

# short term

## MISSION TRIPS



### **SOUTH AFRICA** — COST: \$3,995/PER PERSON (12 DAYS)

South Africa is a massive playground. Hike to the top of Table Mountain; horse ride in the Drakensberg; paraglide over Cape Town's beaches; take a walking safari in the Kruger; cycle through the Cape Winelands; or explore the forest canopy in the Garden Route. Aptly named the rainbow nation South Africa is located on the southernmost tip of the African continent. Although South Africa is a country of opportunity daunting economic problems remain from the apartheid era – especially poverty, and lack of economic empowerment among the disadvantaged groups. Christianity makes up the majority religion, with 77% of people identifying as such. But among the Christian population there is significant and sustained syncretism with traditional African religions, affecting churches even at leadership levels and flowing down to regular daily faith practice among congregants.



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### 2025-26 SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP DATES

Trip includes 3-Day Johannesburg to Kruger National Park Safari

June 13—24, 2025 June 27—July 8, 2025 July 11—22, 2025 July 25—August 5, 2025 August 8—19, 2025 August 22—September 2, 2025 September 5—16, 2025	September 19—30, 2025 October 3—14, 2025 October 17—28, 2025 October 31—November 11, 2025 January 23—February 3, 2026 February 6—17, 2026 February 20—March 3, 2026	March 6—17, 2026 March 20—31, 2026 April 3—14, 2026 April 17—28, 2026 May 1—12, 2026 May 15—26, 2026 May 29-June 9, 2026
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### SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP ITINERARY

Friday	DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departure to Johannesburg, South Africa</li> </ul>
Saturday	DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon arrival at O.R. Tambo Int'l Airport the mission team will be picked up and shuttled to our accommodation.</li> </ul>
Sunday	DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team members will attend Sunday morning worship services.</li> </ul>
Monday	DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Projects – TBD</li> </ul>
Tuesday	DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Projects – TBD</li> </ul>
Wednesday	DAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Projects – TBD</li> </ul>
Thursday	DAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Projects – TBD</li> </ul>
Friday	DAY 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Projects – TBD</li> </ul>
Saturday	DAY 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After breakfast the team will be shuttled to a camp situated in the Kruger National Park, where nearly 2 million hectares of unrivaled diversity of life forms fuses with historical and archaeological sights. We will be welcomed by the park ranger who will take us on an afternoon/sunset or night game drive. Later that evening dinner will be served.</li> </ul>

Sunday	DAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After breakfast we will leave the camp early in the morning and join our experienced and qualified guide to enjoy at least 8 to 10 hours of game viewing in an open safari game-viewing vehicle. Kruger is home to 147 mammals (including the Big 5), 114 reptiles and 502 bird species. We will take breaks at the various camps and picnic spots along the way to stretch our legs and grab a bite to eat. After 8 hours of game viewing, experiencing and learning about the African bushveld, we drive to our camp to enjoy dinner prepared by the chef.</li> </ul>
Monday	DAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After an early morning breakfast, the mission team will be taken to visit the third-deepest canyon in the world, the Blyde River Canyon. It's an easy, relaxing day trip from the Kruger National Park, highlighted with information by experienced, native guides. Stops and hikes at God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes, the Pinnacle, the Three Rondavels, Graskop Gorge, and other spectacular sites are scheduled (depending on time constraints). After our last panoramic stop, we make our way back to the hotel in Johannesburg.</li> </ul>
Tuesday	DAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Afternoon departure from O.R. Tambo Int'l Airport to US.</li> </ul>

## SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP COST: \$3,995.00

### Included in trip cost:

- ✓ Round Trip Airfare
- ✓ Lodging
- ✓ Homemade, culturally immersive and American meals
- ✓ In-country ground transportation
- ✓ Adventure day activities
- ✓ Ministry training
- ✓ Health and accident insurance
- ✓ Online fundraising page for individuals
- ✓ Extensive trip information
- ✓ Tour leader accompanying the group from the U.S.

