



Tshwane is full of art and culture. The fascinating history, diverse population and interesting findings in the area have led to the most beautiful collections in museum houses, excavations and ruins.

A myriad of museums bears testimony to the history of this incredible city and the nation it represents. Ancient history can be explored in the Mapungubwe Museum of the University of Pretoria or the Ditsong National Museum of Natural History which houses geological and archaeological treasures millennia old. For a more recent historical perspective there is Melrose House, Sammy Marks Museum and Smuts House. A collection of specialist museums cover topics such as video and film, agriculture, correctional services and the development of the National Air Force.



#### 1 AFRICAN WINDOW MUSEUM

The National Cultural History Museum is regarded as a centre for living culture and it focuses on the diversity of the country's cultures and history of its people. It includes objects, manuscripts, documents, records, photographs and publications on cultural history in all areas in South Africa. Some of the highlights include a Stone Age exhibit, an Iron Age exhibit and historic archaeology site. There are collections of San rock engravings, Cape Dutch furniture, and of silver and archaeological material. The museum also has an art gallery that displays a rich array of paintings and sculptures from the various cultures of South Africa.

Operating hours: 08H00 – 16H00  
Entrance fees: R 35.00  
Contact: +27 (0) 12 324 6082  
Address: 149 Visagie Street, Pretoria



#### 2 ANTON VAN WOUW MUSEUM

The Van Wouw Museum is a Dutch national monument and is home to a collection of the Dutch-born sculptor, Anton Van Wouw's work. The building was the last home and studio of the late sculptor and was designed by Norman Eaton in 1938. Van Wouw's moved to Pretoria from the Netherlands in 1880 and his first commissioned work (ten years later) was a statue of Paul Kruger, the State President of the South African Republic, which still dominates Church Square today.

Operating hours : 10H00 – 16H00  
Entrance Fee : Free  
Contact: +27 (0)12 420 6419  
Address: Ou Merensky Library, University of Pretoria, Gauteng, 0002

#### 3 CLAUDE MALAN MUSEUM

This collector's showroom and museum is a haven for historians and collectors alike. Books, art, diamonds, gold & silver, porcelain, dolls, militaria, Art Deco & Art Nouveau, antique furniture, clocks & watches, cameras, gramophones, copper, brass, bronzes, tinplate toys and much more.

Contact: +27 (0) 12 362-065  
Address: Lynwood Road, Hillcrest, Pretoria.

#### 4 CORRECTIONAL SERVICE MUSEUM

With a permanent exhibition at this maximum security prison, the museum represents some of the history of the Department of Correctional Services – the buildings previously occupied by inmates and wardens, and the life and times of prisoners within the premises.

Operating hours: 09H00 – 15H00  
Contact: +27 (0) 12 314 1766  
Address: Bosman and Visagie Street, Pretoria



#### 5 EDOARDO VILLA MUSEUM

The Eduardo Villa museum is situated in the Old Merensky Library on the University of Pretoria's main campus. Edoardo Villa, the namesake of the museum, was an Italian born artist who wound up in South Africa after being taken as a prisoner of war in World War 2. Along with greats such as Cecil Skotnes and Sydney Kumalo, he was a member of the artist group, Amadlozi, responsible for the appropriation of African sculpture traditions.

Operating hours: 10H00 – 16H00  
Entrance fees: Free  
Contact: +27 (0)12 420 6419  
Address: off Lynwood Road, Pretoria, South Africa, Gauteng



#### 6 FORT KLAPPERKOP

Fort Klapperkop was the third fort erected before the outbreak of the Anglo-Boer War (1899 to 1902) to protect Pretoria. The fort has been restored historically correct and arranged as a museum, with permanent exhibitions of Anglo-Boer War objects and furniture. The Fort includes the following rooms: Ammunite, Hospitaal, Keuken, Machine, Telegraaf, Stal and Manschappen.

Operating hours: 10H00 – 16H00 (Tue - Fri)  
Entrance fees: R20.00  
Contact: +27 (0)12 346 7703  
Address: Johan Rissk Avenue, Pretoria

#### 7 GEOSCIENCE MUSEUM

The Geoscience Museum has one of the major mineral collections in Africa, with over 9 000 specimens on display out of a total of approximately 20 000 specimens. Also on display is a piece of moon-rock, a major collection of meteorites, and an extensive display of vital economic minerals. Other Geoscience Museum highlights include a display of the Geoscience Museum gemstone collection and a display about the O'Okiep copper deposits. The Geoscience Museum displays a fascinating collection of precious and semiprecious stones.

