

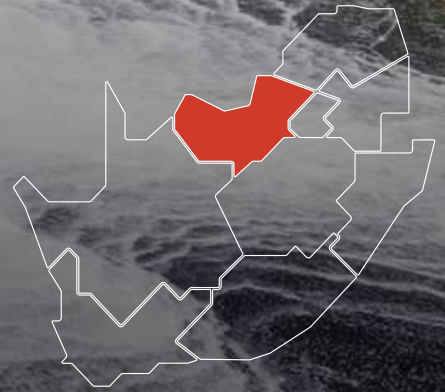
Hartbeespoort Dam, North West

North West

The Platinum Province

Arrive Intrigued. Leave Inspired.

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Find Your Feet in South Africa

Welcome to South Africa, an Incentive Destination Ready to Inspire

The evolving needs of our clients and the future of the industry is making a positive upturn, and people are choosing to travel and explore the world beyond their own borders. So as they find their footing being drawn towards South Africa, it's the perfect opportunity to expose your guests to new and colourful experiences which can be found in abundance in South Africa. Forge new paths in our destination – we are ready to ignite, entertain, and inspire once more.

South Africa as an Incentive Destination

South Africa has something for you, whether it's a group or a bespoke incentive travel programme. Our nature and wildlife offerings are second to none as the country is home to the magnificent Big 5, sighted from some of the most luxurious expansive game reserves in the world. This makes it a top contender for that once-in-a-lifetime incentive trip! The country boasts kilometres of award-winning beaches, all set against a backdrop of the blue and turquoise shades of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans. This beach experience can be coupled with group excursions to watch whales, dolphins, penguins, and birdlife. The picturesque winelands, where guests can indulge in delicious award-winning wines paired with gourmet cuisine, are the perfect dream setting for the idyllic incentive gala evening and it will no doubt tempt guests to stay longer or return for post-event leisure stays.

Welcome to the North West, the Platinum Province – Home of the Big 5

Known as the 'Platinum Province' due to its mineral wealth, the North West province is ideal for the incentive traveller who thrives on variety and adventure. The province offers exciting wildlife and outdoor encounters, as well as the opportunity to participate in a rich cultural and historical heritage. The extravagant Sun City entertainment complex is a South African fun and entertainment icon, known all over the world for its extravagant hotels, casinos, restaurants, golf courses, and entertainment venues.

Discover South Africa's National Playground

From untamed African bushveld to the sophistication of 5-star resorts, the North West Province provides the complete incentives package. Nature has blessed the Platinum Province with vast plains of the African bushveld, an escape route to wild Africa. It's also home to world-class sporting and leisure facilities, offering something for everyone to enjoy.

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Sun City

Lost City, North West Province

The Lavish Entertainment Complex is famous as a South African incentive hot spot. Along with 4 world-renowned hotels, Sun City offers a vast array of entertainment options in one place, including a themed water park, numerous restaurants, bars, gaming areas, cinemas, two championship golf courses, and a range of fun entertainment activities.

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Nature and Wildlife Reserves

Pilanesberg National Park & Game Reserve, North West Province



01

Pilanesberg Game Reserve: Nature lovers can head out for a bush excursion in the Pilanesberg Nature Reserve – the fourth largest in Africa. It is home to the Big 5 (elephant, lion, buffalo, leopard, and rhino) and a wide variety of other game, including brown hyenas, sable antelope, African wild dogs, and exquisite birdlife.



02

Madikwe Game Reserve: The Madikwe Game Reserve is situated close to the Botswana border and is approximately 2 hours' drive from Sun City. The area is home to the Big 5 and is famous for its wild dog, spotted hyena, cheetah, and elephant populations.



03

Nature Reserves: In addition to the 2 main game reserves in North West province (Madikwe and Pilanesberg), there are 12 other nature reserves and national parks: Barberspan Bird Sanctuary, Borakalalo National Park, Botsalano Game Reserve, Molemane Eye Nature Reserve, Vaalkop Dam Nature Reserve, Bloemhof Dam Nature Reserve, Boskop Dam Nature Reserve, Kgaswane Mountain Reserve, Mafikeng Game Reserve, Molopo Nature Reserve, SA Lombard Nature Reserve, and Wolwespruit Nature Reserve.



