



TourSouthAfrica

2 day Soweto, Johannesburg and Pretoria Tour

Experience Apartheid history at 2 cities. Gauteng means “place of gold”, after the 1886 discovery of gold in Johannesburg. It is a city built on dreams of great wealth and now becoming a true cosmopolitan African city. Many sites related to the country’s 20th-century struggle to end segregation, including the Apartheid Museum. Pretoria (Tshwane), the capital of South Africa is only 50 km away and houses many more museums and places of interest.

Start point: O.R.Tambo Airport or nearby hotel, Johannesburg or Pretoria.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Constitution Hill, Soweto, and Apartheid Museum

This tour takes you into the most famous sprawling township in Africa, home of about 2 million people. Full of surprise and contrast, Soweto is a township located on the South-Western side of Johannesburg. It is home to sites of historical importance; as many of the struggles were fought against the injustices of the apartheid. We start this tour by crossing the Nelson Mandela Bridge to visit the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg's Newtown Cultural District. You will see the Telkom Tower, an imposing 269 meters tall and Constitution Hill, where we take a highlights tour.

Now to Vilakazi Street where we can relive the history of two Nobel Peace Prize winners: Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. We visit the Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum, and then the Mandela House Museum. Have an authentic African eating experience at a local restaurant and end the day with a drive past the Chris Hani Baragwanath hospital, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere, and the Orlando power station’s towers. Overnight at Southern Sun O.R.Tambo Airport hotel.

Day 2: Voortrekker Monument, Union Buildings

Pretoria was named after one of the "Voortrekker" leaders Andries Pretorius, and is the administrative capital of South Africa. The many historic buildings, museums and monuments make this a historical ‘heimat’ of South Africa. It is also called the "Garden City" due to the abundance of Jacaranda trees flowering into a sea of purple. It is the capital city and steeped in the history of South Africa.

On entering Pretoria city centre, we visit the historic Church Square with its beautiful buildings and the Kruger Statue. Visit the Voortrekker Monument to study the Pioneer history of South Africa and the history of the Afrikaner. We then traverse to the Sammy Marks Museum for a guided tour through the Marks Mansion. Visitors hear the story of Sammy Marks and his family, their experience throughout the South African War and Marks's achievements as businessman and entrepreneur. Union Buildings concludes this rich South African heritage excursion. You will be dropped off at O.R.Tambo Airport or nearby hotel, Johannesburg or Pretoria.

Included:

- luxury hotel accommodation
- Professional guide at specialist venues
- Driver/guide
- Transport by private air-conditioned vehicle

Excluded:

- Excess luggage charges (where applicable)
- Drinks
- Gratuities (recommended)
- Travel insurance; Flights; Airport transfers; Porterage; Visa fees