

## SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA



# **Tour of South Africa** 11 February to 4th March 2017



SENIOR GOLFERS UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

## Welcome to South Africa

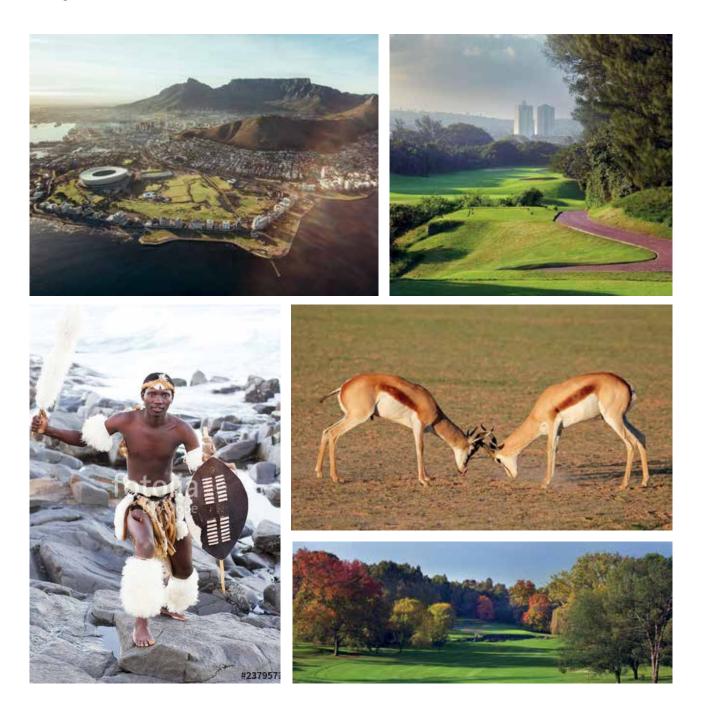
It is indeed a pleasure once again to welcome a team from the Senior Golfers' Society of Australia and their spouses to our shores. We hope you will enjoy playing the courses we have arranged for you and visiting our beautiful country.

The first touring contact between our organisations was a tour to Australia by a South African team in 1997 and since then reciprocal tours have been undertaken at regular intervals. Camaraderie, both domestic and international, is at the very heart of Seniors golf and international tours offer wonderful opportunities to establish new and renew old friendships between Seniors worldwide. We trust this tour will be no exception.

Our Senior golfers very much look forward to entertaining you and having you here as our guests and hope this tour will serve to maintain and enhance the links between us.

We hope you enjoy your stay.

Rob Wassenaar Chairman Management Committee



The tour is organised under the auspices of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa and your local hosts are the Senior Golfers' Societies of the Western Cape, Southern Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal and Gauteng.

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## **General Information**

#### Dress Code

Golf Courses	Shorts acceptable with long stockings or short, predominantly white ankle length socks. No secret socks.
Formal Functions	Jacket and Seniors' tie.
After Golf	For afternoon golf, where indicated, Jacket and Seniors' tie, otherwise smart casual.
General	Smart casual with long trousers.

#### Transport

"Uber" is available in Joburg, Cape Town and Durban

## Members of the Australian Seniors Touring Group to South Africa

## February - March 2017

King, Ian (9)	&	Dee (non-golfer)	Royal Queensland
Low, Barry (12)	&	Jane (31)	Indooroopilly
Rapson, Tony (18)	&	Sue (21)	Indooroopilly
Draper, Lew (11)	&	Janet (16)	Royal Queensland
Dobbin, David (8)	&	Christine (28)	Royal Sydney
Fogarty, Peter (16)	&	Judy (non-golfer)	Royal Sydney
Scott,Robert (18)	&	Smith, Paula (non-golfer)	Bankstown
Gibbons,Clarke (6)	&	Meti, Laraine (non-golfer)	Penrith
Mason, Bruce (14)	&	Sandy (25)	Killara
Lee, Gary (10)	&	Jennifer (28)	Barwon Heads
Umphelby, David (17)	&	Porter, Creina (non-golfer)	Royal Melbourne
Webb, John (2)	&	Prue (9)	Barwon Heads
Dillon, Ross (9)	&	Sue (26)	Royal Adelaide
Perks,Dr Kym (7)	&	Ros (21)	Royal Adelaide
Pozza, Dr Trevor (5)	&	Rae (25)	Royal Adelaide
Bryant, Frank (16)	&	Hinton, Glenys (25)	Royal Perth



