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GO YOUR WAY – FULL DAY OR HALF DAY

We recommend our “Go Your Way” touring with a private guide and vehicle and then customizing your day using the suggested tour ideas. Explore all that Johannesburg has to offer with your own personalized adventure with amazing value that allows a day of touring to be more flexible.

RATES FOR FULL DAY or HALF DAY– GO YOUR WAY

Enjoy the use of a vehicle and guide either for a half day or a full day to take you where and when you want to go. Spend half the day in Soweto or explore Johannesburg in the morning and take a drive outside the city in the afternoon. The possibilities are endless – it’s your day, your way!

Entrance fees, refreshments and meals are payable directly.

	Half Day (4 hrs)	Full Day (8 hrs)
Rate per person:	2 pax \$180.00	\$215.00
	3 pax \$125.00	\$145.00
	4 pax \$ 95.00	\$110.00



PRIVATE HALF DAY TOURS

SOWETO ORIENTATION TOUR

Depart with your private guide and vehicle and continue to Soweto (SOuth WEstern TOWnship), the largest black residential area in South Africa, where you will take a cultural tour around the famous township and explore the tumultuous and inspirational history of Johannesburg and South Africa. Visit the momentous Hector Pieterse Museum, take a guided tour of Nelson Mandela's original home and complete your excursion with a visit to the small but significant Kliptown Museum.

Highlights include exploring Soweto's visitor-friendly Vilakazi Street, the only street in the world to have housed two Nobel Prize winners. You will also view an impressive collection of artwork including murals, mosaics and bollards.

Departure: Daily - 8:00am or 1:00pm, except Christmas, New Year and Good Friday
Duration: 4 hours

All-Inclusive Tour:

Rate p.p.: 2 pax \$195.00 / 4 pax \$110.00

(Can still be personalized based on your interests & passions)

Includes: Private transfers, entrance fees to Nelson Mandela's home



PRETORIA CITY TOUR

The City of Tshwane, formerly known as Pretoria, lies only 58 km (36 miles) north of Johannesburg and provides a complete contrast to the City of Gold. South Africa's administrative capital was founded in 1855 and named after the Voortrekker leader, Andries Pretorius. Often referred to as the "Jacaranda City", this nickname refers to the thousands of trees lining the streets, their purple blossoms heralding the approach of summer each October.

Your tour begins with a visit to the Voortrekker Monument, a striking memorial built to honor the early pioneers. You then continue to the central part of the city which has retained the name of Pretoria, visiting Kruger House Museum and Church Square, where the statue of Paul Kruger looks down on the passers-by. Melrose House is a classic example of a Victorian suburban townhouse and a visit can also be included, subject to time permitting (*closed on Mondays!*).

You will then continue to the imposing Union Building, which houses the offices of the State President, Deputy President and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Your stop here provides an impressive view over the city and completes the tour, before returning to your hotel.

Departure: Daily, at 8:00am or 1:00pm (except December 16th, Christmas, New Year's & Good Friday)
Duration: 4 hours
Rate p.p.: **2 pax \$195.00 / 4 pax \$110.00**
Includes: *Private transfers, entrance fees to Voortrekker Monument, Kruger House, Melrose House (closed on Mondays)*



ANN VAN DYK CHEETAH CENTRE

The Ann Van Dyk Cheetah Centre (*formerly known as the DeWildt Cheetah Centre*) was established by Ann Van Dyk and her brother Godfrey in 1971 with the aim of breeding the severely endangered cheetah. The centre has not only achieved the removal of the Cheetah from the endangered list, but also successfully breeds other endangered species, such as wild dog, brown hyena, riverine rabbit, suni antelope and blue duiker. This is an exceptionally interesting tour, providing the visitor with a unique opportunity to learn more about South Africa's fascinating wildlife – and the efforts to preserve it for future generations.

