VivA Language, Art and Technology Tour
for scholars
19 September tot 1 October 2024
Is your learner a star in academics? Does the allure of words ignite their intellectual passion? Recognize language as the vital link to the global stage and the inseparable union of technology with language, especially in our digital age.

Get ready for the Language, Art, and Technology Tour by the Virtual Institute for Afrikaans, designed for high school students. This exclusive experience delves into the dynamic fusion of language and technology in the modern era. Don’t miss out on this insightful journey where academia meets innovation. Join us for an exploration that transcends boundaries.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?

VivA intends to undertake a tour from September 19 to October 1, 2024, visiting the following places:

- Paris, France
- Bruges, Belgium
- Brussels, Belgium
- Ghent, Belgium
- Volendam, Netherlands
- Leiden, Netherlands
- Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Antwerp, Belgium
- Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Cologne, Germany
- Frankfurt, Germany
- HOME
No! This tour doesn't just focus on the benefits and job opportunities in linguistics, but also in:

- software development
- social media content creation
- digital content creation
- engineering
- graphic design
- web page development
- language technology
The focus is of course on Afrikaans' origins, but also on the role that this language still plays in this part of the world today. We emphasize the important place that Afrikaans occupies in the Germanic language family and we introduce our young travelers to the European academics and institutions that still today include Afrikaans in their research and technology development.
WHO CAN TAKE THE TOUR?

High school students who want to learn more about Afrikaans and interesting career choices are welcome to visit these attractions with us.

A minimum of ten learners from each school can go on this tour with their teacher.

HOW MUCH IS THE TOUR?

The estimated cost is approx R52 950 per learner.
Included in the tour price: flight tickets, airport taxes, accommodation, breakfast every day, most of the dinners, transport in Europe and some excursions.
WHO IS THE TOUR ORGANISER?

VivA's executive director, Marlie Coetzee, and Elza Gerber from Tienie Jonker Toere act as tour operators. They will be constantly with the group to ensure that things run smoothly.

The tour is planned, organized and managed by a professional tour agency, Tienie Jonker Toere. Tienie Jonker Toere already has more than twenty-seven years of experience when it comes to international tours and regularly chats with Johan Rademan on RSG on Saturday afternoons.
Language Arts and Technology Tour

THE ITINERARY
Day 1

The adventure begins this afternoon when we depart from OR Tambo International Airport and Cape Town International Airport. Dinner is served on board.

Day 2

We’ll be in Paris shortly after breakfast. Our luxurious air-conditioned bus is waiting at the airport and immediately departs for the iconic Montmartre, primarily known for its artistic history. From the exquisite Sacré-Coeur one has a magnificent view of the city. The award-winning and beloved writer Marita van der Vyver will be our guide until we leave for our hotel where we’ll be staying for the next two nights. In the evening we’ll take the Paris Metro to see the lights of the Eiffel Tower.
Day 3

Today we’ll explore the inner city. A visit to the Eiffel Tower is first on our programme and we get the golden opportunity to take the lift to the first floor, or the steps if we feel energetic. Notre Dame – one of the best examples of French-Gothic architecture – and the beautiful Hôtel de Ville, the Opera House, the Arc de Triomphe and the Louvre are just some of the sights awaiting us. At the Nouveau Centre Néerlandais adjacent to the French Embassy we’ll meet Sonya van Schalkwyk, an expat who translates Afrikaans books into French. She also teaches Afrikaans to French speakers who are interested in the language.

Day 4

This morning we head north and travel through the French countryside before crossing the border to Belgium where we’ll stay in the picturesque Bruges for two nights. At the Bruges Museum (Musea Brugge) VR (virtual reality) gives us a glimpse of Bruges during the Middle Ages.
Day 5

At the Poetry Centre in the pretty city of Ghent we’ll learn more about their large collection of Afrikaans poetry. A visit to Ghent University is next. The Ghent Centre for Afrikaans and the Study of South Africa is also on this morning’s programme. Then it is time for browsing the interesting shops.

Day 6

We bid Bruges farewell and continue our journey further north to Antwerp, city of diamonds, and the fashion mecca of Northern Europe. A South African who lives here accompanies us on a walking tour through the city and tells us more about everyday life in Antwerp. During the afternoon we’ll visit the University of Antwerp where Afrikaans and Swahili are some of the subjects.
Day 7

Today we travel to the Netherlands. In Rotterdam we experience the breath-taking show, Remastered. The best Dutch digital artists have made the works of the old masters come to life on the biggest LED screen in Europa. We also get the opportunity to look closely at this city’s amazing and modern architecture. Then we are on our way to our hotel in the countryside just outside Amsterdam, where we’ll stay for the next three nights.

Day 8

After breakfast we depart for Leiden, a university city since 1575. Here we will visit the Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal and find out more about Leiden University. Afterwards we’ll travel to the quant fishing village of Volendam, to experience the Dutch traditions first-hand. We’ll also pop in at a cheese and clog workshop.
Today a canal cruise in Amsterdam awaits us, and we’ll visit the Google headquarters, as well as the Zuid-Afrikahuis and the Meertens Institute in the heart of the city. During this visit we can listen to informative talks by Elize Zorgman, an expat who teaches Afrikaans to Dutch students, and Ingrid Glorie, festival organiser of the Festival voor het Afrikaans. We look forward to doing some shopping and enjoying the popular fritjes – the Dutch version of chips.

We say goodbye to the Netherlands and cross the border to Germany for a brief visit to Cologne – the old city famous for 4711 Eau de Cologne – and its beautiful cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our journey then takes us to the Rhine valley where we’ll stay in a little town on the banks of Europe’s most famous river, the Rhine.
Day 11

Our next destination is the university city of Heidelberg. The University of Heidelberg is not only Germany’s oldest university, but is also regarded as one of the country’s three best. Their faculty of medicine enjoys worldwide acclaim. We’ll also visit the beautiful castle and stay overnight in this characterful city.

Day 12

The last day of the tour! After breakfast we head for Frankfurt to explore the city before our departure back to South Africa.

Day 13

Welcome back!

When we arrive at OR Tambo International Airport and Cape Town International Airport we are exhausted after an exciting tour jam-packed with unforgettable experiences.
PAYMENTS

A deposit of R10 000 per person secures your place on the tour. The outstanding balance can be paid over a period of two months before our departure.

OUR BANKING DETAILS

Bank: FNB
Account name: Tienie Jonker Toere
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Reference: Your name and surname Email the proof of payment to tjtoere@jenny.co.za

Upon receipt of your deposit and entry form, your place is booked!

Not included in the tour price:

- Cost of a passport
- Visa and travel insurance
- Any domestic flights
- Pocket money
- Optional excursions
For any queries, do not hesitate to call us.