

KURUS ENGLISH

language culture discovery

English Language School

Cape Town, South Africa



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Kurus English

is an extraordinary language school situated in Cape Town, South Africa. We offer you highest quality English tuition, conducted in small groups and, in addition, cultural, social and historical Language Excursions extending deep into the fascinating and wonderful cultural diversity that is Cape Town's soul.

Achieving lasting results

while improving your English language skills through the experience of our Kurus English concept will provide a finely balanced combination of theory and practice. Situation-oriented learning and teaching are always complemented and enhanced by your own very personal discovery experiences.

Memorable encounters

await you with selected people from various cultures, as well as lots of fun and sufficient leisure time for your own discovery trips and all this in one of the most exciting cities of the world.



Programmes

- Opportunity 1: General English 20 h**
20 h General English*
- Opportunity 2: General Intensive English 30 h**
20 h General English*
10 h Communication Classes
- Opportunity 3: Language Culture Discovery 30 h**
20 h General English*
10 h Language Excursions
- Opportunity 4: Language Culture Discovery + Private 34 h**
20 h General English*
10 h Language Excursions
4 h Private Lessons
- Opportunity 5: Business English 30 h**
20 h General English*
10 h Private Business English
- Opportunity 6: Examination Preparation 32 h**
(FCE, CAE, CPE)
20 h General English*
8 h Exam Preparation
4 h Language Excursion

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* General English: Grammar and skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking and vocabulary development
1 h = 50 min.

Classes

are held at Kurus English on any one of 6 language levels. Relevant to your current personal language level, you will be placed in a class evaluated to best suit you.

The School

is situated in one of the most beautiful areas right in the centre of Cape Town. Kurus English is accommodated in a handsome heritage building which was converted into the language school in 2008. Fresh, colourful rooms with modern equipment characterise the friendly and informal atmosphere of our small private school.

The Academic Staff

comprise qualified language teachers who are all native speakers and who distinguish themselves by their long-term experience and refined intuition regarding your particular language challenges. The language foundations are laid in class – and you are guided to improve your competence through authentic, real-life applications, including experiencing our unique Language Excursions.

Cultural Language Excursions

are far more than tourist excursions and constitute the heart of Kurus English beside the theoretical classes: Due to our unique network, three times a week students are immersed in diverse cultures of Cape Town, providing opportunities to converse with the fascinating people of the city. Should the conversation ever begin to flag, your teachers will be at your side to assist you. Themes change weekly (see overleaf) defining the language learning concept with regards to content and ensuring exciting personal encounters. With Kurus English you will experience Cape Town in a unique way: it will be really up close and definitely personal!

Intercultural Competence

describes the potential cultural learning and experience that will be stimulated through taking any course with Kurus English and through which we will prepare you to become international communicators – open-minded in your dealings with people of different origins and experiences, as well as expanded in attitude and in this way, well-equipped for the communicative challenges of a globalised world.



There are many reasons to decide on a language course with Kurus English. Here are some of them:

- Professional English classes in small groups guarantee intensive training
- Extraordinary teacher-accompanied Language Excursions ensure practical language experiences and a deeper insight into South African culture
- Carefully selected host families offering a high level of personal commitment
- Outstanding learning environment situated in the centre of the city of Cape Town
- All-round service: assistance with flight and trip planning as well as local excursions and leisure activities

Improve your English and discover African Culture.



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South African History

South Africa is rich in history; this legacy still remains and is reflected in a particular set of social and economic challenges for the country and its people. During our Language Excursions, we pay a visit to the Slave Lodge and the District Six to gain insight into a history of repression for economic and political gain for the few. On the last day, however, as a breath of fresh air, we embark on a train ride to experience what is finally possible today in the diverse and culturally rich South Africa of this millennium. On this day we celebrate something which might have been unthinkable even a mere few years ago: Freedom!

Art, Dance & Music

We visit the studio of a fascinating and particularly unusual artist who introduces his art work to us and tells us something about his life and then lets us experiment hands-on with various painting or decorating techniques.

The next day, a dancer trains us and then leads us in traditional African dances such as the Pantsula or the famous "Gum-Boot Dance". Finally, we will need to get into the rhythm of things as we travel to Gugulethu, a suburb of Cape Town, where a masterful drumming workshop will inspire and delight us!



Creativity & Leisure

During this week we explore various leisure-time opportunities in and around Cape Town. First of all, we visit a pottery business where we are introduced to the marvellous world of clay. Here our creativity encourages lively discussion!

A little later in the week, we experience a great South African tradition: the barbeque or braai. We eat in a "shisa nyama" ("hot meat") at a restaurant next to a butchery, where one can choose fresh meat and then barbeque it. Finally, we meet a group of young adults who teach us how to ride BMX bikes on a cross track. A lot of fun is guaranteed on this excursion!

Back to the Future

This week we are privileged to be able to look back at the history and also to catch a glimpse of the future without forgetting the connection to the present. Firstly, we spend time reflecting on the Khoi and the San, the original people and tribes of South Africa and, as far as it is known, the ancestors of all humankind. Then, we visit a design agency which is mainly involved in industrial product design. We meet the designers who introduce their latest projects to us. Finally, we look at the future of communication from a communications technology perspective, and then we create a letter using cell phone technology: without using words and instead only making use of pictures of a localised environment.

Building Cities

Currently a lot of building and renovation work is being undertaken in Cape Town. To begin with, we meet an organisation which is focused on the city's improvement as well as its development. Taking a conducted tour through the city, we learn more about current and future changes.

The second Language Excursion this week provides us with an overview of Cape Town. Finally, we have a closer look at some of the challenges facing the city: We meet a politician who guides us through an informal settlement or residential area. We meet the people living there and begin to understand why it can be so challenging to solve the residential and related social issues.

Food & Cuisine

Cape Town is a city which enjoys many culinary delicacies as a result of the diversity of the people, all reflected in the variety of cuisine available. We begin with a guided visit to a spice shop which highlights the historic influences on our cuisine, dating back to slavery times. We then walk to the home of our host to sample mildly spicy Cape Malay dishes. On our second Language Excursion, we visit the sleek and efficient kitchens of a Five-Star Cape Town Hotel. Afterwards, we are treated to a celebrity-chef-style dessert workshop, where we prepare a famous Malva pudding! On our third Excursion, we visit a township chisa nyama in Langa to sample a tasty barbeque – an authentic Xhosa culinary experience.

Belief Systems

Have you ever visited a real sangoma? Probably not! You have this unique opportunity during our week on the theme of Belief Systems. A sangoma is a traditional healer who is in contact with her ancestors, there is no hocus-pocus involved here, but rather a deep and impressive spirituality. On another excursion, we meet an Imam who gives us a tour of his mosque and helps us gain further insight into the traditions of Islam. Ample opportunity is provided for questions and discussion. Later in the week we gain insight into the culture of the Rastas. Rastafari is an often forgotten, but highly interesting belief system. Come and see for yourself!

Environment

Firstly, we take a guided walk along the lower slopes of Table Mountain to the source of the stream which defines the origin of the city as we know it today; the Camissa – a KhoiSan word meaning place of sweet waters. Here, we learn of the springs and streams which supplied water to the town dating way back to the mid 1600s. Next, on a boat trip around Intaka Island, we learn about natural water purification processes, which ensure clean, quality-assured water courses and canals for this dense and highly-developed urban, residential and commercial centre. Finally, we visit the Urban Bio-Diversity Park, irrigated entirely from the 'sweet waters' coming from Table Mountain.