Cheetah Run and Walking Tour

Available Wednesdays (pick-up time is 6:15am)
Rate per person – 2 pax \$240.00 / 4 pax \$150.00

Cheetah Run and Guided Tour

Available Wednesdays and Sundays (pick-up time is 6:30am)
Rate per person – 2 pax \$260.00 / 4 pax \$170.00

Special Note: Children under 7 are not permitted on this tour
Includes: *Private transfers, public tour of center on arrival*



GOLD REEF CITY

The name Johannesburg is synonymous with South Africa's gold-mining industry; this is the city that was founded way back in 1886 as a miner's village on the Witwatersrand goldfields. Today, the Gold Reef City theme park and museum - built around the original No.14 shaft of Crown Mines - recreates the city of Johannesburg as it was during the early days of the gold rush. On arrival you will meet your private guide who will conduct your tour through the complex. The guided tour includes an underground visit 220 meters below the surface, a gold pour and tribal dancing, providing the visitor with an in-depth look at the gold mining industry in South Africa.

Departure: Daily, at 8:30am or 1:00pm (except Mondays, Tuesday, Christmas, New Year's)
*Public tour commencing at 09:00, 10:00, 11:00, 14:00 or 15:00
Duration: 4 hours
Rate p.p.: **2 pax \$200.00 / 4 pax \$110.00**
Includes: *Private transfers, public tour including underground visit, gold pour and tribal dance*



LESEDI CULTURAL TOUR

Lesedi African Lodge is a multi-cultural African village, set amongst the pristine Bushveld and rocky hills less than an hour's drive north from the city of Johannesburg. The village consists of a number of different homesteads or traditional villages: the Xhosa, with their beautiful thatched homes and red blankets; the Zulu with their fighting sticks and cozy beehive huts; the Pedi, with their courtyards and rhythmic drums; and the conical straw hats and sturdy mountain ponies of the Basotho.

You will experience a traditional welcome upon arrival, guided cultural walkabout through two of the four homesteads, traditional song and dance and traditional lunch or dinner.

Departure: Daily (pick-up at 10:30am or 3:30pm)
Duration: 4 hours
Rate p.p.: **2 pax \$265.00 / 4 pax \$170.00**
Includes: *Private transfers, public tour at 11:30 am or 4:30 pm, lunch or dinner*
Excludes: *Drinks and tips not included*



CULLINAN DIAMOND MINE SURFACE TOUR

When diamonds were first discovered in about 1888 in the river systems east of where Cullinan is today, a fascinating history began which led to the discovery of Premier Mine (now Cullinan Diamond Mine). The mine was discovered on a farm called Elandsfontein, owned by Willem Prinsloo. Thomas Cullinan bought the farm and soon after, in 1902, the Premier Diamond Mining Company was registered. Prospecting began without delay and mining began the following year. In 1905, one of the greatest events in diamond history took place when an enormous diamond, weighing 3106 carats, was found. It was named after Thomas Cullinan and still remains the largest diamond ever found.

After the horror of World War 2 came to an end in 1945, Premier was reopened but took 10 months to pump out around four billion liters of water that had accumulated in the mine's 189m-deep pit over its 14 dormant years. At this time Premier began its foray into underground mining and a prosperous new period had begun.

In 1977 the Premier (Transvaal) Diamond Company was amalgamated into De Beers Consolidated. In July 2008, the mine was bought by Petra Diamonds and is still fully operational today. Cullinan is the source of some of the world's largest gemstones such as the Cullinan, Premier Rose, Niarchos, the Centenary and the Golden Jubilee.

Departure: Daily, at 8:30am or 12:30pm Mon-Sat (except Christmas, New Year's, and Good Friday)

Duration: 4 hours

Rate p.p.: 2 pax \$195.00 / 4 pax \$100.00

Special Note: Children under 10 are not permitted on this tour

Includes: Private transfers, entrance fee for private guided surface tour of the mine lasting 2-3 hours



PRIVATE FULL DAY TOURS

APARTHEID MUSEUM AND SOWETO

This tour combines two of Johannesburg's most popular attractions to provide the visitor with an opportunity to take a closer look at South Africa's turbulent past. First, travel across Johannesburg to the south of the city to visit the Apartheid Museum, which opened its doors in 2001. Here visitors embark on a historical voyage of discovery, a personal exploration of the past that examines the story of apartheid right up to the first democratic elections held in 1994. The tour of the museum lasts approximately two hours.

