



**North Park University**  
**School of Business and Nonprofit Management**  
**International Experience 2010**  
**Destination: Cape Town, South Africa**

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**What:** The SBNM's 2010 study abroad experience

**When:** Monday, 1 March to Sunday, 14 March 2010 (Spring break)

**Where:** Cape Town, South Africa

**Why:** To study issues related to business, education, government, nonprofit management, and culture of South Africa.

**Who:** North Park University SBNM graduate students, alums, faculty, spouses, and School of Adult Learning students, alumni, and spouses are invited to participate. North Park undergraduate students majoring in business and economics and who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above may also attend. The trip is limited to 16 participants.

**Cost:** \$2,995 for double room occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional \$550. This is an outstanding price for the planned itinerary. The cost includes:

- Roundtrip air transportation (Chicago – Cape Town, South Africa)
- Lodging at the Protea Fire and Ice Hotel in the heart of Cape Town. The Protea Fire and Ice is ranked in the top 15% of hotels in Cape Town!
- Daily breakfasts at hotel
- Ground transportation for all program events
- Full day African safari at the Aquilla Game Reserve outside Cape Town
- Tour and volunteer experience in a Cape Town township
- Three dinners (one pre-trip dinner in Chicago, and two dinners in Cape Town)

Not included are costs for other meals, activities not mentioned, items of a personal nature (travel and baggage insurance), and travel documents (passports, visas, etc.) and immunizations.

## Description

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The destination for the 2010 SBNM International Experience is South Africa, home to the most advanced economy on the African continent. Since the end of apartheid just 15 years ago, South Africa has transformed itself into a global economic power, and serves as a model for other emerging African economies.

The purpose of the International Experience is to help participants gain a better understanding of business, nonprofit management, government, and education in South Africa, as well as provide opportunities to learn about South Africa's history, culture, social customs, etc. Formal activities include:

- Visits to corporate and nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, and colleges and universities
- Meetings with leaders and representatives from the corporate/nonprofit, political, and higher education sectors
- Cultural activities, including a tour of a Cape Town township and an African safari

Although we'll visit several organizations during the experience, there is ample free time in the itinerary for you to explore Cape Town on your own.

After arriving in Cape Town, you'll have a full day to recover from jet lag and begin to explore the Cape Town area. The next two days will be spent visiting two of Cape Town's largest universities (the University of Stellenbosch and the University of the Western Cape), a famous South African confectionary company, and Monkey Business, and highly successful nonprofit organization. On Saturday, we enjoy a full day African safari at a well-known game reserve an hour outside Cape Town. Sunday you're on your own to explore the many wonderful attractions in Cape Town, including climbing Table Mountain, visiting unique and colorful markets, enjoying one of Cape Town's beautiful beaches, and leisurely strolling through the centuries-old Company's Garden.

The following week begins with a day-long tour and volunteer opportunity in one of Cape Town's townships (townships were created as living areas for non-whites under apartheid). Two of the following three days are devoted to visiting additional corporate and nonprofit organizations, with the third day on your own. Friday is another day on your own – and our last full day in Cape Town. If you have not already visited Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, you'll want to be sure to do so – the tour of the island is an unforgettable experience. Saturday morning we depart for home.

Participants who've attended previous SBNM trips often indicate the experience is, well, priceless! They routinely cite the *outstanding value* of the experience – the combination of visits, meetings, dinners, cultural excursions, and opportunities to see and experience different peoples and cultures far exceed the monetary cost of the experience.

A dinner/class session (date/time to be determined) will be scheduled prior to departure to brief participants on the history, culture, business, and economy of South Africa. We are currently working with the South African Consulate in Chicago to host this meeting.

The session is required for those choosing the academic option, and optional for other participants.

## Academic Option

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SBNM students who wish to obtain academic credit may participate in the experience and register for SBNM 5570 International Experience in Spring quad B (taught by Dr. Pier Rogers). The course will count as an elective in any SBNM graduate degree program. *Students who take the course for credit will be responsible for tuition in addition to the cost of the trip.*

Students taking the course for credit will be asked to maintain a journal during their travel and, after returning to Chicago, submit a written reflection paper. Topics for papers will be jointly agreed upon between Professor Rogers and the student.

For SAL students who wish to pursue the experience for credit, please consult your SAL academic advisor.

## Your trip hosts

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Trip co-leader	Chris Nicholson Director of admissions, graduate and continuing education Adjunct faculty member, SBNM
Trip co-leader SBNM 5570 Instructor	Dr. Pier Rogers Director, Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management Professor of Nonprofit Management, SBNM

## Itinerary (please note itinerary is subject to change)

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Monday, 1 March	Depart Chicago at 11 a.m. (Transfers in Washington, D.C. and Johannesburg, South Africa)
Tuesday, 2 March	Arrive in Cape Town, South Africa
Wednesday, 3 March	Free day - on your own
Thursday, 4 March	Organizational visits Evening: Welcome Dinner
Friday, 5 March	Organizational visits
Saturday, 6 March	Safari
Sunday, 7 March	Free day – on your own
Monday, 8 March	Township tour and volunteer experience
Tuesday, 9 March	Organizational visits

Wednesday, 10 March	Free day – on your own
Thursday, 11 March	Organizational visits Evening: Farewell Dinner
Friday, 12 March	Free day – on your own
Saturday, 13 March	Depart Cape Town at 12:50 p.m.
Sunday, 14 March	Arrive Chicago 9:01 a.m.

## **Requirements**

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In addition to the application, all participants are required to submit:

1. A signed waiver form
2. A valid passport. You will be required to submit a photocopy of your passport.
3. A “Medical History Form” signifying understanding of the rigors of travel and advising trip leaders of any unusual health accommodations required.
4. Medical insurance covering the duration of the trip. Following receipt of your application to join the trip, you will be given the necessary forms to verify you have existing medical insurance or information regarding how to obtain it.
5. An emergency notification form identifying individuals to be notified in the event of emergency on the trip.
6. International Student ID card. Upon application, further information will be provided regarding how to obtain your ID card.

These forms will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your application and deposit.

## **Interested?**

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Submit the attached application form (applications are also available from the School of Business and Nonprofit Management or on the SBNM website) accompanied by a \$300 non-refundable per-person deposit made out to North Park University.

**The application deadline is 17 December 2009.**

**The remaining balance must be received no later than 8 January 2010.**

## **Questions?**

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If you have questions regarding the trip, please contact Chris Nicholson at 773-244-5518 or [cnicholson@northpark.edu](mailto:cnicholson@northpark.edu)

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**Application**

I wish to reserve my space for the School of Business and Nonprofit Management's International Experience to Cape Town, South Africa in March, 2010.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying me will be: \_\_\_\_\_

I request a single room (\$550 additional cost)

Passport data (please provide a photocopy of the photo page of the passport)

Nation of issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are traveling on a non-U.S. passport, you are responsible for determining whether or not a visa is necessary to enter South Africa and, if so, for obtaining the visa.*

I intend to take the trip for academic credit:  Yes  No

I enclose my non-refundable deposit of \$300 to reserve my space. I understand the remaining balance must be received by 8 January 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you wish to submit payment via credit card, please complete the information on the following page.

You may fax materials to Chris Nicholson at 773-279-7996.

Upon receipt of this application, you will receive additional information and forms (trip waiver, medical insurance, emergency notification, etc.) which must be received by 8 January 2010.

### North Park Charge Authorization

I hereby authorize North Park University to charge my Visa/MasterCard with the amount show below.

Circle:                    Visa                    MasterCard

Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Charge number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

VC (three digit number on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_