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FOREWORD

GREETINGS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY!



Welcome to our very first issue of the Discover Tshwane visitors' guide, the go-to magazine that provides visitors with information on the City of Tshwane and its tourism offering.

Many people always ask what makes our city & region different, the answer to that question lies in-between the covers of this magazine.

It is full of great tips and ideas that will help you maximize your experience of Tshwane when you get to visit. Through it, you will fall in love with our rich natural, cultural and heritage resources, a number of beautiful buildings and attractions - from Church Square to the Palace of Justice, The Voortrekker Monument, Freedom Park, the Union Buildings and the Nan-Hua Buddhist temple just to name a few.

Immerse yourself in Tshwane's diverse tourism experiences and then begin planning your next trip to our warm, vibrant and welcoming city.

For more comprehensive information about our destination, please access our website on: discovertshwane.com or get in touch with us through #discovertshwane on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

Enjoy your time in the City of Tshwane!

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EXPERIENCE THE CAPITAL

Welcome To Tshwane

Tshwane is a thriving, cosmopolitan city that is home to some three million residents.

The city is the country's capital city – most of the government administrative departments are based in Tshwane. We are the country's diplomatic centre – we are home to the second-largest contingent of diplomats (134 embassies and high commissions). Only Washington DC has a larger diplomatic community.

We are the country's knowledge hub – some would say the continent's knowledge capital. Some 60% of the country's research and development takes place in Tshwane.

We are home to tertiary institutions including the University of South Africa, the University of Pretoria and Tshwane University of Technology.

You will also find the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research here, along with the South African National Space Agency based at the Innovation Hub.

The Innovation Hub itself is a top-level science and technology

park that promotes a culture of innovation and competitiveness within its associated businesses and knowledge-based institutions. It focuses on growth in the biosciences, smart industries and green and sustainable energy sectors.

To put it into a few words, a visit to Tshwane is a visit to the whole country, here you will meet the diverse and friendly people of the country, where you can experience the African outdoors in our many nature and game reserves and where you will be able to trace our dramatic history and our walk to freedom.

Within easy reach of our central business districts are game reserves within the Dinokeng area, where you will be able to go on game drives to see the Big Five.

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Freedom Park will give you a depth of understanding of the road South Africa – and, indeed, Africa – has travelled while the Voortrekker Monument will shed light on the history of the Afrikaners.

When spring arrives, we celebrate the blossoming of the jacaranda trees. Our central business district takes on a delicate purple hue as these trees come to life after winter. The City of Tshwane is also an

important business events destination. Annually, we are host to a number of international conferences and exhibitions; and our infrastructure is world-class. We are within easy reach from OR Tambo International Airport by the Gautrain rapid rail link.

ABOUT TSHWANE



Tshwane is the seat of government, a meeting place of the world and capital of the “Rainbow Nation”. It is the largest municipality domestically (and the 3rd largest in the world after New York and Tokyo), when measured by land area. The city has a population of approximately 3,5 million residents and its main economic sectors include community services, government, finance and manufacturing (with the automotive industry representing the most significant component of the manufacturing sector).

Tshwane is home to over 130 embassies, representing the second largest concentration of these after Washington DC. Tshwane is a knowledge hub, with 8 of the 9 South Africa research and development institutions based here. It is the only city in Africa with a Big 5 nature reserve, the 90 000 - hectare Dinokeng Game reserve, where the brave can walk among the lions and the rest of the animals.

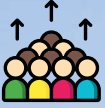
Another one of Tshwane's natural treasures is the Tswaing Meteorite Crater, which is some 220 000 years old and is one of the youngest and best preserved small, bowl-shaped meteorite craters in the world. It is 100m deep and 1,3 km wide and its site has been developed into an enviro-museum and a national destination for eco-tourism.

The Nan Hua Buddhist Temple is one among old and modern cathedrals, mosques, temples and churches found here that give a sense of the diversity of this place and its inhabitants.

The City of Tshwane is the largest provider of free Wi-Fi in South Africa with capacity for 1 million users at hotspots in public spaces. The free wi-fi internet connectivity provides opportunities for citizens in previously disadvantaged areas to access information and research through the provision of 1GB of data per user per day on a complimentary basis.



THE CITY OF WONDERS



TSHWANE POPULATION – 3 555 741
(source: cogta.gov.za)



TOTAL LAND AREA - 6 298km²



Approximately 134 diplomatic missions & 26 international organisations represented in Tshwane.



Approximately 60% : an estimate of all research and development in South Africa conducted in Tshwane.



Largest provider of free Wi-Fi in South Africa.



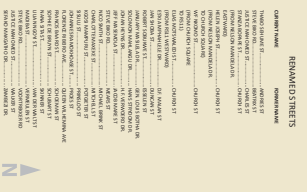
Dinokeng Big 5 Game Reserve: makes Tshwane the only city in the world with a big-five game reserve within city boundaries.



Home to the Nan Hua Buddhist Temple, the largest in the southern hemisphere and the only one in Africa.



Home to the Tswaing Crater, a 220 000-year-old meteor impact site.



ESSENTIAL TRAVEL INFO



Climate

Tshwane has a moderately dry subtropical climate with long hot rainy summers and short cool dry winters. The average annual temperature is 18.7 °C (65.7 °F). Rain is mainly common during the summer months, with drought conditions prevailing over the winter months, when frosts may be sharp.

The seasons are:

- Summer:
Mid-October to mid-February
- Autumn:
February to April
- Winter:
May to July
- Spring:
August to October

Currency

The South African currency is the Rand. With a favourable exchange rate for many international currencies, South Africa is an inexpensive destination. Our financial institutions are world-class, with no shortage of banks, bureaux de change and automatic tellers.



South African time

South Africa does not change its clocks during the year, and there are no regional variations within the country. South African Standard Time is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean (or Universal Standard) Time, one hour ahead of Central European Winter Time, and seven hours ahead of the USA's Eastern Standard Winter Time.