Then continue to Soweto (SOuth Western TOWnship), largest black residential area in South Africa, where you'll see a fascinating contrast to Rosebank and Sandton in the north. This sprawling "city within a city" is home to approximately 2-million people, many of whom work in various parts of the greater metropolitan area of the Witwatersrand. Our tour route takes you to all the major points of interest, such as Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Baragwanath taxi rank and Nelson Mandela's former home.

Departure: Daily (except Mondays, Christmas, New Year's, and Good Friday)
Duration: 8 hours

All-Inclusive Tour:

Rate p.p.: 2 pax \$285.00 / 4 pax \$180.00

(Can still be personalized based on your interests & passions)

Includes: Private transfers, entrance to Apartheid Museum, Soweto tour and lunch (excludes drinks)



THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

Nestled in the Magaliesberg Mountains, only one hour from Johannesburg and Pretoria, The Elephant Sanctuary at Hartbeespoort Dam lies in a malaria-free area. It is surrounded by natural indigenous bush and is home to impala, klipspringer, baboons, porcupine, caracal, leopard, a host of other small mammals, 350 bird species and of course, six magnificent African Elephants.

Guests are guided in small groups on foot through The Elephant Sanctuary. The guide will provide in-depth information and insight into African elephants. You will be introduced to the elephants in the mountain area, an uphill walk approximately 200m, and here you will be able to touch and interact with the elephants. Enjoy a short walk with the elephant's trunk-in-hand. See where the elephants sleep at night in their stables. Feed the elephants. On some hot days you may even see the elephants swimming.

Duration: 6 hours
Rate p.p.: 2 pax \$310.00 / 4 pax \$195.00
Includes: Private transfers, entrance fee
Excludes: Meals and drinks



CULTURAL JOHANNESBURG

On this in-depth cultural exploration of Johannesburg includes a full day with your private guide and driver visiting Liliesleaf, Maboneng and Soweto.

Tucked away in the leafy suburb of Rivonia, Johannesburg is Liliesleaf. Once the nerve center of the liberation movement and a place of refuge for its leaders, today Liliesleaf is one of South Africa's foremost, award-winning heritage sites, where the journey to democracy in South Africa is honored. The meetings that took place at Liliesleaf from 1961 to July 1963 and the events that transpired after the 1963 police raid on the property mark a seminal shift in South Africa's liberation struggle history and fundamentally changed the course of South African history.

Continue to the Maboneng Precinct, known as the “Place of Light”. This privately developed urban neighborhood is located on the east side of Johannesburg and has established itself as a proper culinary destination. This is the ideal place to enjoy lunch in one of the 19 restaurants serving a variety of cuisine.

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Departure: Daily (except Mondays, Christmas, New Year's, and Good Friday)
Duration: 8 hours

All-Inclusive Tour:

Rate p.p.: Please request (*Can be personalized based on your interests & passions*)
Includes: Private transfers, entrance fees to Liliesleaf & Nelson Mandela's former home
Excludes: Meals and drinks



A TASTE OF SOWETO

This tour will give you an opportunity to take in some of the history of Soweto, experience the hospitality of its residents and enjoy some of its food! The tour includes a visit to a private residence in the Orlando West township; visits to Hector Pieterse Museum and Regina Mundi church; a visit to the Kliptown Youth Programme (an after-school tutoring and personal development program for the disadvantaged youth from the area). A highlight is a ‘tapas-style’ lunch at a small owner-run local restaurant (where the locals also come to eat) and a stop at a local tavern for a beer or soft drink to reflect on the day’s experiences (one per person included). *Please note this is not a traditional foodies tour, and instead focuses on the cultural element of Soweto.*

Departure: Daily (pick-up at 9:00am)

Duration: 8 hours

Rate p.p.: 2 pax \$315.00 / 4 pax \$210.00

Includes: Private transfers, entrance fees to the museum and donations to Regina Mundi Church, Kliptown Youth Programme, lunch, private home visit which includes tea/coffee and tavern visit includes one drink (beer, cider or soft drink)

CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

Please note that the Sterkfontein Caves are currently closed to the Public (no scheduled opening date has been given).

