



# COME TO JOHANNESBURG

There are some stunning places to visit in Johannesburg while you wait for your IVF. We suggest the following places or activities, which may be arranged either to a schedule, or privately. Also, you may prefer to use the car and drive around at your convenience. There are many more attractions for you to enjoy: use these as a starting point and chat to us about anything else you may be interested in, or let us arrange a special trip on your behalf. Just mail us on [travel@ababysa.com](mailto:travel@ababysa.com)

## GOLD REEF CITY



Johannesburg is synonymous with South Africa's gold-mining industry: the city was founded in 1886 as a miner's village on the Witwatersrand goldfields. Today, the Gold Reef City theme park and museum - built around the original No.14 shaft of Crown Mines - recreates the city of Johannesburg as it was during the early days of the gold rush. The guided tour includes an underground visit 220 metres below the surface, a gold pour and tribal dancing, providing the visitor with an in-depth look at the gold mining industry in South Africa



## JOHANNESBURG AND SOWETO ORIENTATION TOUR



Our tour is designed to give first-time visitors to Johannesburg an overall impression of "Egoli" - the City of Gold, South Africa's commercial and financial capital. We first take a look around the northern suburbs, then continue to the hustle and bustle of Hillbrow and Braamfontein, home to the Constitutional Court of South Africa. We drive through the downtown area to the Carlton Centre, to view a "mini-Manhattan" from the viewing deck



on the 50<sup>th</sup> floor.

Onward to **Soweto** (**SO**uth **WE**stern **TO**wnship), largest black residential area in South Africa, where we see a



fascinating contrast to Rosebank and Sandton in the north. This sprawling "city within a city" is home to approximately 2-million people, many of whom work in various parts of the greater metropolitan area of the Witwatersrand. In many ways, the story of Soweto is the story of South Africa. Our tour includes all the major points of interest, such as Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Baragwanath taxi rank, Freedom Square, Hector Pieterse Memorial and Nelson Mandela's former home.

## APARTHEID MUSEUM AND CONSTITUTIONAL HILL

This tour provides the visitor with an opportunity to take an in-depth look at South Africa's turbulent past. First, travel across Johannesburg to the south of the city to visit the Apartheid Museum (closed on Mondays), that opened its doors in 2002. Here visitors embark on a historical voyage of discovery, a personal exploration of the past that examines the story of apartheid right up to the first democratic elections held in 1994. The tour of the museum lasts approximately two hours.



We then continue to the Constitution Hill precinct, bordered by the inner-city neighbourhoods of Braamfontein and Hillbrow. It is here that South Africa's new Constitutional Court opened in March 2004. The new court building is, most appropriately, established on the site of the Johannesburg Fort, built as a fortress in 1898 and later converted to one of the country's most notorious prisons – popularly known as “Number Four”. The Fort closed its doors in 1983. Your visit here includes the museum that has been established in the old prison and will bring home the significance of this development and what it means for the future of Johannesburg and South Africa as a whole.

## LESEDI CULTURAL VILLAGE - LUNCH OR DINNER



Experience our cultural diversity. Visit four villages – Zulu, Sotho, Xhosa and Pedi, watch traditional dancing and have a traditional lunch or dinner. This interesting visit takes about 3 hours.



## CRADLE OF HUMANKIND



This fascinating trip is a half day orientation tour, which includes visits to both the Sterkfontein Caves and the Wonder Cave at Kromdraai. The Sterkfontein Caves were discovered in 1896 by an Italian gold prospector and are now regarded as one of the world's most important archeological sites. The caves are in the Sterkfontein valley which, together with the nearby sites of Swartkrans, Drimolen and Kromdraai, make up the recently proclaimed World Heritage Site known as the "Cradle of Humankind".

Dr Robert Broom of the Transvaal Museum (now the Museum of Natural History) began excavations at the cave in 1936 and in 1947 discovered a well-preserved complete skull of a species of early man known as Plesianthropus Transvaalensis. This later became known as

the famous "Mrs Ples".



*PLEASE NOTE: These tours involve climbing up and down stairs, walking on smooth surfaces which may be slippery at times, and crawling through small spaces. Comfortable casual clothing and walking shoes are strongly recommended.*

## THE RHINO AND LION NATURE RESERVE



The Rhino & Lion Nature Reserve is a privately owned, unsubsidised game reserve situated on the northwestern outskirts of the Johannesburg metropolitan area. Opened in 1990, the reserve covers some 1 400 hectares, which includes the Lion and Predator Camp where cheetah, lion and the endangered wild dog may be seen. Visitors may also view rhino, wildebeest, hippo and a variety of antelope, such as gemsbok, eland and springbok.



The reserve falls within the Sterkfontein Valley World Heritage Site, which is world-renowned in archeology as the so-called "cradle of humankind".



## PREMIER DIAMOND MINE

A visit to the active, producing Premier Diamond Mine where the magnificent Cullinan diamond (3106 carats) was found, in 1905. The tour includes a tour of the surface of the mine and viewing the big hole. It takes about 4 hours.



## MAROPENG



The exhibition at Maropeng itself is a journey of discovery from the beginnings of the world, through the history of humankind, right into the future. As you emerge from the exhibition, you discover a spectacular view of the Magaliesburg. When you enter the Tumulus at Maropeng, it looks like a giant burial mound. As you finish browsing through the exhibition and emerge, turn and see it, it's totally transformed - it is now silver, grey and glass, hi-tech and futuristic. You get this feeling that you're not at the end of history, but at the start of the future.

