



CAPE TOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL SOUTH AFRICA

Enjoy the Cape Town Jazz Festival, historic Robben Island, Cape Winelands
and a Safari into the African Bush
March 28 - April 8, 2017



Goeie dag!

Dear friends, please join me, **Bubba Jackson**, host for **KJAZZ 88.1**, and a like-minded group of curious travelers for a one-of-a-kind culturally rich journey to South Africa.

Prepare for an experience of a lifetime to a destination unlike any other. On this small group KJAZZ Travel Club expedition to South Africa you'll enjoy three full days in Cape Town. You'll take a breathtaking

cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain and experience the stunning landscape of the Cape of Good Hope. A special visit to Mandela's prison on Robben Island and tickets to the Cape Town Jazz Festival have also been reserved for you. In addition you'll sip fine wines in South Africa's premier vineyards and stroll through artsy colonial villages. Your journey culminates at a safari lodge where you'll ride in an open 4X4 jeep into the African bush to view lions, giraffes, rhinos, elephants and more! Don't miss out! Join your fellow KJAZZ listeners and escape for sunny South Africa!

JOURNEY OVERVIEW

- 1 Overnight flight to Cape Town, South Africa
- 3 Nights Cape Town
- 2 Nights Stellenbosch, Wine Country
- 3 Nights Safari Lodge
- 1 Overnight flight to the USA



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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape of Good Hope Nature Preserve
- The Cape Town Jazz Fest
- Cape Malay dinner
- Stunning views from the top of Table Mountain
- A tour of Nelson Mandela's prison at Robben Island with a former prisoner
- Spectacular vineyard-covered valleys and tastings with the producers
- Two nights in the colonial Dutch town of Stellenbosch
- Visits to lush colorful gardens
- Candlelight dinner in the outback
- 2 Game-drives in open 4x4 safari vehicle with Swazi trackers
- Intimate viewings of lions, giraffes, hippos, rhinos, elephants and more!
- A Tour of SOWETO'S Apartheid museum

IT'S INCLUDED

- Hosted by Bubba Jackson
- Roundtrip International airfare from Los Angeles
- Domestic flight, Cape Town to Johannesburg
- All services as specified in your KJAZZ Travel Club itinerary
- All breakfasts & nine additional multi-course meals (not including in-flight meals)
- Accommodation in superior four and five star hotels and lodges
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned vehicles including qualified drivers
- Sight-seeing as per itinerary led by an expert South African guide
- Entrance fees for sightseeing as indicated
- A \$500 Tax deductible donation to KJAZZ
- Gratuities for your drivers and guides for base trip (excluding bush trackers)
- Country, city maps and a video and reading list.



TRIP FACTS

12 Days/11 Nights (*with air travel*)
\$5,995 per person double occupancy (w/air from Los Angeles)
\$949 Single Supplement
Trip departs Los Angeles on Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Trip returns to the USA on Saturday, April 8-



WAYS TO SAVE \$350

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- Reserve by December 31, 2016 and save \$100
- Pay your final balance by check and save \$150



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YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Day 1: Group Departs LAX for Cape Town, South Africa



Thursday, March 30, 2017

Day 2: Arrive in Cape Town

Upon arrival in Cape Town this morning your Cape region guide will assist the group transfer to your hotel. Rest up or go out and explore the local waterfront this afternoon. Meet your guide and KJAZZ host, **Bubba Jackson**, for your welcome dinner this evening.

Your guide will be informing you of daily departure times and will go over the daily schedule with you.

*The group flight arrives in Cape Town on March 30 at 11:30am. This is one of the fastest and most efficient itineraries to South Africa from the US. There is a just a 2.5 layover in Dubai before flying directly to Cape Town. Because your flight departs late in the evening on March 28, it appears that it takes two days to travel to South Africa which is not the case. *Sleep in Cape Town (D)*

Day 3: March 31 - Infamous Robben Island & Cape Town Jazz Fest!

From your hotel it's a short walk to the jetty at the V&A Waterfront where you will board the ferry for notorious Robben Island. For nearly 400 years, Robben Island, 12 kilometers from Cape Town, was a place of banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment. It was here that rulers sent those they regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society.

During the apartheid years, Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality. The duty of those who ran the Island and its prison was to isolate opponents of apartheid and to crush their morale. Some freedom fighters spent more than a quarter of a century in prison for their beliefs. Those imprisoned on the Island succeeded on a psychological and



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political level in turning a prison 'hell-hole' into a symbol of freedom and personal liberation. Robben Island came to symbolize, not only for South Africa and the African continent, but also for the entire world, the triumph of the human spirit over enormous hardship and adversity. Today, you will be escorted around the island by an ex-political prisoner, and given insight into the past and how the human spirit triumphs.

