

# Academic Achievers Tour to the USA 2018

## Congratulations on your achievement!

Join academic achievers from across South Africa in rewarding your academic excellence! Further your quest in developing your skills and fulfilling your potential through international exposure on a very unique tour.

*"It was an absolutely wonderful tour. Everything went smoothly and ran like clockwork. The boys and girls certainly got their money's worth – and I was granted a fantastic privilege. I was constantly in admiration of your skills regarding the various arrangements and logistics. It always looked so easy, but was in reality the result of a lot of hard work – and experience. Thanks once again for a really memorable, "easy" tour which I thoroughly enjoyed".*

**– Tony Nevill  
Maritzburg College**

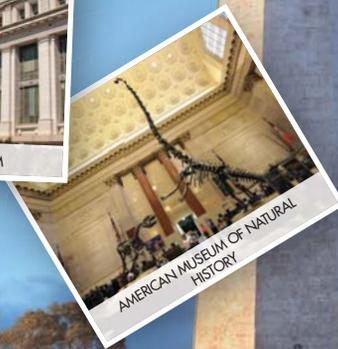
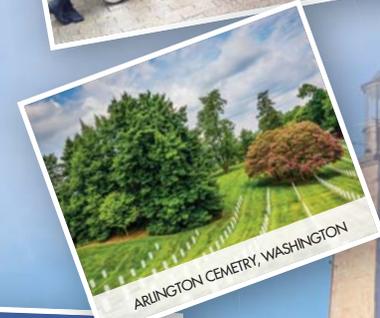
## What's the plan

**Day 1: South Africa – Boston:** Depart from South Africa on your flight to Boston, USA.

**Day 2: Boston:** On arrival in Boston you will be met by your local Travel & Sport representative, and shown to your coach. Enjoy a visit to **Paul Revere House & Old South Meeting House**. On the night of April 18, 1775, silversmith Paul Revere left his small wooden home in Boston's North End and set out on a journey that would make him a legend. Today his home is still standing at 19 North Square and has become a national historic landmark. It is downtown Boston's oldest building and one of the few remaining from an early era in the history of colonial America. Later on, soak up the atmosphere at **Faneuil Hall Marketplace**, located in downtown Boston, steps away from the water front. Faneuil Hall Marketplace is as alive today as it was in 1742 when it was proclaimed as "The Cradle of Liberty." After your visit, check in at your hotel. Finish off with a two-course dinner (voucher included) and enjoy the many food stalls.

**Day 3: MIT & Harvard:** After breakfast enjoy **private guided tours of MIT and Harvard**. Thereafter you will have the opportunity to attend a **private lecture at either MIT or Harvard**. This evening, enjoy a local **college theatre production**.

**Day 4: Boston:** After breakfast, you will have a chance to visit the **MIT Museum** and the **John F Kennedy Library & Museum**. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure for some shopping and exploring.



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"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page." ~ Saint Augustine

**Day 5: New Haven & New York:** This morning, start making your way to **New York City**, stopping en-route at **Yale University**. Enjoy lunch in the student dining hall and then attend a **Yale Campus Tour**. On arrival in New York City this afternoon, check in to your accommodation. This evening you will have dinner at the **Hard Rock Café** and finish off the day with a spectacular view from the **Empire State Building's 86th Floor Observatory**.

**Day 6: New York:** This morning you will be attending your **second educational lecture**. Then enjoy a visit to the magnificent **American Museum of Natural History** and the **Rose Centre for Earth & Space**. *At the heart of the Rose Center for Earth and Space is an 87-foot-diameter sphere that appears to float inside a glass cube. Its upper half constitutes the Hayden Planetarium, which opened in 2000 along with the Rose Center for Earth and Space. It remains an enduring beacon of astrophysical education, as was its predecessor, which opened in 1935.* Finish off today with visits to **Times Square, Central Park and 5th Avenue**.

**Day 7: New York:** Another busy day in the Big Apple. After breakfast, enjoy a full day of guided tours and interesting excursions. First on the agenda is a round trip cruise to Liberty Island for impressive views of the **Statue of Liberty**. You will also be visiting the **9/11 Memorial**. This afternoon you will be going on a private guided tour of the **United Nations Headquarters**. Then attend an informative private lecture at **Columbia University**.

**Day 8: Washington:** This morning you will be transferring to **Washington**, stopping en-route at **Princeton University** to enjoy a **private walking tour**, including the **Genius Neighbourhood**. This evening, enjoy a sumptuous three-course dinner at **UNO Chicago Grill**.

**Day 9: Day 9: Washington:** This morning you will be visiting the incredible **Arlington National Cemetery** as well as a tour of **US Capitol Building** (subject to approval). *In 1864, U.S. Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton officially designated Arlington Mansion and two hundred surrounding acres as a United States military cemetery. Today, more than 300,000 people are buried at Arlington Cemetery. Later this afternoon you will be visiting the fascinating **Newseum Interactive Museum**. The seven-level, 23,000 m<sup>2</sup> museum features 15 theatres and 14 galleries. The Today's Front Pages Gallery presents daily front pages from more than 80 international newspapers. Other galleries present topics including news history, the September 11 attacks, the First Amendment, world press freedom and the history of the Internet, TV and radio.*

**Day 10: Washington:** After breakfast, you will have time to visit the **Smithsonian Museums on the National Mall**. *11 of the 19 Smithsonian Institution museums and galleries are at the National Mall in Washington D.C.* Later this afternoon, enjoy some shopping at the Fashion Centre at **Pentagon City Mall**.

**Day 11: Washington - South Africa:** After breakfast, you will transfer to the airport for your journey back home to South Africa.

**Day 12: South Africa:** Arrive in South Africa after a wonderful, enriching and educational tour of the USA.

## Included

- International flights
- 9 nights hotel accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners
- 3 Private lectures at some of the USA's leading universities
- English speaking tour guide
- All transfers in private coaches
- Entrance fees and tickets
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Meet and assist at airport on arrival and departure
- Travel backpack



## Optional add-on

- **Five days in Florida add - on**
- A visit to the Universal Studios including the Hogwarts Express
- Kennedy Space Center Admission including exhibits, Imax, Shuttle Launch Experience & NASA's launch headquarters
- Lunch with an Astronaut at Kennedy Space Center (buffet with presentation by a NASA Astronaut)
- 1 full free day



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The traveler sees what he sees, the tourist sees what he has come to see." ~ Gilbert K. Chesterton