



MEJDI TOURS
SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa:

A Journey of Transformation and Reconciliation

Tour Dates: May 3 - 10, 2026

** Optional Post-Tour Safari Extension (May 10 - 12, 2026)*

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Day 1: Sunday, May 3 - Welcome to South Africa

Arrive in South Africa, meet your driver in the arrivals hall and transfer to the hotel. Check-in time is The tour begins with a welcome dinner and orientation.

Meals: **Dinner included**

Hotel: **Southern Sun Sandton Hotel, Johannesburg**

Day 2: Monday, May 4 – Multicultural Johannesburg + Constitution Hill

Spend the morning downtown on a **historic walking tour** with a local expert, exploring the city's culture, diversity, and role in the struggle against apartheid and its transition to democracy.

Visit **Constitution Hill** - a former prison complex, once home to political prisoners including anti-apartheid activists, now the seat of South Africa's **Constitutional Court**. Explore the Old Fort, Women's Jail, and learn how the site transformed from a place of injustice into a symbol of democracy and human rights.

Debrief session at the hotel.

Evening at leisure. For those interested, dinner reservations will be arranged at a local restaurant for the group. Please note that this is optional, and the cost of dinner is not included in the tour package. Additional details will be shared on site.

Meals: **Breakfast and lunch included**

Hotel: **Southern Sun Sandton Hotel, Johannesburg**

Day 3: Tuesday, May 5 – Soweto + Mandela House + Jewish community speakers

Begin in **Soweto** with a guided walk along **Vilakazi Street** — the only street in the world to have been home to two Nobel Peace Prize laureates, Nelson Mandela



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and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Tour **Mandela's former home**, now a museum offering personal insight into his life and legacy.

Return to Johannesburg for conversations with **representatives of the Jewish Community**.

Time for debrief.

Evening at leisure. For those interested, dinner reservations will be arranged at a local restaurant for the group. Please note that this is optional, and the cost of dinner is not included in the tour package. Additional details will be shared on site.

Meals: **Breakfast and lunch included**

Hotel: **Southern Sun Sandton Hotel, Johannesburg**

Day 4: Wednesday, May 6 – Apartheid Museum + Flight to Capetown + Table Mountain

Start the day with a guided visit to the **Apartheid Museum**, examining South Africa's history of apartheid and transition to democracy.

Then transfer to the Johannesburg airport for the **group flight to Cape Town**.

Upon arrival in Cape Town - meet your local guide — and transfer to **Table Mountain** for an introductory orientation to Cape Town, taking in sweeping views while gaining historical and cultural context for the city and its diverse communities.

Meet with an **interfaith organization** in Cape Town.

Evening at leisure. For those interested, dinner reservations will be arranged at a local restaurant for the group. Please note that this is optional, and the cost of dinner is not included in the tour package. Additional details will be shared on site.

Meals: **Breakfast and lunch included**

Hotel: **SunSquare Cape Town Gardens**

Day 5: Thursday, May 7 - Robben Island + Meet Muslim community in Macassar

Begin the day with a ferry to **Robben Island**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that once served as a political prison during apartheid. Take part in a guided tour of the former maximum-security facility and visit the cell where Nelson Mandela was held.



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Travel to **Macassar** to meet with members of the local **Muslim community** and learn about their heritage, from enslaved Southeast Asians to the present day.

Enjoy a **homemade lunch** with the community, followed by a free afternoon and a **debrief session**.

Meals: **Breakfast and lunch included**
Hotel: **SunSquare Cape Town Gardens**

Day 6: Friday, May 8 – Tutu Foundation, Jumma prayers in Mosque, Synagogue prayers & meal

Start the morning at the **Tutu Foundation** and Museum to learn about Desmond Tutu's efforts to end apartheid, followed by a visit to the **District Six Museum** to understand the displacement of the community.

Drive (approx. 30 minutes) to **Al Quds Mosque** for a mosque visit and to attend or observe Jumu'ah prayers. Following prayers, enjoy a traditional lunch and meet with members of the local **Muslim community**.

Return to the hotel for a short break before the evening's activities.

Attend a **Friday night Shabbat service** at Temple Israel, followed by a light Kiddush or dinner with **members of the Jewish community**.

**Travelers may choose to walk from the hotel to services (approximately a 1-hour walk). The walk will be accompanied by MEJDI staff and a local representative. Transportation will also be provided, with return transfers to the hotel available after services.*

Meals: **Breakfast and dinner included**
Hotel: **SunSquare Cape Town Gardens**

Day 7: Saturday, May 9 – Walking Garden Tour, Waterfront Shopping, Muslim & Jewish Speakers, Farewell Dinner

Informal Shabbat service arranged at the hotel for those who wish to participate.

Choose between taking the day off for Shabbat, **joining a short afternoon walking tour** of the Company's Garden, exploring this historic green space in the heart of Cape Town and its surrounding landmarks.

Following the tour, travelers may choose to return to the hotel or continue exploring the area independently. For those interested, a transfer will be arranged to the **V&A Waterfront** for free time and shopping.



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Return to the hotel for a joint session with **Muslim and Jewish community** speakers.

Debrief session at the hotel before the farewell dinner.

Meals: **Breakfast and dinner included**
Hotel: **SunSquare Cape Town Gardens**

Day 8: Sunday, May 10 – Departure or Extension (Coordinator or Guide)

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport for your departure flight home. Check-out is 11am and departure transfers can be arranged upon request or directly with the hotel.

Travelers joining the [Kruger Safari extension](#) will transfer to the airport for a flight and transfer to the national park.

Those wishing to extend their time in Cape Town may request a post-stay, and we will be happy to assist with extending your hotel reservation.

Meals: Breakfast included
