



DIRECT Cape Town December Newsletter

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Congrats on making it through the *longest year ever*, otherwise known as 2020! For those I have not had the chance to talk to yet, I'm Michael - your onboarding expert and go-to resource for all things pre-program! Over the last few years, I've worked with thousands of students to help prepare for their epic adventures abroad, and ***I'm more ready than ever*** to help **YOU** get abroad this summer.

As we reach the end of the fall semester, we are excited to look towards the new year and share our very first newsletter for summer 2021! You can expect monthly updates until we get closer to departure. At that point, we will be in touch more often to make sure you're 100% prepared. [All newsletters will be posted online here](#) so you can always catch up if you miss an email!

As always, text me at **404.496.4095** or email **info@LeadAbroad.com** with any questions!

What's Important Now

Garden Route Adventure Add-On *Priority sign-ups will open Monday, January 4th*

- Do not miss out on your chance for epic adventures before returning home! Cage diving with sharks, walk with elephants, safari game drive, optional bungee jump... [Click here for the brochure!](#)
- **Beginning January 4th, submit payment in your portal to sign up during priority week. Sign-ups between January 4th and January 8th will be put in priority order based on your program deposit date.**
- *After January 8th, all sign-ups will be considered in the order received, and not ranked by your program deposit date.*
- To sign up, click the Payments button in your LeadAbroad portal and scroll down to the optional payments section. When payment is submitted, you are all set!

Payment Schedule

\$1,500 2nd Installments due January 15th**

- *****Deferred students from summer 2020 will have adjusted invoices to reflect credits and any balance owed.*****

- Beginning in January, you will be able to access invoices in your portal to submit program fees. 2nd installment payments of \$1,500 are due January 15th for all students accepted before December 15th.
- [Click here for the full payment schedule](#)

Apply for (or renew) your passport ASAP

- If you do not have a passport, your current passport is expired, or your passport expires anytime in 2021, start the process to get a passport or renew as soon as possible. The Department of State is estimating **up to 12 weeks of processing time**, so we strongly encourage everyone to take these steps now to avoid stress later!
- [Click here to get started on applying for \(or renewing\) your passport!](#)

Flight Planning

- We know many students and families are eager to plan flights and use credits from cancelled travel in 2020. Given the pandemic's impact on airlines, flight schedules are still changing often, especially for international routes.
- In February, we will post specific recommended itineraries to Cape Town for students to book. We suggest waiting to book flights until we provide those recommendations.
- If you'd like to book flights before we post our recommended group itineraries, [click here to review the recommended travel times](#) to ensure your flight lines up with our group transportation plans. This is when *most* flights from the U.S. arrive in Cape Town, and we fully expect our official group flight recommendation will be in the timeframe as well!

Connect with your fellow travelers!

- Ready to get to know other students joining you abroad? [Join our program Facebook group!](#) *(sorry parents - this group is for students only!)*
- We also encourage you to join our program GroupMe - [click here to join!](#)

