

Pretoria City Tour

📍 Pretoria, City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng, 0142, South Africa



Explore the Heart of South Africa's Capital: 5-Hour Pretoria City Tour

Overview: Embark on a captivating 5-hour journey through Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa. This tour is perfect for travelers with limited time who wish to delve into the rich heritage, history, and culture of this remarkable city. You'll visit some of Pretoria's most iconic landmarks, gaining a deep understanding of their significance through the insights of our knowledgeable guide.

We have 2 pick-up times: 9am and 12pm.

The total tour duration from pick up to drop off is about 5 hours.

We will pick you up from your hotel at the chosen time

We then take the 45-minute drive through to the first attraction for this part of the tour which is the Union Buildings. We will spend about 45 minutes here

We then take a drive through the city of Pretoria where we will visit Church Square. We spend about 20 minutes here.

The next stop on the tour will be to the Paul Kruger House museum where we spend about 45 minutes

The last part of this half day tour of Pretoria concludes at the Voortrekker Monument. We spend about an hour here.

Tour Facts

Language:

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Duration:

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Tour Type:

continuous

Tour Itinerary

Part 1 : Union Buildings

Begin your exploration at the Union Buildings, a grand symbol of South African governance and the official seat of the President. Designed in a neo-classical style and constructed from sandstone, this architectural marvel stretches 285 meters across the highest ridge in Pretoria. The twin domed towers represent the English and Afrikaans languages, embodying the country's complex history. As you stroll through the terraced gardens, take in panoramic views of the city while our guide narrates the political history that unfolded within these walls, including moments that shaped the nation, such as Nelson Mandela's presence here. We'll spend approximately 45 minutes immersing ourselves in the grandeur of this iconic site.

Part 2 : Voortrekker Monument

Next, visit the Voortrekker Monument, a powerful tribute to the pioneering Boer families who undertook the Great Trek to escape British rule in the Cape Colony. This imposing 40-meter-high granite structure, perched atop a hill, overlooks Pretoria and is surrounded by a symbolic circle of 64 ox wagons, representing those used in the historic Battle of Blood River. Our hour-long guided tour will transport you back to the 19th century, as you learn about the struggles, resilience, and legacy of the Afrikaans people. This monument is a must-see for anyone interested in South Africa's complex past.

Part 3 : Paul Kruger House Museum

Step into the life of one of South Africa's most influential figures, Paul Kruger, the 19th-century leader and President of the Transvaal Republic. The Paul Kruger House Museum offers a fascinating glimpse into his life, with exhibits detailing his role in the Anglo-Boer Wars and personal artifacts that paint a vivid picture of his character, including the knife he used to amputate his own finger during a battle. The museum also sheds light on the historical context of Kruger's era, making it an essential stop for history enthusiasts.

Part 4 : Church Square

Conclude your tour at Church Square, the historic heart of Pretoria. This central space, once a bustling marketplace and gathering place in the early 1900s, is now surrounded by significant landmarks, including the impressive Palace of Justice. This is where Nelson Mandela and his fellow freedom fighters were tried during the infamous Rivonia Trial, leading to Mandela's 27-year imprisonment. The square

stands as a poignant reminder of South Africa's turbulent past and its journey towards freedom.