



CITY OF TSHWANE – CAPITAL CITY OF EXCELLENCE

IT IS TSHWANE – EXPERIENCE IT!!



Kick start the city tour by visiting the Innovation Hub

The Innovation Hub is sub-Saharan Africa's first internationally accredited and leading science and technology park. Established by the Gauteng Provincial Government in 2001, The Innovation Hub has created initiatives that support innovation; enterprise development and development for over 14 years. The targeted sectors are in ICT and advanced manufacturing, green economy and biosciences in order to contribute towards the growth of the economy, creation of decent jobs and poverty reduction in Gauteng. Strategically located in Tshwane, South Africa's executive capital and 'smart' province, The Innovation Hub has become a regional centre of innovation and knowledge creation, linked to the fast moving world of global interconnectivity.



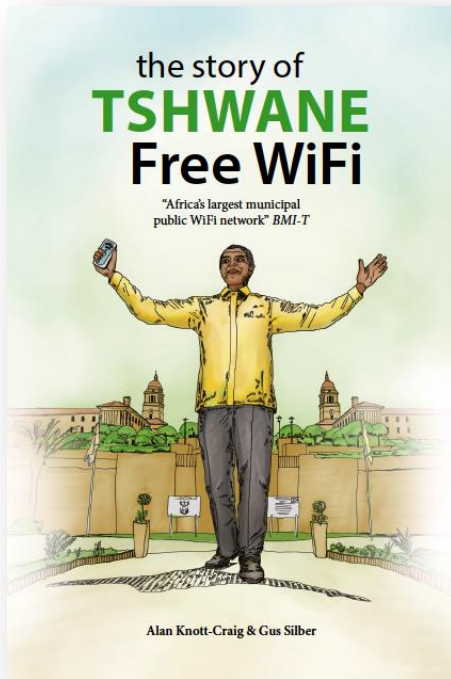
Drive to the National Heritage Monument to take a walk with South African Struggle Heroes



The National Heritage Monument, made up of life-sized bronze statues of precolonial, colonial and anti-apartheid struggle heroes and heroines, at the Groenkloof Nature Reserve in Pretoria, was unveiled on 15 September.

There are already more than 50 statues at the monument, but it will eventually house 400. Known as the Long Walk to Freedom, it reflects the country's journey from the precolonial era to the early wars of dispossession, as well as encompassing the entire liberation struggle. This attraction is a complex chronicle of South Africa's long walk to freedom and tells the story that many men and women paid a supreme sacrifice to bring freedom in our land.





The monument is not only a heritage site but one of the many free WiFi hot spots powered by the City of Tshwane, and visitors will get to learn about this project that the city embarked on. Visitors can learn about the project Isizwe and was established November 2013; this is a privately-funded NGO that has been laying the groundwork for the roll-out of a dream. Free, ubiquitous public WiFi for South Africans in low-income communities, bridging the digital divide with packets of data that can help sow the seeds of learning, social upliftment, and economic empowerment.



Visit the Freedom Park

Freedom Park is situated on Salvokop in Pretoria. It includes a memorial with a list of the names of those killed in the South African Wars, World War I, World War II as well as during the apartheid era.

Construction of the monument was by Stefanutti Stocks overseen by Mongane Wally Serote.

In March 2009, twenty-four deceased "liberation struggle heroes" were proposed for inclusion to the memorial. Some of the "national leaders" chosen include Steve Biko, Oliver Tambo, Helen Joseph,

Albert Lutuli, and Bram Fischer. International and continental leaders were also among those considered for their contribution to the liberation of South Africa or the repressed in general. The continental leaders included Mozambican President Samora Machel and Amílcar Cabral. Amongst the international list was Che Guevara, a revolutionary who fought alongside former Cuban President Fidel Castro, and Toussaint Louverture, who fought during Haiti's war for independence.