Car hire

Most car rental companies are represented at OR Tambo airport but some are in the city centre. All car rental companies are subject to fees - which vary. It is advisable to take out the insurance offered by the vehicle rental companies, unless you have specific cover in place. All major credit cards are accepted.

Driver's licenses

Any valid driver's license is accepted in South Africa, provided it bears the photograph and signature of the holder and is printed in English. This applies to additional drivers as well, who must be identified when you hire your vehicle.



South Africa has a residence-based system, which means residents are, subject to certain exclusions, taxed on their worldwide income, irrespective of where their income was earned. Non-residents are, however, taxed on their income from a South African sources. Foreign taxes are credited against South African tax payable on foreign income.

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Applying for a visa to visit South Africa

Foreign visitors who wish to visit South Africa must have passports/travel documents valid for thirty (30) more days after the intended return date from South Africa. The passport must contain at least two (2) unused (blank) pages labelled Visa when presented at the Embassy or Consulate; One page is for affixing the visa or permit at the Embassy/Consulate and the other page is for endorsement of entry/departure stamp by the South African Immigration Services.

Connect with in Tshwane

Tshwi-Fi offering:

The City of Tshwane offers free high speed wi-fi internet connectivity at open public spaces across the municipality. Residents and visitors are able to register and access 1 GB per person per day data allocation at speeds of up to 15 Mbps. To connect to the service please follow these steps:

- Google "Tshwi-Fi hotspot finder" to find a connection nearest to you
- While at the hotspot, select "Tshwi-Fi" from available connections on your device
- Follow the prompts to connect to the network
- Enjoy 1GB of data per user per day

For more info on this service log on to TshwiFi.com.



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Getting & activating a local sim:

Getting and activating a local SIM is easy through mobile and generic shops & kiosks nationwide and for this you'll need an unlocked cell phone of your own.

All new SIM card users are required by law to register their personal information against their cellphone numbers. The law is called RICA and new sim cards cannot be activated if they have not undergone this process.

Foreign visitors to South Africa need the following to register their new sim card:

- Passport
- Accommodation booking confirmation or proof of accommodation whilst visiting the country.

The registration process is quick and will have you connected in under 5 minutes.

Visitor information centre

Visit the City of Tshwane's Visitor Information Centre at the Old Nederlandsche Bank Building, Church Square, Pretoria CBD.

Here you'll be able to get information about things to do and amazing places to visit, eat and shop at around Tshwane.

You may also access the Centre through the below contact details:

Tel: +27 12 358 1430/1135/1675

Email: tourisminfo@tshwane.gov.za

Website: discovertshwane.com

Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @DiscoverTshwane

Office hours: Monday to Friday 07:30 – 16:00

DISCOVER OUR GEMS

A tour through Tshwane takes you to a variety of museums, monuments, historic buildings and art centres. Tshwane's charm lies in the harmonious blend of African roots and European and Eastern traditions. Hooting taxis, buses crammed to capacity and hawkers selling an array of goods at intersections and on sidewalks contrast starkly with the chauffeur-driven vehicles of diplomats and the upmarket malls where the well-heeled shop. Visit DiscoverTshwane.com for ideas on how to explore the destination there are detailed itinerary ideas/options for tours (ranging from 1 to 3 to 5 days).



DISCOVER OUR GEMS

Union Buildings

Like an ancient temple adorning over the city, the Union Buildings are a modern day acropolis, built at the highest point of South Africa's capital.

It forms the official seat of South Africa's government and houses the Presidency.

The site also plays host to the 9 meter bronze statue of the late President Nelson Mandela – this is where one can learn about his last days, and where his remains lay in state and thousands of people flocked to the site to pay their last respects to this great man.

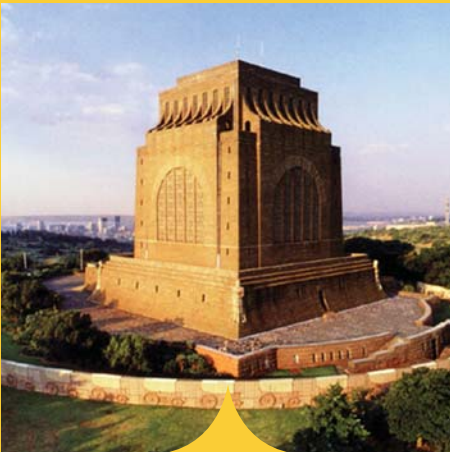


Voortrekker Monument

The majestic Voortrekker Monument is located south of the city centre in Tshwane.

This massive granite structure is prominently located on a hilltop, and is a commemoration of the arrival and settlement of the Voortrekkers who left the Cape Colony between 1835 and 1854.

This is the most visited heritage site of its kind in Tshwane, the Gauteng province and one of the top ten cultural historical visitor attractions in South Africa.



