



Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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Dear Families,

South Africa Tour
Monday 7th April – Friday 18th April 2025 (Easter Holidays)
The tour is open to current Year 8 and 9 students.

We are delighted to announce that we are planning a Sports Tour to South Africa to play football, netball and basketball in the Easter holiday of 2025. The focus will be on developing players of all sports, as well as enhancing the skills and experiences of those already committed to the sport. In addition to the sports fixtures, we will be taking the opportunity to visit the breath-taking sights of South Africa for a truly unforgettable experience.

There may be some minor changes to the itinerary but will generally follow as below:

Our first 3 nights will be spent in Cape Town, visiting Kayamandi Township where we will learn more about the history that formed this vibrant community and Cape Canopy where we will ride out into the mountains for an exhilarating zip-wire experience. We will meet our first fixture opponents on tour. Moving on from Cape Town, we will be making our way for an overnight stay to experience a Game Drive to spot the various wildlife including Lions, Elephants, Zebra and be on the lookout for Africa's 'Big Five'! Following on from that thrilling experience, we will head back to Cape Town where we will board a ferry to visit Robben Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site where we will enjoy a tour of this infamous prison where Nelson Mandela was held for 18 years. Later in the evening we will meet our second fixture opponents on tour. The next morning, we will visit the most iconic landmark in South Africa - Table Mountain where we will enjoy a cable car ride to the summit to witness some fantastic views across Cape Town, Table Bay, Robben Island and more. Our third fixture will take place later that evening. The following day, we will enjoy a full day Cape Peninsula Tour, which includes a trip to Boulders Beach to see the penguin colony, a drive over Chapman's Peak with breath-taking views, and a boat trip from Hout Bay to visit the seals on Duiker Island. The final highlight will be a visit to one of the best beach spots in Cape Town, Camps Bay. Later, we will travel to meet our fourth and final fixture opponents. On the last morning of the tour, students will have time to enjoy some free time where they can pick up some last-minute souvenirs, before checking out of our hotel and making our way to Cape Town Airport for our return flight.

We have selected Edwin Doran Tour Operators as our travel company who we have worked in partnership with previously. They are fully bonded, ATOL protected, reliable, have excellent contacts and are the largest operator in this market.



The cost of the trip is estimated to be **between £2700 and £2750** depending on student numbers.

The payment schedule is as follows:

£350 – Non-refundable deposit by 7th December 2023

£480 – 22nd March 2024

£480 – 1st July 2024

£480 – 8th September 2024

£480 – 8th November 2024

£430-£480 (tbc) – 30th Jan 2025

We appreciate that the trip cost is a significant amount of money, as such please note what is included in this cost below:

- All transfers to and from airports
- International flights
- Hotel accommodation throughout the stay including Game Reserve, breakfast and evening meals
- Four fixtures and matched school teams
- Training sessions
- All excursions
- Tour t-shirts

Not included in the cost of the trip is:

- Spending money/lunch money
- Any necessary vaccinations and medication

Please note, if your child is not travelling on a British passport it will be the responsibility of parent/carers to apply for visas and ensure all travel documents are present at the time of travel.

If your child is interested in participating in this trip, please make your payment **of a non-refundable deposit of £350** via ParentPay.

If your child is not successful in gaining a place, your deposit will be refunded. Should you have any queries, please email trips@sandringham.aat.school

It is imperative that payment deadlines for this trip are strictly adhered to so that we can make the necessary payments to the tour operator and ensure that adequate numbers are secured. If payments are not received by the instalment dates, we would have no choice but to remove your child from the trip.

Please note, that by accepting your child's place on this trip, you are undertaking to make full payment by the given deadlines. Please also note, that Edwin Doran Tour Operators do not differ from other tour companies with regard to cancellations and cancellation fees will apply.

Once all arrangements have been finalised with our tour operator we will hold an information evening for students and parents/carers to provide all the relevant information for this trip prior to our departure.

Participation in this trip is subject to good conduct in school prior to the trip taking place. If any student's behaviour, attendance or attitude is in question and they are removed from the trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date will not be refunded.

The school will follow all advice given by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for Education and our tour operators when it comes to overseas travel for school trips. The tour operators we use provide both ABTA and ATOL protection as part of our tour packages. In the event that the FCO advises "against all travel" to an area or region, then these policies provide protection to prevent any loss in case of necessary cancellation. The school holds travel insurance through the Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which provides cover in case of travel disruption, medical issues and other emergencies. This insurance does not cover any personal items including money, phones, gadgets and clothing in case of loss, damage or theft. Should you decide to remove your child from any trip where travel is still advised then this will not be covered by insurance, ABTA or ATOL.

Yours sincerely,

David Keenleyside
Director of Sport