

It's Sunday, my third on Grenada, and this morning I was ringing singles (again!).

I feel the need for something more adventurous. I start looking through my record book and something uncanny happens. St George's Grenada was my 2001 tower and I still have Kenya on my mind. I suddenly think of a tenuous link and recognise I have my next destination. What was the link and which continent am I going to next? **The film 2001 starts in Africa and Kenya is in Africa, so I'm off to Africa.**

I find myself humming a Johann Strauss (II) waltz. Which one? **Blue Danube. The particularly famous scene is with space hostesses delivering drinks to passengers going to the moon waiting for their transport on a wheeled space station.**

There are no direct flights from Grenada to my next destination, but I can go via Miami and New York with American and then a 15 hour long flight will take me from JFK to JNB. The whole flying time is the best part of 22 hours and with stop overs 38 hours. I think I'll do it in stages and have a stopover in each. I want to ring, anything other than on 3 bells!

I need to contact the towers. I try Miami first. Who are the 2 contacts? **Rob Bannister, Jim Nolan** <https://miamibells.wordpress.com/contact/> **The North American Association is very good with web sites, and the individual towers tend to compete with them.**

Well I've sorted out ringing there. I tried New York, but I couldn't ring. Why not (and its nothing to do with Covid-19? **Ringling is temporarily suspended because of major renovations to the church** <http://www.trinityringers.org/Home.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1> .

Well that wasn't a bad few days and now I'm sat on my plane, a new A350-900. So just 15 hours and I'll be in my destination. Where will I be landing? **Johannesburg (JNB, 15 hours from New York). Sorry that was made rather easy by already having given you the letter code JNB for my destination airport.**

Well I've arrived and settled in, so I'll contact a tower. I fancy some triples or major so only one of the three towers will do. Which? **St George, Johannesburg, Parktown. There are 2 sixes and an eight, so the eight it is.**

I decide to go for a tour. I leave my hotel and the tour bus heads out of the centre of the City and travels towards the west/southwest and come across a famous president's house. Whose house was it. **Nelson Mandela.** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandela_House

Now the bus travels to the East and I go to a museum that documents the history of a flawed political and social system. What is the name of the museum? **Apartheid Museum** <https://www.apartheidmuseum.org/>

Finally we get taken to the Cradle of Humankind. What is it and why is it called this? **The registered name of the site in the list of World Heritage sites is Fossil Hominid Sites of South Africa. According to existing archaeological and fossil evidence, the Cradle of Humankind is the Horn of Africa and along with East Africa it is often referred to as the Cradle of Humanity. The Sterkfontein Caves here in South Africa were the site of the discovery of a 2.3-million-year-old fossil Australopithecus africanus, found in 1947.** <https://www.maropeng.co.za/content/page/sterkfontein-caves>