

#### Tour description

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- Few know, apart from avid followers, that South Africa's Opera singers continue to gain international interest and recognition. On the one hand, local singers are attracting the limelight slowly but surely for their unique and powerful voices. On the other, for their interesting interpretations of opera classics and for their creative "home-brewed" performances.
- And all the while, behind the scenes of our metropolitan city known as *The Mother City*, there is a hive of activity as the fascination for opera grows locally too. Many local opera singers, organizers and enthusiasts share their passion for this internationally long-standing performing art and strive to make it more accessible to a larger number of Capetonians. With the help of modern technology for example, classic operas performed in the Opera houses and theatres of Cape Town are translated from Italian, German or French. These translations are projected on large screens above the stage allowing a larger audience to understand and access the magical world of opera. And occasionally *Cape Town Opera* and its funders take a performance to local schools in the Cape townships from where some of the most interesting of local opera voices originate.
- Delight in a private performance by one of our professional opera singers in a home of Cape Town, be it in the City Bowl or out in a township of Cape Town. The evening, punctuated with the host singer's personal stories and adventures of Opera with an African flair as well as a light dinner, promises to be enlightening and fun.

#### Tour includes:

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- Transport return CTICC<sup>2</sup>
- Private performance
- Light dinner
- Local refreshments (juice/beer/wine)<sup>3</sup>
- An accredited guide from pick-up to drop-off

#### Tour excludes:

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- Purchases of a personal nature and gratuities

#### Please note:

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- Please let us know when booking the tour if your clients have any **special requirements** or dietary requirements (food allergies, **vegetarians**, vegans, etc).
- Please note that we sub-divide large groups into smaller groups of about 8 -12.
- Guests may take **pictures** – but guests need to ask in advance if they want to photograph people other than our hosts and guides (unless for commercial purposes<sup>4</sup>).

#### Tour facts:

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<b>Tour code:</b>	CTOS-EV2
<b>Pick-up &amp; Drop-off point:</b>	CTICC
<b>Min &amp; Max numbers:</b>	4 - 40 <sup>5</sup>
<b>Departure &amp; Return times:</b>	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm (3 hours)
<b>Scheduled:</b>	Tuesday 6.9.11
<b>Rack Rate p.p. incl. of VAT:</b>	ZAR 730,- (valid Oct 2010 – Sept 2011) <sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Available on a private basis – rate on request. Variants of this experience are also available, for example should the client wish for an up-market luxurious setting or home with rolling lawns with a top national opera singer. Rates available on request.

<sup>2</sup> Other pick-up and drop-off points by arrangement only. Transfers within City Bowl are on request and may be at a nominal extra fee.

<sup>3</sup> Hosts are free to decide which beverages they will supply. Clients are welcome to bring their own bottle of wine should they wish to.

<sup>4</sup> Guests are welcome to film for home video purposes but not for any commercial purposes as there are strict copy writes and restrictions on the artists' work

<sup>5</sup> All large groups are subdivided into smaller sub-groups of 12 pax (e.g. 36 pax would be divided into 3 sub-groups of 12 pax each). Maximum numbers may vary slightly should a new host be introduced to the network, should a host leave the network or be sick on the date requested. Please check with one of our consultants when booking.