



SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



Tour of South Africa

1 MARCH TO 21 MARCH 2025



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 organizations 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!

Pat Cronin
Chairman
Management Committee



The tour is organized 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

Golf Courses	Shorts acceptable with long or short stockings, predominantly white.
Formal	Jacket/Blazer and Seniors' tie.
Functions after	For afternoon golf, where indicated, Jacket/Blazer and Seniors' tie, otherwise smart casual.

**Members of the United Kingdom Seniors Touring Group to South Africa
March 2025**

Senior member	Index	Partner/Spouse	Index	Home Club
Ian Whittaker Capt.	14.1	Sarah	9.4	Huntercombe
Michael Fleming	9.3	Cecelia	13.9	West Hill
Phillip Merry	11.3	Rosemary	23.4	Worplesdon
Nigel Theyer	13.5	Caroline	16.3	Yelverton
William Gott	12	Rowan Edbrooke	10.6	East Devon/Royal Lytham
Guy Gillman	5.6	Yvonne	19.2	Luffenham Heath
Giles Sanderson	4.1	Jules	30.4	The Berkshire/Roehampton
Willie Biggart	16.2	Barbara	7	Gullane/HCEG
Graeme King	9.2	Gillian	17	Troon. Ladies golf club.
Adrian Stoddart	4	Cathy	20.3	Royal Wimbledon
Steve Dorritt	7.2			Royal Cinque Ports
John Saville	10.8			West Sussex



The 4th Hole The River Club

Summary of Golf Program

Ladies will play in fourballs with SA ladies at the same courses as the men.

Men will play one formal UK/SA match per Society * Fourball Betterball Matchplay.

The other games will be social games with fourballs of two UK and two SA players playing together against the rest of the field in an alliance competition with prizes for the winners.

Western Province

Sunday	2 March	Westlake Golf Club
Monday	3 March	De Zalza Golf Club
Wednesday	5 March	Royal Cape Golf Club *

Southern Cape

Friday	7 March	Pezula Golf Club
Saturday	8 March	Knysna Golf Club
Monday	10 March	Plettenberg Bay Golf Club *

Kwa-Zulu Natal

Wednesday	12 March	Royal Durban Golf Club
Thursday	13 March	Durban Country Club *
Friday	14 March	Mount Edgecombe Golf Club

Gauteng

Monday	17 March	Johannesburg Country Club
Wednesday	19 March	The River Club
Thursday	20 March	Royal Johannesburg Golf Club *



Johannesburg Country Club 4th Hole

Your detailed Itinerary

Saturday 1 March

Arrivals

If you will be arriving in Cape Town on Saturday 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 the accommodation package.

Tel +27214275900 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.

Sunday 2 March

Breakfast at leisure

Departure

The coach departs for Westlake Golf Club at 10h00 for the first social game against Western Province Seniors. 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.



Westlake Golf Club, founded in 1932, is the most popular 18-hole golf club in the Western Cape (and in South Africa), with up to 62000 rounds per year. Nestled alongside a beautiful mountain and boasting some of the most spectacular views in the Cape, it is picture perfect. The “buzz” in the clubhouse is legendary and the members have a great love for their club, which is fully member-owned.

The famous South-Easterly wind, known as the “Cape Doctor”, can make its presence felt and this may well necessitate a change of club! The fairways are tree-lined and the greens fast and true. It is a relatively short course but plays long, with some tight lies in the rough- a true test of golf.

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be served before the first tee off at 11h30

After golf, drinks and a traditional “Braai” (Barbeque) will be enjoyed by all while taking the magnificent panoramic views of the Cape in from the beautifully situated clubhouse.

