



THINGS DO TO IN TSHWANE

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ITINERARY OPTIONS

The city of Tshwane has a lot to offer in terms of attractions. The city has different themed itinerary options on offer for people interested in different activities, the Business Events team will work with client and association to ensure that they offer the best pre- post tour options possible.

These itineraries can be themed according to;

- Tshwane Heritage and culture tour;
- Tshwane Natural Splendor Tour;
- Tshwane Township and Jazz Tour;
- Tshwane The Automotive Industry Tour;
- Tshwane History Tour;
- Tshwane Shopping Tour;

These itineraries can also be combined to ensure that delegates enjoy a bit of everything that the city has to offer.

1. DINOKENG GAME RESERVE

The Dinokeng Game Reserve is the first free roaming big 5 residential game reserve in Gauteng (and probably in the world) next to an urbanised area. This big 5 game reserve is located 50 km north-east of the city center. The reserve is not a self-drive, and guests are required to book game drives with one of many establishments in the area. The sunrises and sunsets are spectacular, as well as

the game viewing – either from a game viewer or from your restaurant table overlooking one of the dams.



2. TOWNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Tshwane has a long relationship with jazz music and has become known as the "Home of Jazz". Numerous shebeens (pubs) in the townships provide venues where locals and visitors can listen to live jazz performances while enjoying a traditional African meal.

The name of one of Tshwane's largest townships, Mamelodi, means "mother of melodies" and, true to its name, the township regularly offers jazz festivals. Its residents have given South Africa the original and unique style of music called Molombo jazz, originating from mbaqanga, traditional Pedi and Ndebele drumming, Zionist Baptist gospel music and the African jazz guitar. The township is home to world renowned musicians like Vusi Mahlasela, Don Lake, Dr Phillip Tabane and Malombo.

Atteridgeville, with numerous jazz clubs and nine established jazz bands, has earned itself the reputation of being the jazz capital of South Africa and the name "Soul City".

3. CULLINAN PREMIER DIAMOND MINE

This mine is world-famous for producing the Cullinan Diamond, the largest uncut diamond ever found, in 1905. The diamond weighed 3 106 carats and was cut into several stones. Two of the largest stones were given to the British Royal Family and incorporated in the crown jewels. Take a tour of the mine or even buy a diamond of your own.



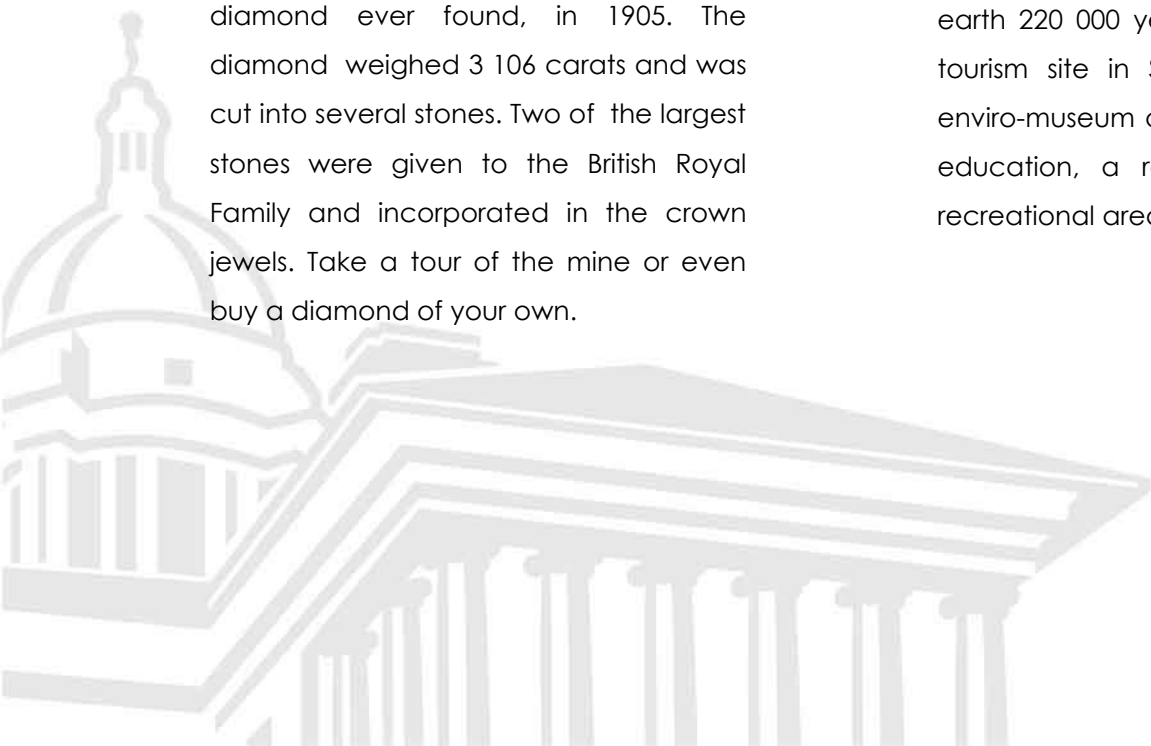
4. UNION BUILDINGS

The Union Buildings are a modern-day acropolis built on the highest point of the capital city. This is where one can learn about the inauguration of the first democratically-elected president, Nelson Mandela, and the last days when he lay in state. The site can also be used for picnics and other activities such as the Red Bull X-Fighters event, which was held there a few years ago.