After, enjoy a welcome lunch and then enjoy strolling past the many shops and markets, or head back to the pool at your hotel or catch a taxi to Kirstenbosch gardens and/or take in a local museum. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and attend the Cape Town International Jazz Festival. Transfers to and from the hotel have been reserved for you. Your guide will be on hand to distribute the concert tickets and coordinate transfers. *Sleep in Cape Town (B, D)*

Day 4: April 1 - Cape of Good Hope & Cape Town Jazz Fest

Enjoy a scenic drive along the coast to the Cape Peninsula. See for yourself how this spectacular southern tip of Africa became known as the 'Fairest Cape'.

Drive past the pristine beaches of Camps Bay, Clifton and Llandudno - currently the hottest real estate in the world - to Hout Bay, a functioning harbor and heart of the local crayfish industry. From the harbor of Hout Bay to the rocky coastline and Chapman's Peak, there are magnificent views of the sandy bays below. The combination of steep, almost thrilling rocky inclines, shimmering blue waters and expansive skies simply take the breath away.

After a stop for lunch, it's on to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, where you are able to ride the Funicular to the scenic viewing point of where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans' currents meet. The spectacular sea and mountain views are reason enough to make the 41 mile trip from Cape Town. Amid the rocky landscape - home to mountain zebra, eland and ostriches - blooms magnificent Cape flora. Your guide will lead an optional 45 minute invigorating hike along the coast. For those who do not wish to hike you will be driven to a point where you will all meet up again. **Note:** If you do decide to join your guide for the walk, be advised that you'll be walking on an uneven rocky path and for a time on an irregular boardwalk. And, some in the group may find the stairs at the end of trail to be quite steep. That said, the views are stunning!



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Continuing along the coastline we arrive at beautiful Boulders Beach where you can sit among a colony of penguins. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and attend the Cape Town International Jazz Festival. Transfers to and from the hotel have been reserved for you. Your guide will be on hand to distribute the concert tickets and coordinate transfers. *Sleep in Cape Town (B, L)*

Day 5: April 2 - Stellenbosch Wine Country

In the late morning we'll make the short drive to charming Stellenbosch. The colonial town of Stellenbosch, known as the "village of the oaks", is the second oldest town in South Africa and is today a vibrant university town. Admire the charm and harmony of Cape Dutch, British and Edwardian architecture as you walk through the shady oak avenues bounded by the water furrows of the Mill Stream. Our afternoon walk will stop at Oom Samie se Winkel (Uncle Sam's Shop). Stocked with articles of yesteryear, it is reminiscent of a simpler lifestyle. We also visit the Village Museum, which comprises four houses, each depicting a different period in the early history of the Cape. Discover the town's many artsy boutiques or relax in a local café before meeting your guide and host for dinner at the hotel. *Sleep in Stellenbosch (B, D)*

Day 6: April 3 - The Cape Winelands & South Africa's Culinary Capital, Franschhoek

Our day is dedicated to fine wines, food and colonial history. Our scenic drive will take us over the Helshoogte ("Hell's Heights") mountains to the picturesque culinary town of Franschhoek ("French Corner"). Visit the Huguenot Monument honoring the French settlers who fled from France to South Africa in 1688 after the Edict of Nantes was revoked, settling in this area to assist South Africa's fledgling wine industry. Then we'll visit some local vineyards to sample some of the regions fine wines. Tonight we'll dine at the Volkskombuis (Country kitchen) an upscale local restaurant specializing in regional cuisine. *Sleep in Stellenbosch (B, L, D)*

Day 7: April 4 - Soweto Outing and North to Your Safari Lodge:

This morning we say goodbye to our Cape guide and board a flight north for Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg Airport you will be met by an Earthbound Expeditions guide and taken on a private tour of Soweto (SOuth WEstern TOwnship), the largest black residential area in South Africa. In many ways, the story of Soweto is the story of South Africa; this is where the seeds of South African freedom took root. Our tour includes all the major



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points of interest, such as the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Baragwanath taxi rank, Freedom Square, Hector Pietersen Memorial and Nelson Mandela's former home. This sprawling township was the scene of the tragic riots of 1976. Despite crowded, chaotic conditions, there is a tangible sense of community in these neighborhoods which the ordered, walled suburbs lack. Enjoy lunch in SOWETO. After your visit we depart by coach to Pilanesberg National Park. *Sleep in Pilanesberg National Park (B, L, D)*

