

BROWN SUGAR BACKPACKERS – JOHANNESBURG

- We are a very safe and secure hostel; located only 15 minutes from the OR Tambo International Airport and 6km from Park Station (Central Bus, Train and Gautrain station) and City of Joburg
- Eastgate International Shopping Mall, Food Lovers Market, China Town, Oriental City and many other shops are only 5 minutes by car from Brown Sugar. Bezuidenhout Park is 300m from the lodge to take long walks, play soccer or for team building events
- We are the most popular hostel and best equipped to accommodate groups

FACILITIES AT BROWN SUGAR

- We have Loadshedding under control at Brown Sugar
- We have a generator to ensure that the lights and plugs stay on during loadshedding
- The generator will run between at night only and normally between 19h00 and 22h00
- NOTE: No appliances that generate heat can be used, irons, ovens, microwaves, hair dryers, electric blankets, heaters, etc during these hours, It will trip and damage the generator
- We have gas geysers to ensure hot water at all times and gas stoves for cooking
- We have a large common TV room & entertainment area with a R5 coin operated pool table and DSTV, leading onto the patio area that can seat about 40-50 people.
- We have a gas grille, pizza oven and open fire place where you can bask in the sun and enjoy the lovely leafy view of the Eastern suburbs while having a braai!
- We have a sparkling swimming pool with more breathtaking views as the property stretches up the hill and over 3000 square meters and lovely gardens.
- We have open braai areas next to the swimming pool but no life guard on duty and no swimming allowed after dark

We are very popular with large groups and the children, parents and educators love our safe place.

IMPORTANT: Your school have to make a booking for small to large school groups in advance and make sure you get a CONFIRMATION via fax or e-mail from these places. Many of these don't take large groups over weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) or offer discounted rates

MOST POPULAR EDUCATIONAL TOURS and ACTIVITIES

We have taken the time and compiled this most popular educational and activity guide for our groups that come to Johannesburg and Pretoria. You can save you time and money by planning your trip properly and well in advance to ensure discounted rates and avoid disappointment.

JOHANNESBURG – JOBURG – JOZI – EGOLI (City of Gold)

1. **SABC** (South African Broadcast Company) [**HALF DAY**] Book an educational tour. Experience how TV broadcasting works and meet or greet some celebrities in the passages
TEL: 011-714-3744 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL and E-mail: maganeb@sabc.co.za
Entrance Fees: Will be communicated to the school
2. **GOLD REEF CITY THEME PARK [FULL DAY]:** Operating hours: Thu-Sun from 09h00 to 17h00 where all park rides are included and enquire about the 600m underground tour down a mine shaft for groups, don't forget to ask about your school group discounted rates. **TEL: 011-248-6800**
Entrance Fees: Estimated at R250 per person (Grades 5-12) No discount on weekends & school holidays.
3. **JOHANNESBURG ZOO [HALF DAY]:** Mon to Fri from 08h30 to 17h30. The Zoo was Established in 1904 and host over 2000 animals with many awareness programmes, edutainment, as well as smell, hear, touch & feel programmes.
TEL: 011-646-2000
Entrance Fees: Learners & Educators enquire online (Monday to Friday) Note: Sat, Sun & School Holidays could be more
4. **PLANETARIUM [HALF DAY]:** Mon to Fri from 07h00 to 14h00. You can view the milky way, the stars, moon and planets up close and personal through the big telescope
TEL: 011-717-1394 (School bookings) **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Confirm booking before arrival
Entrance Fees: Groups of 20 or more can ask about rates for groups
5. **APARTHEIDS MUSEUM [HALF DAY]** Mon to Sun from 09h00 to 17h00. Experience the full story and history made. **TEL: 011-309-4700 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** School groups needs to CONFIRM 4-6 weeks before date of arrival via E-mail: info@apartheidsmuseum.org
Entrance Fees: R55 per learner and R60 per Educator (No children under 6 years allowed)
6. **SOWETO [HALF DAY]** Make sure you visit the following museums in SOWETO:
 - 6.1 **Nelson Mandela's House.** Tue to Sun from 09h00 to 15h00 (Last tour for school groups) **TEL: 011-936-7754 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**
Entrance Fees: From R5-R11 per learner and R22 per Educator. Duration of Tour: 15-20 minutes and a maximum of 30 people per tour. Split the group between Mandela House and Hector Peterson Museum (They are close to each other)
 - 6.2 **Hector Peterson Museum** Tue to Sun from 10h00 to 14h00 (Last tour for school groups) **TEL: 011-536-0611.** Duration of Tour: 35-40 minutes
Entrance Fees: Primary School R5 per learner and R22 per Educator
 High School R11 per learner and R22 per Educator

7. **THE CRADLE of HUMANKIND [FULL DAY]:** Mon to Fri from 09h00 to 16h00 (Last tour for school groups) Visit the **STERKFORTEIN CAVES** combined with the **MAROPENG** centre towards Krugersdorp for a full day tour or activity. The children can crawl in the caves, dress comfortable and wear practical shoes (**no high heels**).

