



Cultural Activities: Wilderness Rites of Passage, Homestays & Cultural Visits

Wilderness Rites of Passage Experience:

In today's fast paced world, we often times do not stop to reflect and consider who we are, what we have to offer to the world, and where we are heading. The intention of Sibanye's Rites of Passage Experience is to create the time and space to explore these questions as a community of young adults. Together with our South Africa peers, Sibanye participants will pass through a variety of facilitated processes and activities that aim to bring the group together through genuine and authentic conversation, and, furthermore, foster insight and self-awareness that allow us to more fully realize our individual and collective potential.



During the Summer Program, there will be two wilderness retreats that will be run in collaboration with our main local partner organization, Usiko Stellenbosch. The first will take place at the beginning of the program, and, is focused on welcoming the group and opening ourselves to the collective journey we are going to walk together. The second, is at the end of the program, and, will be focused on concluding and reflecting on our journey as well as how we can integrate our experience into our lives as we move forward.

Homestays:

Although Sibanye Summer Program Participants will live together in a home base accommodation, participants will also have the opportunity to spend time with a local homestay family at different points during the program. All the families are located in our host community of Jamestown, Stellenbosch, South Africa. Through our partner organization Usiko, we have a developed a long term and trusting relationship with each of the families. All the families are welcoming and the homestay experience is one of the best ways to truly experience and learn about the South African culture. Should Sibanye participants like to continue their experience after the official program end date (August 3), our primary accommodation option is for you to stay on with your homestay family.





Cultural Visits:

Last but not least, throughout the summer program, participants will visit important cultural sites and engage with the local cultural through unique experiential activities.

These visits range from visiting Robben Island and learning about the Apartheid, to attending local Theatre Performances, Art Exhibits and Concerts, to visiting a local mosque and learning about the Cape Malay culture.

Sibanye's cultural series is aimed at fostering greater insight and awareness of the South Africa culture and its incredible depth and diversity.

