

2019 GUEST PROGRAM

Monday, 6th May: Full Day City Tour and uShaka Marine World

08:00 After breakfast, a little bit of India blended with all things African at the Victoria Street Market, where spices and incense surround the senses. It is Durban's oldest market and has over 200 stalls. The Market is situated in central Durban amongst many other historically significant structures including The Juma Masjid Mosque, The Emmanuel Cathedral, The Early Morning Market and the Gandhi Library. These sites played significant roles in the struggle that formed the foundation of South Africa's democracy. After the shopping and artistic indulgence, the bus will leave for the world class uShaka Marine World, positioned on Durban's golden mile.

13:00 Lunch at Moyo is an African dining experience, with exquisite views of the Indian Ocean. Get your face painted African style and relax to the soulful vibes – this is Africa at its laidback best. After lunch, visit Sea World and Africa's largest aquarium, watch the magnificent dolphin show, or interact with the penguins. Those not keen can opt to take a walk down the Durban Golden Mile or perhaps a ride in a Rickshaw (*own account*) and visit the African vendors that line the street. Alternately there is shopping at uShaka for those that do now want to walk or take a splash in the sea. We return to the Durban Hilton hotel in the late afternoon.

Tuesday, 7th May: Full Day Midlands Tour and High Tea at Oyster Box Hotel

08:00 The bus departs Durban for the gently rolling countryside towards Pietermaritzburg, the Capital City of Kwazulu-Natal, and Howick. The first stop is at the Howick Falls, an approximately 100 metres of spectacular display almost in the centre of the picturesque town itself. There will be time to browse around in the little shops in the area. The next stop is to the site where Nelson Mandela was captured on 5th August 1962. A visit to Piggly Wiggly, situated in the centre of the Highgate Wine Estate is next, offering a variety of local shops, and a lovely coffee shop. Time dependent, a visit to Ardmore Ceramics can take place. Ardmore celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2010 and saw the launch of the Ardmore Design Collection. Ardmore artworks feature in leading galleries and collections, including the Museum of Art & Design in New York, the Museum of Cultures in Basel, Switzerland, and the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. The acclaimed auction house Christie's has acknowledged Ardmore artworks as "modern day collectibles".

Any snacks and drinks are for own account.

The bus will then depart for the Oyster Box Hotel in Umhlanga Rocks, Durban.

14:00. High Tea is a lengthy, leisurely affair with live piano music providing a welcome addition to the occasion. All pastries and baked goods are prepared by the wonderful pastry team. The high tea table is a visual and taste spectacle of sumptuous treats, with everything from freshly baked scones, pastries, quiches and cakes, to finger sandwiches and savouries.

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