TEL: 014-577-9000 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AND E-mail: dorcust@maropeng.co.za

Entrance Fees: Please call and get rates for school groups (Note: Ask if they still offer the following: For every 10 learners ONE educator will be NO CHARGE or FREE)

Duration of Tour: 3-4 hours Note: Travel time to and from Maropeng from Brown Sugar BP could be 2-3 hours, depending on the traffic. This will be a Full Day activity

8. **RED BUS or CITY TOUR OF JOBURG or CITY SIGHT SEEING JOBURG [HALF DAY]:**

Depart from Constitutional Hill Mon to Sun from 09h45 to 17h20 (last bus in)

Web Page: www.citysightseeing.co.za

TEL: 010 009 0095 ask for the JOHANNESBURG staff.

Group Bookings: e-mail jackieg@citysightseeing.co.za Duration of Tour: 2-3 hours on the bus

The big red open bus will take you past the Top 20 Johannesburg attractions with easy access on the HOP-ON-HOP-OFF bus in Johannesburg. You will receive your own pair of ear phones (to keep) for running commentary. Combine with Carlton Centre (The Top of Africa)

9. **CONSTITUTION HILL (Combine with City Sight Seeing Bus):** Mon to Sun from 09h00 to 17h00. **TEL: 011-381-3100** and see this national heritage site where the Apartheids shackles were broken in this notorious old fort prison complex.
10. **JAMES HALL TRANSPORT MUSEUM:** Tue to Fri from 09h00 to 16h30. **TEL: 011-435-9718.** This is the largest and most comprehensive museum of land transport in South Africa.
11. **SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM of MILITARY HISTORY: TEL: 011-646-5513** where you can see all types of guns, tanks, armoured cars, aircraft and naval hardware, including a one-man submarine called the Molch used by the Germans in the 2nd World War.
12. **THE SCI-BONO DISCOVERY CENTRE [HALF DAY]:** Mon to Fri from 09h00 to 17h00.

TEL: 011-639-8400 Web Page: www.sci-bono.co.za and E-mail: info@sci-bono.co.za

The centre is situated in the precinct of Newtown is the largest in the line of impressive facilities dedicated to the improvement of science, mathematics and technology particularly amongst students at school level. **Entrance Fees as follow:**

Fully Subsidised Schools

: FREE

Gauteng Public Schools : R___ per learner
Independent Schools : R___ per learner
Educators : FREE entry for ONE educator per 15 learners

13. **CARLTON CENTRE or THE TOP of AFRICA [HALF DAY]:** Mon to Fri from 09h00 to 17h00 **TEL: 011-308-1331 or 011-308-2876** also known as the Roof of Africa situated in the Carlton Centre in the heart of Joburg. This used to be the tallest building in Africa stretching 223m up in the sky where you will have a bird's eye panoramic view of the city of gold. Duration: 45-60 minutes

Entrance Fees: R___ per child under 10 years and R___ per adult 11 years and older

14. **GAUTRAIN [HALF DAY] (Combine with Pretoria Trip or visit to Mall of Africa in Midrand)**

TEL: 0800-4288-7246. Experience the speed train between Joburg and Pretoria. The bus can drop the group in Pretoria/Midrand and wait for them at Park Station. The train will pass through the following stations (The route to the OR Tambo Airport is VERY expensive)

(Pretoria) Hatfield-Centurion-Midrand- Marlboro-Sandton-Rosebank-Park Station (Joburg)

Note: It is easy for the busses to park and wait for the group at any of these stations.

Each passenger MUST purchase a GOLD CARD at about R16 per person plus fare rate.

To Buy Tickets for schools in BULK go to the Web Page: www.gautrain.co.za
Select "MENU" and look for "RELOAD CARD" Click on "Order Gautrain Cards in Bulk" Complete the form and submit information **TIP:** Avoid peak periods for this activity

E-mail: gautrainexcursion@bombela.com

15. **FNB STADIUM TOUR (Combine with Soweto visit) TEL: 011-247-5300**

Web Page: www.stadiummanagement.co.za Book your tour online

A Professional guide will take your school on a memorable and enlightening tour of the FNB Stadium, the iconic 94 000-seater stadium. The learners will have the opportunity to witness first hand where their heroes prepare to play. Duration of tour: 60 minutes

Entrance Fees: R___ per learner and R___ per educator

16. **CHINA MALL [2 hours] Mon to Sat from 08h30 to 17h00 TEL: 011-830-1588**

Very large wholesale mall with 500 shops

Address: C/O Main Reef and Production roads in Amalgam. Close to Gold Reef City

17. **SOWETO TOURISM VISITOR SERVICES CENTRE**

Please call or Whatsapp them on : +27 (0) 65 920 9718 or send an e-mail to: info@sowetotourism.org.za or visit their Web Site: www.sowetotourism.org.za

SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT TOURS AND ACTIVITIES TO COMBINE IN JOBURG TO SAVE TIME

1. SOWETO (20 minutes from Brown Sugar BP)

- Hector Peterson Museum, Nelson Mandela House and FNB Stadium Tour

2. JOBURG CBD (10-15 minutes from Brown Sugar BP)

- SABC, Planetarium, Sci-Bono Discovery Centre and Carlton Centre
- City Sightseeing Bus (Red Bus) Hop-on-hop-off with Top 20 Joburg attractions. You can download the map from the web page to web attractions and stops.