5. THE TSWAING METEORITE CRATER

This was formed when a meteorite hit the earth 220 000 years ago. The first eco-tourism site in South Africa, it has an enviro-museum and offers environmental education, a research facility and a recreational area.





6. THE VOORTREKKER MONUMENT

This massive granite structure is prominently located on a hilltop, and was raised to commemorate the Voortrekkers who left the Cape Colony between 1835 and 1854. It is situated in the tranquil nature reserve of the Voortrekker Monument where zebras and blesbok roam the field freely. The fresh air fills your lungs and you can truly experience nature at its best with only the backdrop of the city's lights creating a romantic dream.



7. FREEDOM PARK

This heritage site provides a broad new perspective of South Africa's history and is a symbol of acknowledgment of the heroes and heroines of the struggle for humanity and freedom. It includes a memorial with a list of the names of those who were killed in the South African Wars, World War I, World War II, as well as during the apartheid era. In March 2009, 24

deceased "liberation struggle heroes" were proposed for inclusion in the memorial. Some of the "national leaders" chosen include Steve Biko, Oliver Tambo, Helen Joseph, Albert Luthuli, 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.



8. NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS OF SOUTH AFRICA

This is the largest zoo in the country and the only one with national status, housing the largest inland marine aquarium in South Africa.



9. DITSONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

This museum houses one of the oldest hominid skulls in the world, and many other world-famous collections.



Shopping Option

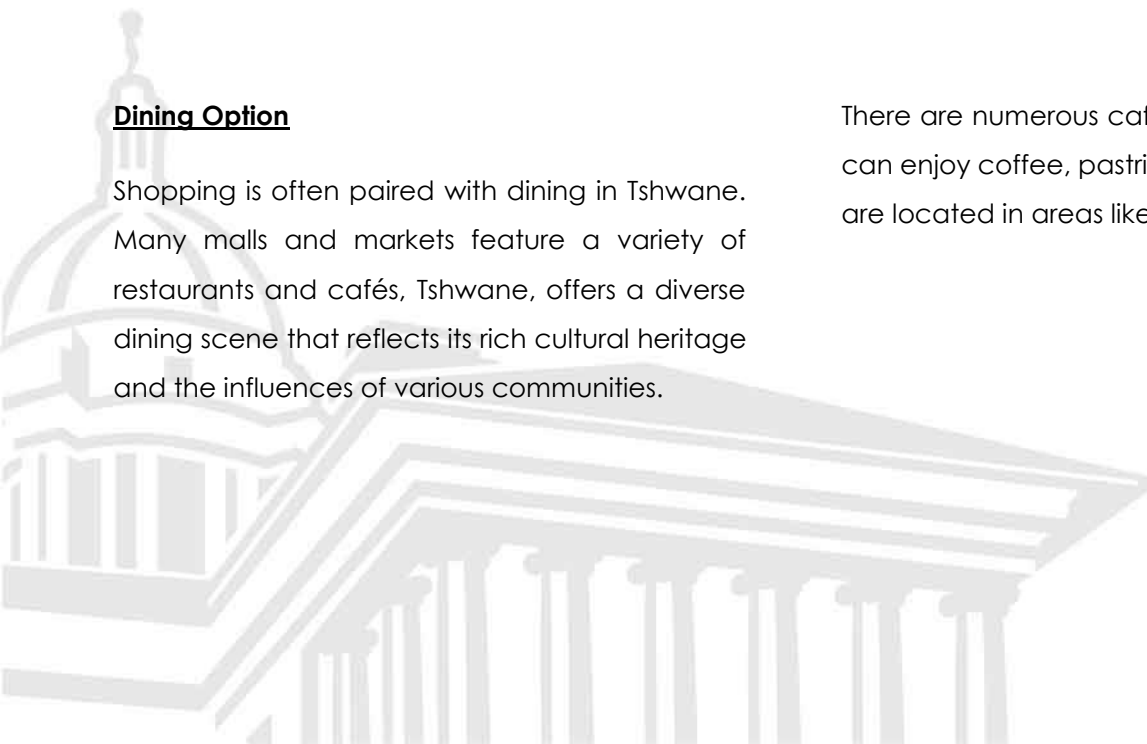
Tshwane is home to several large shopping centers, such as Menlyn Park, Centurion Mall, and The Grove. These malls feature a wide range of local and international brands, restaurants, entertainment options, and cinemas. For a more authentic shopping experience, visitors can explore local markets. The Pretoria Farmers Market, market at shed are popular for fresh produce, artisanal goods, and handmade crafts. They offer a glimpse into the local lifestyle and is a great place to find unique souvenirs. Tshwane's markets and shops often showcase traditional South African crafts, including beadwork, pottery, and textiles. The arts and crafts market at the Botanic Gardens is a great place to find locally made items.



Dining Option

Shopping is often paired with dining in Tshwane. Many malls and markets feature a variety of restaurants and cafés, Tshwane, offers a diverse dining scene that reflects its rich cultural heritage and the influences of various communities.

There are numerous cafés and bistros where you can enjoy coffee, pastries, and light meals. Many are located in areas like The Village Hazelwood.





Explore local markets and food stalls for authentic South African street food, including bunny chow, samoosas, and various fried snacks.



At one of many registered local shebeens /hang out joints where tourists will experience Mamelodi hospitality in the ambience of the real township culture. The menu will cover a complete kasi favourites such as sphaltlo, shisanyama, skop, tripe and all sorts of deliciousness.



Several upscale restaurants in Tshwane serve gourmet dishes, often featuring international cuisine with a local twist. Look for places that offer wine pairings from South African vineyards.



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