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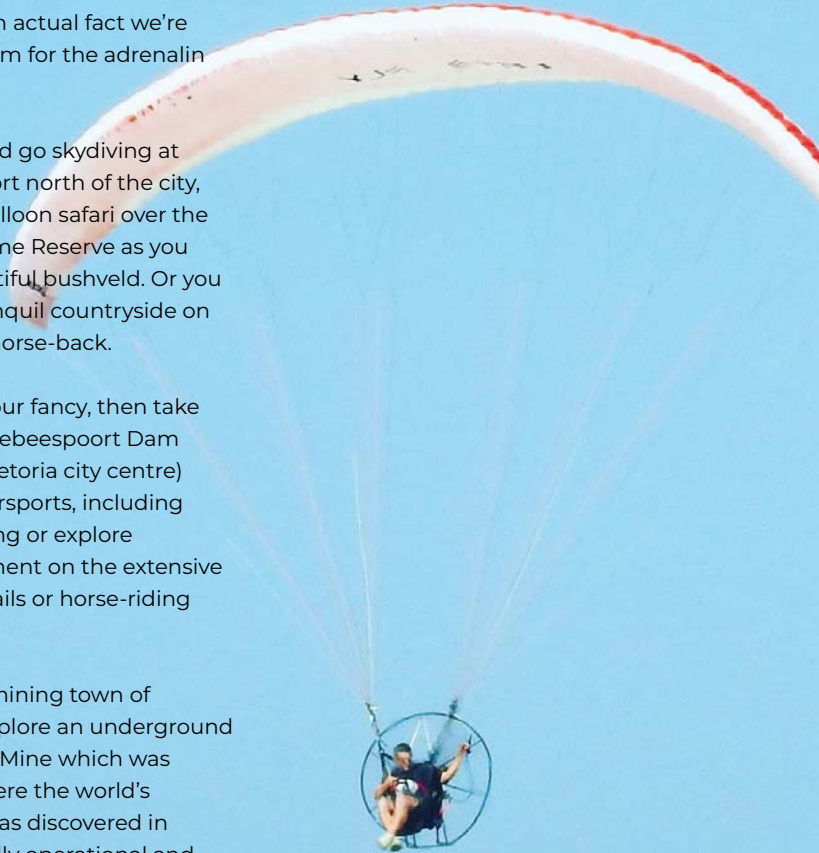
ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Unbeknownst to most, Pretoria offers more than museums and jacaranda flowers, in actual fact we're an undiscovered gem for the adrenalin junkie!

Take to the skies and go skydiving at Wonderboom Airport north of the city, or enjoy a hot air balloon safari over the Dinokeng Big 5 Game Reserve as you glide over the beautiful bushveld. Or you can explore our tranquil countryside on quadbikes and on horse-back.

If heights are not your fancy, then take to the water at Hartebeespoort Dam area (45km from Pretoria city centre) for a variety of watersports, including waterskiing, jet skiing or explore Voortrekker Monument on the extensive mountain biking trails or horse-riding trails.

In the quaint little mining town of Cullinan you can explore an underground tour of the Premier Mine which was opened in 1902, where the world's biggest diamond was discovered in 1905. The mine is fully operational and produces nearly a quarter of the world's gem diamonds of 400 carats and over.



Enjoy gorge-gliding - high, fast and exciting zip-line slides across the beautiful Muniny Gorge which should satisfy any adrenalin junkie in pursuit of a high. At the first glide, dubbed "The Granny", you'll be treated to a scenic view of the gorge, gliding 260-metre heights at an exhilarating 30 kilometres an hour.

“In the quaint little mining town of Cullinan you can explore an underground tour the Premier Mine which was opened in 1902, where the world's biggest diamond was discovered in 1905.”

For a more relaxed adventure, rent a motorbike and cruise through the countryside – South Africa's roads are some of the best and most pleasurable to traverse on.

Slow-travel lovers will be happy to know that Pretoria is the home of the iconic Rovos Rail luxury train that travels in old-world style and colonial charm across South Africa and into Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. We also have some lovely vintage steam trains that families will enjoy, such as the Friends of The Rail that offers a leisurely ride through the city and into Cullinan.



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JACARANDA CITY

From late September to middle November, Jacaranda trees bloom all over Pretoria and turn the face of the city purple. It is estimated that there are almost 70 000 Jacarandas growing around the many streets, parks and gardens of Pretoria.

Jacaranda mimosifolia is not indigenous to South Africa and was introduced from in 1829. It is technically considered an invader tree but existing Jacarandas do not have to be eradicated.

Some of Pretoria's oldest Jacarandas can be found around Bosman and Cilliers streets, where some of the first lanes of Jacarandas were planted. There is also a claim that the biggest and oldest Jacaranda in Pretoria can be found on the corner of Eastwood and Stanza Bopape (old Church Street).

Pretorians love their Jacarandas and students from the University of Pretoria believe that if you are studying for your final year exams and a blossom falls on your head, you will pass your exams with flying colours!



“Those moments under the shade of the jacaranda trees on the vicarage lawn were the most pleasant of the trial ...”

– Nelson Mandela,
Long Walk to Freedom.

In Nelson Mandela's book: *Long Walk to Freedom*, he remarks that during the Treason Trial, one of South Africa's longest trials in history – 1956 to 1961 – held at the Old Synagogue in Paul Kruger Street, they were permitted to have lunch in a nearby garden:

"Those moments under the shade of the jacaranda trees on the vicarage lawn were the most pleasant of the trial ..."

– Nelson Mandela, *Long Walk to Freedom*.

During Madiba's inauguration speech, on 10 May 1994 at the Union Buildings, he again referred to Jacarandas:

To my compatriots, I have no hesitation in saying that each one of us is as intimately attached to the soil of this beautiful country as are the famous jacaranda trees of Pretoria and the mimosa trees of the bushveld. – Nelson Mandela

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– Nelson Mandela.

The best Jacaranda flowers viewing points:

- Park your car at the Union Buildings and take a stroll east of the buildings along Government Avenue.

This avenue is one of the few, if not only, places in Pretoria where each pavement has a double row of Jacarandas. The reason for this are that they were to provide shade for government officials walking to the Union Buildings from Bryntirion Estate.

- Take a slow drive through Arcadia, past Loftus stadium and through Sunnyside and Brooklyn where many of the streets forms a closed canopy of purple.
- To get a birds-eye-view, take a drive

along Klapperkop, which has many viewpoints from where to admire this sea of purple.

If you are on one of the northern viewpoints of Klapperkop, you will also be able to spot a line of white trees along the foot of Klapperkop's northern slope. This is Herbert Baker Street in Groenkloof, which has a row of almost 100 white trees.

These trees are also Jacarandas, but have a pure white flower instead of a purple one. They are said to be sterile and a cultivar of the main species.