About Pilanesberg National Park

The Pilanesberg National Park is malaria-free and borders on the entertainment complex of Sun City. It is almost perfectly circular because it comprises the area of a 1200 million year old volcano crater with a small lake in the centre. The park exists within the transition zone between the dry Kalahari and wetter Lowveld vegetation, commonly referred to as "Bushveld". Unlike any other large park, unique overlaps of mammals, birds and vegetation occur because of this transition zone. Virtually all the animal species of southern Africa exist here, including healthy populations of Lion, black and white Rhino, Elephant, Buffalo and Leopard - Africa's "Big Five." Bird watching is excellent with over 300 species recorded. The park offers a number of wonderful picnic spots, numerous hiding spots for game watching, huge walk-in aviaries, safe hiking trails, safari drives at night and flights over the park in a hot-air balloon.



Days 8 & 9: April 5 & 6 - In Search Africa's Big

Five: Not even two shots of espresso will wake you up like a 6:00am game drive into the African Bush. Accompanied by a park ranger you'll travel in an open 4X4 jeep in pursuit of lions, giraffes, hippos, rhinos and more. Upon your return to the lodge enjoy a delicious breakfast.

Grab a good book this afternoon and lay by the pool or enjoy a siesta. Around 3:00pm each day you'll set off on another three-hour game drive in search of more wildlife. Following the evening safari, you will have farewell dinner in the African Bush at an outdoor "boma."

You will have time for an optional (not included) early morning game drive. Please book and pay for this in advance at the front desk. *Sleep in Pilanesberg National Park (B, L, D)*



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Day 10: April 7 - Depart South Africa for the USA: In the early afternoon you will be transferred by coach from the Lodge back to Johannesburg Airport. On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport connect with your scheduled international Emirates flight back to Los Angeles. (B)

Day 11: April 8 - Arrive home with a lifetime of memories!

~ Itinerary subject to Change~

YOUR KJAZZ HOST...



Bubba Jackson was born in Harlem, New York, the third of five children to a family with Baptist roots. His Mom introduced him to Gospel, blues and Rhythm N' Blues through the music of Mahalia Jackson, Ruth Brown, Charles Brown and Ray Charles. His brothers came with the jazz but it was his cousin, Chuck that turned him on to Cuban, Puerto Rican and Calypso in his teenage years. However, this eclectic musical flair

is by no means a shallow acquaintance. He is very knowledgeable and well-versed in each genre.

Bubba Jackson's love of music has taken him far. As a radio personality and Program Director he has worked for XM Satellite Radio - Washington, DC; KPCC Pasadena, CA; KJAZ San Francisco, CA; Music Choice; KACE, Los Angeles, CA; EUROJAZZ Holland; and KADX and KBPI Denver, CO and KLON-Long Beach. From the Los Angeles Times Calendar section received the distinction of being recognized as "One of the best things about drive-time In L.A. is Bubba Jackson's Jazz on KLON."

Starting in 1987 it was an easy segue into concert productions as producer, promoter, talent coordinator and master of ceremonies. My festival experience includes the Prince Hall Shriners' Concert in Los Angeles, New Orleans and St. Louis, The Millennium Music Festival (Los Angeles), the Doheny Blues Festival, Big Time Blues Festival, the Central Avenue Jazz Festival, the Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival and for one year, the 1987 Long Beach Blues Festival, co-produced the African American Music Festival (UCLA) with Kenny Burrell and Kenny Burrell's 75th Anniversary at Royce Hall at UCLA, the Old Pasadena Jazz Festival for the past ten-plus years plus The Winter Blues At The Luckman series is going on its 10th year. In addition I worked as Volunteer Coordinator for the Pan African Film Festival (L.A.) and the Friends Of Jazz At UCLA Awards Show.

Bubba Jackson is well-know and well-liked as an award winning radio and television personality, seasoned concert producer, skilled researcher, with exceptional organizational skills. This Air Force veteran and veteran air who has worked with many international and local celebrities has himself been celebrated by Senator Diane Watson Certificate of Recognition for Community Service; Councilman Robert Farrell Commendation for working with the Youth and Community Service; Mayor Tom Bradley Certificate of Appreciation, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn Commendation for Community Service; The Jazz Corner Recognition as Best DJ, KLON-FM, 88.1 in Long Beach.



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