

SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



Tour of South Africa

23 February to 13 March 2015



SENIOR GOLFERS UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Welcome to South Africa

The very foundations of South African Seniors' Golf are based on a visit to our country by British Seniors in 1935 and the long standing excellent relationship between our two organisations dates back that far.

This is bolstered every few years by a visit in either direction by teams who have the opportunity to play golf at prime venues in matches against fellow Seniors. This, in the knowledge that the hospitality enjoyed will contribute to new friendships and, hopefully, an appreciation of the beauties of our wonderful country!

We welcome your team to South Africa to take this well established tradition one step further and hope and trust you will enjoy the courses we have arranged for you to play and the visits you will make.

Our South African Senior Golfers look forward to entertaining all of you and making you friends of ours and friends of South Africa!

Most of all, enjoy yourselves!

John Hare Chairman Management Committee











The tour is organised under the auspices of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa and your local hosts are the Senior Golfers' Societies of the Western Cape, Southern Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal and Gauteng.

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General Information

Dress Code

Secretary

Golf Courses Shorts acceptable with long stockings or short, predominantly white ankle length socks.

011 640 1217

083 271 4360

gautengsnrs@wol.co.za

No secret socks.

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Formal Functions Jacket/Blazer and Seniors' tie.

After Golf For afternoon golf, where indicated, Jacket/Blazer and Seniors' tie, otherwise smart casual.

General Smart casual with long trousers.

Medical Assistance

Dear Member of the Senior Golfers' Society of the United Kingdom

ER24 welcomes you to our Family. As the leading South African emergency medical response company operating in the pre-hospital environment, we are proud to announce to you that The Senior Golfers' Society of the United Kingdom have secured a contract, for the period: 23 February 2015 – 14 March 2015 whereby you as a member will enjoy preferential medical assistance by way of and as outlined in this communiqué. ER24 strives to be the first call in any medical emergency and to respond in a way that reflects realhelprealfast.

ER24 supports both private and public hospitals throughout the country and this makes us one of the most widespread medical emergency networks in Southern Africa.

Should you find yourself involved in a medical emergency; one call to our emergency number 084 124/+27 10 205 3000 will activate assistance through our national 24 hour emergency Contact Centre. Please ensure that you program this number into your cellular phone speed dial function for ease of use. When calling 084 124, for any services as outlined below kindly ensure that you identify yourself

as a The Senior Golfers' Society of the United Kingdom member, so that your call is handled in the most efficient manner. Kindly ensure that you have sufficient cover in you travel insurance, because all Transportation costs will be billed to you travel insurance. All fees here are billed via alternate reimbursement model and ER24 reserves the right to bill the patient at the ER24 tariff if no form of cover for transportation is evident.

A summary of the services available to you are as follows:

ER24 ACCESS AGREEMENT BENEFIT SPECIFICATION

Emergency Response Guaranteed
 Stabilisation As required

3. Medical Transportation Subject to alternate reimbursement model

4. Emergency Medical Information Telephonic advice only
 5. Medical Information and Assistance Hotline Telephonic advice only
 6. Trauma Lines Telephonic advice only

Thank you for choosing ER24. We trust this benefit will provide you with "peace of mind" and should the unexpected occur, you can rest assured that ER24 will provide realhelprealfast!

Kind regards,

Andrew Boden

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Please note that the above is not a quotation. The arrangement with ER24 merely facilitates the prompt provision of required services. Tour members should ensure that they are covered by adequate travel insurance as the services rendered will be charged for at appropriate rates.

Members of the United Kingdom Seniors Touring Group to South Africa

February - March 2015

Kerr, Tony (8) - Tour Captain	&	Lorna (17)	Royal St George's
Baxter, David (13)	&	Debra (17)	West Sussex
Breese, lain (13)	&	Jo Cundall	Ganton
Brown, Simon (11)	&	Mary (23)	Ashridge
Fossett, Patrick (9)	&	Christine (15)	Worplesdon
Jones, Mike (19)	&	Liza	Royal Ashdown Forest
Mack, Douglas (10)	&	Jennifer (6)	Prestwick
Mann, Alan (11)	&	Lindsey (18)	Huntercombe
Patrick, Spencer (12)	&	Gail (23)	Golf Club House
Pett, Christopher (7)	&	Vicki (17)	Brighton & Hove
Pike, Rob (10)	&	Barbara (28)	West Hill
Scade, Jimmy (10)	&	Anne (32)	Wildernesse
Smith, Richard (3)	&	Fiona Mills	Woking
Stewart, David (10)	&	Maggie (23)	Woking
Trollope, Nigel (11)	&	Tessa (27)	St George's Hill
Venables, Richard (10)	&	Veronica (20)	Royal Mid Surrey



