



## HOCKEY & NETBALL TOUR 2023

## SOUTH AFRICA - PARENTS ITINERARY

Quote Number: QParents

<b>DEPARTING:</b>	23 August 2023
<b>DURATION:</b>	11 days / 10 nights
<b>RETURNING:</b>	02 September 2023
<b>BOARD BASIS:</b>	Mixed
<b>TRANSPORT:</b>	Flight

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# YOUR ITINERARY

## Provisional itinerary



### Wednesday 23 August

Meet at Manchester Airport for your flight to Cape Town.

**Overnight: In Flight**

### Thursday 24 August

Upon arrival, meet your coach and initially you will visit the most iconic landmark in South Africa - **Table Mountain** where you will enjoy a cable car ride to the summit to witness some fantastic views across Cape Town, Table Bay, Robben Island and more.

Afterwards you will continue onto your hotel where you will be based for the following four nights. **Dinner** is included for you this evening.

**Included Excursions: Table Mountain / Dinner**

**Overnight: President Hotel, Bed & Breakfast**



## Friday 25 August

This morning transfer to the V&A Waterfront to board a ferry to visit **Robben Island**, a UNESCO World Heritage site where you will enjoy a tour of this infamous prison from an ex-political prisoner where Nelson Mandela was held for 18 years. At the agreed time, you will transfer to play your first set of matches on tour.

**Matches 1: Local Hockey Side v. Queen Margaret's School**

**Included Excursions: Robben Island**

**Overnight: President Hotel, Bed & Breakfast**



## Saturday 26 August

Today you will transfer to the **Goedgedacht Trust**, the focus of the Trust is on helping rural children and youth in West Coast and Boland towns to break free from the cycle of generational poverty. The Path Out of Poverty or “POP” program seeks to transform rural communities, by offering the next generation of children the opportunity to become healthy, self-confident, educated young people. You will take part in **POP activities** such as assist in the Kindergarten , the after school club and undertake some sports coaching. A **Lunch** is also included.

You will then play netball games the Trust.

**Matches 2: Local Netball Side v. Queen Margaret's School**



**Included Excursion: Goedgedacht Trust & Lunch**

**Overnight: President Hotel, Bed & Breakfast**

**Sunday 27 August**

This morning check out of your hotel and transfer to **Camps Bay**, located on the Atlantic Ocean, at the foot of the Twelve Apostles mountain range and adjacent to Table Mountain, spend some time on the white sandy beach and perhaps enjoy a lunch at one of the many beachfront restaurants. If you are feeling brave you can dip your toes into the cold Atlantic Ocean.

This afternoon transfer to the The V&A Waterfront one of Africa's most visited cultural and historical hubs, enjoy some last minute shopping at the The Victoria Wharf Shopping Centre which is the main shopping mall at the V&A Waterfront, and plays host to hundreds of stores, and dozens of restaurants.

**Included Excursion: Camps Bay**

**Overnight: President Hotel, Bed & Breakfast**



**Monday 28 August**

Check out this morning you will enjoy a **Lelapa Meal** at Sheila's Cafe located in Langa Township. At the agreed time, you will transfer to play your next set of matches on tour.

**Matches 3: Local Hockey Side v. Queen Margaret's School**



After your matches you will check into your hotel for the following two nights.

**Included Excursion: Lelapa Meal**

**Overnight: Lagoon Beach Hotel, Bed & Breakfast**

**Tuesday 29 August**

This morning a suggestion would be to enjoy Jet Boating Experience, you will take a high-speed eco-cruise down the coast in these two rigid inflatable boats which are renowned for their speed, safety and efficiency on the water.

At the agreed time, you will transfer to play your final set of matches on tour.

**Matches 4: Local Netball Side v. Queen Margaret's School**

**Overnight: Lagoon Beach Hotel, Bed & Breakfast**

**Wednesday 30 August**

Check out this morning and transfer to Hermanus, known as the Whale Watching capital of the world. On arrival you will head to the coast for a **Whale Watching Excursion**, allowing you to get up close and personal with these magnificent animals in their natural environment.





This evening check into the Windsor Hotel for the next night on tour.

**Included Excursion: Whale Watching Excursion**  
**Overnight: Windsor Hotel, Bed & Breakfast**

**Thursday 31 August**

Depart your hotel this morning and transfer to the Garden Route Game Lodge, where you will be based for the following night on tour. Once settled in, you will embark on your first **Escorted Game Drive**, where you will head out on a 4x4 with an experienced ranger and search for South Africa's 'Big 5'. A lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino.

Return to the lodge for the evening at your leisure.

**Included Excursion: Escorted Game Drive**  
**Overnight: Garden Route Game Lodge, Full Board**

**Friday 1 August**

Rise early this morning for your final **Escorted Game Drive** for your last chance to spot the 'Big 5'. Return for breakfast at the lodge before checking out and transferring back to Cape Town for your return flight to Manchester.



**Included Excursion: Escorted Game Drive**  
**Overnight: In Flight**

**Saturday 2 August**

Upon arrival in Manchester, collect your luggage and disperse for home.

## Why South Africa?

When traveling in South Africa, you will encounter many different landscapes across the country, from sub-tropical rain forests and semi-desert stretches to the snow-capped Drakensberg mountains, amazing beaches and beautiful grassland game reserves.

Our most popular destinations include Cape Town and the winelands, the scenic Garden Route along with the bustling Pretoria, Gauteng region of South Africa.

South Africa is a country with sport at the forefront of

## South Africa Video



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YouTube <https://youtu.be/bVK59AeJaTw>

everyday life and is a passion of its people.