### Expenditures not included:

- ✓ Passport and Visa
- ✓ Immunizations and Vaccinations

### FIELD SERVICE PROJECTS

Church Ministry	Worship alongside a local church and participate by providing music, sermons, short-exhortations, teaching, testimonies, or help lead Sunday School or VBS.
Medical Ministry	Provide medical services and support to the community and healthcare system as well as nutrition awareness and general counseling on health issues.
School Ministry	Lead devotions, tutor students, observe classes, help teachers with arts and crafts, games, storytelling, singing or participate in recess.
Service-Oriented Projects	Work alongside a local builder on various projects from painting, roofing, cement work, tiling, landscaping or whatever projects are needed in the community.
Sports Ministry	Use sports or group games for building relationships and sharing the gospel.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

TRIP DATE	APPLICATION DUE	50% PAYMENT DUE	BALANCE DUE
June 15—26, 2024	November 17, 2023	January 19, 2024	April 19, 2024
June 29—July 10, 2024	December 1, 2023	February 2, 2024	May 3, 2024
July 13—24, 2024	December 15, 2023	February 16, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 27—August 7, 2024	December 29, 2023	March 1, 2024	May 31, 2024
August 10—21, 2024	January 12, 2024	March 15, 2024	June 14, 2024
August 24—September 4, 2024	January 26, 2024	March 29, 2024	June 28, 2024
September 7—18, 2024	February 9, 2024	April 12, 2024	July 12, 2024
September 21—October 2, 2024	February 23, 2024	April 26, 2024	July 26, 2024
October 5—16, 2024	March 8, 2024	May 10, 2024	August 9, 2024
October 19—30, 2024	March 22, 2024	May 24, 2024	August 23, 2024
November 30—December 11, 2024	April 5, 2024	June 7, 2024	September 6, 2024
January 11-22, 2025	June 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	November 8 2024
January 25—February 5, 2025	June 28, 2024	August 23, 2024	November 22, 2024
February 8—19, 2025	July 5, 2024	September 6, 2024	December 6, 2024
February 22—March 5, 2025	July 19, 2024	September 20, 2024	December 20, 2024
March 8—19, 2025	August 9, 2024	October 11, 2024	January 10, 2025
March 22—April 2, 2025	August 23, 2024	October 25, 2024	January 24, 2025
April 5—16, 2025	September 6, 2024	November 8, 2024	February 7, 2025
April 19—30, 2025	September 20, 2024	November 22, 2024	February 21, 2025
May 3—14, 2025	October 4, 2024	December 6, 2024	March 7, 2025
May 17—28, 2025	October 18, 2024	December 27, 2024	March 21, 2025
May 31—June 11, 2025	November 8, 2024	January 10, 2025	April 4, 2025

### ACCOMODATIONS

Team members will be staying at the guesthouse or hotel depending on the size of the group. In most cases, you will share the room with at least one roommate of the same gender, but have your own bed; no sleeping bags, pillows or sheets are necessary. Private rooms are also available depending on availability. However, married couples usually get priority for single rooms.

Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided and will consist of local cuisine and a few American style dishes. During our consulting process, we will be able to identify team members who have allergies or dietary restrictions. Our meal program can accommodate vegetarian needs; however, we are not able to provide for other dietary restrictions. We recommend that team members with dietary limitations, bring any additional foods they would like, to supplement their daily meals.

Bottled water is readily available at the guesthouse, all worksites and service locations. Food and drinks outside of mealtimes are the volunteer's responsibility.

### **REGISTRATION PRIORITY**

TEL International is only able to reserve spaces for individuals who register and pay the initial trip deposit (\$250). There is a maximum number of spaces available per trip, and all trips are filled on a first-come, first-served basis based on completion of the registration process.

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Trip payments can be made by CREDIT CARD or CHECK. A 3.5% credit card transaction fee is applied.

### **TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY**

If deposit has been received and processed, but a flight has not been booked nor other expenses directly related to the trip have been incurred, trip participant will receive a full refund.

If deposit has been received and processed, and a flight has been booked and confirmed by the airline or other costs related to the individual's participation on the team have been incurred; trip participant will receive amount of deposit less cost of non-refundable flight, incurred expenses, and \$75 in administrative fees.

