

# In the footsteps of struggle heroes and heroines



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Port Elizabeth and the greater Eastern Cape was the birthplace of many resistance struggles dating from around 1799 till 1895.

Nelson Mandela Bay, consisting of Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Despatch, is also known as the Home of Freedom or the "birthplace of democracy".

The tour will provide you with an opportunity to meet some of the local struggle heroes who will share their personal stories of sacrifice and hardship but also triumph and goodwill.

You will meet Mrs Mankahla, a struggle veteran from the tender age of 16. She took part in the 1956 Women's March, one of the most historic events in the struggle for Freedom and women's rights in South Africa, when 20 000 women of different races marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to deliver petitions to the Prime Minister against the pass laws. The women stood in total silence for 30 minutes before peacefully departing while singing a protest song compiled for the occasion. In the years following the march she was imprisoned on various occasions and was also placed in solitary confinement.

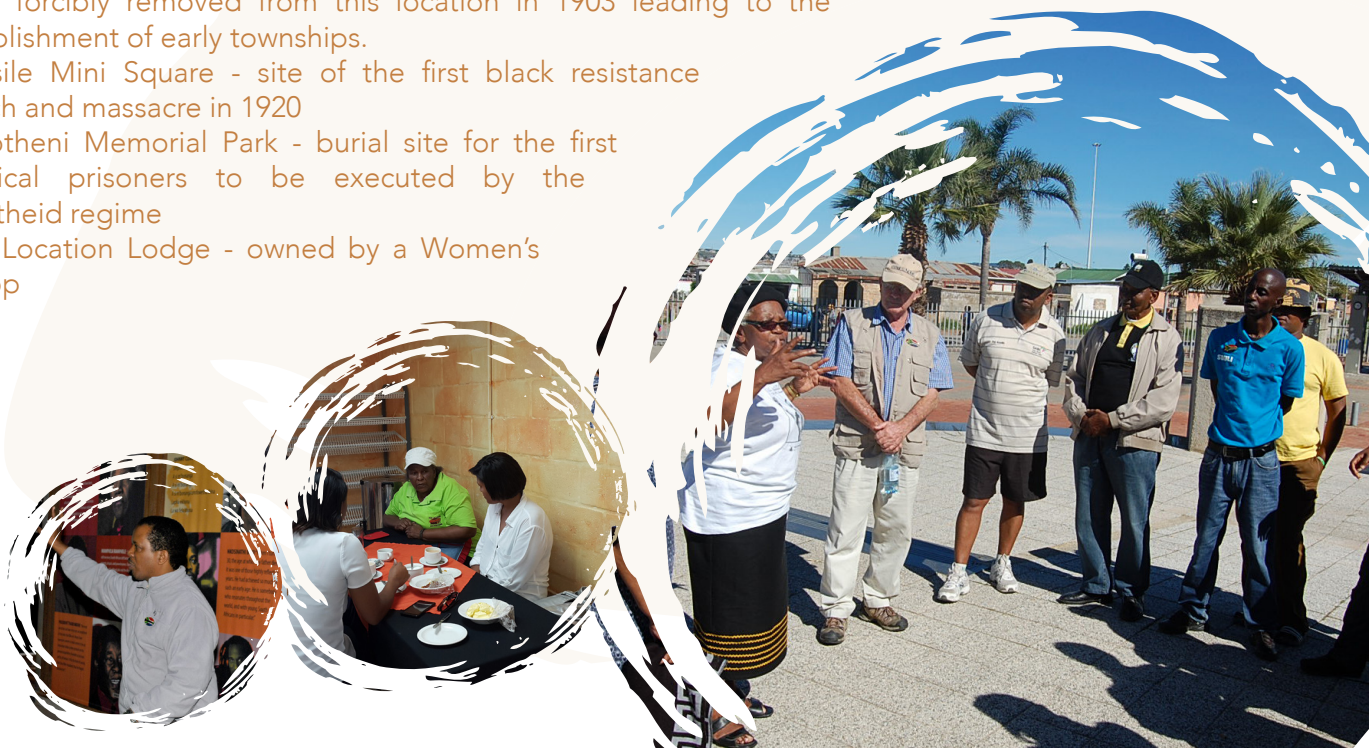
Along the route we will meet up with jazz musician, community activist and a pastor, Rev Pasha, who used his music to heal broken souls. His music and interactions provided hope for many of the young people during the State of Emergency.

You will be introduced to Mrs Msezeli, affectionately known as Mama Afrika, who joined the struggle in support of the youth during the 1970's. During the struggle she was detained and tortured by the security police. She will share how instead of being consumed by her pain and anger, she channeled her energy into finding ways in which the communities can benefit through economic development. This in turn led to the establishment of the Red Location Women's Co-operative that owns a lodge and runs various projects within the Red Location community.

## TOUR DESCRIPTION:

### We will visit the following attractions:

- Site of the former Gubbs Location in Target Kloof. Black people were forcibly removed from this location in 1903 leading to the establishment of early townships.
- Vuyisile Mini Square - site of the first black resistance march and massacre in 1920
- Emlotheni Memorial Park - burial site for the first political prisoners to be executed by the apartheid regime
- Red Location Lodge - owned by a Women's Co-op



## Details:

### Duration

It is a four (4) hour trip starting at 9:00 and concluding at 13:00

### Rates

R500 per person (minimum of 2 people)

R520 per person (single)

The price includes the guided excursion, transport, bottled water and entrance fees.  
The price does not include transfers from outside Port Elizabeth, accommodation or meals.

Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat in summer.

*Terms & conditions apply*



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