DISCOVER MAMELODI

Situated approximately 20 kilometres east of the Pretoria city centre, Mamelodi is a dynamic community set at the foot of the majestic Magaliesburg Mountains (forming its northern and eastern borders) and the Pretoria-Witbank highway as its southern border.

Mamelodi became an area occupied by people forced to relocate there because of the group areas act, enforced on them by the apartheid regime in the 1950's. 1953 saw the first housing units being built and Mamelodi was officially proclaimed a 'township'.

Fast forward to the 1980's, the Mamelodi Town Council commissioned private developers to develop land to the east of the original township and these new developments became known as Mamelodi Gardens, Khutsong and Buffer Zone. The township realised further growth and development

in the late 1980's, especially after civil servants started qualifying for housing subsidies and were able to relocate to the newly-developed areas of the township.

Mamelodi is one of Tshwane's largest townships and its name means "mother of melodies" – owing to the township's long relationship with jazz music, leading to it being proclaimed as the 'Home of Jazz'.

**“Mamelodi means
mother of melodies”**

MAMELODI

“Visitors to Mamelodi get to sample the unique tastes of the local cuisine”



T rue to its name, the township regularly plays host to various jazz festivals – the biggest of which is the Moretele Jazz festival which takes place at the township annually in September. Numerous shebeens (pubs) in the townships provide venues where residents and visitors can listen to live jazz performances while enjoying a traditional African meal. The township is home to world-renowned musicians like Vusi Mahlasela, Don Laka and Dr Phillip Tabane.

Visitors of Mamelodi get to sample the unique tastes of the local cuisine, such as; tasty hot curry chicken legs, morogo and pap and other unique meals at some of the many restaurants and take-away vendors situated in the township.

At the entrance to Mamelodi stands a 5.7 metre bronze statue of Solomon Mahlangu in the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom Square. In 1979 Mahlangu was one of the first freedom fighters of the African National Congress' military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, as well as the first son of the city to be executed by the Apartheid government. Solomon is therefore honoured at this Square, which also serves to mark the place of the “Mamelodi Massacre” of 21 November 1985.

Mamelodi is also home to Mamelodi Sundowns, South Africa's most successful football club. Sundowns owned by billionaire Patrice Motsepe, are also former African Champions, having won the coveted CAF champions league in 2016.

Places of interest around Mamelodi

- **The old beer hall** – which was the first structure in the township to have electricity (supplied by a generator);
- **The Stanza Bopape Memorial** – commemorating a hero of the struggle who died in 1988 at the hands of the apartheid security forces;
- **Moretele Park** – famous for playing host annually to the Moretele Jazz concert;
- **Dr Ribeiro house** – belonged to one of South Africa's political and anti apartheid activists Dr Fabian Ribeiro who together with his wife was assassinated at their home, for their role in the fight against the apartheid regime.
- **The many restaurants on Tsweu Street** offering a mix of kasi vibes and local cuisine.
- **Solomon Mahlangu's house** – from where the leader of local cadre, planned the resistance against the apartheid regime.
- **The Stanza Bopape Memorial** – in dedication to one of the local political heroes who died in 1988 at the hands of the apartheid security forces.

“**Dr. Fabian Ribeiro who together with his wife was assassinated at their home for their role in the fight against the apartheid regime.**”



EXPLORE

PANORAMIC VIEWS

Some of the most popular places to take photos from in Tshwane include: the Mandela Statue at the Union Buildings, the viewing deck at Freedom Park, the Palace of Justice, the court building where Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964, the top of Fort Klapperkop, jacaranda views (when they are in season) from Waterkloof, the gardens of 54 Herbet Baker and Castello di Monte.



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South African Tourism

EXPLORE

TSHWANE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Pretoria CBD

Stand at the Union Buildings gazing towards the Pretoria CBD and get a real idea of the city's size. Visit Pretoria CBD and explore historic buildings, monuments and museums including the Pretoria City Hall, Church Square, Freedom Park, Voortrekker monument, Sammy Marks museum and Ditsong's natural and cultural history museums. Whilst here you can grab a photo opportunity with the 9-metre tall Mandela bronze statue, sit down for lunch at the Blue Crane restaurant in New Muckleneuk, Brooklyn, see some animals at the Pretoria Zoo, immerse yourself in history at the Melrose House Museums.



Menlyn Maine

South Africa's first green city, this mega- development is on the east side of Pretoria, designed according to eco-friendly and 'new urbanist' principles and ideals. It is made up of commercial office space; retail, dining and shopping space; a gymnasium; upmarket residential apartments; luxury hotel spaces; an urban entertainment complex and scenic parklands. Menlyn Park Shopping Mall, the biggest shopping centre in Africa (with more than 300 stores) as well as the Sun International TimeSquare (a recently-opened flagship casino, hotel & entertainment venue) are also situated in this precinct.



Hatfield

Hatfield is a vibrant and dynamic precinct famous for its night life and a popular meeting spot for the young and young at heart. The lovely, sedate neighbourhood of Hatfield has become known as the embassy suburb because of the inclination of embassies to move into the large homes that grace the area. The precinct is home to the University of Pretoria and ther Loftus Versfeld stadium.



Townships

Townships came to be as a result of the Group Areas Act during the height of apartheid and were where black communities could reside. Over the years they have developed and offer great history, lifestyle and are attractions that one can experience through township tours. The townships in Tshwane include: Atteridgeville, Soshanguve, Ga-Rankuwa, Mamelodi, Eersterust and Refilwe, all offering unique South African authentic township experiences.



Cullinan

Cullinan is a small, 19th century mining town. Founded in 1902 and named after the founder of the Premier Diamond Mine, Sir Thomas Major Cullinan, this community consists of mining families, farmers, artists and, on weekends, bikers and families looking to escape to the country. Attractions and experiences here include the "Big Hole" viewing point, a zipline at Adventure Zone Cullinan) as well as having a meal many restaurants.