Dress is smart casual

www.westlakegolfclub.co.za



Monday 3 March

Breakfast at Leisure

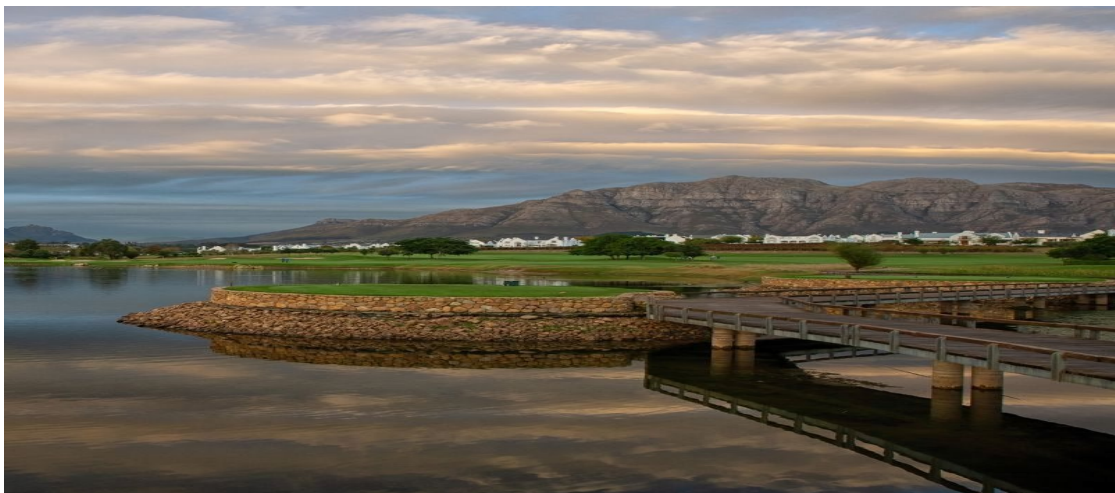
The coach will depart the hotel at 10h00 for the De Zalza golf club.

Celebrating a rich history, the origins of our championship golf course dates back to the mid-1990s when renowned golf course designer Peter Matkovich was first commissioned to design an 18-hole course stretching over three farms on the outskirts of Stellenbosch. With courses such as the Steenberg Golf Course in Cape Town and Arabella near Kleinmond already under the belt, Matkovich was eager to turn De Zalze Golf Course into a golfing experience like no other.

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be served before the first tee off time of 12h15



De Zalza beautiful vistas.



After golf drinks at the clubhouse before returning to the V&A hotel.
Dress after golf, Blazer and Seniors Tie.

Tuesday 4 March

Free day

A local tour operator, Ilios Travel, has an excellent selection of half and full day tours on offer. It is suggested that you visit www.ilios.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. Ilios Travel 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 arrival on Saturday until Thursday 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

Wednesday 5 March

Breakfast at leisure

Departure

Coach departs for the Royal Cape Golf Club at 08h15 for the first tee off at 09h40 for the official match against Western Province Seniors.

The Royal Cape Golf Club is the mother club of golf in South Africa, having been established in 1885, and has been on its present site since 1906. Over the years the golf course has evolved into what it is today, a classic parkland course that provides a fine test of golf as well as a wonderful playing experience. The course is in superb year-round playing conditions with well-planted fairways, smooth greens and challenging bunkers.

Although the course is on flat terrain, the playing of Royal Cape is subject to three of nature's beguiling offerings: a near constant wind to challenge you, sweeping mountain views to charm you and water features to ensnare you. Tree-lined with narrow fairways and subtle greens, Royal Cape presents a traditional test of golf. It is a course of Championship stature that has hosted the SA Open ten times as well as many other professional and top amateur events.



Tea, coffee and light snacks will be served before the first tee off at 09h40 am.

Dress after golf: Smart Casual Drinks will be served.

After golf the coach departs Royal Cape GC to the V&A Hotel for you to prepare for the farewell dinner.

The coach departs for Kelvin Grove at 18h00 from the hotel.