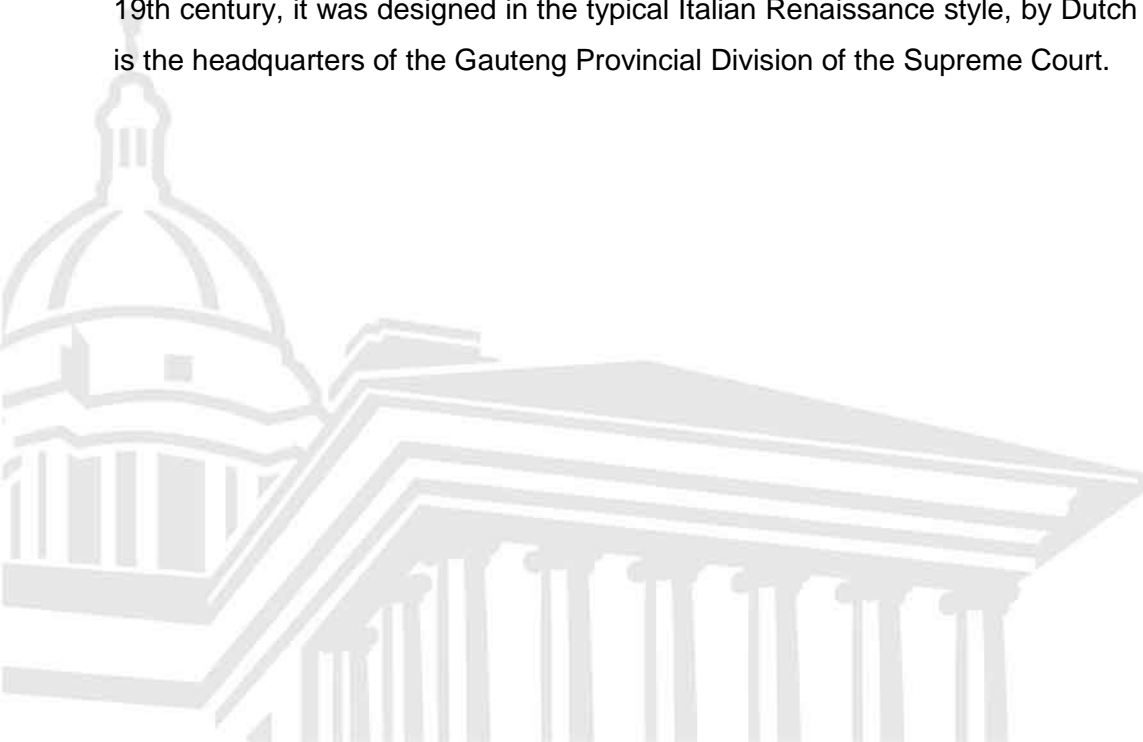
Drive-by tour of Pretoria City through Church Square to the Union Buildings



Church Square (English) or Kerkplein (Afrikaans) is the historic center of the city of Pretoria, South Africa. Its most prominent feature is the statue of the late Boer leader and president of the South African Republic Paul Kruger at its Centre. Statues of four anonymous Boer citizen-soldiers surround that of Kruger's on a lower level of the plinth.

On the square, the magnificent buildings testify to architectural vision and talented workmanship. The square originally lay out by the founders of Pretoria to be the Centre of the city, features a bronze statue of President Paul Kruger, president of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek (ZAR), die OuRaadsaal and the historic Palace of Justice. The Palace of Justice played a key role in the struggle history, as this was the court where Nelson Mandela was tried.

The Palace of Justice forms part of the Northern Façade of Church Square. Dating from the end of the 19th century, it was designed in the typical Italian Renaissance style, by Dutch architect Sytze Wierda. It is the headquarters of the Gauteng Provincial Division of the Supreme Court.





Visit the Union Buildings



Like an ancient temple adorning over the city it governs, the Union Buildings are a modern day acropolis, built at the highest point of South Africa's capital city, Pretoria, it forms the official seat of South Africa's government and houses The Presidency as well as the Department of Foreign Affairs. The site also plays host to the 9 meter High Bronze Statue of the late Nelson Mandela – this is where one can learn about the last days when Mandela lay in state and thousands of people flocked in and camped at site pay their last respects. Visitors can walk the union grounds, take breathe taking pictures of the statue and interact with the locals.

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