

*In support of ISIC2020 and an extended stay in South Africa, Tshwane Tourism prepared information on the city. **Pretoria** is also known as Tshwane and falls under the larger municipality of City of Tshwane.*

Hatfield

Hatfield is a vibrant and dynamic precinct famous for its night life and it is a popular meeting spot for the young and young at heart. Hatfield lies in the heart of Pretoria, just outside the city centre between Arcadia and Lynnwood. The lovely, sedate neighbourhood of Hatfield has become known as the embassy suburb because of the inclination of embassies to move into the large homes that grace the area, which does, in turn, give one an indication of their size.

Hatfield is a home to the University of Pretoria and to Loftus Versfeld stadium, which underwent a multi-million rand facelift in preparation for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Hatfield has its own burgeoning business area, and the Hatfield Plaza with its shops and entertainment, as well as a number of restaurants, are all located in the suburb. There is literally never a dull moment in Hatfield.

The centre of Pretoria is only about 5 kilometres from Hatfield and provides a good day's outing if you take in the monuments, museums, old buildings and green spaces. Stop for tea at the Stables at Melrose House, just across Burger's Park. The park may no longer constantly be the site of midday picnics, but morning or afternoon tea is still high on the agenda, and guided tours through the house are a must.

In the other direction entirely, the National Botanical Gardens in Cussonia Avenue just after the CSIR complex beckon any visitor to Pretoria, and from Hatfield it is an easy trip to make. The beautiful gardens are divided in two by a 50 metre high quartzite outcrop, and paved nature trails make navigating the fascinating natural vegetation a pleasure. Take along a picnic and you're set for a day of enjoyment.

Featured Attractions in (or near) Hatfield

- Gautrain Station:

The Gautrain is an 80 kilometre mass rapid transit railway system, which is a long-winded way of saying that Johannesburg constructed a (really) fast train that cuts out all of the traffic to and from the airport. Its presence is estimated to cut 20% of the cars that usually frequent the N1 highway, en route to and from OR Tambo Airport.

HELPLINE: 0800-GAUTRAIN or 0800 428 87246 (Toll-free)

- University of Pretoria:

The University of Pretoria is one of the largest residential universities in South Africa and is situated in South Africa's ever expanding administrative capital. It embodies the rich diversity and depth of South African society. This world class research and training institution has become the driving force behind the innovation generation and provides the intellectual home of the rich diversity of South Africa's academic talent. Through excellence in research

and other fields, the institution has become a preferred partner in academia, both nationally as well as internationally.

Lynnwood road, Hillcrest, Pretoria

Tel: +27 12 420 4111

- Loftus Versfeld Stadium:

In the city of Tshwane (Pretoria), Loftus Versfeld is situated 5 km from the city centre. To qualify for selection as a first and second round venue for the 2010 FIFA™ World Cup, the floodlights, sound system and scoreboard at Loftus Versfeld were upgraded and designated media areas were constructed in the lower level of the west stand.

Cnr of Lynnwood Road & Kirkness Street

TEL: +27 12 420 0700

- Hatfield Plaza:

Hatfield Plaza Shopping Centre is a vibrant recreation of quality merchandise within modern and spacious surroundings, in a safe and relaxed environment. The centre is situated in the heart of Hatfield and has a compliment of 70 tenants; secure parking and facilities in an appealing atmosphere.

1122 Burnett Street, Hatfield

TEL: +27 12 362 5842

- Union Buildings:

Like an ancient temple adorning over the city it governs, the Union Buildings are a modern day acropolis, built at the highest point of South Africa's capital city, Pretoria, it forms the official seat of South Africa's government and houses The Presidency department.

Government Avenue, Pretoria

TEL: +27 12 300 5200

- National Botanical Gardens:

This 76 ha urban oasis is a pristine getaway situated in the eastern suburbs of South Africa's administrative capital, Pretoria.

2 Cussonia Ave, Brummeria, Pretoria

TEL: +27 12 843 5172/3/4

- Wonderboom Nature Reserve:

The Wonderboom Nature Reserve is situated in the northern part of the city and straddles the Magaliesberg Mountains. This 200 ha. reserve is famous for its magnificent specimen of Ficus

salicifolia, a wild fig called the "Wonderboom". The fig tree is older than 1 000 years, and legend has it that it grew this big because the chief of an indigenous tribe lies buried beneath its roots. It is recorded that the tree was once big enough to shade 1 000 people at a time, or 22 ox wagons with 20 oxen in front of each!

TEL: +27 12 440 8316/341 or 5204

- Pretoria Art Museum:

Collecting, documenting and conserving outstanding examples of mainly South African art; researching and compiling exhibitions from the permanent collection; hosting major national and international travelling exhibitions, supplemented by educational activities.

Cnr Schoeman and Wessels Str, Arcadia Park

TEL: +27 12 344 1807/8