



Tour 2: Tswaing Crater Museum & Transvaal museum in Pretoria

- Duration: full day
- Departure: 08:30, return: 17:00
- Price: 4 – 6 people: R 750 per person
7 – 13 people: R 650 per person
14+ people: R 480 per person
- Lunch will be served at Café Riche on the square in Pretoria.

The following venues will be visited.

Tswaing Meteorite Crater

The Tswaing Meteorite Crater is located about 40km north-west of Pretoria. Its name is derived from a Setswana word meaning “place of salt”, and the crater is today part of a conservancy nearly 2 000 hectares in size. This World Heritage site is said to have been struck by an asteroid measuring 10km in diameter, which created a crater estimated to be between 250 and 300km wide. One of Tswaing’s features is the shallow, heavily saline crater lake, which makes this meteor crater unique in Southern Africa.

The Tswaing Crater hiking trail is also dotted with various points of interest, well marked and highlighted on the trail map provided, as well as the occasional comfy park bench to catch your breath while taking in the fascinating vista. The area is a haven for bird watchers, with over 250 species and 52 different indigenous tree species. The conservancy also has several species of antelope, zebra and other small mammals.

Nature enthusiasts will be particularly enthralled by the crater and surrounds, but its intriguing landscape has an alien feel to it that everyone should experience first-hand.

Transvaal Museum

Among the city’s numerous museums are the Transvaal Museum, a natural history museum housing, among others, a fascinating archaeological display, and the Austin Roberts Bird Hall, with its extensive bird collection.

Church Square

In the heart of the city is Church Square with its statue of Paul Kruger. Clustered around the Square are several historic buildings built in the late 1880’s and 1890’s. Among them the impressive Palace of Justice, the Raadsaal, or House of Parliament and State Bank and Mint. You will embark from your vehicle at Church Square and your guide will take you on a guided tour of the Square. We shall enjoy lunch at Café Riche, an old Dutch coffee shop. Drive past the old Synagogue, where Nelson Mandela was tried for treason.