## Summary of Golf Programme

Ladies will play at the same courses as the men

#### Western Province

Sunday	12 February	Royal Cape Golf Club
Monday	13 February	Hermanus Golf Club
Wednesday	15 February	King David Mowbray Golf Club

#### Southern Cape

Friday	17 February	George Golf Club
Saturday	18 February	Simola Golf Club
Sunday	19 February	Plettenberg Bay Country Club

#### Kwa-Zulu Natal

Wednesday	22 February	Mount Edgecombe Country Club
Thursday	23 February	Royal Durban Golf Club
Friday	24 February	Durban Country Club

#### Gauteng

Tuesday	28 February	The River Club Golf Course
Thursday	2 March	Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club
Friday	3 March	The Country Club Johannesburg



## **Your Detailed Itinerary**

#### Saturday 11 February

ArrivalsIf you will be arriving in Cape Town on Saturday morning you will be met at Cape<br/>Town International Airport by a delegation of Western Province Seniors as well as<br/>Christine Grant who will be your tour guide and knowledgeable hostess during the<br/>Cape Town leg of your trip. Transport will be provided by coach to the hotel.

#### Accommodation The Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town Waterfront.



The hotel is situated in the V&A Waterfront Development which is one of Cape Town's top tourist attractions. It also houses the Gateway to Robben Island where President Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for so many years. It has a multitude of shops & restaurants with a spectacular view of Table Mountain and the working harbour.

Breakfast included in accommodation package.

Tel 021 419 6677 www.newmarkhotels.com www.waterfront.co.za

Check-in is only guaranteed from 14h00 but the hotel will endeavour, where possible, to make rooms available earlier.

Drinks and snacks will be served at the Hotel from 18h30 to 20h30 where you will be welcomed by representatives of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa and the Senior Golfers' Society of the Western province.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

#### Sunday 12 February

#### Breakfast at leisure

Departure

Coach departs for the Royal Cape Golf Club at 10h30 for an official match against Western Province Seniors.

The Royal Cape Golf Club is the mother club of golf in South Africa having been established in 1885 and has been on its present site since 1906. Over the years the golf course has evolved into what it is today, a classic parkland course that provides a fine test of golf as well as a wonderful playing experience. The course is in superb year round playing condition with well planted fairways, smooth greens and challenging bunkers.

Although the course is on flat terrain the playing of Royal Cape is subject to three of nature's beguiling offerings: a near constant wind to challenge you, sweeping mountain views to charm you and water features to ensnare you. Tree lined with narrow fairways and subtle USPGA spec greens Royal presents a traditional test of golf. It is a course of Championship stature which has hosted the SA Open ten times as well as many other professional and top amateur events.

Tel: 021 761 6551 www.royalcapegolf.co.za

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be served before tee off at 12 noon.

Dress after golf: Blazer and Seniors tie.

Any non-golfers are welcome to come on the coach which will then take them back to the hotel and an afternoon of leisure. After golf there will be drinks and snacks at the clubhouse and any ladies not playing golf will be collected from the hotel.



#### Monday 13 February

#### Departure

After breakfast the coach departs from the hotel at 09h00 for Hermanus.

We will take the coastal route to Hermanus which offers spectacular views of the Cape Peninsula, arriving at Hermanus Golf Club for tea/coffee and snacks prior to our tee-off from 12h00.



Hermanus, on the Cape South Coast, is a charming fishing village and holiday spot famous for the whales that arrive annually from the Southern seas to calve.

Hermanus Golf Club is situated against the backdrop of imposing mountains and has views of the sea from many of the holes. It was originally an 18 hole classic country course but it was redesigned in 2006 and given a major overhaul with the addition of a further 9 holes around a real estate development and replacing the previous layout with modern classically designed holes. It is a fairly tight, tree lined course that will be enjoyed by all, especially the straight hitter.

