

"Discover the Heart and Soul of Nelson Mandela Bay" City Tour



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What makes a good story? Not just elements of intrigue, surprise, passion, despair or victory – but a good story teller! Sithembiso Geoff Foster, a true son of Nelson Mandela Bay, is a born story teller having seen and experienced the hardship, joys and resilience that has molded the city to what it is today. He shares the story of Nelson Mandela Bay with honesty, passion and heartfelt optimism.

Nelson Mandela Bay, comprising of Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Despatch, proudly carries the name of former South African President, freedom fighter and Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Dr Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela.

It is situated on the south-eastern tip of Africa in the heart of the Eastern Cape where the Khoi, San, Xhosa, British, Germans and the Dutch settlers first met. Evidence of this cultural melting pot can be seen in the architecture, historical sites and monuments throughout the city.

TOUR DESCRIPTION:

Journey into the heart and soul of Nelson Mandela Bay....a modern city rich in the old time values, cultures and traditions of its earliest residents.

The tour will follow the foot prints left by various events and people on the heart of our city. The itinerary includes amongst others a visit to:

The **Donkin Reserve** with its renowned stone pyramid built by Sir Rufane during the early 1820's, in memory of his beloved wife who died in India shortly after giving birth to their first child.

Fort Frederick, built in 1799, stands guard over a magnificent view of Algoa Bay. It was built by the British army to prevent a possible landing by French troops during the Napoleonic wars but no defensive shot was ever fired in the 200 years of its existence.

Vuyisile Mini Square, previously known as the Market Square, is steeped in the early history of our city. It is home to the a replica of the Diaz Cross, commemorating the first European to set foot in Algoa Bay in 1488, and the Prester John Memorial – dedicated to the Portuguese explorers who came to South Africa, and the city hall constructed in 1858. The first black resistance demonstration also took place here in 1920.

The **South End Museum**, situated in South End, commemorates the people who were forcefully removed during the 1960's from the old South End, a once vibrant cosmopolitan community, by the Group Areas Act under the Apartheid laws. The museum also houses a display on the life of Dawid Stuurman, an imprisoned Khoi leader, rumoured as one of a few men that successfully escaped from Robben Island.



The highlight of the tour is a walk from the Campanile to the Donkin Reserve, known as **Route 67**. Route 67 is named after the number of years dedicated to public service by the late world icon, Nelson Mandela. The route consists of a series of works of art that include extracts from speeches by Mandela, the Voting Line and the biggest flag in the country mounted on Africa's second tallest flag pole (60m).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- South End Museum
- Vuyisile Mini Square
- Donkin Reserve
- Fort Frederick
- Route 67
- Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium (subject to availability)

DETAILS:

Duration

It is a three (3) hour round about trip by vehicle as well as a comfortable stroll along a designated section of Route 67.

Visitors will be collected from their accommodation establishment or a prearranged central point at 10:00 and will return by 13:00.

Rates

R380 per person (minimum of 2 people)

R420 per person (single)

The price includes all entrance fees, a qualified guide, transport and bottled water.

Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Terms & conditions apply



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