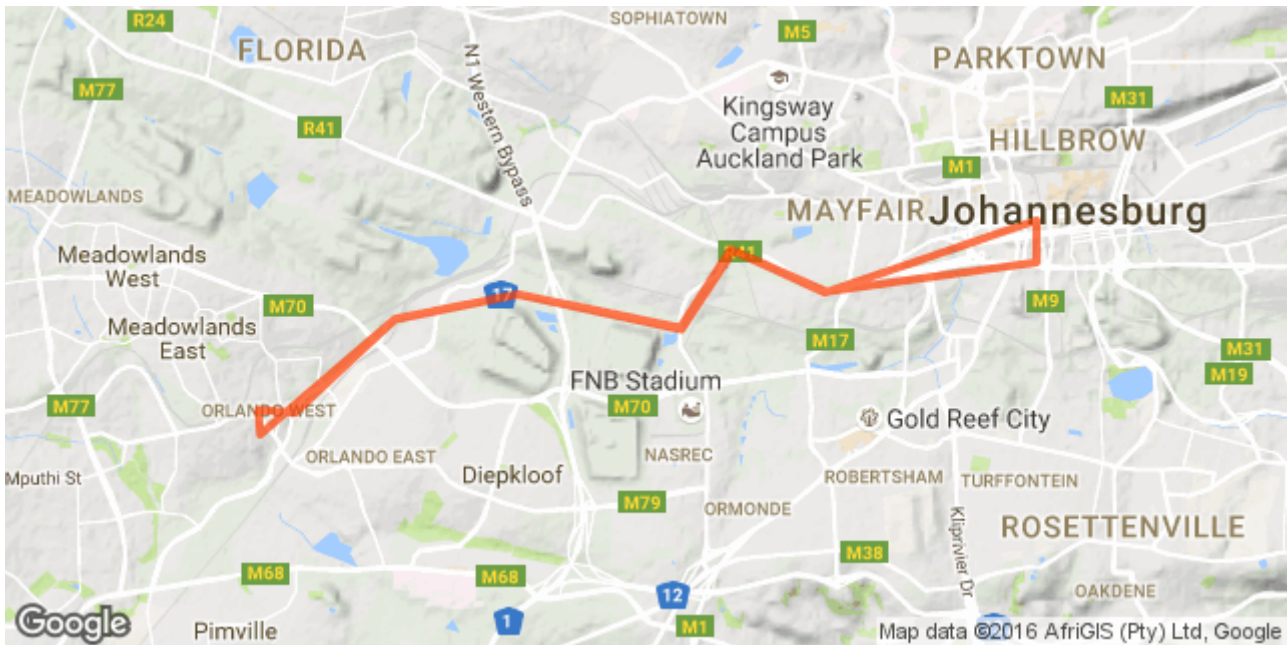

Soweto Tour (Private)

Summary

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OPERATES ONLY MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

Activities

- Hector Pieterse Museum
 - Mandela Family Museum
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Description

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 neighborhood.



Hector Pieterse Museum

On 16 June 1976 in the Johannesburg township of Soweto, what began as a peaceful march in the name of educational reforms turned to chaos when police troops responded to the demonstrating students with a barrage of live bullets and teargas. One of the most tragic casualties of this debacle was 13-year-old Hector Pieterse, who was killed when he was caught in the cross fire. The Hector Museum, located close to the site of his death, was built to commemorate his untimely passing and the events that ultimately caused it.

Mandela Family Museum

The Mandela Family Museum is where Nelson Mandela, as a lawyer and political activist, lived with his family from 1946 to 1961 – initially with his first wife, Evelyn Mandela, until their divorce and later with his second wife, Winnie Madikazela Mandela – before going on the run from the law. While he was in jail his family continued to live here. The small “matchbox” house has been converted into a Museum displaying an array of multimedia displays, photographs and the great man’s memorabilia.

Price Includes

Mandela Museum
Hector Petersen Memorial

Languages Spoken

English

Departure Points

Airport Hotels - Sandton Hotels - Downtown Hotels

Departure Times

08h30

Duration

4h00