Operating hours: 08H00 – 16H00  
Contact: +27 (0)12 322 7122/3  
Address: 413 Paul Kruger Street



#### 8 KRUGER MUSEUM

The Kruger Museum and its contents bear witness to the forceful personality of the man who lived there as leader of a small republic in southern Africa, at a stormy and unsettling time of his people's long struggle against British imperialism.

Operating hours: 08H30 – 16H30  
Entrance fees: R35.00  
Contact: +27 (0) 12 000 0010  
Address: 60 WF Nkomo Street, Pretoria



#### 9 MCHARDY HOUSE MUSEUM

The first residence to be erected in the village in 1903 which was inhabited by the General Manager of the mine being that of William McHardy and his family.

Contact: 082 923 0242  
Address: 101 Oak Avenue, Cullinan



#### 10 MELROSE HOUSE MUSEUM

Melrose House still contains most of its original furniture and finishing's, including stained glass windows, and exquisite carpets. Antique fairs and other exhibitions are regularly hosted in the gardens of Melrose House, and there is also a tea garden.

Operating hours: 10h00 – 17h00  
Entrance fees: R8.00  
Contact: +27 (0)12 322 2805 / 0420  
Address: 275 Jacob Mare Street

#### 11 MUSEUM OF CULTURAL HISTORY

The National Cultural History Museum explores South Africa's cultural diversity in various permanent and temporary exhibitions. Exhibitions include rock paintings and engravings of the San people

Operating hours: 08H00 – 16H00  
Entrance fees: R 35.00  
Contact: +27 (0) 12 324 6082  
Address: 149 Visagie Street, Pretoria

#### 12 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

With the increasing number of donations of items made, fossils of plants and animals, and items of European origin – particularly those introduced by Boers and Voortrekkers – the collection rapidly expanded. Today the collection at the Museum of Natural History is housed in a magnificent sandstone building, its entrance dominated by dinosaur skeletons, filled with cavernous display halls.

Operating hours: 08H00 – 16H00  
Entrance fees: R 30.00  
Contact: +27 (0) 12 322 7632  
Address: 1432 Paul Kruger Street, Pretoria

#### 13 PIERNEEF HOUSE MUSEUM

Jacob Hendrik Pierneef is one of South Africa's most well known artists. He was born in Pretoria in 1886 and moved to Holland at the time of the Boer War. He studied there and then returned home to South Africa, which is when his artworks became so prominent in this country.

A collection of his works as well as some of his personal items can be seen at the Pierneef Museum which is a beautifully refurbished 19th century house.

Operating hours: 08H00 – 16H00  
Contact: +27 (0)12 323-1419  
Address: 218 Vermeulen Street, Pretoria

## 14 PIONEER MUSEUM

The Pioneer open air Museum is set in a restored Victorian homestead complete with horse mill, threshing floor and farming implements. A real turning back of the clock in South African farming culture. There are several demonstrations on offer, including wheat grinding, coffee roasting, bread making, candle making and hide curing.

Operating hours: 07H30 – 16H00  
 Entrance fees: R 20.00  
 Contact: +27 (0) 12 813 8006  
 Address: Keuning Drive, Silverton, Pretoria

## 15 POST OFFICE MUSEUM

The Post Office Museum is devoted to the history and development of postal services (stamps, telephone, telegraph) in South Africa.

Operating hours: 09H00 – 16H00  
 Address: Church Square

## 16 PRETORIA ART MUSEUM

The Pretoria Art Museum was established in order to house the City's growing art collection, which had been built up since the early 1930s. In order to reflect the historical diversity of art in South Africa, the museum has of late given attention to contemporary developments in Southern African art – urban and rural as well as traditional art, and new media and techniques.

Operating hours: 10H00 – 17H00 (Tue - Sun)  
 Entrance fees: R 20.00  
 Contact: +27 (0) 12 358 6750  
 Address: Cnr Francis Baard and Wessels Str



## 17 SAMMY MARKS MUSEUM

The Sammy Marks Museum is a Victorian mansion called Zwartkoppies Hall. The estate originally belonged to 19th century agricultural, industrial and mining tycoon Sammy Marks, who lived there with his wife, Bertha, and nine children. At the 48-room mansion, with its lush gardens and tennis courts, 30 guests could easily be entertained at a time and the huge, 10-plate stove and five ovens bear testimony to this.