Summary of Golf Programme

Ladies will play at the same courses as the men

Western Province

Tuesday 24 February Steenberg Golf Club
Thursday 26 February Hermanus Golf Club
Friday 27 February Westlake Golf Club

Southern Cape

Sunday 1 March Fancourt - Montagu Course

Monday 2 March George Golf Club

Tuesday 3 March Plettenberg Bay Country Club

Kwa-Zulu Natal

Friday 6 March Royal Durban Golf Club

Saturday 7 March Durban Country Club

Sunday 8 March Prince's Grant Golf Club

Gauteng

Tuesday 10 March River Club

Thursday 12 March Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club

Friday 13 March Bryanston Country Club



Your detailed Itinerary

Monday 23 February

Arrivals

If you will be arriving in Cape Town on Monday morning you will be met at Cape Town International Airport by a delegation of Western Province Seniors as well as Christine Grant who will be your tour guide and knowledgeable hostess during the Cape Town leg of your trip. Transport will be provided by coach to the hotel.

Accommodation

The Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town Waterfront.



The hotel is situated in the V&A Waterfront Development which is one of Cape Town's top tourist attractions. It also houses the Gateway to Robben Island where President Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for so many years. It has a multitude of shops & restaurants with a spectacular view of Table Mountain and the working harbour.

Breakfast included in accommodation package.

Tel 021 419 6677 www.newmarkhotels.com www.waterfront.co.za

Check-in is only guaranteed from 14h00 but the hotel will endeavour, where possible, to make rooms available earlier.

Drinks and snacks will be served at the hotel from 18h30 to 20h30 where you will be welcomed by representatives of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa and the Senior Golfers' Society of the Western province.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

Tuesday 24 February

Breakfast at leisure

Departure

Coach departs for Steenberg Golf Club at 09h30 for an official match against Western Province Seniors. We will take a scenic drive along the Atlantic seaboard to Hout Bay and then along Chapman's Peak Drive and Ou Kaapse Weg, arriving at Steenberg at around 11h30.



Set amongst the vineyards of Constantia with the imposing Constantiaberg Mountain as a backdrop it is only a 30 minutes drive from the V&A Waterfront. The course was designed by Peter Matkovich and opened in 1996. It is one of the best conditioned courses in the Western Cape and in 2012 was rated by Conde Nest Traveler (US) as the Top Foreign Golf Resort in the World out of 121 courses. It is well bunkered and water comes into play on some holes. The greens are true and fast but the course offers a fair challenge to the high and low handicap golfer.

www.steenberggolfclub.co.za

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be served before tee off at 12h18.

Dress after golf: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

Any non-golfers are welcome to come on the coach which will then take them back to the hotel and an afternoon at leisure. After golf there will be drinks at the clubhouse and any ladies not playing golf will be collected from the hotel.

After golf a short coach drive through the Steenberg Vineyards to Bistro 1682 where we will taste some award winning Steenberg wines and enjoy a Tapas supper before leaving at around 20h30 for the 30 minute drive back to V&A Hotel.

Wednesday 25 February

Free day

A local tour operator, Hylton Ross, has an excellent selection of half and full day tours on offer. It is suggested that you visit www.hyltonross.co.za. On the home page there is a heading, Connect with our Brochures, click on Cape Town and Garden Route and you will have a variety of tours to choose from. Hylton Ross will ensure any group of four or more have an exclusive tour with a highly qualified driver/tour guide and an air-conditioned vehicle or you can hire a vehicle with driver/tour guide for a day and plan your own tour. Tours may be booked and paid for on the website saying Senior Golfers' Society of UK. Alternatively Christine, your tour guide, can arrange an itinerary for you when you arrive in Cape Town.

Christine will be on duty all day from Monday until Friday and she will be able to arrange any special visits, advise you of places of interest, assist with hairdressing appointments and any other challenges to ensure your stay in Cape Town will be a most memorable one.



Other suggested activities for non golfers and for free days in Cape Town.

Visit the famous and beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens www.sanbi.org/gardens/kirstenbosch

View the peninsula from the top of Table Mountain www.tablemountain.net

Winelands visits
Brochures are available at the hotel

Take a trip to Robben Island
Official website: www.robben-island.org.za

Thursday 26 February

After breakfast the coach departs from the hotel at 09h00 for Hermanus.

