



COMPANIONS PROGRAMME

Day 2: Tuesday 1 May – Pretoria and Cullinan Diamond Mine with lunch (SEK800)



Learn about the fascinating history of South Africa during a Pretoria city experience. Pretoria is the capital of South Africa and full of historic sites. We visit the Union Buildings, headquarters of the government. The buildings are beautifully situated in terraced gardens, through which you can enjoy an idyllic walk. Another major attraction on this tour is the Voortrekker Monument. This monument is of great significance to many Afrikaans speaking South Africans, there it stands for Afrikaner Nationalism. The monument is in the shape of a big stone cube. The interior walls depict the story of the Great Trek, a mass movement of Afrikaner Boers who resented British rule. Next interesting site on our tour is the Paul Kruger House Museum. Kruger National Park is named after Paul Kruger. Paul Kruger was a resistance leader and key figure in the Transvaal war against the British in 1880/1881. In 1882 at the age of 57 Kruger Was Elected President of The Transvaal and later took up residence at Kruger House in Pretoria. Learn more about this fascinating man and his life. The house displays furniture and personal items of the Kruger family. Pretoria has character in its buildings and during this city architecture tour you will be given ample opportunity to ask your guide about the history behind the buildings and culture. We visit Church Square with prominent buildings like the Ou Raadsaal, Palace of Justice and Capital Theatre. After driving through the tree lined avenues of Pretoria (aka The Jakaranda City) we take you to the world famous Cullinan Diamond Mine. The Cullinan diamond mine has produced some of the most perfect and alluring gemstones ever seen by man, such as the spectacular Cullinan Diamond. Some of these glamorous gems have inspired myths, legends, fables and romances and have been possessed by stars and royalty alike. This tour covers the history of the mine, mining methods and the geological processes that are responsible for the creation of diamonds. (Please note that you will enjoy a surface tour of the mine and you will not be going down the mine due to time constraints.)

Dress: comfortable athletic clothing, hiking boots / walking shoes, hat, jacket and sunscreen.

Tour departs from the Hilton Hotel at 09h00 and returns at 15h30.

Included: transfers in a comfortable vehicle and entrance to Paul Kruger house Museum, Voortrekker Monument and Nature Reserve, the Cullinan Diamond Mine with lunch in the village of Cullinan.

Not included: personal purchases, food and drinks other than lunch.