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THINGS TO SEE & DO



History & Heritage

Tshwane is named after a local chief of the same name. Tshwane is the traditional African name for this area which, according to legend, was used by the early African inhabitants who lived near the local Apies River under the chieftainship of chief Tshwane. Chief Mushi, the father of chief Tshwane, had moved from Zululand and settled in the area before the arrival of the Voortrekker, the Afrikaners who had trekked from the Cape Province during the 1830's. Another explanation for the Tshwane is that black migrant workers derived it from the word Tshwane, which means "we are the same because we live together".



THINGS TO SEE & DO

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Adventure

With its panoramic and open vistas, natural scenic beauty and wonderful birdlife, all off-set by a tremendous climate, Tshwane is an adventure enthusiast's dream. The city has some of the best adrenaline pumping attractions and activities in Gauteng, ranging from quadbiking, ziplining and horseriding at Cullinan's Adventure Zone; skydiving from Wonderboom Airport, and hot-air-ballooning from Dinokeng Game Reserve, go-karting inside Menlyn Mall, embarking on a hike at Hennops Hiking Trail, taking the kids for a tree-top experience at Acrobranch or merely doing a run, walk or mountain biking session at the Big Red Barn – to name a few.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

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Shopping

Tshwane offers a variety of shopping experiences from malls and plazas, to flea markets. The east of the city has everything from entertainment to shopping at Menlyn Park, Brooklyn Mall, Centurion Mall and Irene Village Mall. One can also get a bite to eat from the various restaurants in these malls. In Pretoria West and North one can shop up a storm at; Kolonade, Wonderpark or Soshanguve Crossing shopping centres and enjoy the rest of what the area has to offer. Most major shopping centres and malls are open seven days a week from 09h00 to 18h00. In some cases sunday shopping hours are from 09h00 to 16h00.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

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Art & Culture

Tshwane has many heritage sites, museums and art galleries. These include the Union Buildings and its spectacular gardens – as well as the Voortrekker Monument and Freedom Park. Other must-sees sites include; the Pretoria Botanical Gardens, the Zoo, galleries such as Melrose House, Pretoria Art Museum, the Pioneer Museum and Sammy Marks museum.

For the lovers of the visual and performing arts, there's the State Theatre which often stages a continuous programme of local, national and international performances including drama, opera, ballet, music, dance and children's theatre. Often an array of adventures that we can vicariously live and learn through.





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Nightlife

Tshwane has a vibrant nightlife and a variety of entertainment to choose from. Whether you are gastronomically adventurous, a food connoisseur or just a lover of good food and night activities, the City of Tshwane is famous for its eclectic mix of restaurants and bars that have a wide variety of classy and informal restaurants and pubs offering appetising options with regards to ethnic cuisine, traditional braai-vleis or eastern delicacies.

For clubbing experience, the city offers venues such as The Blue Room, Café Barcelona, House 22, Die Blou Hond at Casa Toscana, The Globe Bar at Time Square Menlyn Maine and the Summit Grill & Skybar.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

CONTINUED



Hidden Gems

South African Air Force Museum: If you're a fan of history and military advancement, visit the Swartkops Air Force Base to quench your thirst for history of war and mass violence. The Museum also undertakes their annual Pretoria air show between April and June where they deploy some mammoth civil and military aviation exhibition and spectacles. Other than the airshow the museum is open daily from Wednesday to Saturday with their conventional hangar displays.



BUCKETLIST EXPERIENCES



Interview with Susan Marais



1. Tell us about yourself and what you do ?

I grew up in a very small town about 90 minutes from Pretoria. As a child my parents loved to bring us to Pretoria during the holidays to experience the city, see a movie, go ice-skating and do some exploring. I still remember the feeling driving past Rietvlei Nature Reserve, knowing UNISA and the city will come into view soon. To this day I love this city and all it has to offer.

I later came to a boarding school in Pretoria and went on to study Tourism Management at UP. I have since worked in some of our country's leading hotels and resorts for almost 20 years and am passionate about traveling and supporting our amazing industry.

6 years ago I was incredibly fortunate to get the opportunity to start my own guest house. At 3@Marion Guesthouse we love encouraging people to go out into Tshwane and create amazing memories.

This led to the creation of the Ultimate Pretoria Bucket List which has since grown to 8 bucket lists countrywide, promoting almost 1000 amazing experiences across our beautiful South Africa.

“I still remember the feeling driving past Rietvlei Nature Reserve, knowing UNISA and the city will come into view soon.”



FAVOURITE RESTAURANTS



2. Your favourite places to eat at in the city?

Tshwane stands back for no one when it comes to incredible dining options.

Casual Dining

- **Burger Bistro's** focus on fresh ingredients and variety means they serve some of the most incredibly burgers in the country.
- **Capital Craft** brings so many people together with an amazing vibe and delicious food. Obviously their range of craft beers is amazing.
- **PLTFRM Wolwespruit** has the perfect setting and a fantastic menu. Check out their sunset sessions throughout the year.
- **Le Si Restaurant** with their singing waiters is an absolute feast for all the senses.



BUCKETLIST EXPERIENCES

Interview with Susan Marais

Market food

- There are so many!
Hazel Food Market remains a firm favourite with fantastic local and international tastes.
- **Busstop7** is one of our newest markets with amazing variety and vibe.
- You can never go wrong with **Irene Village Market** where you can eat while you shop.



Fine dining

- **Priva Lounge** has great views, fantastic service and of course, a spectacular menu.
- **La Madeleine** has been serving wonderful food for 36 years and is a must-experience Pretoria legend.
- **De Kloof** is another firm favourite. Enjoy their wonderful tasting menu with the perfect sunset.

Make a day of it

- **Rosemary Hill** has various restaurants and wonderful activities, hiking trails and even accommodation.
- Go for a hike or a ride at **The Big Red Barn** and finish off the day with an amazing meal at one of their unique restaurants.
- At **Monte de Dois** you can eat, hike, play and enjoy live music to your heart's content.