Tel: 028 312 1954 www.hgc.co.za

Dress after Golf: Casual

After Golf drinks and snack will be served in the clubhouse.

The Coach departs from the clubhouse at around 18h00 for an easy 2 hour drive back to the hotel through the fruit growing district of Elgin and Sir Lowry's Pass.

For the non-golfers it is suggested that they join us on this outing and while the golfers are playing at Hermanus the coach will take the ladies to town where they can have lunch, a walk along the cliff paths or simply do some shopping.

#### **Tuesday 14 February**

#### Free Day

There are many tour operators in Cape Town and in particular Hylton Ross has an excellent selection of half and full day tours on offer and it is suggested that you visit www.hyltonross.co.za and you will have a variety of tours to choose from.

Christine will be on duty all day from Saturday to Thursday and she will be able to arrange any special visits, advise you of places of interest, assist with hairdressing appointments and any other challenges to ensure your stay in Cape Town will be a most memorable one.



Other suggested activities for non golfers and for free days in Cape Town.

Visit the famous and beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens www.sanbi.org/gardens/kirstenbosch

View the peninsula from the top of Table Mountain www.tablemountain.net

Winelands visits Brochures are available at the hotel

Take a trip to Robben Island Official website: www.robben-island.org.za

#### Wednesday 15 February

Early Start

After breakfast the coach departs from the hotel at 06h30 for the second match against Western Province.

The King David Mowbray Golf Club is an amalgamation of two of Cape Town's famous golf clubs in 2016. The course is the old Mowbray course which is located between the green suburbs of Mowbray and Pinelands overlooked by Devils Peak on Table Mountain, just a few minutes from the Waterfront. The King David Mowbray course was originally built in 1910 and has since undergone many changes and improvements and it is widely held that it is one of the best parkland courses in the country and has hosted all the major amateur championships and several SA opens.

	The flat terrain has been compensated for by other challenges including numerous trees, water features and bunkers to keep you on your toes from start to finish. Since the Cape is windy, the course was designed with wind in mind, you will rarely find it blowing in your face or interfering at your back.
	Tel: 021 685 3018
	Dress after Golf: Blazer and Seniors Tie.
	After Golf drinks and snacks will be served at the clubhouse.
	The coach will depart for the hotel at 14h30
Farewell Dinner	There will be a formal dinner at the Royal Cape Golf Club when there will be an opportunity to reminisce on the good times in Cape Town, cement friendships and talk about the exciting programme ahead.
	Dress: Blazer and Seniors tie
	Coach departs hotel for dinner at 19h00

#### **Thursday 16 February**

The coach departs from the hotel around 09h00 after breakfast for a 6 hour drive to Knysna in the Southern Cape with a break for lunch in the historical town of Swellendam.

We expect to arrive in Knysna at 16h30 and the group will be met on arrival by a delegation from the Southern Cape Senior Golfers Society.

Accommodation is at the 325 hectare Simola Estate which includes the Simola Hotel, Country club and Spa and 18 hotel Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course.

The local Seniors Committee and their spouses will host a cocktail party at the hotel at 18h00. Dress will be smart casual. The rest of the evening will be free.



#### Friday 17 February

Coach departs at 10h00 for the George Golf Club for a match against the Southern Cape Seniors.

The George Golf course is a beautifully manicured, 72 par, 18 hole course, with bent greens, set in the heart of the Garden Route. The course rating for men is either 68 (forward – 5542m), 70 (club – 5862m) or 72 (championship – 6162m), while that for the ladies is 72 (5204m).

Drinks after the game in the clubhouse.

Dress: Blazer and Senior's tie.

Evening free.



#### Saturday 18 February

Breakfast at leisure 12h

12h00 is tee off time at the Simola Golf Club.

Situated high on the hills above Knysna, Simola enjoys sweeping views down the Knysna River Valley, and across the Knysna estuary to the Knysna Heads and the Indian Ocean beyond – and equally dramatic vistas towards the Outeniqua Mountains to the North.

This outstanding masterwork was the first Jack Nicklaus Signature Course in Africa, and offers top-class facilities to compliment the surroundings and enhance your enjoyment of your time on the course.