04

Ann van Dyk Cheetah and Wildlife Centre: Named after founder and conservationist, Ann van Dyk, this wildlife sanctuary has managed to breed about 600 cheetahs since the breeding programme's inception. In addition to cheetah rehabilitation, the centre has also successfully bred Cape vultures, African wild dogs, and brown hyenas.

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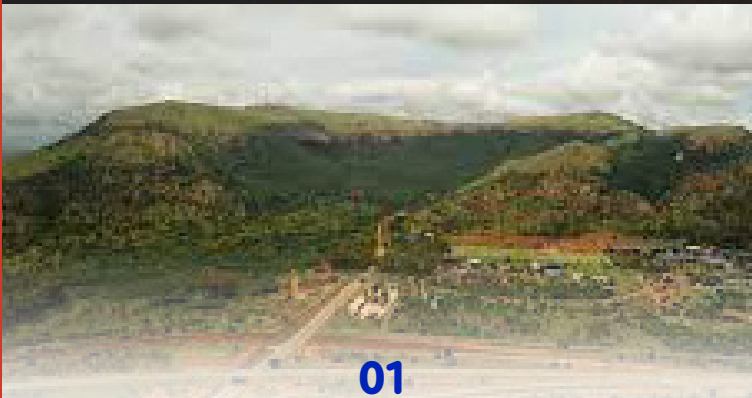


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Explore Unique Culture and Heritage

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01

Phokeng: Phokeng is a town in South Africa's North West province, in the Rustenburg Municipality, and is the Royal Bafokeng nation's capital and original home to the Sotho-Tswana people. As a business event destination, Phokeng offers versatile venues that are professionally serviced and efficiently administered.



02

Groot Marico: The town of Groot Marico is steeped in the stories told by one of South Africa's finest authors, Herman Charles Bosman. His spirit is alive and well in the town, and local history buffs will give you all the insights into his characters and his spectacular stories about 'Oom Schalk Lourens'.



03

Leeto-Kgolo Village Tour: Get an insight into the local culture by exploring the rich and dynamic history of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela tribe, the people of Pilanesberg. This tour takes guests to 4 Bakgatla heritage sites.

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Explore a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Taung Skull Heritage Site, North West Province

Taung Heritage Site: A place of great archaeological significance. It is where the Taung Skull, a 2.5-million-year-old fossilised skull of a hominid, was found in 1924 and identified by Professor Raymond Dart. The discovery of the Taung Skull was acknowledged as one of the most significant scientific findings in South Africa's history. Visitors can follow in the prehistoric footsteps of our hominid ancestors on this 45km route, which includes numerous natural attractions, including the limestone waterfall and the Blue Pools in a lush valley.

Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site: Where a massive meteorite hit the earth some 2023-million years ago, leaving a 90km-wide crater. Adventure enthusiasts can enjoy hikes and trails in the area as well as abseiling and other water-based activities along the Vaal River.

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Outdoor Adventures

Hartbeespoort Dam, North West Province



01

Hot Air Balloon Safaris: A major attraction in North West is the hot air ballooning adventures, which showcase exceptional game viewing in spectacular landscapes.



02

Adventure Activities at Pilanesberg: Enjoy various adventure activities at Pilanesberg, from game drives to bush barbeques, game walks, breakfasts in the bush, clay-target shooting, archery, urban combat paintball, and quad-biking.



03

Hartbeespoort Dam Cableway: For uninterrupted views of the magnificent Hartbeespoort Dam and Magaliesberg Mountains, take a ride in the Hartbeespoort Dam Cableway.



04

Zip-lining and Canopy Tours: The Zip 2000 at Sun City is the world's original 'extreme zip slide.' It is 280m high and treats those brave enough with two kilometres of sheer adrenalin, reaching speeds of up to 160km/h.

