

Denise Meijer is the director for this program. She has lived and worked in different countries and has extensive international clinical, teaching, and travel experiences. She directed the South Africa Nursing Study Abroad programs during three fall semesters and May terms. Meijer has directed the South African Journey May Term since its inception in 2006.

Meijer is thoroughly familiar with South Africa and the people, and especially with the areas scheduled for visiting during this program.

Meijer speaks Dutch fluently; this enables her to communicate with the Afrikaans speaking people of South Africa

In addition to speaking English and Afrikaans, South Africans use nine different indigenous languages to communicate.



What is included in your program cost?

Approximate cost is \$4,200. This amount includes return airfare, all lodging, transportation, admissions and program activities, all breakfasts and some lunches and dinners.

Students will be responsible for 2-credit summer tuition, and any meals and optional activities not included in the program.

This program awards 2 Intercultural Competency (IC) credits.

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May Term 2012

South Africa

"A South African Journey"

May 15- June 5, 2012



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Addo Elephant National Park, EC

May Term 2012:

South Africa

A beautiful and resource-rich land of complex relations among diverse cultures. South Africa is still a nation struggling to maintain its footings. This program provides students with the opportunity to study, experience, and explore a variety of issues during their journey in South Africa. During a three week long immersion in the cultural dimensions of post apartheid South Africa, students will experience and develop an understanding of the impact of history on culture, politics and socioeconomics and how these influence and predict some of the predominant national issues.

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Schedule of the Program- Depart Minneapolis

Day 1-May 15: Minneapolis departure

Day 2-Arrive in Cape Town, SA

Day 3- Cape Town: Experience historical Robben Island and visit a working vineyard

Day 4- Cape Town: Visit the historic district and District 6 Museum and learn about the VOC Fort and Company Gardens

Day 5- Cape Town: Cape Point Nat'l Park

Day 6-Climb Table Mountain and see Cape Town at your feet

Day 7- FREE day for optional activities

Day 8- Departure for Oudtshoorn and the spectacular Klein Karoo

Day 9- Oudtshoorn: Explore the Cango Caves; visit an ostrich farm

Day 10- Depart for Knysna, home of the last remaining forest elephants and stand of indigenous forest

Day 11- Knysna Lagoon: learn about the



Xhosa Woman



forest and oyster industries

Day 12- Explore Rheenendal forest caves and the empty beaches of the Western Cape

Day 13- Departure for PE via Storm's River and the Tsitsikamma- optional activities may be scheduled (Bungee jumping)

Day 14- PE: FREE day in PE; volunteering in House of Resurrection AIDS Haven

Day 15- All –day Safari: Addo Nat'l Park and Schotia Private Conservation Area

Day 16-PE- PE & KwaZakhele Township and Red Location Museum

Day 17- Morning departure for the Wild Coast cultural immersion experience

Day 18/19: Wild Coast: get to know the Xhosa people and their culture

Day 20- Return to PE; Farewell Dinner

Day 21- PE: Departure for Johannesburg and the US

Day 22- June 5: Daytime arrival in Minneapolis