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## Beautiful Africa: My Second Home

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EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

### 1. A Tale of Two Chinatowns

Johannesburg sports the largest Chinatown in Africa, as well as the largest Buddhist temple in the Southern hemisphere on its outskirts. Local Chinese residents show us how the remnants of the very first Chinatown still to be found in the city centre, reveal how different the original Chinese community was from the one thriving today in the City of Gold.

### 2. A Different Mall Game

The vast majority of Chinese immigrants in South Africa are involved in selling goods made in China. We look at the role of the Chinese Mall, and meet some of the Chinese characters in the unique chain that brings these goods from their homeland to the South African consumer – from the owner of China Mall in Johannesburg, to a hawker in Bloemfontein, to a retailer in the small town of Koffiefontein.

### 3. The Preservers

We look at how three Chinese residents in Bloemfontein are each in their own way trying to preserve and introduce a piece of Chinese culture to South Africans. Frankie Feng is a Chinese food fundi, and founder of an orchestra that fuses classical with traditional Chinese music; while Michelle Chuang is an importer of Chinese goods, who runs Chinese classes in her garage for local Chinese expats' children.

### 4. Taking the East to East Africa

We see how two successful Chinese businessmen, the one a construction manager and the other a motorcycle retailer, have transferred their skills and experience to Tanzania, and after initial obstacles, have managed to make a success in their respective fields. But it was by no means a one-way transfer. Tanzanians' values and views have also rubbed off on the Chinese, and have forever changed their approach to life, work and family.

### 5. Fishing for Opportunities

Three Chinese entrepreneurs have recognized and grabbed opportunities in Tanzania in three vastly different fields. One is buying up all Zanzibar's sea cucumbers – marine creatures that are of no use to locals but highly sought after in China. Another started a hospital to boost Tanzania's ailing health care system. While the third one has discovered a passion for the country's popular Makonde art, and is now exporting it to museums all over China.