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DMC Partners and Incentive Suppliers

South Africa has a large database of full-service Destination Management Companies (DMCs) and Incentive Houses that have expert knowledge when it comes to logistics and arrangements of incentives, tailor-made itineraries, motivational trips, and logistics. Combining top standard tourism services and social awareness, our DMCs and Incentive Houses have an in-depth knowledge of the destinations they cover and a vast network of connections to travel agents, local tourism product suppliers, principal players, and affiliates in every country in Southern Africa. DMCs help to create experiences where business travel clients can connect with each other, and themselves, to achieve brand growth brought about by bonding over a shared experience.

By working with our DMCs, organisers can be assured of the most exclusive and unique experiences for their clients at the best rates and assistance with key selling points and anecdotes to help close the sale. Having built their businesses around a burning passion for Southern Africa, its people, animals, and landscapes, our DMCs offer prompt, accurate, creative, and relevant travel solutions and personalised services to ensure organisers and travellers return home having enjoyed the ultimate, unforgettable journey.

For more information, or assistance with DMCs, please contact the South Africa National Convention Bureau (SANCb).

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What's New in the North West?

Thanks to the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa, the North West has amazing quality-assured venues and accommodation options that maintain globally recognised standards of quality. Amazing new offerings have been launched in the past two years.

Crocodile River, North West Province



01

Lush Private Lodge:

Set within the Black Rhino Reserve in the greater Pilanesberg National Park and run on Italian hospitality, Lupini, a family-owned-and-managed boutique private game lodge offers luxury accommodation, dining, and safari experiences.



02

Babanango Game Reserve:

This new offering has views of the Nsubeni River and all its surrounds – from quartzite ridges, granite koppies, and the splendour of the bush. Situated in a remote valley. Babanango Valley Lodge offers luxury 4-star accommodation in a farmhouse setting.



03

Four Seasons Guesthouse:

Conveniently located in close proximity to business and leisure amenities, The Capital Mbombela is your accommodation of choice for your next event. Sophisticated and showcasing smart functionality it is a significant social hub for business and leisure travellers.

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Ease of Access

Accessibility

Lanseria International Airport is the nearest airport to the North West. From Johannesburg and Pretoria, the Bojanala District is an easy two-and-a-half-hour drive by car or tour bus.

Car Hire

Hertz



Bidvest

AVIS

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Did You Know?

- Effectively forming the southern part of the Kalahari Desert, the North West Province offers almost all-year-round sunshine
- Pilanesberg National Park is uniquely situated on the crater of a long-extinct volcano and is one of the largest volcanic complexes of its kind in the world
- Beneath the Hartbeespoort Dam's surface, you'll find one of South Africa's few inland dive sites, home to a sunken bus and aeroplane

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Visitor Support

Visa Regulations

Travellers looking to visit South Africa must produce a valid visa before they can enter the country. A visa will be issued for a visit for tourism or business purposes and is valid for a period of 90 days (3 months). Certain countries are exempted from visa control, which means that citizens from those countries do not need a visa to visit South Africa. For those that require visas, please note that visas are not issued at South African ports of entry, and airline officials must insist on visas before allowing passengers to board.

Requirements for a visa

Types of visas

Countries exempt from South African visas

To our Valued Partners

The SANCB has implemented a portal, which is a web-based platform allowing the business events industry to collaborate with the SANCB in bidding for business events. This tool provides personalised access and self-service by enabling convention bureaus and other business events stakeholders to solicit support from the SANCB and exchange information relating to bidding for business events. The system is integrated with the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system for operational efficiency and allows for industry partner management, consumer marketing, forecasting, and reporting.

Features of the Portal and How Will it Assist our Clients include:

- Personalised access
- A dashboard that provides a holistic view of all the user's projects
- Functionality to exchange information with the SANCB for bidding purposes
- Reporting functionality

Visit our portal for a step-by-step guide here:

<https://ncbportal.southafrica.net>

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