And finally...

- Finish off the perfect day with the best ice-cream in Pretoria at Royal Danish Home Made Ice-cream. Sugar cone, caramel sauce...need I say more...



You can find more info for these and many other amazing Pretoria restaurants at www.pretoriabucketlist.co.za

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BUCKETLIST EXPERIENCES

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3. How long have you been in the adventure and travel business?

I started my first job in the industry with Protea Hotels in 2001 and have since been extremely fortunate to explore and work in many beautiful destinations across South Africa. I have also worked and travelled abroad including the UK, South America, Thailand and Europe. I am a sucker for a good adventure and my family often rolls their eyes when I drag them out of bed to climb another mountain, visit a market or zipline across a gorge on weekends!

4. Why do you think people should visit Tshwane?

Because whatever your passion, you can create so many amazing memories right here in and around our city.

- We have the world's only free roaming big five game reserve within city limits with Dinokeng.
- Nature lovers can also explore beautiful nature reserves in Rietvlei, Groenkloof, Faerie Glen, Moreleta Kloof, Wonderboom and many others.
- You can get the adrenaline pumping with Adventure Zone, Acrobranch, Magalies Canopy Tours, Eduplex Pump Track or Skydive Pretoria!

- You can go shopping (and many people come to our city just for that) at any of our amazing shopping centres and malls.
- Get ready for an awesome night out under the fairy lights of Hazelwood or the amazing vibe in Menlyn Maine square.
- Our markets offer the best local products and produce with wonderful entertainment and is the perfect way to spend a morning.
- Visit the Union Buildings and any of our amazing museums and historical places for more insight into our amazing cultural heritage.

All these experiences are facilitated by some of the friendliest and most welcoming people in South Africa!



BUCKETLIST EXPERIENCES

Interview with Susan Marais

5. What do you love the most about Tshwane?

The people. We have such amazing diversity and depth together in one place. And of course the jacarandas! Our city is beautiful.

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6. What would you advise someone new to the city to do to discover Tshwane?

On the Ultimate Pretoria Bucket List website you can create your own personal adventure by selecting experiences from our ultimate bucket list. Find the best family, foodie, romantic and adventure activities and then start creating those memories!



7. Please give us your top 5 things or places that are a must see or do in the city.

I have thought about this question for days and can't possibly break it down to just 5 places. I can however, break it down to 5 amazing experiences:

- 1. VISIT A MARKET.** Get up early to buy fresh flowers and food at any of our amazing markets. Some of them start well before sunrise and many offer regular night markets as well.
- 2. GO FOR A PICNIC.** In the Botanical Gardens or one of our other beautiful attractions across the city. At some you can pack your own basket and at others the most amazing gourmet picnic baskets are offered.
- 3. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR PET.** At one of our amazing nature reserves. You can order something yummy especially for your furry kids from many of our restaurant menus and at Rachella's Café you can even have a birthday party for your puppy!
- 4. GET THE BLOOD PUMPING.** Try an adventure way out of your comfort zone. From ziplining to Skydiving, our city has it all.

5. TOAST TO THE SUNSET. with a beautiful view. Many of the city's restaurants and attractions pair award winning wine lists with wonderful views.





TSHWANE ON A BUDGET

(5 THINGS TO DO IN TSHWANE FOR R100 OR LESS)



Visit the largest Bhuddist Temple in the southern hemisphere.

Take the family out for a safari experience at Rietvlei Nature Reserve.

Go on a full guided tour of Freedom Park or Voortrekker Monument.

Take your friends and family out on a hike of Tswaing Meteorite Crater with Ditsong Museums.

Visit the Pretoria Art Museum for appreciation of some of the best art Tshwane has on display.

Go mountain biking amongst some giraffe and zebras at Groenkloof Nature Reserve.





A TASTE OF TSHWANE

THE CULLINARY CAPITAL



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Kream Restaurant:

Located in the heart of Brooklyn, Kream's a la carte menu has a wide range of continental dishes. Here you'll experience first class hospitality, a modern space of first class style that offers gourmet fine dining at its best with marinated meats of various kinds, a large choice of popular vegetarian dishes and curries each with its own distinct flavour. kreamrestaurant.co.za

Kopwrap restaurant:

Ga-Rankuwa:

Located in one of Tshwane's townships, Ga-Rankuwa; Kopwrap restaurant specialises on gourmet meat dishes, using the Kop (sheep head) as a base. The restaurant is a great place to unwind and relax, as well as take in the township ambience as you interact with the locals over great food and drinks. kopwrap.co.za

Hard Rock Café, Pretoria:

Internationally reputed for its hot and flavoursome cuisine and rock star style. Located at Menlyn Park Shopping Centre and has all your favourite menu items such as their handcrafted starters or fresh Steak burgers. hardrockcafe.com

Ko-Legiza Garden Café: Mamelodi:

Set in peaceful surroundings in Mamelodi, the restaurants specialities include soft and juicy tripe and cow trotters, as well as mixed grill platters accompanied by various delectable salads. ko-legiza-pub-grill.business.site

Harries's Pancakes Cullinan:

Harries Pancakes have built such a reputation for their sweet and savoury pancake selections Whether your preference is for savoury or sweet you won't find a better pancake in South Africa. harriespancakes.co.za/cullinan

Flakka Cloud:

Started in 2019, Flaka Cloud Restaurant in Mamelodi is a culture of various food ideas that know no rules. With a team of fresh ideas, their menu ranges from "boeri sandwiches" which is basically a sandwich that has wors. For your "bit" of Chinese taste their "flakamein" which is their version of the famous chowmein.

Flakka Cloud is located at 52 Tsweu Street, Mamelodi A5. With great space, their joint is child friendly and never a bad idea to host your family and friends over.

ACCOMMODATION



STAY WITH US!

There are thousands of hotels in Tshwane. Visitors can stay at establishments ranging from five-star hotels to numerous boutique hotels and lodges situated throughout the city.