If deposit or full payment has been received and processed and if cancellation takes place less than 45-days prior to departure date. No refund. 50% of non-flight portion of deposit, may be applied to a future mission trip to be taken in the current or future calendar year.

In the event a mission trip is canceled (at the discretion of TEL International) due to the minimum team size requirement not being met, terrorism, civil unrest, natural or man-made disasters, widespread illness, pandemic or other extraordinary events—all funds paid will be credited toward a future mission trip, to be used within 24 months of its issuance.

### **TRANSFER POLICY**

Should any trip participant cancel and withdraw from a trip by his/her own choice less than 45-days prior to departure, the Missions Trip Coordinator must be notified in writing by mail or email. All funds paid are non-refundable. However, credits will be made for future trips within 24 months.

**1).** A \$75 processing fee will be deducted prior to the credits being made and any/all expenses that were incurred by TEL International that cannot be refunded or transferred by the vendor/partner.

2). When TEL International is able to accommodate the new trip date, funds available for transfer from the original trip date to an available future trip date will be held to the following guidelines: a). If the transfer is made 3 months before the original trip date AND the future trip date is within 12 months of the original trip date, there will be no loss of registration fee; and b). If the transfer is made within 3 months of the original trip date OR the future trip date is after 12 months of the original trip date, the registration fee will be forfeited, and a new registration fee will be required.

### **WHY NON-REFUNDABLE AMOUNTS?**

When your group partners with TEL International on a mission trip, our staff team invests real time and energy preparing for your mission trip and supporting your team. Non-refundable amounts not only allow us to cover all organizational costs associated with your trip, but also to cover upfront expenses already committed to the community and on-field partners prior to your team's arrival. Below are a few ways we support you and the team to make mission trips a meaningful experience for all:

We take the time to plan all the logistics, including housing setup, meal planning, safety protocols, team training and debrief materials; and recruiting and training field staff to lead and run each trip.

Our staff and local Community Partners work well in advance of each team's arrival, setting up work projects and areas of service within the local community. Last-minute withdrawals from a trip within 45 days of the trip start date have a direct impact on our ability to maintain commitments to Community Partners, community members, local churches, schools, service organizations, and ministries, while not leaving enough time to adequately fill spaces vacated by team members.

We're here year-round to help you plan and prepare for your trip (providing pre-trip checklists, team training materials, and fundraising resources), complete necessary pre-trip documentation (team member registrations, waivers, and background checks), and alter your trip when necessary (by adding and dropping team members or transferring to a different community).

We believe this personal touch to ministry enhances the experience of every mission trip, for you, and the people you hope to come alongside and serve.





## SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ If citizenship is not U.S.A what is your visa status? \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description/Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARITAL STATUS:** ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widow

If married, spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your spouse support your participation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Person to contact in case of emergency:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHURCH BACKGROUND

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

How long have you regularly attended this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of this church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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## EDUCATION

Are you presently attending school?

☐ Yes

☐ No

High School Graduate

☐ Yes

☐ No

College Graduate

☐ Yes

☐ No

Post College studies

☐ Yes

☐ No

What language(s) do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

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## EXPERIENCE/SKILLS

Previous evangelism, mission/work trips or service project(s) you have participated in? (Please describe including when, where and length or project):

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What contact have you had with other racial, cultural religious groups?

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Do you have any foreign language proficiency? (list each noting fluent, conversational, etc.)

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Practical skills: (such as construction, technology, painting, etc.)

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Creative skills: (such as puppets, juggling, conjuring tricks, music, etc.)

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**PERSONAL REFERENCES** (church staff member (preferably a pastor); a teacher, employer, co-worker, or friend).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why are you interested in this particular experience?

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### TRIP INFORMATION

I am applying for the following short-term mission trip (check box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Belize        | <input type="checkbox"/> Haiti   | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippines  | <input type="checkbox"/> Uganda         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Rep | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamaica | <input type="checkbox"/> South Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ghana         | <input type="checkbox"/> Kenya   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanzania     | <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe       |
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### SERVICE PROJECTS AND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Circle any of the following service projects or ministry assignments that interest you:

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