

INTERNATIONAL VISION FAST

A MODERN RITE OF PASSAGE

PREPARATION GROUP
CALLS ON ZOOM
2 NOVEMBER 2024,
14 DECEMBER 2024,
18 JANUARY 2025.

24 FEBRUARY - 7 MARCH 2025
SOUTH AFRICA



WHAT IS A VISION FAST?

A Vision Fast is an ancient rite of passage, marking a transition, a change in your life, a celebration or a calling – sometimes unformed and uncertain.

It is a ritual that allows us to look and listen deeply into who we are and who we are becoming.

What are we here to do and what is the legacy we hope to leave behind?

12 DAYS OF WILDERNESS AND CEREMONY

TO HEAR THE CALL

Nature is the teacher

We are continuously moving from the past to the future, from old ways of being to new.

In this rite, nature, the wilderness itself, provides the healing power and is the teacher.

Fasting on the land

In solitude during the 4 days and nights solo, you will experience the untainted view of yourself and your life, you will face your shadows and see your lightness, you will dive into the depth of your soul.

Clarity in a changing world

A safe space to be asking crucial questions such as: Who am I now? What is emerging for me at this point in my life? What am I on this earth to do?

And the question of myself in the collective local, global, human....community.

In this time of drastically and fast changes, how am I showing up – and how are we showing up?

At the heart of this ceremony sits the call to finding true purpose to act for global social and environmental justice in whatever is your own unique way....

A Rite of Passage

12 days for the 3 phases of a Rite of Passage.

SEPARATION 4 days of preparation for the Fast

THRESHOLD 4 days of Vision Fasting (Solo)

INTEGRATION 4 days of return and incorporation

Sacred space

Ancient systems of knowledge for modern time, we hold sacred space with:

Storytelling, Mirroring, Council and Witnessing
The Four Shields of Human Nature
Self-generated ceremony and ritual
Using nature as a teacher and metaphor

Confidentiality is critical to this process and will be contracted with everyone in the group.

The Intention

Prior to the fast, we offer to each participant a 1 on 1 conversation about your personal intention.

As a Human Community fasting on the ancient land of Africa, we also would like to hold a **collective intention** on how to regenerate a healthy sense of community beyond separation and on how to relearn to become good ancestors in this modern challenging time.

Our reflections will be nourished by the cultural diversity of the group, the South African racial, social and environmental context and the wisdom of the Land.

Everyone is welcome to join!

PRACTICING DEEP LISTENING

OUR CEREMONY



WE IS MORE THAN YOU AND ME



ABOUT US

Siphelele Chirwa (South Africa) has developed and run Wilderness based development work since 2003 and is a qualified Vision Quest Guide, trained by the School of Lost Borders in California, USA.

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FROM YOU

The Vision Fast requires you to:

Spend 4 days and nights alone in a natural place (Solitude)

Spend time fasting (Emptiness)

Walk for one hour with your backpack on a level single track trail (no major uphill or downhill). Please contact us regarding medical conditions and concerns.

Meet on the phone or preferably in person at least once with one of the guides in order to register.

3 group calls will be offered to prepare us to step into the ceremony.

2 November 2024, 14 December 2024, 18 January 2025

Those calls are an essential part of our preparation for the Vision Quest.

LOCATION

The course will take place in the Groot Winterhoek Wilderness Area.

Up until about 100 years ago the land was home to the Khoi San people, the original people of the Western Cape and all of South West & Northern South Africa, Namibia and Botswana. They were nomadic hunters and gatherers who moved with the seasons between the ocean and the mountains.

While a wilderness reserve, none of the "Big Five" are indigenous in the Western Cape. The Groot Winterhoek is home to baboons, the black & the fish eagle, some small gemsbok and klipspringer, lizzards, dassies, snakes, gennets, the cape leopard and, of course, countless smaller beautiful creatures.

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TO ANSWER THE CALL

COSTS

- **ZAR 30'000,-** You have enough and you are happy to contribute so someone else can join the group with a scholarship.
- **ZAR 24 800,-** You can pay a fair price supporting yourself
- **ZAR 20'000,-** You need support to be able to answer the call.

We need you to be generous so we can have full diversity in the program

Scholarships available

Included in the costs
All meals, accommodation, transport from CT to the Groot Winterhoek Mountains, permits, risk management, facilitation, equipment (simple roller mats, tarps, backpacks, etc...)

Not included in the costs
Transport (flights) to and from Cape Town, any accommodation before or after the program should you decide to come earlier or extend your stay.
Personal gear.

Please approach us personally if you need to discuss the financial aspect of your application.