There will be a formal farewell dinner at the Kelvin Grove Club, when there will be an opportunity to reminisce on the good times in Cape Town, cement friendships and talk about the exciting program that still lies ahead.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie

Coach departs Kelvin Grove after dinner for the Hotel at 21h00

Thursday 6 March

Breakfast at leisure

Transport to The Cape Town international airport for your short flight to George.

You will be met at the airport by Seniors from the Southern Cape Society and transported to the Pezula Nature Retreat Hotel (Tel: +27 44 302 3333) in Knysna along the scenic coastal garden route road. After checking in to your hotel you will meet with members of the Southern Cape Seniors Society and enjoy a welcome cocktail party.

Pezula Nature Retreat is located on the Pezula Golf Estate and has spectacular views, great walks, gym, spa indoor and outdoor pools



The Pezula Clubhouse and the Knysna Lagoon

Friday 7 March

Breakfast at leisure

Golf today will be at the renowned Pezula Golf Club at 11:00.

Covering 254 Hectares on the Knysna clifftops, the Pezula Championship Course has views of both the Knysna Lagoon and the Indian ocean. Par for the course is 72. It is designed to include a full range of shots, making it a challenging, rewarding and complete golf experience for players of all levels.

The golf carts have GPS and flyover demos of each hole top off the experience at Pezula.

For the non players, S.C. wives will be available to show the sights of Knysna. Following the game there will be a normal prize giving and drinks at the Clubhouse.

The evening is free to enjoy the hotel and it's cuisine



Pezula 18th Hole and Clubhouse



Pezula 5th Hole

Saturday 8 March

Breakfast at leisure

You will be transported to the Knysna Golf Club and non players can continue to explore Knysna. Knysna is one of the country's oldest, most characterful and cherished golf clubs. It is renowned for its friendly, relaxed atmosphere and its exceptional clubhouse

facilities. Visitors from all parts of the globe are assured a warm welcome.

Our 18-hole course features many tidal pools and inlets with magnificent indigenous trees and a wide variety of bird-life. The undulating terrain offers easy walking both with or without a trolley – but don't be deceived! Long par-5s, imposing par-3s and some challenging par-4s, make it a thought-provoking test for players of all levels. It's a challenging links/parkland layout which has been upgraded and enhanced over the past 10 years.

After golf there will be a normal prize giving followed by a free evening to visit the Waterfront and dine at one of the numerous restaurants.



Knysna 18th hole and Clubhouse



Knysna 6th hole

Sunday 9 March

Free day

Breakfast at leisure

It is suggested that one should contact the concierge at the hotel on arrival to discuss the options available as listed below and to make bookings in advance.

Coach is available all day for various activities listed below:

Plettenberg Bay area

Newstead (Restaurant, Winery, Vineyard)

Bramon Wine Estate (Restaurant, Winery, Vineyard)

Kay and Monty (Restaurant, Wine Tasting)

Elephant Park (Walking with Elephants) *

Plett Game Park (Game Drive and optional Braaivleis) *

Birds of Eden and Monkeyland

Radical Raptors

Robberg Nature Reserve (Walking)

Dolphin and Whale Watching *

Knysna Lagoon Tours

Featherbed Eco Tour *

MV John Benn (boat cruise) *

* Denotes prior Booking

Monday 10 March

Breakfast at leisure

You will be transported to the Plettenberg Bay Country Club for your match against the Southern Cape Seniors. The Club is an 18 hole course set in a nature reserve. Known as "The Hidden Gem" on the Garden Route, the highly rated course is a very popular tourist destination. Lush Kikuyu grass fairways and Bent grass greens provides golfers with an excellent playing surface. The Parkland Course has no intrusive houses or traffic noise and is populated with indigenous flora and fauna, monkeys, bird life and the occasional buck.

After the Match, Prizegiving and a farewell dinner will be held at Barringtons, a short distance away



Plettenberg Bay CC Sunrise at holes 2,4 and 5



The Beautiful vista of the Plettenberg Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 11 March

Breakfast at leisure

After breakfast you will be transported to the Port Elizabeth airport for your flight to Durban, where you will be greeted by your Kwa Zulu Natal Seniors. You will then be transported by coach to your hotel, the Oyster Box.