Drinks and snack after golf. Evening will be free for guests to sample the delights of Knysna or the excellent restaurant at the hotel.

#### Sunday 19 February

#### Breakfast at leisure Coach departs at 11h00 for the golf game

against the Southern Cape Seniors at the Plettenberg Bay Country Club.

Plettenberg Bay Country Club has an 18 hole par 72 golf course set in a private nature reserve and is populated mainly with indigenous flora and fauna. Monkeys, birdlife like the Knysna Loerie and woodpeckers as



well as the occasional deer make this a golf course you will remember.

The course is easy to walk, but golf buggies are always available for the not so energetic. Lush Kikuyu grass fairways and bay view greens over seeded with bent grass provides golfers with an excellent playing surface, with all year round consistency, on this parkland golf course.

This is no little seaside golf course and is a good test of golf.

Drinks will be enjoyed after the game in the clubhouse.

Dinner with Southern Cape Seniors at the" Lookout".

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

#### Monday 20 February

#### Breakfast at leisure

Free Day

Suggested activities for non golfers and for free days in the Southern Cape

Visit the Radical Raptors Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Centre in Plettenberg Bay www.radicalraptors.co.za

Monkeyland – Primate sanctuary in Plettenberg Bay www.monkeyland.co.za

Combine Monkeyland with a visit to Birds of Eden Free Flight Bird Sanctuary in Plettenberg Bay www.birdsofeden.co.za

Paddle Cruiser (Knysna) www.knysnafeatherbed.com/paddle\_cruiser.htm

Ocean Blue Dolphin watching (Plettenberg Bay) www.oceanadventures.co.za

Enjoy lunch at Bramon Wine Estate in the Plettenberg Bay area www.bramonwines.co.za



Visit the famous Cango Caves (situated about 100km from George) www.cango-caves.co.za

A visit to the Cango Caves can be combined with a visit to an Ostrich Farm www.cangoostrich.co.za

#### **Tuesday 21 February**

**Breakfast at leisure** Coach departs 09h00 for transfer to port Elizabeth Airport for flight BA6323 to Durban departing 13h15.

Party met at King Shaka Airport by delegation and transported to the Oyster Box Hotel at Umhlanga Rocks.

18:30: Informal welcoming drinks at the hotel. Dress: Casual

Evening free.



#### Wednesday 22 February

Coach departs at 07h00 for Mount Edgecombe Country Club

Tee off from 07h45

Mount Edgecombe Country Club has two 18-hole Championship courses. The older of the two, Course One, was upgraded when the Mount Edgecombe residential estate was initially developed. Originally known as Huletts Country Club the course was designed by Sid Brews in 1936, one of the



two Brews brothers who won the South African Open Championships, the second oldest open Championship in the world after The Open itself. In 1992 Hugh Baiocchi upgraded and modernized Course One to USPGA specifications. The greens are planted with Sea Isle 2000 paspalum grass and the fairways are a strain of Bermuda grass. Several holes are protected by water- so accuracy is key for a successful round at Mount Edgecombe Country Club.

After golf – luncheon at the Mount Edgecombe Country Club

Dress: Blazer and Seniors tie.

Evening at leisure. An evening stroll along the Broadwalk in front of the hotel will be worthwhile.

#### **Thursday 23 February**

Coach departs at 11h00 for Royal Durban Golf Club for the match against the KZN Seniors.

An oasis of calm amidst a bustling city, Royal Durban Golf Club is conveniently located in the heart of Greyville race track.

Royal Durban is not only unique in its setting and character, but is one of South Africa's most demanding championship courses. The length of 6115 metres could be considered a short course by modern day standards, however in Durban's humid sub tropical atmosphere it plays more like 6500 metres with little run on its lush fairways.

Traditional South African braai in front of the Royal Durban club house.

Dress: Smart casual.



#### Friday 24 February

Coach transport to Durban Country Club at 11h00 for a match against the KZN Seniors.

A course steeped in tradition and history, Durban Country Club boasts the unique claim of being the only course on the African continent to be rated in the Top 100 Golf Courses of the World by Golf Magazine USA.

