

## **Cape Town & Stellenbosch Tour 2016**

**As soon as we landed, Cape Town immediately captivated us with its clear skies, beautiful sights, and amazing vibe...and we had not even left the airport yet!**

**The touring started off straight-away and 'The Mother City' felt completely foreign to our BESA squad - it genuinely felt as if we weren't in South Africa anymore! It was a bit strange to be 'tourists' in our own country...**



**Cape Town really encompasses the 'Rainbow Nation', which is complemented by the immediate breath-taking views of the bluest shores, the most golden beaches and the all-around 'colourful' sights that were on offer.**

**On day 2 we were treated to viewing Cape Town from a 'higher perspective', whilst exploring what 'The Mountain' was all about. And thanks to our Matric Geographers, and part-time 'tour guides', Gavin and Coleman, we now know that Table Mountain is a flat-top mountain consisting of mainly sandstone. So it was an 'educational' trip as well.**

**Over the next few days we explored the lavish V&A Waterfront, swam in the freezing cold waters of Bloubergstrand (if you thought getting into the shower before the water was warm is cold, you have no idea!). We 'cultured' ourselves at the Castle of Good Hope, marvelled at the marine life of the Two Oceans Aquarium, 'screamed our lungs out' at Ratanga Junction, learned some local history at Robben Island and in between shopped at Canal Walk shopping Centre.**

**In Stellenbosch we had the opportunity to enjoy the market and food stands and the lush nature of the Stellenbosch gardens. Our final excursion to Gordon's Bay gave us a chance to have one more beach outing before having to get up early the next day to begin our journey back home.**

**A special thanks to Mr Young and Ms Young for making the trip so special, for allowing us to have such a great time and for taking such exceptional care of us...and thanks to BESA for making it all possible!**

**Thank you to everyone that went on the tour, each of you made it that much more memorable.**

**-Divashan Naidoo (Grade 12.2)**