The school sport system is second to none with televised competitions and is like a religion in this warm, friendly nation of rugged natural beauty.

No where else in the world provides the wide variety of experiences, activities and attractions that can be found in this one of a kind country

## Accommodation

All our accommodation meets strict safety standards and are equipped to deal with school groups. We make sure they are located within in easy reach of your fixtures and offer plenty of good food, for your team to refuel after a hard day competing or training.

Our friendly staff are happy to advise you on the best accommodation options for your specific tour, taking into account factors like cost, adventure and comfort.

There are plenty of accommodation options to choose from in South Africa for your school sports tour. We can discuss what



best suits your needs, whether it's a high-quality hotel or more basic hostel.

However there is no better way to get to know a country than to stay with locals in their homes. This is often the highlight of any sports tour, where life-long friendships are made. We arrange over 6,000 nights per year worldwide with host families.

# CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

A personal approach to a world of sport



 YouTube <https://youtu.be/x37GpVEFCJ0>

## Customer feedback

"A lifetime of experiences squeezed into 12 days"

Llandovery College Netball & Hockey Tour, South Wales

"All pre-tour contact with ED was exemplary as was the organisation including parent briefing, tour manager's pack, itinerary, flight details and personal contact".

Edge Grove School, Hertfordshire

**"Excellent preparation and attention to detail at every stage of the tour allowed every single member of the tour party to have a great time."**

Downsend School, Surrey

**"We were very impressed by the service provided by Edwin Doran. The tour was organised very efficiently and this ensured that all of the students and staff had a great experience."**

Cranmore School, Surrey

**"If you don't want to do any work as a tour organiser choose Edwin Doran Sports Tours!"**

Bedford Cricket Club, Bedford

**"The service was outstanding and could not really fault anything on the tour. Was an Outstanding experience for all. Would recommend to others at the drop of a hat!"**

Prince Henry's Grammar School, Yorkshire

**"It was the best ten days of the boys lives!"**

Bedford Preparatory School, Bedfordshire

# WHY EDWIN DORAN?

Why Edwin Doran?



### OVER 40 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

Established in 1974, we are market leaders in school sports travel



### 24 HOUR ASSISTANCE

24 hour emergency assistance from our dedicated crisis team



### SCHOOL TRAVEL FORUM

Proud to have received Assured Member Status from the STF



### PERSONAL SERVICE

Face to face or video call meetings plus long haul airport meet and greet with our team



### LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Proud to be an LOTc Quality Badge Holder



### DEDICATED TEAM

Sports and travel experts with a wealth of local knowledge



### ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Proudly supporting those who serve



### PERFECTLY MATCHED FIXTURES

Local contacts with great history delivering competitive fixtures



### GLOBAL COVERAGE

Offices on two continents and trusted worldwide partners



### HOME HOSTING

Experts in delivering hosting experiences across five continents



### HEALTH & SAFETY

Full time, specialist, in house Health and Safety Team



### FAMILIARISATION TRIPS

Opportunity to experience the destination before travelling with your group



### FINANCIAL SECURITY

ATOL protected, ABTA members, IATA bonded and backed by Travelopia



### EXCHANGE RATE PROTECTION

Exchange rate is fixed on booking of your tour meaning no surprises

## Our offices

## Our history

Our expertise, passion and attention to detail has kept us at the forefront of sports touring for decades - We have local people working for our company all over the globe, with the best possible contacts.



## Health & Safety

### Our Health & Safety Standards

The welfare of students and staff is our number one priority. Our experienced and qualified Health & Safety Team are responsible for maintaining industry leading standards across the company allowing you to feel safe in the knowledge that all aspects of health & safety have been handled by a qualified expert.

We hold assured member status with the School Travel Forum (STF), the body who promote, standardise and regulate best practice in education travel.

### Safety Management System

We assess each component of a sports tour individually, which includes going beyond assessing the adventure factor to ensure risks can be managed effectively. In doing so, we look at how we can enhance the original experience whilst remaining as safe as possible. Covering policy, organisation, planning and setting standards, monitoring, audits, and reviews, our SMS is fully compliant with the requirements of the STF.

## Travel Aware

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and the NHS have up-to-date advice on staying safe and healthy abroad. For more on security, local laws, plus passport and visa information, see [Travel Aware – staying safe and healthy abroad](#)

Keep informed of current travel health news by visiting [NHS FitForTravel](#). For further information, please visit us at [Travel Aware - Edwin Doran Sports Tours](#)

The advice can change so check regularly for updates.

### Covid-19 Testing Requirements

Depending on your destination certain testing requirements may be necessary before you leave the UK, at your destination and for returning to the UK from overseas

- We will monitor and update you on these details closer to your departure date as the requirements can and do change frequently
- Travelers are also expected to keep themselves up-to-date with entry and testing requirements for travel via [Foreign](#)

This is reinforced by our annual assessment carried out by an STF appointed independent authority. To support our own SMS we also carry out internal regular reviews of our health and safety procedures.

Click here to read our [Safety Management System](#)

### Health & Safety on your Tour

- Our expert Health & Safety team are extremely well qualified
- Every member of our team is crisis management trained
- We provide personalised information which will help you to complete your Risk Assessment.
- We rigorously assess every element of your tour to a standard that exceeds STF requirements.

[travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/travel-advice)

- Current testing requirements for returning to the UK can be found here [Travel abroad: step by step - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/travel-advice)
- It is the responsibility of each group to ensure they are fully prepared and we will assist as much as possible with this preparation
- We can assist in helping you make arrangements for any testing the costs related to all entry and exit requirements for COVID tests, vaccination and travel documentation are the responsibility of the customer.