Alternatively, a township home can be a hospitable, a visit to a jazz concert, an excursion to the various arts and crafts markets or a joyful gathering in one of the numerous shebeens (pubs).

When choosing holiday accommodation, it is recommended that visitors choose accommodation graded by the (Tourism Grading Council of South Africa www.tourismgrading.co.za).

That way, you'll have the peace of mind that comes with knowing what to expect before you even check in.

The TGCSA Star Grading is a independent quality assessment and official ranking system recognised around the world that helps travellers realise the overall quality of the establishment and the kind of facilities they can expect. Visit them on tourismgrading.co.za to find quality graded accommodation for your next visit to Tshwane.



TRAVELLING IN TSHWANE

GETTING AROUND

City of Tshwane boasts excellent public transport systems such as:

A Re Yeng Bus: The official city Rapid Transport bus service, with routes all over the city. tshwane.gov.za/sites/areyeng

The Gautrain Bus service: A feeder and distribution bus service for Gautrain users which complements the other existing public transport services. gautrain.co.za

The local minibus taxi industry: which can be used to get a “travel-like-a-local” feel. In the taxi expect local amapiano music, affordable fares and convenience of getting on or off wherever you want to. You can find these taxis on main roads and hubs, such as

Pretoria Station and at taxi ranks in the suburbs and townships.

The e-hailing service - Uber and Bolt: to use this service you need to download an app that will connect you and the drivers. You can use a debit, credit card or cash to pay. This services are fast, reliable, and convenient and is available even after hours.

Private vehicle hire, through major car-hire companies that operate from within the airports and around the city.

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10 REASONS TO INVEST IN TSHWANE

South Africa's capital city, the City of Tshwane offers a selling proposition unlike any other to potential investment suitors. This vibrant city is situated in the province of Gauteng, the economic centre of South Africa. Home to over 3 million inhabitants, Tshwane is the destination of choice for many international investors particularly, in the automotive and components sector, with 5 Original Equipment Manufacturers and over 200 related automotive suppliers based in the City.

Tshwane is also the manufacturing base for over 90% of the South African aerospace and defence sectors.

Here are 10 reasons potential investors consider Tshwane as their next investment destination.

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1. A diverse range of investment opportunities

Over and above its well-developed automotive sector, Tshwane offers a diverse range of opportunities in its opportunity mix, including agro-processing, aerospace and defence-related technology development, business process outsourcing and offshoring, mining and beneficiation, and tourism.

2. Home away from home

Tshwane is the country's administrative hub and houses 134 embassies, 30 international organisations making it second only to Washington DC in terms of the concentration of the diplomatic and foreign missions.

It is also home to over 30 Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed companies as well as various multinational companies. Locating your business in Tshwane places you close to your embassy and the diplomatic support you may require.

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3. Knowledge centre of South Africa

Tshwane has a high concentration of academic, medical, social science, technology and scientific institutions which produces 90% of medical, science and technology research in the country and 60% of the country's overall research output. The city has a student population of 60000 and high levels of literacy, giving investors access to a skilled workforce and continuous learning.



4. Infrastructure

The city has a well-developed road and rail network, an efficient public transport system which includes Gautrain, an 80-kilometre commuter rail system in Gauteng, which links the City of Tshwane to Johannesburg and O. R. Tambo International Airport. Tshwane's ICT infrastructure includes the largest deployment of municipal Free Wi-Fi provided by a municipality in Africa.

“South Africa offers a range of sector-specific investment incentives aimed at reducing the cost of investing in the City and country.”

5. Access to markets

Tshwane is located in the economic hub of Gauteng providing access to a regional market and a combined estimated 345 million people within the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The City is a key player in the country's exports accounting for over 25% of the country's total exports.



6. Attractive investment incentives

South Africa offers a range of sector-specific investment incentives aimed at reducing the cost of investing in the City and country.

7. Well developed legal system

South Africa has a well-developed legal system with an independent judiciary that ensures the protection of individual and investor rights. The country has generally few restrictions on investors and investment in the country. The Protection of Investment Act 22 of 2015 specifically gives foreign investors similar rights and protections available to South Africans.





8. High quality of life

In 2018 the City had a Mercer Quality of Life Index score of 132 ranking it the 4th best city to live overall in Africa. The City offers all the services to make family life comfortable. It has various school and further education options from elementary stages through to higher education. The City has many entertainment options, including game reserves, adventure experiences, sports and a sprawling nightlife that caters to and meets the needs of the different tastes and preferences. There is plenty of top shopping and retail malls, fine dining restaurants, family-oriented entertainment places.

9. Tourism attractions

Tshwane is one of the oldest cities in South Africa, with a complement of many fine heritage sites, museums and art galleries. These include heritage sites such as the Union Buildings and its spectacular gardens. Some of the leading tourist attractions in the city include the Dinokeng Game Reserve which is home to the big five in their natural habitat, Groenkloof Nature Reserve which is the oldest game sanctuary in Africa and the Tswaing Meteorite Crater which was the first eco-tourism site in South Africa.

