



# TEACHING

## English and various other subjects

### Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### South Africa has everything...

- ◆ Sun, sparkling warm and clear oceans, and the most beautiful golden beaches you will ever see ... stretching for miles.
- ◆ Mountain climbing, biking and hiking
- ◆ The *Garden Route*, world famous and sheer paradise!
- ◆ Outstanding Game Reserves where you can see wild animals in their natural habitat, and by contrast symmetric vineyards stretching to infinity
- ◆ Sharks, whales and dolphins, and the amusing Cape Fur Seals.
- ◆ Elegant restaurants, barbecues and beach parties
- ◆ And FRUIT everywhere!



But most of all, South Africans are the friendliest and most hospitable people in the world - without a doubt! If you're invited to dinner ... don't eat for a week beforehand because you'll be overfed, especially if it's a barbecue. Wine is cheap and good. The salads are to die for.

And - of course - the fruit! From the exotic to the commonplace, it's everywhere.

### YOUR TEACHING PLACEMENT

The school that we work with is for the poorer African and Coloured children in the local community. General **facilities** at the schools are somewhat limited although the school does have computer facilities and would appreciate the help of volunteers with computer experience!

Our Cape Town teaching placement is located in one of the Southern Suburbs called Observatory and is conveniently positioned only a 10 minute walk from your accommodation. Cape Town has everything to offer with its stunning beaches, great surf, penguins, great nightlife and of course Table Mountain!



The average **class size** is between 28 and 40 but sometimes classes will be split into smaller groups when you are teaching. It is likely that you will be needed to take small groups of children or individuals out of the class and work with them privately. Classes tend to last between 30 - 60 minutes. Standards are generally very high and the enthusiasm of the students and colleagues more than makes up for any hardships they may experience.

Observatory Primary mainly caters for the poorer African children that come from the township areas of Cape Town. These are the most needy and make up 98% of the school's children. You can also coach sports as well as English teaching and language enrichment, music, art or any other subject that you have particular knowledge in. Observatory Junior is a multi-cultured and racial school and mainly has children at the school between 5 - 13 years of age. English is not the children's mother tongue, but their general standard of language is fair to good.

The school also runs the SHINE Centre – (Support and Help In Education). This is a volunteer programme with local and international volunteers who assist their learners with numeracy and literacy. This Centre has been running for approximately 4 years and is fully sponsored. Volunteers interact with learners on a one-to-one basis

according to the times and days that the volunteers are available. They interact with the same learner/s throughout the year.

This is an excellent outreach programme and they always welcome new volunteers to give their assistance. You will have the opportunity to get involved in this programme if you wish to, in addition to the mainstream teaching programme. The students have a never-ending enthusiasm and energy, which is amazing considering the hardships they may experience at home.

**SCHOOL TERMS IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

**2010** school terms (semesters) are given below.

Term 1: 13th Jan – 26th March

Term 2: 12th April – 9th June

Term 3: 13th July – 23rd Sept

Term 4: 4th Oct – 10th Dec



Please Note: Teaching is NOT available during school holidays, so if you're planning to participate in a placement, please take the above school term dates into account when planning the timing of your project. On the other hand, if a holiday falls during your proposed placement, you could use this time to do any independent travelling and sightseeing. This is the choice that most of our volunteers make to gain some additional experience and knowledge of the region or, indeed, the country.

If you're a little unsure about the idea of standing in front of a class and teaching, you can, before you leave, enroll in a [1-day intensive open teacher training course \(optional\)](#) to help you teach if you have no previous experience and would like to gain a little teaching knowledge.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

You will be staying at 33South Backpackers Lodge in Observatory.

33South is not just a backpackers lodge, it's an experience! With secure access, 24hr managers on duty, they uphold a very high safety and security standard. The night manager is also a lovely welcome 'home' after a night out... and bakes fresh muffins for your breakfast!

The staff are very friendly and will always help you where needed. They can answer any questions and can even help when you need some TLC because you feel a bit homesick!

33South has differently themed rooms from the township vibe to old Victorian and even a 'harbour' room complete with seagulls and fishing motifs. Hotel-quality bedding is provided and towels are available on request. The rooms are serviced once a week and lined/bedding is changed.

The back of the house has a beautiful palm-tree covered terrace, where you can soak up the sunshine and enjoy a real South African "BRAAI" (BBQ). There is even a private bar, chill-out room where live musicians play on Friday nights!



The lodge is also situated in the heart of Observatory and a short stroll away from a large supermarket, internet café, pharmacy and Laundromat. The perfect home away from home.

The lodge is also across the road from a large supermarket, internet café, pharmacy and Laundromat, where you can get a normal sized washing basket of laundry washed, dried and folded for around R25.

**Food:** A healthy self-serve breakfast of cereals, toast and tea/coffee is included every morning, and you will be given a food allowance to buy your own food for lunch/dinner from the big supermarket up the road. The lodge is also equipped with a self-catering kitchen, with all the necessities to cook a good meal.



**PLEASE NOTE:** The World Cup kicks off in June 2010 in Cape Town and accommodation surcharges WILL apply during this period. We can advise you on the extra cost closer to the time.

#### **ON ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

You will be met at the airport by our Cape Town Manager, Jim Morel, Volunteer Coordinator, Eleanor Kilduff, or our preferred airport transfer company, who will take you to your accommodation and introduce you to everyone.

Jim or Eleanor will also take you to your place of work and introduce you there. Our SA team is on call 24/7 if necessary, and are always there to help you in many different ways. Of course, they are in regular contact with you.

### **The next step...**

If you would like to join us on one of our exciting projects then please fill in either an online application form at our website ([www.travellersworldwide.com](http://www.travellersworldwide.com)) or one that is attached to our brochure. Once you have booked and confirmed your place we will send you detailed pack information regarding your placement and country.

**I do hope you join us and please do call or email if you have any questions at all about this or any of our other projects – 01903 502595 or email [info@travellersworldwide.com](mailto:info@travellersworldwide.com)**

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