Semester at Sea
Parent Trip Spring 2018
South Africa
March 16 - 24
Register today!
Dear Semester at Sea Parent or Guardian,

Did you know that you have the opportunity to be a part of your child’s Semester at Sea experience?

The Institute for Shipboard Education coordinates two Parent Trips during each Semester at Sea voyage and we invite you—the parents and family members of voyagers—to explore a foreign country with your son or daughter and share in their development and understanding of our interdependent world.

The Spring 2018 Parent Trip to Cape Town and Shamwari Private Game Reserve, South Africa will be March 16 – 24. The trip is planned around the voyage itinerary so that students travel with their parents during the time the ship is in South Africa. The trip will include six nights in Cape Town and two nights in Shamwari Reserve. The students will be part of the Parent Trip from the day they arrive in Cape Town on March 18 until they return to the ship on March 23.

Please note that some voyagers may have required, faculty-led Field Classes. If your student has a Field Class on March 18, they may not participate in the day’s activities. If your student has a Field Class on March 23, they will not be able to participate in the activities on that day and are required to stay on the ship the night of March 22. There are no refunds for hotel or activities missed due to Field Classes.

As a Semester at Sea alumna, I cannot overstate the excitement you will experience by participating in this trip! The look on your son’s or daughter’s face, along with the big hug you will get when you reunite will have you thrilled that you decided to join them for a part of their life-transforming voyage. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sara Leger
Assistant Director of Parent & Alumni Travel Programs
Alumna, Spring 2006
Day 1
March 16: Arrival in Cape Town
Arrive in Cape Town. Upon arrival, transfer to our Cape Town hotel is included. A Welcome Reception will be held in the hotel at 6:00 pm.

Evening Reception | Lodging: Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel

Day 2
March 17: The Winelands & Franschhoek
In the morning, drive the N1 National Road to the village of Franschhoek, a town that dates back to the 17th century arrival of French Huguenots. Explore quaint shops and historic buildings. Following time in the small village, we travel to a local wine estate. Once there, enjoy a cellar tour, taste local wines and be treated to a picnic lunch. After our return to Cape Town, you may spend the evening relaxing. Dinner is on your own.

Meals: B, L | Lodging: Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel

Day 3
March 18: Arrival of the MV World Odyssey
Luxury coaches take us for a short transfer to the MV World Odyssey at the port in Cape Town. Spend time on the ship with your family or enjoy lunch at the V&A Waterfront. You have free time until midafternoon, when we meet our guide at the hotel and travel together up Kloof Nek, between the iconic Table Mountain and Lions Head mountains and ascend to the Mountain Station via cable car. Following, we will summit Signal Hill, where we will take in the spectacular views and sunset while enjoying sundowners and canapés.

Meals: B, D | Lodging: Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel
Day 4
March 19: Cape Town and Shamwari Private Game Reserve
Following an early breakfast and hotel checkout, depart for our flight to Port Elizabeth and spectacular safari experience at Shamwari Private Game Reserve. Shamwari is the southernmost private big game reserve in Africa. It stretches along the Bushman’s River and is 18,000 hectares. As an all-inclusive safari resort, Shamwari offers incredible game viewing, unparalleled service, and outstanding food. Following lunch, depart for our first of four game drives. Dinner served at the lodge.

Meals: B, L, D | Lodging: Shamwari Private Game Reserve

Day 5
March 20: Shamwari Private Game Reserve
After early coffee, tea and biscuits, experience a morning game drive followed by a full breakfast upon our return to the lodge. Spend the remainder of the morning at leisure or join one of the optional activities available at the lodge (additional cost). Lunch is served midday. Reconvene for afternoon tea and a late afternoon game drive. In the late evening, return to the lodge to freshen up, have drinks, and enjoy dinner.

Meals: B, L, D | Lodging: Shamwari Private Game Reserve

Day 6
March 21: Shamwari Private Game Reserve and Return to Cape Town
Head out for your final early morning game drive followed by a hearty breakfast before checking out of the lodge and traveling to the airport in Port Elizabeth for a flight back to Cape Town. After checking into the Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel, the rest of the evening is free to enjoy Cape Town or relax.

Meals: B, L (lunch box) | Lodging: Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel
Day 7
March 22: Cape Peninsula and Cape Point
In the morning, luxury coaches drive to Cape Point, the most south-westerly tip of Africa. Among the highlights are the peaks of the Twelve Apostles, Hout Bay, a small fishing village, and the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Next, travel to Langa Township for lunch at a local restaurant and a tour. Conclude in Langa with a visit to the Happy Feet Project, an organization that provides food and education to students in the township. We will visit township homes and see how the rich and poor live adjacent to one another in harmony. Return to the Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel to enjoy the evening.

Meals: B, L | Lodging: Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel

Day 8
March 23: Cape Town and Robben Island
After breakfast, board a ferry to Robben Island, a former leper colony that was a political prison during Apartheid. We will view Nelson Mandela’s prison cell while an ex-political prisoner gives a detailed commentary. Upon return to the waterfront, you may enjoy lunch or shopping at leisure. We will have to say goodbye to the students when shuttles deliver them back to the MV World Odyssey. We will then enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel’s Tobago’s Restaurant.

Meals: B, D | Lodging: Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel

Day 9
March 24: Cape Town / Journey Home
After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure until check-out. Then transfer with your guide to the airport for your departure time. Transfers to the airport are included.

Meals: B

Register today!

Questions?
Email Sara Leger at sleger@isevoyages.org.