AAT

2025
CAPE VERDE

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS

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MEET THE TEAM

Lawrence McLean

Andrea McLean

William McLean

CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT
TRIP HOST

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Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style, She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around , there is always laughter.

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people,   as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last foreverr.

> "Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."
> – Steve Jobs

THE ITINERARY

SUNDAY, NOV 16

✈ USA ⟿ CV

ARRIVE IN PRAIA

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PESTANA TROPICO

3:00 PM CHECK IN

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8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER
@ QUINTEL DE MUSICA

MONDAY, NOV 17

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SANTIAGO ISLAND TOUR

9:00 AM	DEPART FOR TOUR OF SANTIAGO ISLAND
	☐ CIDADE VELHA
	☐ TARRAFEL
	☐ REBLEDADOS
5:00 PM	RETURN TO HOTEL

TUESDAY, NOV 18

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FLY TO SAL

6:00 AM	CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT
10:45 AM	DEPART FOR SAL / via Cabo Airlines VR4011
11:40 AM	ARRIVE IN SAL AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL

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HILTON CABO VERDE RESORT

11:40 AM CHECK IN

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TURTLE WALK

1:00 PM	DEPART FOR TOUR
5:00 PM	RETURN TO HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, NOV 19

BUGGY TOUR

1:00 PM   DEPART FOR TOUR

5:00 PM   RETURN TO HOTEL

THURSDAY, NOV 20

FREE TIME

FRIDAY, NOV 21

CATAMARAN TOUR

9:00 AM   DEPART FOR TOUR

5:00 PM   RETURN TO HOTEL

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

FAREWELL DINNER

SATURDAY, NOV 22

CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

11:00 AM   CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

PRAIA

Praia has a cosmopolitan culture. People of African ancestry are the majority in the city, mainly because of the centuries old slave trade and plantation economy of the islands, but there is still a significant European population including many Portuguese. The African influence predominates in the languages, food, and social patterns. The European influence can be seen in the Catholic religion, urban architecture, and clothing. Like other former Portuguese colonies there is a significant Kriol (creole) culture as a result of the intermarriage of many Portuguese and Africans.

QUINTAL DE MISCA

Quintal da Música is a space that combines gastronomy and culture in the very centre of Praia. Typical Cape Verdean cuisine is served to the backdrop of nightly live traditional music. Nationally and internationally renowned artists have delighted customers here with their music, an experience that keeps them coming back time and time again.

SANTIAGO ISLAND TOUR

The largest island in the archipelago and home to Cape Verde's capital, Praia, Santiago is an island rich in history, while also functioning as the main hub for inter-island transport across the country. Green valleys and lush plantations meet rugged mountains and bustling African towns, offering visitors yet another side to Cape Verde's impressive diversity.

IN DEPTH

CIDADE VELHA

Cidade Velha (literally, "Old City"), which is the very spot where life on Cape Verde began. This was the place where the very first Portuguese settlers landed, soon creating a military base around which within four years a town had grown. Originally naming it Ribeiro Grande, the Portuguese rapidly built a lucrative trading post between Africa and the Americas, once again involving the trading of African slaves as one of its commodities

SAL

Century-old churches, ruins, and monuments make this a unique destination. Renowned for its sublime beaches, Angra dos Reis is home to lots of history, even at the bottom of the ocean. This extraordinary region will simply amaze you! Located about 160 km from the city of Rio de Janeiro, Angra dos Reis and its clear blue-green waters offer tourists the possibility to visit a different island every day of the year. The region includes more than 360 islands and approximately two thousand beaches covered in lush native Atlantic Forest vegetation, which makes it a favorite spot among visitors who enjoy sunshine and beach activities.

TURTLE WALK

Once arrived to the beach one of the guides will stay with you seated on the sand while the other guide will start searching for the turtle. When the guide finds a turtle, you will be informed by VHF radio and start walking on the beach to arrive to the turtle. It is recommended to bring a beach towel to be more comfortable while waiting on the beach. Dark colored clothes and closed shoes are recommended.

CATAMARAN TOUR

After the pick up at your hotel, you will be brought to Palmeira, the main port of the island, from where you will embark a great relaxing tour at sea. After sailing by the coast, the catamaran will stop at Mount Leao where you can do snorkeling, swim or simply relax onboard. The tour includes food and drinks.

ACCOMODATIONS

PESTANA TROPICO

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