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*"The only man I envy is the man who has not yet been to Africa - for he has so much to look forward to."*

## **Chimhavira Gauteng Day tours**

*All tours exclude lunch but a cooler box with an assortment of drinks will be provided. You will be picked up and dropped off from your hotel.*

### **Day Trip - Pretoria & Cullinan Diamond Mine Tour**

#### **Tour Description**

Tour of Diamond Mine where the largest diamond (3,565 carats) ever found was unearthed at the Premier Mine near Pretoria. Drive through the Administrative Capital of South Africa to the Union Buildings, Paul Kruger Museum and the Voortrekker Monument.

#### **Tour cost**

R815 per person / USD 110 per person / UK £ 70 per person

### **Half Day trip – Soweto Tour**

#### **Tour Description**

Spend 4 hours visiting Soweto, the biggest and most vibrant township in South Africa, which is increasingly becoming one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country. Soweto was pivotal to the struggle for freedom, and is now full of sites of significant historical importance. Today, Soweto is a cultural melting pot, and an absolute must-see for any visiting tourist and South African alike.

#### **Tour cost**

R420 per person / USD 60 per person / UK £ 40 per person

### **Day Trip - Sterkfontein Caves**

#### **Tour Description**

Sterkfontein Caves was declared a World Heritage Site in 2000. As an archaeological site, it is the richest site in the world for early hominids, and the area has become known as the Cradle of Humankind.

You can descend deep into the complex set of limestone caves, to the edge of the underground lake, learn more about the importance of the site as an archaeological landmark.

#### **Tour cost**

R815 per person / USD 110 per person / UK £ 70 per person

## **Day Trip – Pretoria Tour**

### **Tour Description**

Drive through the administrative capital of South Africa to the Union Buildings, Kruger House Museum and the Voortrekker Monument.

The Kruger house is a house museum, i.e. it attempts to recreate the ambience of a historic period, event or person. The house has been refurbished to look almost as it did at the time when President Paul and Mrs Gezina Kruger's lived there.

An almost total historic environment has been recreated. Visitors to Kruger House should feel as though the President or Mrs Kruger might return at any moment. The furnishing plan has been based on a thorough study of the available evidence of original furnishings. In accordance with this several changes have recently been made to the interior, not as a curatorial whim, but with a view to give the visitor a more accurate conception of the life style of the Krugers.

The majestic Voortrekker Monument is situated in the northern part of South Africa in the Pretoria (Tshwane) region in a nature reserve. It is a unique Monument which commemorates the Pioneer history of Southern Africa and the history of the Afrikaner and is situated in a beautiful setting. Today it is the most visited heritage site of its kind in Gauteng and one of the top ten cultural historical visitor attractions in the country.

The Union Buildings were designed by Sir Herbert Baker and are considered to be one of the country's finest architectural masterpieces. They were the setting for President Mandelas historic inauguration on 10 May 1994. The beautifully landscaped grounds are open to the public, including features such as the amphitheatre, the Garden of Remembrance and the Delville Wood memorial.

### **Tour cost**

R815 per person / USD 110 per person / UK £ 70 per person

## **Day Trip – De Wildt Cheetah tour**

### **Tour Description**

De Wildt is a wildlife conservation project focusing on the preservation of endangered species, in particular the cheetah. Since 1974 Scientists at De Wildt have been studying and successfully breeding cheetah and other rare animals for release into the wild. The station is set in the bushveld of Magaliesberg.

Cheetah Distribution in South Africa: Historically cheetah occurred through South Africa. Until recently cheetah only occurred in large protected areas such as the Kruger National Park and some adjacent private game reserves.

Currently cheetahs are been seen on farmland areas in the Limpopo Province, certain areas of the North West Province and in areas of the Northern Cape Province. It is thought that the growth in the game ranching industry is the main reason for this, as more habitat and more prey species become available due to the game ranching practices. Other large predators such as leopard, lion and spotted hyena are also not common any more, due to persecution by farmers. These large

predators act as competitors to cheetah, and due to the eradication of these predators, cheetahs seem to be moving into areas where they have been previously exterminated by stock farmers. This is causing conflict between game farmers and cheetah as these cheetahs are preying on game species introduced by game farmers on these game farming areas.

Tour cost

R815 per person / USD 110 per person / UK £ 70 per person