A combination of lush vegetation, sand dunes and stunning views of the Indian Ocean make this course one of the most unique, and challenging, in all the world. One of the defining characteristics of Durban Country Club are the massive undulations in the fairways, especially the 5th, 8th and 17th. The course was built on sand dunes and they are large and interesting.

Durban Country Club is a shot maker's course that you have to think your way around. Most golfers don't make use of their driver until well into their round due to the narrowness of the opening holes.

Evening: Farewell Dinner in the Grill Room at Durban Country Club.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.



#### Suggested activities for non golfers in Kwa-Zulu Natal

USHAKA Marine World & Moses Mabhida Stadium Sky Car and Viewing Platform Marine theme park in Durban, South Africa, offering a world of ocean activities, rides, oceanarium, amusement park, shopping, beach activities and lots more. www.ushakamarineworld.co.za http://www.mmstadium.com/attractions/skycar/

#### PHEZULU Safari Day Tour

An outing to Phezulu Safari Park presents a handful of options for the first-time visitor to South Africa. From a game drive to a traditional Zulu village experience – and seeing some of the country's most fearsome reptiles – this is a great introduction to Africa.

http://www.phezulusafaripark.co.za/

#### HIGH TEA – Oyster Box Hotel

The Oyster Box High Tea is legendary ...and laden with sumptuous treats, from freshly baked scones, pastries, quiches, cakes, finger sandwiches and savouries. Inspired by the hotel's original, colonial architecture and resplendent with chandeliers purchased from the Savoy Hotel in London, High Tea at The Oyster Box is a lengthy, leisurely affair. Live piano music provides the perfect backdrop and adds a personal element to the beautiful Palm Court, softening the atmosphere and putting guests at ease.

http://www.oysterboxhotel.com/bar-and-dining/extraordinary-dining/traditional-afternoon-tea

#### GATEWAY Theatre of Shopping – Umhlanga

Gateway offers Fashion, Fun, Variety and entertainment for the upmarket shopper. We have everything under one roof for the techno savvy, fashion forward, party animals and socialites. More than just a shopping Centre – a destination. http://gatewayworld.co.za/

\*\*\*\* Please note that the Phezulu Day Tour and High Tea at the Oyster Box will need to be pre-booked, so we will need confirmation of numbers, ahead of time.

#### Saturday 25 February and Sunday 26 February

Coach departs for Thanda Private game reserve at 09h00.

Thanda Private Game Reserve. Thanda, meaning 'love' in Zulu, is a proud member of The Leading Hotels of the World and multiple winner of World's Leading Luxury Lodge. It is known for meaningful safari experiences and exclusive close-up encounters with Africa's magnificent Big Five. Thanda Private Game Reserve is situated on a 14000 hectare Big Five private game reserve in northern KwaZulu-Natal in the area of Hluhluwe.

**Safari Program:** A typical day in the game reserve starts early in the morning, that's when the opportunity is greatest to see animals. Up at approx. 5:00. Tea/ coffee and a light breakfast is served before the safari departure. 3-4 hours are spent game viewing, with breaks at regular intervals and return to the lodge for a healthy "brunch". At noon, it is often too hot for both animals and humans, so you could perhaps laze around the swimming pool. Approx. at. 3:00 p.m. meet for "High Tea", a snack lunch, before you again head out on safari with drinks at sunset over the savannah. Safari is in open land rover vehicle with your own safari guide.

2 nights at Thanda Private Game Reserve in tents on a fully inclusive basis which includes Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner, two game drives per day, all game drive drinks and snacks.



#### **Monday 27 February**

Breakfast at leisure	Coach departs 09h00 for King Shaka airport for flight BA6226 at 12h10 for Johannesburg.
	The Touring party will be met at OR Tambo international airport by a delegation of Gauteng Seniors and transported to the Sandton Intercontinental Hotel.
Accommodation	Intercontinental Hotel, Sandton The Hotel, with its indoor pool deck and fully equipped gym, boasts stunning views over Johannesburg's tree lined suburbs and adjoins the renowned Sandton City Shopping complex which boasts over 300 high end shops and is widely regarded as Africa's shopping mecca. Adjacent to this is the vibrant Nelson Mandela Square which

has a wide range of leading restaurants and features the 5m high Nelson Mandela Statue. The entire complex is housed under one roof and affords a high degree of safety and security.