10. Investment promotion and Facilitation

The Tshwane Economic Development Agency (TEDA) makes the establishment of investment roots in Tshwane as seamless as possible. These services including guidance in navigating government processes, funding and incentives facilitation, and strategic services that help settle and grow investments. Contact us at info.TEDA@TSHWANE.GOV.ZA

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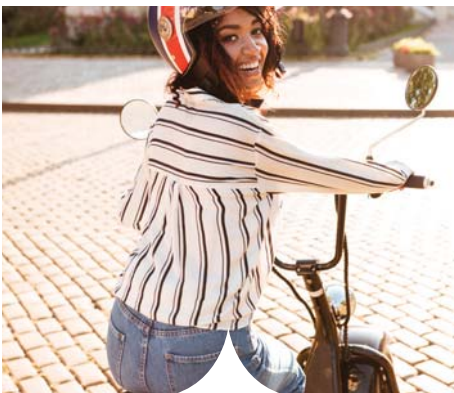
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Travelling responsibly

Travel as an activity affects the natural world around us, as such we should increasingly take the concept of responsible and sustainable travel into consideration and make an effort to minimize our carbon footprint and boost our contribution to local communities. When visiting Tshwane (and the greater South Africa) we'd appreciate it if you could make an effort to do it within the concept of sustainable travel, which requires one to:

- Employ environmentally friendly practices (reduce, reuse and recycle)
- Protect cultural heritage (restoring historic buildings or saving endangered species)
- Provide tangible social and economic benefits for local communities (upholding the rights of indigenous peoples and supporting fair wages)



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LEARN THE LOCAL LINGO

Local lingo terms & their meaning:

The City of Tshwane has a unique, local informal & unofficial lingo which adds to what makes this city unique. Aptly referred to as “sePitori” the lingo is a mixture of Afrikaans, Sepedi, Setswana, English and isiZulu and different slang terms and meanings. It is understood and

used only by “the klevas” (streetwise) from Pretoria townships like Mabopane, Soshanguve, Ga-Rankuwa, Atteridgeville, Temba, Winterveldt, Ekangala and Mamelodi.



Here are some useful words and phrases to help you in getting started:

Dese: Cool or great.

Dintshang?: What's up/how are you?

Ku-million or Ku-hundreds: It's all good.

And then wena? Is there something wrong.

Amashwang-shweng: Refers to a nice/beautiful hairstyle on a woman.

Stima mollo: Ice cubes

Money: Chalk – R20, Jacket or tiger – R10.

Sphatlo: A quarter of a loaf of bread, with any filling inside. The filling can be meat, potatoe chips , atchaar, whatever you like.

Daai ding: That thing. (used: when somebody doesn't want to mention what he/she is asking for, they will say give me 'daai ding' (give me that thing).

Frying pan: Used to refer to someone who likes to lie.

Mpama: Cheap, fake products you can buy from street vendors.

Feder (verder in Afrikaans): Means “how are you, or how are you doing or what else is happening in your life”.

Gedlela: Car.

Gereza: Hustle.

Lepopotane: Small cheap phone

Jive: Means a problem. As in, “Ke na le jive.” (I have a problem).

Johnnie Walker: Someone who doesn't have a car.

Kasi: Hood or ghetto.



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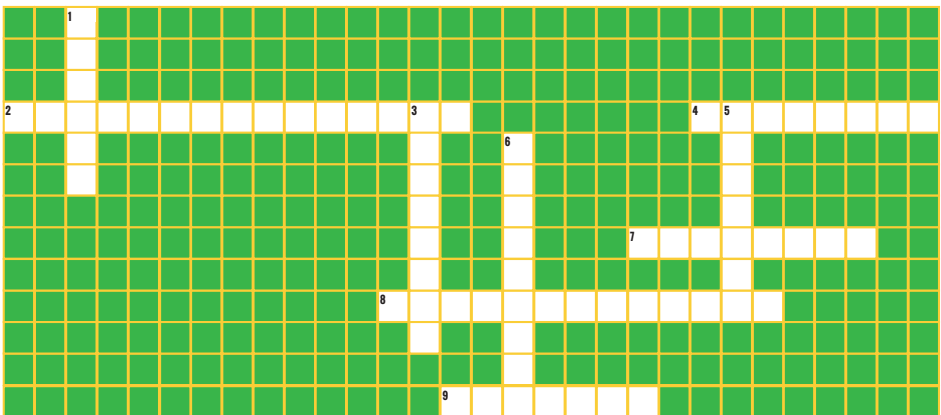


Down

1. Pretoria's biggest shopping mall.
2. The world's largest diamond was mined in this small town.
3. Tshwane's municipal-owned airport.
6. A giant object from space slammed into Tswaing 220,000 years ago.

Across

2. Building in which the Rivonia Trial, that sentenced Nelson Mandela to life imprisonment, was held.
4. A township whose name is translated as 'Mother of Melodies.'
7. Tshwane's Big 5 game reserve.
8. The full municipal name of Tshwane metropole.
9. The power of right to act, speak or think as one wants.



WORD SEARCH



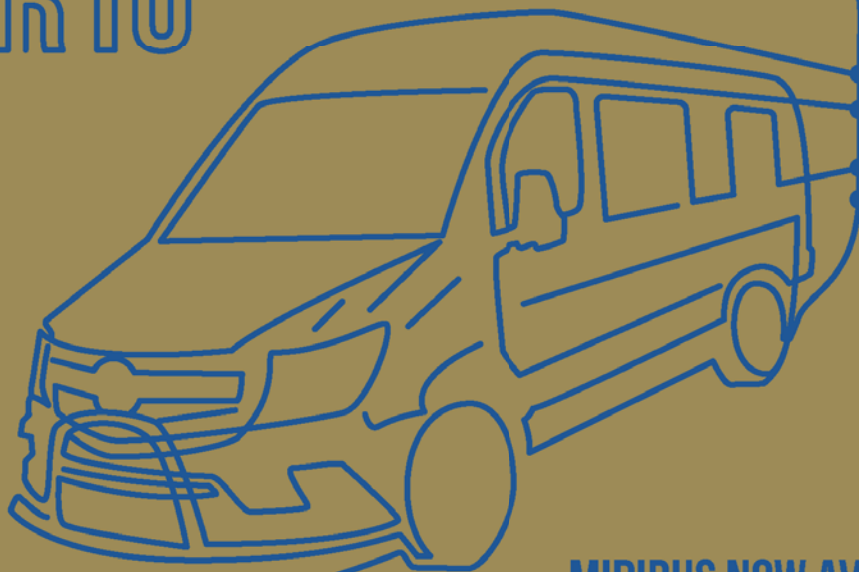
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