

Guided Soweto Full Day Tour

📍 Soweto, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng, 1852, South Africa



Soweto, like the *city of Johannesburg* was linked to the discovery of gold back in the 1800's. This **Guided Soweto day tour** will not only show you this side of Johannesburg but many other hidden gems. Most of the inhabitants, mostly black, flock there looking for work on the mines. As the small city started to grow and flourish the first signs of the nation's dark future started to unfold. In the 1960's, **Soweto** was a political platform where many of the protests for equality was borne. Our **Guided Soweto Full day tour** of this interesting city covers most of the major attractions from **Vilakazi Street**, the home of former president Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. We will also visit the Hector Pieterse Memorial. A pretty sad and dark day for **South Africa** where a little boy's life was taken for what was to be known as the 'Struggle' for freedom from the oppressing government.

Experience more on this Guided Soweto Full Day Tour

After a traditional **Soweto** lunch, the next section of our **Guided Soweto full day tour** takes us on a tour of the *Apartheid museum*. This place is truly incredible. You will be taken back in history and will gain intimate knowledge into the apartheid system and how the people were treated. A pretty heavy experience emotionally !!! But something that will also give you renewed hope in the power of the human spirit and what sacrifices were made for the greater good of this 'rainbow' nation known as **South Africa**.

Is that a Soweto beer you see? Well yes sir it is indeed. A compulsory item of consumption on our Soweto full day tour.

Enjoy your Soweto Full Day Tour with an Experienced Guide

Our **guides** for the **Soweto and apartheid day tour** are borne and bred in the city. Their intimate and first hand knowledge of the history of this bustling town will leave you speechless. Should you not have a full day to experience this fantastic tour check out our Soweto half day tour by clicking on the link.

Tour Facts

Language:

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Duration:

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Tour Type:

continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Introduction

Embarking on a full-day tour of Soweto offers an incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich history, vibrant culture, and resilient spirit of one of South Africa's most famous townships. From iconic landmarks to community projects, this itinerary encompasses everything a visitor should experience. Whether you're a history buff, an adventure-seeker, or a culinary enthusiast, Soweto has something to offer everyone.

Part 1 : FNB Stadium

Overview of FNB Stadium

The day begins at the FNB Stadium, a striking architectural feat that stands as a landmark in Soweto. Known for its unique design resembling a calabash, the stadium is not only a venue for sporting events but also a cultural hub.

Significance in South African History

FNB Stadium is steeped in history, hosting pivotal moments for South Africa, including the opening ceremony of the 2010 World Cup and various rugby and soccer matches that brought the nation together. Its location in Soweto adds layers of meaning, symbolizing hope and resilience in a community once so deeply affected by apartheid. Visitors often take photos in front of the stadium to capture its significance and beauty.

Part 2 : Deep Kloof Soweto

Exploring the Vibrant Community

Next, the tour leads to Deep Kloof, where visitors can explore the vibrant community life of Soweto. This area is characterized by its lively streets, colorful murals, and friendly faces. Walking through Deep Kloof allows tourists to interact with locals, witness daily activities, and gain insight into the community's aspirations and challenges.

Local Culture and Traditions

The culture in Deep Kloof is rich and diverse, reflecting the varied ethnic backgrounds of its residents. Traditional music and dance are integral parts of community gatherings, where you can often hear the rhythmic beats of drums and see people showcasing their dance moves. Engaging with the community reinforces the importance of preserving their unique heritage and traditions.

Part 3 : Soweto Towers

Adrenaline Activities Available

After experiencing the community, it's time for some thrill at the iconic Soweto Towers. Formerly a coal-fired power station, these towers have been transformed into a hub for adventure sports. Visitors can try bungee jumping or zip-lining, offering an exhilarating way to view the township from above. The rush of adrenaline against the backdrop of Soweto's skyline is an unforgettable experience.

History of the Towers

Beyond the adrenaline, the Soweto Towers carry a rich history. They symbolize transformation, reflecting how South Africa has moved from its industrial past towards a more inclusive future. The towers stand as reminders of Soweto's struggles and triumphs, making them an essential stop on the tour.

Part 4 : Kliptown Youth Project Centre

Empowering the Youth

The Kliptown Youth Project Centre is next on the itinerary, showcasing how the community is focusing on empowering its younger generation. This center offers educational support, skills training, and mentorship, aiming to improve the lives of local youth. Visitors often find the passion and dedication of the staff inspiring, illustrating the power of community-led initiatives.

Projects and Initiatives

At the heart of the Kliptown Youth Project are various initiatives designed to uplift the community. Programs include tutoring in subjects like math and science, arts and cultural workshops, and life skills training. Engaging with these projects provides visitors with a deep understanding of the challenges and aspirations faced by young individuals in Soweto.

Part 5 : Vilikazi Street: Mandela's House

Tour of Mandela's Historic Home

Following lunch, the tour continues to Vilikazi Street, famously known as the only street in the world where two Nobel Prize winners lived: Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. A visit to Mandela's former home provides invaluable insights into his life, struggles, and the sacrifices he made in the fight against apartheid. Guided tours of the house allow visitors to view personal artifacts and learn about Mandela's legacy.

Significance of Vilikazi Street

Vilikazi Street is a vibrant area that encapsulates South Africa's complex history. Beyond Mandela's house, the street is filled with local shops, restaurants, and street vendors selling crafts and traditional foods. This blend of culture and history makes it a must-visit site for those looking to understand the narrative of South Africa's journey toward democracy.

Part 6 : Hector Pieterse Memorial

Honouring the Legacy of Hector Pieterse

The Hector Pieterse Memorial is a poignant stop on the itinerary, dedicated to the memory of Hector Pieterse, a young boy killed during the 1976 Soweto Uprising. The memorial serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by many in the fight for freedom and equality. Visitors often take a moment to reflect on the tragic events that unfolded during this period while learning about the significance of youth activism in South Africa.

Understanding the 1976 Soweto Uprising

The 1976 Soweto Uprising was a turning point in South African history, where students protested against the government's decision to enforce Afrikaans as the medium of instruction in schools. The memorial showcases the bravery of the youth who stood up against oppression, and it includes exhibits that educate visitors about the broader implications of the uprising. Engaging with this history allows visitors to appreciate the ongoing struggle for social justice.

Conclusion : End of Day

A full-day tour in Soweto encapsulates the essence of South Africa's diverse culture, complex history, and the vibrant spirit of its communities. From significant landmarks like the FNB Stadium and Nelson Mandela's home to empowering initiatives at the Kliptown Youth Project, each stop is rich in stories and experiences. This itinerary not only showcases the beauty and resilience of Soweto but also invites visitors to reflect on the shared history that unites us all.

Optional

Depending on how you feel we also have the option of visiting the Apartheid Museum and the Nelson Mandela Foundation.