The Oyster Box Hotel

During the evening you will be joined by officials of the KZN Seniors Society at a cocktail party at the hotel.

Wednesday 12 March

Breakfast at leisure

You will be transported to the Royal Durban Golf Club for mid-morning tee-off. An oasis of calm amidst a bustling city, Royal Durban Golf Club is conveniently located in the heart of the Greyville race track.



The Royal Durban Clubhouse

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.

Thursday 13 March

Breakfast at leisure

After breakfast you will be coached to the renowned Durban Country Club for your Official game 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 have been rated in the Top 100 Golf Courses of the World by Golf Magazine USA. In 2021, the Club was named the leading golf venue in South Africa by top100golfcourses.com (in association with TaylorMade), in addition to being nominated for a 2021 World Golf Award. A combination of lush vegetation, sand dunes and stunning views of the Indian Ocean make this course both unique and challenging. The course, originally built on coastal sand dunes, offers a links type layout, with undulations on the fairways that make for an interesting, yet challenging round for both the amateur and pro golfer alike.

The course recently underwent a very successful rebuild that has resulted in significant modernization and further improvements in quality and layout.



The Durban Country Club

Farewell Dinner

Dinner after the game will be at the Club Restaurant in the form of a farewell party due to the tight schedule the next day.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie.

Friday 14 March

Early Breakfast

The coach will depart from the hotel for your golf game at Mount Edgecombe Country Club at 0630. You will have to check out of the hotel as you will be coached to Phinda Game Reserve directly after your golf game. This will enable you to check in at Phinda and be able to enjoy an evening game drive.

Mount Edgecombe Country Club, neatly tucked away in the rolling hills of KwaZulu-Natal's North Coast, inland of Umhlanga Rocks, boasts two unique championship courses. The courses, aptly named, The Woods and The Lakes are designed around the natural lie and habitat of the land, the water and the vegetation.

The Woods is an extremely attractive, parkland golf course that includes many exotic trees and attractive lakes and ponds. Originally designed by Sid Brews and established in 1936, this championship course was subsequently modernized and most recently underwent an extremely successful upgrade in 2023.



Mount Edgecombe Country Club

After golf you will receive a lunch and drink pack for your 3 hour coach ride to Phinda.

Friday afternoon 14 March to 16 March

Phinda private Game Reserve

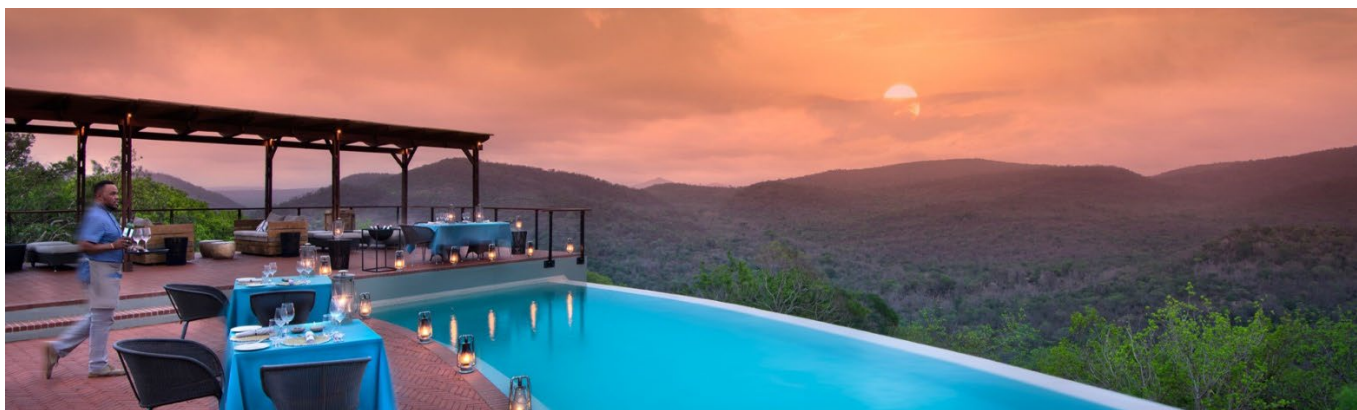
The iconic Phinda Private Game Reserve (pronounced Pin-duh) encompasses an impressive 29 866 hectares (73 800 acres) of protected wildlife land in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Showcasing one of the continent's finest game viewing experiences, the reserve is home to Africa's Big Five, and more than 436 bird species.