We will take the coastal route to Hermanus which offers spectacular views of the Cape Peninsula, arriving at Hermanus Golf Club for tea/coffee and snacks prior to our tee-off from 12h00.



Hermanus Golf Club is situated against the backdrop of imposing mountains and views of the sea from many the holes. It was originally an 18 hole course designed by Bob Grimsdell but it was redesigned in 2006 by Peter Matkovich making it a 27 hole course. It is a fairly tight, tree-lined course that will be enjoyed by all, especially the straight hitter.

www.hgc.co.za

After golf drinks and snacks will be served in the clubhouse. Dress casual.

The coach departs from the club house around 18h00 for an easy 2 hour drive back to the hotel through the fruit growing district of Elgin and over Sir Lowry's pass.

For the non-golfers it is suggested that they join us on this outing and while the golfers are playing at Hermanus the coach will take the ladies to town where they can have lunch, a walk along the cliff paths or simply do some shopping. Christine our tour guide will be on hand to assist in Hermanus.

Friday 27 February

Breakfast at leisure

The coach departs for Westlake Golf Club at 10h30 for the second match against Western Province. The coach will travel via Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, one of the top six botanical gardens in the world. For the non-golfers there is an opportunity to explore the gardens and have lunch in one of the restaurants in the gardens. Christine will be available to coordinate all transport and other arrangements.



Founded in 1932 the Westlake Golf Club claims to be the most popular in the Western Cape with a real 'buzz' in the clubhouse. It is a short distance away from Steenberg nestled against the mountains but in February beware of the famous South East wind that blows off the mountain. It can be a 3 club wind! It is also well tree-lined with hard & fast greens. The Links bump & run approach to the greens is advisable. It is a relatively short course but plays long with some tight lies in the rough. A fair test of golf.

After golf drinks in the clubhouse. Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

www.westlakegolfclub.co.za

Farewell Dinner

This will be a formal dinner at a venue close to the hotel and will be an opportunity to reminisce on the good times in Cape Town, cement friendships and talk about the exciting programme ahead.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

Saturday 28 February

The coach departs from the hotel around 09h30 after breakfast for 5-6 hour drive to George with a light lunch break in the historical town of Swellendam.

We expect to arrive in George at approximately 15h30 and the group will be met on arrival by a delegation from the Southern Cape Senior Golfers' Society. After check in, welcome drinks and snacks will be served at the hotel.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

Accommodation Fancourt, Montagu Street, George.

Tel: 044 804 0020 www.fancourt.co.za

Breakfast at leisure in La Cantina.

Golf times have been booked from 12h00 on Montagu Course for an unofficial round of golf.

Montagu course, named after the Montagu pass was originally designed by Gary Player and is a much celebrated parkland course and has been ranked as the number-one golf course in South Africa in the past and is currently ranked as No. 6.

The exquisitely conditioned Montagu is at the heart of Fancourt, with its glorious parkland layout, covering large tracts of varying terrain on rolling land. It's beauty is enhanced by mature trees, flower beds, shrubs and water hazards that provide a colourful contrast to the landscape.

Meet at 18h30 for a traditional South African "braai" at Fancourt to meet some Southern Cape Seniors and their wives.

Dress: Casual

Monday 2 March

Breakfast at leisure in La Cantina.

Coach departs for George Golf Club at 11h00 for a match against the Southern Cape Seniors.



The George Golf course is a beautifully manicured, 72 par, 18 hole course, with bent greens, set in the heart of the Garden Route. The course rating for men is either 68 (forward -5542m), 70 (club -5862m) or 72 (championship -6162m), while that for the ladies is 72 (5204m).

Drinks after the game in the clubhouse.

Dress: Blazer and Senior's tie.

Evening free.

Breakfast at leisure in La Cantina.

Coach departs at 10h00 for a one hour drive to Plettenberg Bay Country Club for the second match against Southern Cape. Tee off from 12h00.

Plettenberg Bay Country Club has an 18 hole par 72 golf course set in a private nature reserve and is populated mainly with indigenous flora and fauna. Monkeys, birdlife like the Knysna Loerie and woodpeckers as well as the occasional deer make this a golf course you will remember.



The course is easy to walk, but golf buggies are always available for the not so energetic. This is no little seaside golf course and is a good test of golf.

Drinks will be enjoyed after the game in the clubhouse.

Dress: Blazer and Senior's tie.

Dinner with Southern Cape Seniors at the" Deck". Dress Blazer and Seniors' tie.

Wednesday 4 March

Breakfast at leisure in La Cantina.

