



Soweto

Overview

Just south of Johannesburg lies Soweto - the largest of South Africa's 'townships' (designated residential areas for black people during the Apartheid years). This vibrant city is home to some 2 million people and a number of historical sights. A typical visit to Soweto includes a stop at the homes where Nobel laureates Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu once lived.

Itinerary

Soweto is a sprawling township, or more accurately, a cluster of townships on the south-western flank of Johannesburg. Soweto was created in the 1930s, with Orlando the first township established. In the 1950s, more black people were relocated there from 'black spots' in the inner city - black neighborhoods which the apartheid government had reserved for whites. With a population of over 2 million, the township is the biggest black urban settlement in Africa with a rich political history. Soweto was the centre of political campaigns aimed at the overthrow of the apartheid state. The 1976 student uprising started in Soweto and spread to the rest of the country. Many of the sights on this route therefore have political significance. From the footbridge of the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, the largest on the continent, one can get a panoramic view of Soweto. Visit the Hector Pieterse Museum in Orlando West, Soweto, built in memory of the people who died that day, 16 June 1976. Nelson Mandela's humble little house in Orlando West, Soweto, now called the Mandela Family Museum, is an interesting stopover for those keen to imbibe a slice of authentic history on the world's most famous former prisoner. The museum, a house comprising four inter-leading rooms, contains a rather eclectic assortment of memorabilia, paintings and photographs of the Mandela family as well as a collection of honorary doctorates bestowed on Nelson Mandela from universities and institutions around the world. You can also have a glimpse of the mansion belonging to Winnie Madikizela-Mandela in an affluent part of Orlando West. Archbishop Desmond Tutu's house and the Sisulu residences are in the same neighbourhood.

Tour at a Glance

- **Regions:** Soweto
- **Duration:** Half Day
- **Validity:** 2015-16
- **Min Pax:** 2
- **Highlights:** Hector Pieterse Memorial, Mandela House Museum
- **Departure Dates:** Daily
- **Meals:** None

FROM
R 645.00
PER PERSON



Collection: +/- 08h15 or 12h45
Duration: 4 hours

Price

01 Nov 2014 - 31 Oct 2015
R645 per person

01 Nov 2015 - 30 Nov 2016
R750 per person