With its seven distinct habitats, Phinda is often described as 'Seven Worlds of Wonder' and is situated in close proximity to the unspoiled beaches and spectacular coral reefs of the Indian Ocean, offering an unmatched combination of bush and beach adventures.

You will be accommodated at the Mountain Lodge at Phinda and I urge you to get online at <https://www.andbeyond.com> and view the wonderful reserve and amenities.



The beautiful Phinda Nature reserve.



Sunday 16 March

After an early morning game drive and breakfast you will be transported back down the KZN coastline to the King Shaka airport for your flight to Johannesburg.

You will be met at the Oliver Tambo Airport in Johannesburg by officials of the Gauteng Senior Society and transported to your hotel in Sandton. After you have settled into your rooms there will be a Cocktail party on the San Deck where you will meet members of the Gauteng Senior Society and Mancom Members of SGUSA.

Evening free.

Accommodation Sandton Sun and Towers Hotel, Sandton

The Sandton City precinct, which houses the Sandton Sun and Towers 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 the accommodation package.



The Sandton Sun and Towers Hotel

Monday 17 March

Breakfast at leisure

The Country Club Johannesburg is regarded as one of the finest clubs in South Africa. The club is also home to two excellent courses, Woodmead and Rocklands, respectively ranked 20th and 54th in the country. Woodmead, a parkland course with tree lined fairways, has previously hosted the Telkom PGA. Rocklands is the younger of the two courses where the undulations make for spectacular views over Johannesburg and the Magaliesberg mountain range in the distance. Both courses are situated on a property having 14 dams stocked with many fish varieties and woodlands inhabited by some 180 species of birds.

Prize giving and drinks on the patio in golf attire.

Players will return by coach to the hotel after drinks and snacks.

Dress: Smart casual



The Johannesburg Country Club Clubhouse



The 2nd Hole Woodmead Course Johannesburg Country Club

Tuesday 18th 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:

Soweto and Johannesburg Bus

trip Apartheid Museum

Constitution Hill

Sterkfontein caves and Maropeng- the cradle of humankind. One of the world's most important anthropological sites.

Monte Casino, Casino, dining,
entertainment

Gold Reef City includes an underground
trip.

Cullinan Diamond
Mine.

Lion and Rhino
Park.

The Elephant sanctuary

Wednesday 19 March

Breakfast at leisure

Coach transfer to The River Club for your penultimate golf game.

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.



River Club Panorama

Thursday 20 March

Breakfast at leisure. Coach departs hotel for Royal Johannesburg at approximately 10h00 for your official game against the Gauteng Seniors. Light snacks will be served before teeing off.



The 2nd Hole Royal Johannesburg East course

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.

After the game the formal farewell dinner will be held at the Club.

At the end of the formal procedures and dinner you will be transported back to your hotel.

Dress: Blazer and Seniors' tie after golf.

At this stage one would be able to relax and think back over the last three busy weeks and hopefully remember only your good shots on our lovely courses and the wonderful times you experienced with your South African hosts in our beautiful Country. Thank you all for joining us and we hope that you enjoyed yourselves immensely.

Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Clubhouse and restaurant.

