

PEACE TRUTH AHIMSA

SOUTH AFRICA TOUR 2013



12 days tour of South Africa - tracing the journey that transformed Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
the lawyer into Mahatma Gandhi the greatest peace leader of our times

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TOUR

12 days tour of South Africa - tracing the journey that transformed Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the lawyer into Mahatma Gandhi - the greatest peace leader of our times. The tour begins at the historic Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad and proceeds to Durban in South Africa.

In Durban, explore the Phoenix Settlement, International Printing Press, Mahatma Gandhi Museum & Library and Durban Waterfront.

A visit to the city of Pietermaritzburg and an opportunity to reenact the event at the Railway Station that sparked the philosophy of SATYAGRAHA and changed mankind.

An overnight journey by railroad to Johannesburg. Visit Johannesburg Law court -now Gandhi Square, Gandhi's Law Offices/Court Chambers and Gaiety Theatre. An interactive session at the Satyagraha House, Gandhiji's home from 1908-1910, now a French boutique guest house and museum.

Accompanying this tour will be the Ahimsa Harley - A Harley Davidson motorbike signed by 900 students from all over the world, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi. This bike will be escorted by biker groups from Durban to Pietermaritzburg station via schools and institutions of peace, to raise awareness on Peace and Non-Violence.



The tour involves 6 historic locations, 5 museums, 3 interactive workshops and meetings with historians, educationists and personalities that have dedicated their lives in the name of Gandhi in South Africa.

Gandhi Development Trust, Durban University of Technology, Hector Pieterse and the Apartheid Museum, the Harley owners group of Durban, the eThekweni Municipality and CIDA would actively participate to make this a memorable experience.

The tour will also juxtapose the journey of Nelson Mandela and Albert Lutuli, along with Mahatma Gandhi. This will resonate with the people of South Africa and enable active participation from mainstream South Africa.

A map showing the tour route. A dotted red line starts at Sabarmati in India, goes to Delhi, then to Hyderabad, and then across the Indian Ocean to Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, and Durban in South Africa. The text 'INDIAN OCEAN' is written across the ocean. A red wax seal with the letters 'BRY' is visible in the bottom right corner of the map area.

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The tour includes a visit to the Apartheid Museum, The Lion Park and The Cradle of Humanity.



SATYAGRAHA HOUSE – JOHANNESBURG

This house, in the residential neighbourhood of Orchards in Johannesburg, was the home of Mohandas Gandhi from 1908 to 1910. Within these walls, the future Mahatma created and developed his philosophy of passive resistance: SATYAGRAHA. A pacifist method of protest that he employed in India to lead the country to Independence. In November 2011 the Satyagraha House was opened to public as a museum and guest house.



Sabarmati Ashram



Durban



Gandhi Square, Johannesburg



Ahimsa Harley



Pietermaritzburg Station



Johannesburg



Isolation Cells, Constitution Hill, Johannesburg



World Heritage Site



Mandela Capture Site



Lion Park

Tour conducted by - Birad Rajaram Yajnik, author of the book - Peace Truth Ahimsa, a photo biography of Mahatma Gandhi, released at the United Nations in 2010. He will interact and lead the tour to interpret the transformation in the life of Mohandas K Gandhi and use that as a catalyst to spark the need for more Gandhis around the world. Birad Rajaram Yajnik is an active blogger on Mahatma Gandhi in the 21st century and his views can be seen at www.biradrajaramyajnik.blogspot.in



PROFILE

Birad Rajaram Yajnik is a name brand synonymous with fine print production. His books have been published in nine international languages and have carved a niche for themselves on important Indian subjects. He has travelled widely in North America, Europe and South East Asia and has photographed in more than 50 cities around the world.

'Tirumala Tirupati - Legends and beyond,' 'The Great Indian Yoga Masters,' 'India - Colours East of Indus,' the 'Ancient Trade Routes' and the 'Kakatiya Dynasty' are some of the titles published.

MKG - Imaging Peace Truth and Ahimsa, a fine print book on Mahatma Gandhi is the first of his limited edition series. It is positioned more as a work of art and the contents published document the treasured experiences of a man so simple yet so unique and valuable. In 2010, a special edition of the MKG book was released at The United Nations by the President to mark the International day of Non-Violence.

He is a member of the Technical Committee of the Gandhi Heritage portal, an initiative by the Government of India in association with Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust.

He is currently curating the first Peace Truth Ahimsa digital interactive museum on Mahatma Gandhi clarification and blogs actively on Mahatma Gandhi in the 21st Century at biradrajaramyajnik.blogspot.in

He has had the privilege of speaking at the Nehru Centre in London, the Tolstoy farm in Johannesburg, The United Nations and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. In January 2013, he was a speaker at the Jaipur Literature Festival on the roots of Yoga, he spoke at Cairo as a part of the celebrations of the January 25 - 2011, Egyptian revolution and his initiative in collaborative art produced the Ahimsa Harley - that was displayed at the India Bike Week in Goa.

In May 2013, he was invited by the Gandhi Development Trust to South Africa for a series of lectures on - Mahatma Gandhi in the 21st Century. As a part of this lecture tour he spoke and interacted at Soweto in Gauteng, Satyagraha House, CIDA in Johannesburg, Chatsworth Youth Centre, Phoenix Settlement, Durban University of Technology and ICC in Durban.

Birad Rajaram Yajnik also heads the digital interactive company - Visual Quest India that specialises in cross functional engagement across multiple stakeholders generating brand recall, employee motivation & appreciation, Enhanced recruitment opportunities and unique marketing & sales initiatives for Fortune 50 and 500 companies around the world.

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