

# 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

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| June 13—24, 2025<br>June 27—July 8, 2025<br>July 11—22, 2025<br>July 25—August 5, 2025<br>August 8—19, 2025<br>August 22—Sept. 2, 2025<br>September 5—16, 2025<br>September 19—30, 2025<br>October 3—14, 2025 | October 17—28, 2025<br>October 31—November 11, 2025<br>January 23—February 3, 2026<br>February 6—17, 2026<br>February 20—March 3, 2026<br>March 6—17, 2026<br>March 20—31, 2026<br>April 3—14, 2026<br>April 17—28, 2026 | May 1—12, 2026<br>May 15—26, 2026<br>May 29—June 9, 2026<br>June 12—23, 2026<br>June 26—July 7, 2026<br>July 10—21, 2026<br>July 24—August 4, 2026<br>August 7—18, 2026<br>August 21—Sept. 1, 2026 |
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### SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP ITINERARY

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|-----------|-------|---|
| 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> |

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| 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

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| 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 & \$250<br>DEPOSIT DUE | 50% PAYMENT DUE    | BALANCE DUE       |
| June 13—24, 2025             | November 15, 2024                  | January 17, 2025   | April 11, 2025    |
| June 27—July 8, 2025         | November 29, 2024                  | January 31, 2025   | April 25, 2025    |
| July 11—22, 2025             | December 13, 2024                  | February 14, 2025  | May 9, 2025       |
| July 25—August 5, 2025       | December 27, 2024                  | February 28, 2025  | May 23, 2025      |
| August 8—19, 2025            | January 10, 2025                   | March 14, 2025     | June 6, 2025      |
| August 22—September 2, 2025  | January 24, 2025                   | March 28, 2025     | June 20, 2025     |
| September 5—16, 2025         | February 7, 2025                   | April 11, 2025     | July 4, 2025      |
| September 19—30, 2025        | February 21, 2025                  | April 25, 2025     | July 18, 2025     |
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### **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 submit their application and 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 due to the minimum team size requirement not being met, terrorism, civil unrest, natural 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.





## SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

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### 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

**E-mail completed application to: [rharris@telinternational.org](mailto:rharris@telinternational.org)**

**Mail completed application to: TEL International · 610 Uptown, Suite 2000, Cedar Hill, TX 75104**

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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

### TRIP INFORMATION

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

|  |                                  |                                       |   |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <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       |

### SERVICE PROJECTS AND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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