Free Day

Suggested activities for non golfers and for free days in the Southern Cape:

Take a trip on the Outeniqua Power Van (George) www.georgetourism.org.za/listing/outeniqua_power_van

Visit the Radical Raptors Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Centre in Plettenberg Bay www.radicalraptors.co.za

Monkeyland Primate sanctuary in Plettenberg Bay www.monkeyland.co.za

Combine Monkeyland with a visit to Birds of Eden Free Flight Bird Sanctuary in Plettenberg Bay www.birdsofeden.co.za

Paddle Cruiser (Knysna) www.knysnafeatherbed.com/paddle_cruiser.htm

Ocean Blue Dolphin watching (Plettenberg Bay) www.oceanadventures.co.za

Enjoy lunch at Bramon Wine Estate in the Plettenberg Bay area www.bramonwines.co.za

Visit the famous Cango Caves (situated about 100km from George) www.cango-caves.co.za

A visit to the Cango Caves can be combined with a visit to an Ostrich Farm www.cangoostrich.co.za

Thursday 5 March

Breakfast at La Cantina. Coach departs 08h00 for transfer to Port Elizabeth Airport for flight BA6323 to Durban departing 13h15.

> Party met at King Shaka Airport by delegation of KZN Seniors and transported to the Royal Palm Hotel, Umhlanga Rocks.

Informal welcoming drinks at the hotel.

Dress: Casual

Evening free.

Accommodation

The Royal Palm Hotel, Umhlanga Rocks.

Breakfast included in accommodation package.

Friday 6 March

Coach departs at 10h30 for Royal Durban Golf Club.

Tee off from 12h00

An oasis of calm amidst a bustling city, Royal Durban Golf Club is conveniently located in the heart of Greyville race track.



Royal Durban is not only unique in its setting and character, but is one of South Africa's most demanding championship courses. The length of 6115 metres could be considered a short course by modern day standards, however in Durban's humid sub tropical atmosphere it plays more like 6500 metres with little run on its lush fairways.

Traditional South African braai in front of the Royal Durban club house.

Dress: Smart casual.

Saturday 7 March

Coach transport to Durban Country Club at 10h00 for a match against the KZN Seniors.

A course steeped in tradition and history, Durban Country Club boasts the unique claim of being the only course on the African continent to be rated in the Top 100 Golf Courses of the World by Golf Magazine USA.

A combination of lush vegetation, sand dunes and stunning views of the Indian Ocean make this course one of the most unique, and challenging, in all the world. One of the defining characteristics of Durban Country Club are the massive undulations in the fairways, especially the 5th, 8th and 17th. The course was built on sand dunes and they are large and interesting.

Durban Country Club is a shot makers course that you have to think your way around.

Evening: Dinner in the Grill Room at Durban Country Club.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

Sunday 8 March

Coach departs hotel at 07h30 for Prince's Grant for a foursomes match against KZN followed by Farewell Lunch at the Club.

The magnificent 18 hole Championship golf course at Prince's Grant provides a wonderful challenge for golfers of all abilities. The spectacular scenery, with the ocean as a backdrop, complement the quality and immaculate grooming of this Peter Matkovich designed course.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie

After lunch transport is provided back to hotel.

Evening free.

Suggested activities for non golfers and for free days in Kwa-Zulu Natal:

USHAKA Marine World & Moses Mabhida Stadium Sky Car and Viewing Platform Marine theme park in Durban, South Africa, offering a world of ocean activities, rides, oceanarium, amusement park, shopping, beach activities and lots more.

www.ushakamarineworld.co.za

http://www.mmstadium.com/attractions/skycar/

PHEZULU Safari Day Tour

An outing to Phezulu Safari Park presents a handful of options for the first-time visitor to South Africa. From a game drive to a traditional Zulu village experience – and seeing some of the country's most fearsome reptiles – this is a great introduction to Africa.

http://www.phezulusafaripark.co.za/

HIGH TEA - Oyster Box Hotel

The Oyster Box High Tea is legendary ...and laden with sumptuous treats, from freshly baked scones, pastries, quiches, cakes, finger sandwiches and savouries. Inspired by the hotel's original, colonial architecture and resplendent with chandeliers purchased from the Savoy Hotel in London, High Tea at The Oyster Box is a lengthy, leisurely affair. Live piano music provides the perfect backdrop and adds a personal element to the beautiful Palm Court, softening the atmosphere and putting guests at ease. http://www.oysterboxhotel.com/bar-and-dining/extraordinary-dining/traditional-afternoon-tea

GATEWAY Theatre of Shopping – Umhlanga

Gateway offers Fashion, Fun, Variety and entertainment for the upmarket shopper. We have everything under one roof for the techno savvy, fashion forward, party animals and socialites. More than just a shopping Centre – a destination. http://gatewayworld.co.za/

**** Please note that the Phezulu Day Tour and High Tea at the Oyster Box will need to be pre-booked, so we will need confirmation of numbers, ahead of time.