The Sterkfontein Caves were discovered in 1896 by an Italian gold prospector and are now regarded as one of the world’s most important archeological sites. The caves lie in the Sterkfontein valley which, together with the nearby sites of Swartkrans, Drimolen and Kromdraai, make up the “Cradle of Humankind” World Heritage Site. Dr Robert Broom of the Transvaal Museum (Museum of Natural History) began excavations at the cave in 1936 and in 1947 discovered a well-preserved complete skull of a species of early man known as Plesianthropus Transvaalensis. This later became known as the famous “Mrs Ples”.



Depart your hotel this morning for the approximately 60-90 minute drive to the Sterkfontein Valley. Your visit starts with a group guided tour of **Sterkfontein** and the exhibition center which explores fossilization and has lifelike models of hominids, a sabre tooth and a reconstruction of a mined cave versus a pristine cave. Continue underground into a cave through a series of walkways to view the excavation site of Mrs. Ples.

Continue by vehicle about 10km to the visitor facility of **Maropeng**. This portion of your visit is self-guided. The highlight is the Tumulus building, which is designed to look like an ancient burial mound, and tells the story of the Cradle of Humankind and brings to life the history of humankind in entertaining, educative and interactive ways.

The attraction depicts the exciting 4-billion-year journey, through the elemental forces - water, air, fire and earth - dipping through waterfalls and real icebergs, into the eye of a storm, past erupting volcanoes and through the depths of the earth and emerging at the beginning of the world. From here, the journey continues through an experience highlighting the history of our world and humankind as a species, brought to life via audiovisual techniques, sound effects, theme-park technology and theatrical displays. There are also real fossils on display at the visitor center. Bathrooms and a restaurant are on site.

Your visit to the Cradle of Humankind includes a group guided tour of Sterkfontein. Maropeng is a self-guided tour.

Please note: *Visitors to Sterkfontein Caves should wear comfortable shoes and leave handbags and other luggage behind. There are a number of tight spots and pathways to negotiate in the caves and it is not advisable to do the tour if you are claustrophobic. It is also not advisable for visitors who suffer from acute asthma or chest problems to do the tour, as the entry and exit requires climbing up and down stairways.*

FULL-DAY “CRADLE OF HUMANKIND” TOUR:

Departure: Daily (except Mondays, Christmas, New Years and Good Friday)

Pick-up time: 11:00am from your hotel

Duration: 7 hours

Rate p.p **Please Request – the site is currently closed (no opening date set)**

Includes: *Private Transfers, lunch, entrance fees to Archeological site, group tour of Sterkfontein. (Maropeng is a self-guided tour)*

ART GALLERIES AND TOURING (CUSTOM)

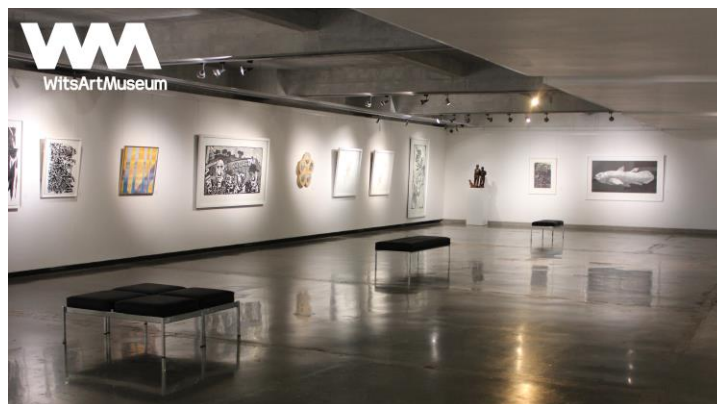
WITS ART MUSEUM

The Wits Art Museum (WAM) is home to an extraordinary collection of African art, including contemporary and historical art from South Africa as well as West and Central Africa. It hosts a dynamic program of events and art exhibitions. The Museum is one of Johannesburg's premier tourist attractions and is part of the Wits University Cultural Precinct, just three blocks from Nelson Mandela Bridge. WAM is in the hip, regenerating area of Braamfontein, which is also home to many students, interesting shops and places to eat.

