



PeaceBattle

## **In the Footsteps of Desmond Tutu**

### **A Pilgrimage to South Africa Trinity Church Wall Street Itinerary**

**In Collaboration with the Rev. Edwin Arrison and  
Embrace South Africa Tours**



## **Monday, January 6, 2025 – Wednesday January 22, 2025**

This Pilgrimage focuses on Archbishop Desmond Tutu's spirituality and theology and the effects of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Pilgrims will meet with some of the most innovative spiritual leaders in the Anglican Communion and the world and connect with faith communities. Through conversation, contemplation and reflection, pilgrims on this journey will consider ways to be peacemakers and reconcilers in their own context.

### Day 1: Monday, January 6, 2025

Depart US for travel to South Africa

### Day 2: Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Arrive in Cape Town. Travel by shuttle service to hotel. The day is spent resting with dinner on your own at the hotel.

### Day 3: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

We begin the day with breakfast, worship, and introductions. Meet with John Allen, a South African journalist who served as director of communications for that country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Visit Tutu exhibition. Dinner with Thandi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Tutu and CEO of Desmond Tutu's Tutudesk Campaign.

#### Day 4: Thursday, January 9, 2025

Travel to Hermanus where we gather for the Eucharist (with drumming experience) and meet with John de Gruchy, theologian and member of the Volmoed Community for Reconciliation and Healing. In the afternoon, we meet with the monks of Saint Benedict's Priory at Volmoed and then with the Rev. Wilma Jakobsen, Resident Volmoed Chaplain. After Evening Prayer, we have dinner at the home of the Rev. Edwin Arrison. Overnight in Volmoed.

#### Day 5: Friday, January 10, 2025

The day begins with Eucharist with the Benedictine Monks followed by a visit and walk through Zwelihle Township with Zwelihle youth. In the afternoon we will embark on an expedition to the real southernmost tip of Africa (Cape Agulhus) with lunch on the way. Overnight in Volmoed.

#### Day 6: Saturday, January 11, 2025

The day begins with time for worship, rest and enjoying Volmoed's natural setting. Lunch and winetasting at Creation Farm and time to explore Hermanus. Overnight in Volmoed.

#### Day 7: Sunday, January 12, 2025

We visit South African churches where we will be expected to preach, give remarks or celebrate the Eucharist. In the afternoon, travel to Cape Town with a stop at the penguin colony at Betty's Bay. Meet with the Rev. René August, a reconciliation trainer with The Warehouse, a worshipping community organization in Cape Town. We reflect on our time before dinner. Overnight in Cape Town.

#### Day 8: Monday, January 13, 2025

Morning worship at St George's Cathedral followed by conversation with Cathedral Dean Michael Weeder. Meet with René August and or Thandi Gamedze from The Warehouse. In the afternoon, leave for Table Mountain (weather permitting) and visit Signal Hill. Dinner and drumming at Gold Restaurant. Overnight in Cape Town.

#### Day 9: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Discussion with Wilhelm Verwoerd from the Centre for Study of Afterlife of Violence and the Reparative Quest, University of Stellenbosch and grandson of Hendrik Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid. Visit Robben Island in the afternoon. Reflection time after dinner. Overnight in Cape Town.

#### Day 10: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Travel to the Cape Town airport with a stop at the Long March to Freedom Statues. Fly to Johannesburg. Conversation with Bishop Luke Pato, a colleague of Archbishop Tutu. In the evening. Overnight in Johannesburg

#### Day 11: Thursday, January 16, 2025

Visit Constitutional Hill Museum in Johannesburg and tour the Constitutional Court. Lunch at Sakhumzi Restaurant in Soweto followed by a tour of Soweto. Explore the iconic Hector Pieterse Memorial, Vilakazi Street (Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu homes). Evening prayer and reflection. Overnight in Johannesburg.

Day 12: Friday, January 17, 2025

Visit Freedom Park and Union Buildings in Pretoria. After lunch, visit the Cradle of Humankind Museum. Evening Prayer and Reflection followed by dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Johannesburg.

Day 13: Saturday, January 18, 2025

The morning is spent visiting local craft markets and the Apartheid Museum. In the afternoon, tour of Maboneng district in Johannesburg. Evening Prayer at Johannesburg Cathedral with the Rev. Xolani Dlwati, Dean of Johannesburg and Rector of the Cathedral of St. Mary the Virgin (where "Tutu precinct" is being planned). Overnight in Johannesburg.

Day 14: Sunday, January 19, 2025

In the morning, attend Regina Mundi Catholic Church in Soweto. Then travel to Bakubung Lodge in Pilanesberg Game Reserve to see the "Big Five" and other fascinating wildlife in their natural habitat. Evening Prayer and dinner at Bakubung. Overnight at Bakubung Game Lodge.

Day 15: Monday, January 20, 2025

Early morning game drive from Bakubung Game Lodge. Relax at the pool or watch the birds and animals in the hideout. Afternoon game drive. Evening Prayer and Reflection. Dinner BBQ (braai), a popular South African outdoor cooking method involving grilling meat over an open flame or coals. Overnight at Bakubung Game Lodge.

Day 16: Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Morning Prayer and reflection. Lunch at Bakubung then drive back to Johannesburg. Evening Prayer and Reflection. Dinner at hotel. Overnight Johannesburg.

Day 17: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Depart hotel for airport for return flights to U.S.

**\*Fees and Payment Schedule**

\$4,750 per person sharing / \$5,050 per person single

\$500 Initial deposit due - June 21, 2024

40% due - Friday, September 27, 2024

Balance due - October 25, 2024

\*Fees do not include airfare