



CITY OF TSHWANE – CAPITAL CITY OF EXCELLENCE

IT IS TSHWANE – EXPERIENCE IT!!

Pick up at Hotel and Drive to the Roslyn to the ASP (Automotive Supplier Park)

With the Automotive Industry Development Company's (AIDC) strategic positioning and a mandate to support the automotive industry to become globally competitive, the AIDC developed the Tshwane Automotive City concept. This implies that all automotive related industries are located in a geographic area or 'Auto City'. It is not uncommon for component manufacturers to locate in close proximity to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) that they supply to.

The Auto City concept acts as an enabler to ensure critical mass is achieved so as to gain the potential benefits of subsidised utilities, reduced rental, consolidated logistical flows, bulk infrastructure improvements and dedicated logistics hubs; not to mention a key attraction for foreign direct investment as well as establishing the Gauteng Province as an 'area of choice' for the automotive manufacturing sector.



Drive-by tour of Pretoria City



The Tshwane City Hall

The Pretoria City Hall, the largest public hall in South Africa, was built to celebrate the city-status of Pretoria which was obtained in 1931. An architectural competition occurred in 1826, and the winning design by FG McIntosh was chosen to be used for the Pretoria City Hall. Due to economic difficulties, construction of the City Hall only started in 1931, and the building was inaugurated in 1935. It was designed in the Semi-Italian classical style and boasts 32 tower bells, donated by George Heys, former owner of Melrose House.

Church Square



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.

The Tshwane House Construction Site

A part of the Munitoria Building (which was the office building that housed municipal workers) was destroyed by fire in March 1997. This block was never rebuilt. As a result the staff of the Munitoria was scattered in the inner city. The building contained inadequate space regimes, was not environmentally conducive and was not socially cohesive. For this reason, the City of Tshwane Municipality embarked on a journey to rebuild Munotoria and it was this recalled “The Tshwane House”, the building will have Grade A office accommodation for 1589 council staff, it will be a Green Star 5 Building. The Total cost of the project over 25 years including the construction, operations, it has up to 1300 parking bays over 2 levels, Cohesive working conditions conducive to interaction with the public and it will also include a 250 (enabled for 350) seater standalone Council Chamber, with associated meeting rooms and communications booths.

******Lunch at the Sheraton Hotel Pretoria After lunch Drive through to the Union Buildings******

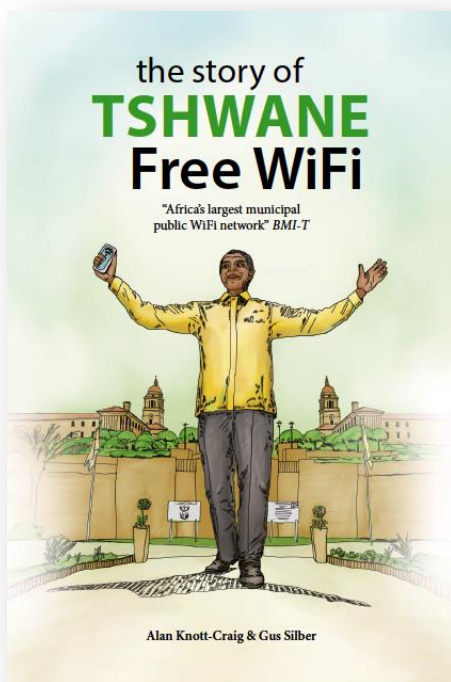


Visit the Union Buildings

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.

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.



*****Drop of at hotel to freshen up and get ready for dinner*****