NO Entrance fees applicable, donations are appreciated

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 - 4:00pm

Closed for 3 weeks in December and January also Good Friday and Workers day



JOHANNESBURG ART TOUR

After being collected from the hotel, drive through the suburbs, to provide a feel of suburban living. Drive through Parktown where you will learn more about the "Randlords" and drive past some of their magnificent residences. Travel to Parkwood where some of Johannesburg's top galleries can be found. Visit the **Goodman Gallery** which is at the forefront of the local contemporary art scene. It represents a variety of artists, both local and international, and has a regular exhibition programme of primarily solo and two-person shows. It is home to William Kentridge, Penny Siopis, Sam Nhlengethwa, Zwelethu Mthethwa, David Koloane and David Goldblatt, among other top names.

Continue on to the **Kim Sacks Gallery**, which specializes in contemporary South African design, fine craft objects and folk and tribal art from the continent, including jewelry, wood carvings, furniture, ceramics, and basketwork. Enjoy lunch at one of the trendy restaurants in Rosebank (under own account). After lunch continue to the **Everard Read Gallery** in Rosebank.

This gallery showcases quality work by local and international artists, holding monthly exhibitions of contemporary South African artists. It also deals extensively in investment-focused wildlife and traditional painting and sculpture. Time permitting; you may visit the Rosebank African Curio Market before returning to your hotel.

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PRETORIA ART GALLERY TOUR

After being collected from the hotel in Johannesburg, drive to Pretoria, via Midrand (suburb mid-way between Johannesburg and Pretoria) to visit the **Cinda Hunter Beloved Things Gallery**. This gallery offers a selection of Eastern as well as African collection, including antique silver, trade beads, interesting array of Thangka paintings by Buddhist monks from Kathmandu, and Himalayan artifacts. The African objects include original artifacts and functional objects such as stools, bowls and containers, hand-woven textiles, baskets as well as contemporary Nguni skin floor coverings. Continue to Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa, and visit the **Association of Arts**, which holds monthly exhibitions by contemporary South African artists. Lunch at the eccentric Illyria House (or similar – under own account). In the afternoon visit the **Tina Skukan Gallery**, which holds exhibitions of international and local talent. Thereafter visit the **Friedman Contemporary Art Gallery**, to view local contemporary art, guided by specialist gallery personnel. Late afternoon return to your hotel in Johannesburg.

BRENTHURST GARDENS

The Brenthurst Gardens are located in Parktown, Johannesburg. The 48-acre private park is attached to Brenthurst Estate which has been owned by the Oppenheimer family since 1904. The eco-friendly gardens are still the responsibility of the Oppenheimer family and are tended to by 45 gardeners who take care of the vast ground of oak trees, indigenous grass and plant areas. The garden is 70 percent indigenous with plants and trees from Australia, South America, New Zealand and Japan that all add to the color and splendor of the garden. The gardens are 100% organic: the roses are kept free of bugs with a fusion of garlic, milk and copper, and the vegetables are sprayed with a mixture of garlic or vegetable oil. The history of the park dates back to 1890 when Edouard Lippert planted the first trees to meet the demand for pits props from the mines as well as building materials for the then booming town (Johannesburg) that had sprung up. The gardens are rated amongst the best gardens in South Africa, and the beautiful holistic grounds have been described as Johannesburg's most splendid garden. The children's garden has two 70-year-old statues of children. One of the gardens has a bronze sculpture called Venus Vistorieuse, which is one of the only few sculptures by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. The bottom of Brenthurst Gardens is protected by two large sculptures named 'Man and Woman'. These sculptures are the works of South African Louis Le Sueur and were sculpted in 1969; the male figure is over six meters tall and impeccably positioned, surrounded by lawns and soaring trees.

We recommend booking the 4-hour "Go your Way" to visit the gardens. This visit to the gardens must be pre-booked and the guided tour 1 to 2 hours in duration.