3. JOBURG and SURROUNDINGS

- Joburg Zoo (15 minutes from Brown Sugar BP) and Gautrain (5-7 minutes from the Zoo) trip to Mall of Africa (Depart from Rosebank to Midrand) for some shopping
- Constitution Hill, City Sightseeing Bus and Apartheids Museum (10 minutes from Brown Sugar BP)
- Cradle of Humankind (Sterkfontein Caves and Maropeng) Full day trip. (60-80 minutes from Brown Sugar BP, depending on traffic)
- Golf Reef City and Shopping at China Mall near Gold Reef City (20 min from Brown Sugar BP)

TOUR GUIDE, TRANSPORT AND TRANSFERS

Please let us know if you need a qualified tour guide, busses or transfers and we will get a quote and book these services for you in and around Johannesburg and Pretoria

PRETORIA CITY (Administration Capital of RSA) or TSHWANE

TIP: You can either START your trip in Pretoria or FINISH the LAST day of your tour to view and visit one or more of the following places or combine with the GAUTRAIN TRIP

- 1. UNION BUILDINGS: TEL: 012-300-5200 [Attraction] Free entrance daily**

Designed in 1910 as the administrative centre of the South African Government where Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as the first democratic President of South Africa in 1994.

2. NATIONAL MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY: [Previously the Transvaal Museum] Mon-Sun from 08h00 to 16h00 **TEL: 012-322-7632 or 012-492-1358**

Situated on Paul Kruger Street in Pretoria the Transvaal museum was built and completed in 1913. The museum was renamed the National Museum of Natural History in April 2010 and exhibits an impressive collection of Invertebrates with four display halls.

3. VOORTREKKER MONUMENT: [Monument] **TEL: 012-326-6770 or CELL: 083 357 6522**

Monday to Sunday: 01 May – 31 Aug 08h00 to 17h00 and 1 Sep – 30 Apr 08h00 to 18h00

On 16 December 1949 the Voortrekker monument was inaugurated, which commemorate the Great Trek in honour of the Voortrekkers, who left the Cape Colony in their thousands between 1835 and 1854 and is truly a wonderful site to visit, filled with art, history and architecture.

4. SOUTH AFRICAN CULTURAL HISTORY MUSEUM: [Museum] Mon to Sun from 08h00 to 16h00. **TEL: 012-328-5173 or 012-492-5744** E-mail: info@mitsong.org.za

This museum lies on Visagie street in the Old Mint and is often referred to as the African Window because this museum retraces the steps of history as far back as the Stone Age and look at individual cultures in the greatest of detail.

Entrance Fee: R__ for learners and R__ for educators

5. FREEDOM PARK: [Heritage site] Mon to Sun from 09h00 to 16h00 **TEL: 012 336 4020 for bookings [Old numbers 012-470-7400 or CELL: 079 873 9092]**

Just outside of Pretoria on Salvokop, is a truly unique monument to the evolution of South Africa, and to humanity. Freedom Park is an attraction in South Africa that highlights the significant events in the country's history, and the moments that shaped and paved the road to freedom and democracy. It reminds us of our past victories and roots for the heroes of the struggle.

6. PRETORIA ZOO: Mon to Sun from 08h30 to 17h30 TEL: 012- 339-2700
WEB page: www.nzg.ac.za e-mail: infonzg@sanbi.org.za

The National Zoological Gardens of South Africa is the largest zoo in the country and the only one with National status. An Aquarium and Reptile Park also forms part of the zoo.

- **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU MAKE ALL YOUR BOOKINGS IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT ON ARRIVAL**
- **LARGE GROUPS WILL NOT BE ACCOMMODATED, IF NO BOOKING WAS MADE**

- **YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY GROUP THAT VISIT THESE PLACES OF INTEREST AND THE PEAK SEASON FOR GROUPS is between APRIL and OCTOBER**
- **REMEMBER TO ASK IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THE GROUP OR SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON RESERVATION OF THE REQUIRED DATES**

You are welcome to send over parents, family or friends to come and view our safe, secure and lovely hostel prior to making a booking. Please call Liezel on 083 440 0301 to make an appointment.

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