



## COMPANIONS PROGRAMME

Day 4: Thursday 3 May – Soweto, Johannesburg and its surroundings with lunch at a Shebeen (In South Africa a “shebeen” is an informal licensed drinking place in a township) (SEK 600)

Today we visit a city within a city – experience photo genetic, bustling **Soweto**. On this tour, your guide, who was born and raised in Soweto, will take you past all the hotspots in Soweto and take you deep into the township culture to enjoy a personal experience of how vibrant and lively this part of Johannesburg really is.



On our way to Soweto we pass by the National Football Stadium, which hosted the opening and closing ceremonies of the World Cup 2010. We enter the Diepkloof area, where we will take a walk past vendors selling just about anything. In Orlando West we visit Vilakazi Street- drive past the former home of Nelson Mandela and past the homes of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Winnie Mandela. You will also have entrance into the Regina Mundi Church. You will have an opportunity to read about the Soweto uprising on 16 June 1976. On that tragic day an innocent little boy called Hector Pieterse gave up his life and kick-started the liberation of South Africa. We continue our Soweto tour driving into one of the shanty towns where you get to interact with some of the locals. By now you will have seen the good, the bad and the ugly facets of Soweto. We drive past the Soweto Campus of the Johannesburg University and stop at the largest hospital in the world: Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital. Also included in today's tour is the Apartheid Museum and afterwards, a mini drive through the city centre of Johannesburg to view the Nelson Mandela bridge, amongst other interesting areas like Hillbrow and Constitution Hill.

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 Nelson Mandela House Museum, Hector Pietersen Memorial, Apartheid Museum, and lunch at a Shebeen.

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

PS - For the adventurous at heart, the Orlando towers situated next to the Shebeen houses a 100 m high Bungee Jumping platform for those brave enough to take the leap (R550 per person (±\$40 US) not included in price).