Breakfast included in accommodation package.

17h30. Welcome reception including drinks and snacks at the San Deck in the hotel complex.

Dress: Smart casual

Evening free

#### **Tuesday 28 February**

# **Breakfast at leisure** Coach transfer to the River Club Golf Course at 10h15. A light lunch will be served at the club.

Nestled in the affluent Johannesburg suburb of Sandton, the River Club Golf Course is one of the most prestigious golf courses in the country. Here no expense is spared in ensuring the ultimate experience for golfers. However, unlike most golf courses in the country, the River Club is not open to the public and many can only dream at the opportunity of playing here unless they become members or indeed, guests of members.

The 6500m par 71 kikuyu grassed course is fairly flat and offers some challenging dog leg holes whilst the finishing stretch is regarded as one of the most demanding in South Africa. You will no doubt be grateful for local advice about how best to approach the challenge the course provides which you can get from one of the members you will play with or one of the experienced caddies at the course. The halfway house at the River Club is unique in South African Golf.

The club celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

12h00 Golf tee off. Australia vs Gauteng Seniors and ladies golf.

Prize giving and cocktail reception after golf.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors tie.

Evening free.



#### Wednesday 1 March

Free day	Johannesburg boasts many exceptional guided tours for visitors. Your hotel will be able to guide you as to your choices and if sufficient visitors choose the same tour your bus will be available for you to use.
	The most notable trips undertaken by foreign visitors are:
	Soweto and Johannesburg Bus trip
	Apartheid museum
	Constitution Hill
	Sterkfontein caves and Maropeng- the cradle of humankind. One of the world's most important anthropological sites.
	Monte Casino- Casino, dining, entertainment.
	Gold Reef City, includes underground trip.
	Cullinan Diamond Mine.
	Lion and Rhino Park.
	The Elephant sanctuary

#### **Thursday 2 March**

**Breakfast at leisure** Coach departs at 10h15 for the Royal Johannesburg and Kensington golf Club.

The Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club has been the home course of the Senior Golfers Society of Gauteng for over 60 years.

Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club is one of the most prestigious golf clubs in South Africa. In its almost 130 years of existence, it has hosted 7 South African Opens and numerous other major tournaments. Royal is home to the biggest annual professional golf event in Africa, the Joburg Open, inaugurated in 2007, and is the preferred venue for the International Final Qualifier (Africa) for The Open Championship.



The Club's two courses are both highly regarded. The East Course is consistently ranked as one of the top 10 courses in the country. While the West Course, although not as highly rated as the East Course, is the preferred course for many Senior Golfers due to its greater degree of playability for golfers of all abilities.

Men golfers will join the Gauteng Seniors in their weekly fixture.

12h00 Australia vs Gauteng

Lady golfers will join play with the wives of Gauteng Seniors.

Prize giving and cocktail reception after golf.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie after golf.

#### Friday 3 March



**Breakfast at leisure** The Country Club Johannesburg is regarded as one of the finest clubs in South Africa. The club is also home to two excellent courses, Woodmead and Rocklands, respectively ranked 20th and 54th in the country. Woodmead, a parkland course with tree lined fairways, has previously hosted the Telkom PGA. Rocklands is the younger of the two courses where the undulations make for spectacular views over Johannesburg and the Magaliesberg mountain range in the distance. Both courses are situated on a property having 14 dams stocked with many fish varieties and woodlands inhabited by some 180 species of birds.

Tee off from 11h30: Australia and Gauteng Seniors paired together. Ladies will play as well.

Prize giving and drinks on the patio in golf attire.

17h15 Players will return by coach to the hotel to change for the farewell dinner.

19h00 Return to the Country Club for dinner. Official farewell dinner in the Aviary room.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors tie.

#### Saturday 4 March

**Breakfast at leisure** Coach transfer to OR Tambo International airport for flight back to Australia for those departing on the 4th.

End of tour

