mental or nervous disorders. A Traveling Companion is defined as a person or persons with whom you have coordinated travel arrangements and intend to travel with during the Trip. Sickness or injury must commence while the travel protection plan is in effect for you. This plan does not cover a loss that results from an illness, disease or condition (of you, an Immediate Family Member, Traveling Companion or Business Partner), event or circumstance that occurs at a time when the plan is not in effect for you. A Travel Insurance Certificate, which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the insurance offered, will be included in the confirmation packet of those travelers who purchase this travel protection. For more information prior to purchase, go to [wittetravel.com/group-travel/travel-protection/](http://wittetravel.com/group-travel/travel-protection/). You may also request a copy of the Certificate from our office at any time. This plan is administered by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ.

**The tour cost** is based on a group of 22 passengers, current tariffs for air and land arrangements. The cost is subject to adjustment in the event of changes therein.

**Documentation:** U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. If you already have a passport, check the expiration date since South Africa requires that passports be valid for at least six months beyond the traveler's intended return date. No visas are required for U.S. citizens traveling as tourists for a maximum stay of 90 days but passports must include two blank (unstamped) visa pages. If your passport is due to expire before your intended return, you will need to obtain a new one. If you do not have a passport or need a new one, we recommend applying as soon as possible. If you plan to visit other countries on your own, contact Witte Travel & Tours for any special requirements. All non-U.S. citizens should contact Witte Travel & Tours for their special requirements. We will check the requirements for non-U.S. citizens both at the time they register for the tour and again approximately 45 days prior to departure. Witte Travel & Tours is not responsible for any changes in requirements for non-U.S. citizens that occur after our final check.

**Minor children.** Witte Travel & Tours recommends that minor children traveling internationally without both parents carry a notarized

note signed by both parents stating that they have permission to travel without one or both of them. Although this is not a requirement, it will save time if questions arise while clearing customs.

**Reservations and payments.** To make reservations on this tour, complete the Application Form and return it as indicated. Reservations cannot be accepted over the telephone. Payments are due as follows:

Deposit of \$1,000 per person with Application Form by March 15 to qualify for the early-booking rate. Reservations will be accepted later subject to availability of space.

Payment of \$1,500 per person by May 1

Payment of \$1,500 per person by July 1

Balance due on receipt of final invoice sent approximately 45 days prior to departure

If you are registering for the tour after one of the above payment dates, increase your deposit amount accordingly so your account will be up to date. **Please note that checks returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$30 service fee.**

**Credit card payments.** Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards are accepted for the deposit and scheduled payments. The deposit charge is processed shortly after receipt of your application. Subsequent payments are charged per the payment schedule.

**Cancellations and refunds.** Witte Travel & Tours must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

More than 120 days prior to departure	- \$ 150
Between 120 and 91 days prior to departure	- \$ 250
Between 90 and 61 days prior to departure	- \$ 425
Between 60 and 31 days prior to departure	- \$ 600
30 or fewer days prior to departure	- No Refund

**The above penalties apply to the cost of the land arrangements and are in addition to the airfare penalty noted under "Air Transportation." The service fee noted under "Special Flight Arrangements," any nonrefundable portion of special arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant, and the cost of travel protection, will also be added to the above penalties. Cancellation insurance is available.** Allow four to six weeks for processing of refunds. Note that payments made by check are refunded by check to the person or organization that made the payments, and payments charged to a credit card are credited back to the same credit card.

**Membership.** Witte Travel & Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a member of the tour and to expel from the tour any participant whose conduct is incompatible with the interest of the group. Each special needs participant must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for his/her well-being. Witte Travel reserves the right to exclude from the tour any special needs person whose condition impairs customary operation of the tour.

**Land-only participants.** If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, contact Witte Travel for the land-only cost at least 90 days prior to departure. Participants who make their own flight arrangements are strongly encouraged to coordinate their flight schedules with the group's flight schedule and to use the same airports. The group's airport transfers on the arrival and return days will be timed to the group's flight schedule. Land-only participants may need to arrange for their own airport transfers. Contact Witte Travel for information and costs on options for private transfers. Witte Travel & Tours cannot be responsible for any inconveniences to land-only participants resulting from changes in the group's flight schedule. Participants who change their status to land-only less than 90 days prior to departure may be subject to penalties imposed by the airlines.

**Domestic flight connections.** Note on your application if you would like to fly to and from the international departure city. You will be contacted with schedule options and costs. **Witte Travel & Tours**

**must receive requests for connecting flights at least 45 days prior to departure.**

**Special flight arrangements.** Note on your application if you would like to extend your stay and/or depart from and/or return to another city. The number of passengers who can deviate from the group's flight schedule is restricted. You will be contacted to let you know if the arrangements you requested are possible and to advise you of schedule options and costs. Upon confirmation of your special flight arrangements, a non-refundable service fee of \$75 will be added to your account. **In the event of cancellation, the service fee and any nonrefundable portion of special air or land arrangements made for you will be added to the penalties noted under "Cancellations and Refunds."** Witte Travel & Tours must receive requests for special flight arrangements at least 45 days prior to departure.

**Special Meal Requests.** Indicate on your application form if you need vegetarian, diabetic, gluten-free, or low-sodium meals. Special meal requests cannot be guaranteed, but we will pass them on to the airlines and hotels. We will also inform your tour personnel, who will make every effort to see that your requests are met. **Witte Travel & Tours must receive requests for special meals at least 45 days prior to departure.**

**Time away from the tour.** Advise Witte Travel & Tours in writing at least 45 days before departure if you plan to spend some time away from the tour. Wherever possible, you will be credited for missed hotel nights.

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