Entrance fees: Please request

Departures: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00am -12:00pm

Gardens are open: January-December (*please note cameras and cell phones are not permitted*)

SPECIALIST GUIDES

We recommend these Specialist Guides to enhance your touring. (*Additional fees apply*)

Gerald Garner is the author of the 'Spaces & Places' series of guidebooks. As a reputed tour guide, Gerald runs regular walking tours of the streets of Johannesburg's inner-city almost every day, accompanying travelers from all over the world. Apart from books and tours, Gerald often gives talks about the regeneration of Joburg City. In addition he is a partner in the prominent inner-city project, The Sheds@1Fox (www.1fox.co.za) – an entire new city precinct focused on a food market.

Enjoy the wonder of the history of Johannesburg and surrounding areas through the eyes of master story teller **Robin Binckes**. Robin, winner of the inaugural "Tour Guide of the Year Award" for his contribution towards tourism in Gauteng province," specializes in the history of this country and its people. Robin's tours of Johannesburg and surrounds are an experience not to be missed. Robin tells the history in vivid and entertaining form, calling on his own experiences to illustrate the past.

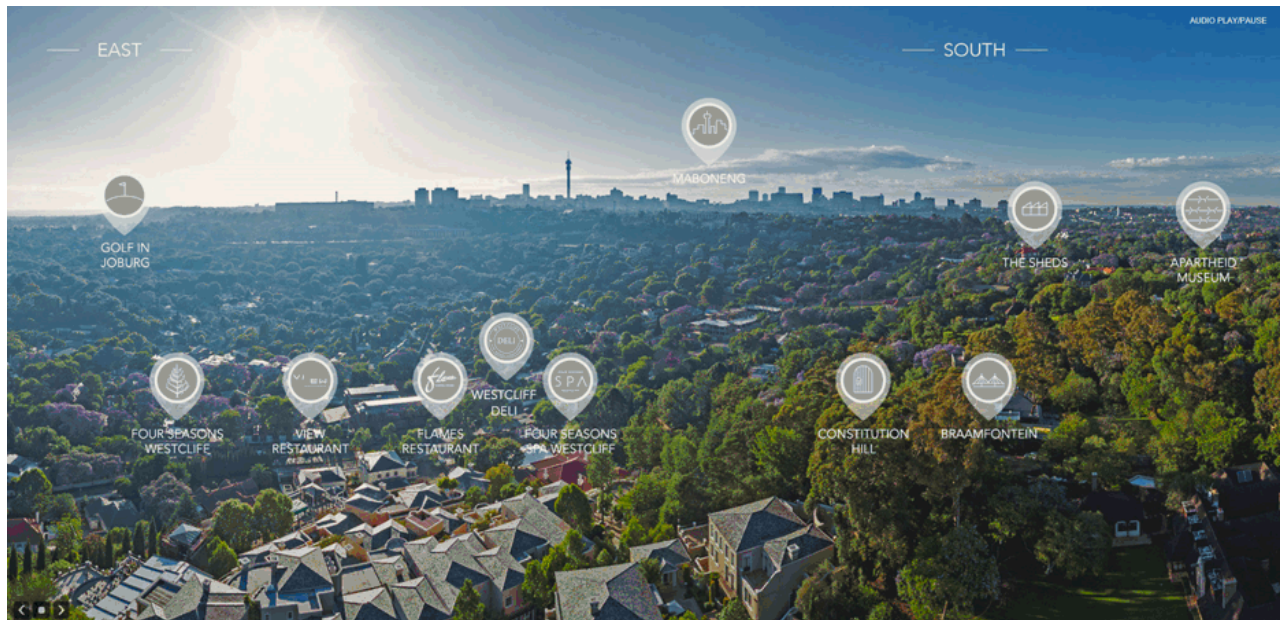


VISUAL INTERACTIVE GUIDE

Enjoy a centric online city guide to the City of Gold, unlocking the wealth of experiences from the hippest galleries, the city's exhilarating urban renaissance, to hot air ballooning.

This immersive guide outlines all the essential info for 13 (and growing!) must-do city experiences. It also shows the convenient distance and travel time each is from the hotel. Enjoy!

Visit: <http://www.thisisjoburg.com/index.html>



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