Monday 9 March

Breakfast at leisure. Morning free.

Coach departs 10h00 for transfer to King Shaka Airport for flight BA6226 to Johannesburg departing 12h10.

Party met at airport by delegation of Gauteng Seniors and transported to Intercontinental Hotel in Sandton. Welcoming drinks and snacks will be served after everyone has settled in at the hotel.

Evening free.

Accommodation

Intercontinental Hotel, Sandton

The Sandton City precinct, which houses the Intercontinental Hotel, boasts over 300 high end shops and many top restaurants. The famous Mandela Square with the 5m high Nelson Mandela statue is within 2 minutes walk from your hotel. The whole area is interconnected under one roof and affords a very high level of safety and security.

Breakfast included in accommodation package.



Tuesday 10 March

Breakfast at leisure.

Coach transfer to River Club for Tee off from 12h00. A light lunch will be served at the club.



Nestled in the affluent Johannesburg suburb of Sandton, the River Club Golf Course is one of the most prestigious golf courses in the country. Here no expense is spared in ensuring the ultimate experience for golfers. However, unlike most golf courses in the country, the River Club is not open to the public and many can only dream at the opportunity of playing here unless they become members or indeed, guests of members.

The course itself comes highly recommended although it is noted that the appeal of the club is more about its exclusivity rather than its playability. That said, it is always kept in absolutely stunning condition and a round here is like a dream. The last five holes are notoriously tough.

Drinks and snacks will be served in the club house after golf. Non-golfers will be transported from the hotel to the club to join the rest of the team.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie after golf.

Wednesday 11 March

Breakfast at leisure. Free day.

Johannesburg boasts many exceptional guided tours for visitors. Your hotel will be able to guide you as to your choices and if sufficient visitors choose the same tour your bus will be available for you to use.

The most notable trips undertaken by foreign visitors are:

City Sight Seeing Joburg

This is aboard a hop on hop off open top bus and includes all the historic parts of Johannesburg and connects to the famous Soweto trip at Gold Reef City where the apartheid Museum is situated. www.citysightseeing.co.za

The Lion Park is Gauteng's no.1 tourist attraction.

www.lionpark.com

The ten top places to visit in Joburg are:

Soweto

Apartheid Museum

Gold Reef city

Newtown Precinct

Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens

Johannesburg Zoo

Braamfontein

Liliesleaf Farm

Constitutional Hill

Maboneng Precinct

Check these out on www.joburgtourism.com

Of course a trip to Pilanesburg is also a special treat. Some two hours away from Joburg the site boasts a great game park and a golf and casino resort which is world famous.



Breakfast at leisure.

Coach departs hotel for Royal Johannesburg and Kensington GC at approximately 10h00, joining Gauteng Seniors. Light snacks will be served before teeing off.





Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club is one of the most prestigious golf clubs in South Africa. In its almost 130 years of existence, it has hosted 7 South African Opens and numerous other major tournaments. Royal is home to the biggest annual professional golf event in Africa, the Joburg Open, inaugurated in 2007, and is the preferred venue for the International Final Qualifier (Africa) for the Open Championship.

The Club's two courses are both highly regarded. The East Course is consistently ranked as one of the top 10 courses in the country. Where the West Course, although not as highly rated as the East Course, is the preferred course for many members due to its greater degree of playability for golfers of all abilities.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie after golf.

Evening free.

Friday 13 March

Breakfast at leisure.

Coach departs hotel at 10h30 for Bryanston Country Club for the second match against Gauteng and final match of the tour. Light snacks will be served before teeing off from 12h00.



Opened in 1951 Bryanston Country Club is one of South Africa's finest golf clubs, and the course is graced with undulating grounds and a wide variety of birdlife. The immaculate grooming of the course almost diverts ones attention from the challenges of the 18-hole course. Held in high regard by the best golfers, it maintains a soft spot in the hearts of up-and-coming enthusiasts. It is a beautiful course with many water obstacles and presents an exciting challenge.

Coach departs hotel at 19h00 for Wanderers Club for the Official Farewell Dinner.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

Saturday 14 March

Breakfast at leisure.

End of tour

