



# OCEANS

## MINISTRIES

### Kingdom Encounter | South Africa

For the earth will be filled with the  
knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as  
the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

**Making the heart of the  
Father known to spiritual  
and physical orphans  
around the world.**

#### Fish Hoek

A coastal town on the **False Bay** side of the **Cape Peninsula** in the **Western Cape, South Africa**. As a coastal suburb of Cape Town, it is well known for its beach, which is one of the best swimming beaches in the Cape.

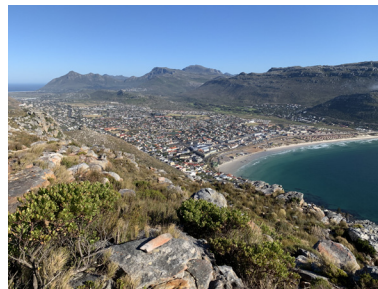
#### Accommodations

##### Oceans Retreat Center (ORC)



Lodging will be in the heart of Fish Hoek, S.A. Only 1/4 mile away from the ocean and centrally situated in the Western Cape, this location allows groups a wide variety of opportunities to explore the beauty of South Africa and/or serve local communities either directly or via partnerships with local ministries.

South Africa can be described as one of the most beautiful places on earth and at the same time one of the most spiritually broken. The breath taking beauty of the turquoise ocean, rugged mountains filled with floral beauty, and a variety of landscapes and wildlife all declare



the glorious handy work of the LORD. It is also filled with a rich diversity of beautiful people with creeds, cultures, and customs like no other place in the world.

Yet in the midst of this radiant beauty is a dark brokenness, which hangs heavy over the land. Bitter roots of hate from social and racial injustice goes back for centuries. Poverty is prevalent as

power and pride have infected the economic system. Christ's church has also found it difficult to make a transformational impact as it has struggled to navigate these spiritual strong holds.

Both the beautiful and the broken make this an excellent environment to develop a Biblical world and life view that will have a lasting Kingdom impact. Both the creation and the culture will point to ones need for Christ the King to rule ones heart with the Father's unending love.

#### **Experiencing Kingdom Discipleship:**

Discipleship happens best in a Kingdom context. In the Gospels Jesus called His disciples to come and follow Him into Kingdom encounters that would forever change their lives. They walked with Him as he loved the outcast, healed the sick, cast out demons, preached good news to the poor and prisoner, and demonstrated radical obedience to His Father in heaven no matter what the cost.

Our South Africa experience will afford you multiple Kingdom encounters that will grow you as disciples of Jesus. You will have the opportunity to walk with Jesus in the midst of racial and social injustice, extreme poverty, demonic strongholds, and deep heart brokenness in search of healing.

We believe these Kingdom encounters will plant seeds that will produce spiritual fruit in your life for the rest of your life.

## Oceans Ministries Information

### Websites:

<http://oceansministries.org>

### Weekly Blog:

<http://oceansministries.org/blog/>

### Staff:

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**(Founder and director of Oceans Ministries)**

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### Partner Ministries:

#### OCEANVIEW CARE CENTRE

A township pre-school for children who come from homes of violence, abuse and addictions

[Vimeo Video](#)

#### LOVE IN ACTION

Pastor Raymond has established churches in two townships and works with the people in the midst of their spiritual and physical needs. Below is a link to the work of his latest calling, rebuilding houses in Jim Se Bos after a fire devastated over 100 houses.

[Video - Jim Se Bos township fire](#)

### Potential projects/activities:

- ✦ Serving in Jim Se Bos township (prepare and serve meals, lead kids activities, discover what life is like living in a township)
- ✦ Volunteering at the Oceanview Care Centre (assist in teaching and caring for children ages 3 to 6)
- ✦ Worship – Developing a Worship life style (learning from other cultures)
- ✦ Building maintenance/physical labor at ORC or one of our partner ministries.
- ✦ Spiritual Rhythms - (Prayer, Sabbath, Journaling, Silence and living the Word)

### Dates and Costs:

- ✦ The dates of these trips can vary depending on the participants schedule and the availability of Oceans Retreat Center.
- ✦ The trip will be limited to 10 people depending on the itinerary.
- ✦ The cost of the trip is around \$3000 depending on airfare.
- ✦ The length of the trip can vary, but generally run around 14 days.



### Pre-trip needs:

- ✦ Valid passport for 6 months after our return date.
- ✦ The following immunizations and shots are recommended: Updated immunizations, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, updated tetanus and typhoid.

### Sample of Day trips available: (Can be personalized upon request)

- ✦ **Table Mountain** - Whether you hike up, or ride the tram, the views of the coastal region of Cape Town are breathtaking.
- ✦ **South African penguins** - Boulders Beach is known for being home to a colony of African penguins. Along the way, ride along one of the world's most scenic coastal rides, **Chapman's Peak Drive**.
- ✦ **Robben Island** - President Nelson Mandela was imprisoned here for 18 years. The island is a unique symbol of "the triumph of the human spirit over adversity, suffering and injustice".



**We invite you to consider praying about being part of an unforgettable kingdom journey.**