Operating hours: 10H00 – 17H00  
 Entrance fees: R 45.00  
 Contact: +27 (0) 12 755 9542  
 Address: Old Bronkhorstspuit Rd, Donkerhoek

## 18 SMUTS HOUSE MUSEUM

Home to General Jan Smuts for over 40 years, is a unique museum that reveals much about the life and the spirit of this great statesman. Soldier, scholar, statesman and philosopher, General Jan Christiaan Smuts was one of South Africa's most remarkable leaders, an enigmatic and multifaceted person who was never fully understood by his countrymen. But despite his fame and many talents, Smuts was at heart a simple man who yearned for peace and simplicity.

Operating hours: 08H00 – 16H00  
 Contact: +27 (0) 12 667 1176  
 Address: Doornkloof in Irene



## 19 SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE MUSEUM

The police museum contains exhibits covering the turbulent history of the nation's police force and includes some grisly exhibits on celebrated crimes, and a display on police transport both inside and outside the museum.

Operating hours: 09H00 – 17H00 (Tue - Sun)  
 Entrance fees: R 10.00  
 Contact: +27 (0) 12 353 6770  
 Address: Street cnr Pretorius & Volkstem Sts



## 20 TSWAING METEORITE CRATER

Some 220 000 years ago a blazing stony meteorite the size of half a football field slammed into the earth's crust. The impact formed a huge crater, 1.4 km in diameter and 200m deep. This crater is one of the best-preserved meteorite impact craters in the world. The name Tswaing means Place of Salt in Setswana, and refers to a saline lake that covers the crater floor. From 1912 to 1950 an industry producing soda ash and salt was based at the crater.

Operating hours: 07H30 – 16H00  
 Entrance fees: R 45.00  
 Contact: +27 (0) 12 000 0041  
 +27 076 9455 911  
 Address: Plot 149 JR Soutpan



## 21 VOORTREKKER MONUMENT AND MUSEUM

Voortrekker Monument 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.

Operating hours: 08H00 – 17H00  
 Entrance fees: R 70.00  
 Contact: +27 (0) 12 326 6770 / 325 7885  
 Address: Euefees Road, Groenkloof

## 22 WILLEM PRINSLOO AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

The Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum preserves and presents South African agricultural history in a unique manner. The Museum showcases the history of the development of agriculture in South Africa from the Stone Age until 1945. It has a large collection of farming implements, tractors and animal-drawn vehicles.

Operating hours: 08H00 – 16H00  
 Entrance fees: R 35.00  
 Contact: +27 (0) 12 736 2035 / 6  
 Address: Farm Kaalfontein, Rayton

## 23 ZONDERWATER ITALIAN POW MUSEUM

During the Second World War, the South African Armed Forces accepted the surrender of the main Italian force in Abyssinia. These POW's were transported to South Africa to Sonderwater.

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 Address: Cullinan



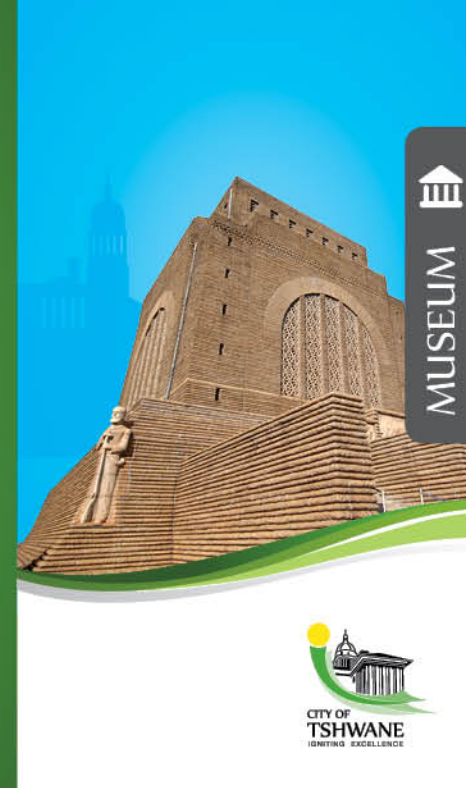
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