At present one can also view fossils of a young hominid male, estimated to have been between 11 and 13 years old, and an older female, believed to have been in her late twenties or early thirties and are believed to be a new species *Australopithecus sediba*, the recently discovered ancestor of the Homo genus, to which humans, Homo sapiens, belong and are believed to be about 1.95 million years old.



## HALF DAY PRETORIA

We retrace the steps of Afrikaner history: from the Voortrekker Monument (which commemorates the Great Trek) and President Paul Kruger's House (president when the South African War broke out in 1899), to Church Square and Melrose House where the peace treaty was signed in 1902.



Our last stop is the Union Buildings which houses the president's office. Set aside roughly 4 hours.



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Dandelions thrive under the most adverse conditions, releasing dozens of seeds, representing fertility and abundance. A dandelion has the ability to hold the weight of a wish, of love and of hope.



# JOHANNESBURG PACKAGES

## **Our Platinum Package**

This premium offering is for a luxurious and personal experience, based conveniently in Sandhurst, Sandton; a peaceful haven close to the main Fertility Clinics and in easy reach of all the Johannesburg attractions.

Our Platinum package includes a Meet & Greet on arrival at OR Tambo Airport, with a transfer to the hotel, 11 nights' accommodation at The Saxon Boutique Hotel & Spa in a Standard Egoli Suite (Bed & Breakfast

basis), 24-hour Travel support and Budget car hire, delivered to the hotel and including 11 days' rental of a Group D car. You can drop the car at OR Tambo Airport, at the end of your rental.

### **The Saxon**



Nestled in the exclusive Sandhurst suburb of Sandton, this luxurious retreat boasts panoramic views of the entire city. Designed to capture and embrace its natural environment, The Saxon is serenely set in six acres of lush landscaped gardens, with extensive use of water a key design theme, stemming from a central point in the magnificent 920 m<sup>2</sup> swimming pool. The hotel is characterized by attentive, yet subtle service; an air of sophistication and unique finer touches. The luxuriously elegant Villa, suites and guestrooms have

been furnished in contemporary African décor, each boasting spacious areas and complete privacy. The world-class chefs create personalized dishes to suit every palette and the Saxon Spa is the ultimate retreat for peace and rejuvenation. Every treatment is a relaxing synergy of modern and ancient techniques.

The Saxon is unique and unforgettable and has achieved world renown for outstanding and unparalleled South African hospitality at its best.

### **Quotation**

#### **15 JANUARY TO 30 NOVEMBER 2015 (11 DAYS, PRIVATE AIRPORT TRANSFER)**

- Standard Room Per Person Sharing with Breakfast: R 28,403.50 x 2 = R56,807.00
- Single Room Single occupancy: Please check single rates with us
- Car: Budget Group D [Toyota Corolla or similar with GPS]



## Our Gold Package

We suggest, for an empathetic and supportive stay, in a convenient location and an emphasis on service from a committed staff, our Gold package that includes a Meet & Greet on arrival at OR Tambo Airport, with a transfer to the hotel, 11 nights' accommodation at Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa in a Chateau Suite (Bed & Breakfast basis), 24-hour Travel support and Budget car hire, delivered to the hotel and including 11 days' rental of a Group D car. You can drop the car at OR Tambo Airport, at the end of your rental.



### Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa



This balanced Hotel is known for personal attention and is conveniently situated in Morningside Manor, close to Sandton. Fairlawns is an award-winning boutique hotel, a unique and upmarket sanctuary with a total of 40 highly individual, ultra-plush Suites with opulent and distinctive décor. This well-kept secret balances tranquility with proximity to the major centres of Sandton, Woodmead, Sunninghill and Rivonia.

The hotel's Balinese Spa and restaurant are the perfect places to escape the throbbing business capital. You'll love your time here in a professional, but warm, welcoming ambience with friendly and caring staff.



### Quotation

#### 15 JANUARY TO 30 NOVEMBER 2015 (11 DAYS, PRIVATE AIRPORT TRANSFER)

- Grand Chateau Suite Per Person Sharing with Breakfast: R 27,743.50 x 2 = R55,487.00
- Single Room Single occupancy: Please check single rates with us
- Car: Budget Group D [Toyota Corolla or similar with GPS]



## **Our Silver Package**

Focused on comfortable value with plenty of personal breakaway space, our Silver Package ticks all the boxes for a stay during your IVF. It's peaceful but active, close to the main Fertility Clinics and in easy reach of all the Johannesburg attractions. Our Platinum package includes a Meet & Greet on arrival at OR Tambo Airport, with a transfer to the hotel, 11 nights' accommodation at Protea Hotel Balalaika Sandton in a Standard Room (Bed & Breakfast basis), 24-hour Travel support and Budget car hire, delivered to the hotel and including 11 days' rental of a Group B car. You can drop the car at OR Tambo Airport, at the end of your rental.



### **Protea Hotel Balalaika**

This stylish, 330-bedroomed property has 2 private gardens and 2 swimming pools, lending a distinctive atmosphere of luxurious tranquility to your hectic schedule. It's used by both business people and tourists who appreciate the mix of form and function. It's a little bit of country in the heart of Sandton; a tranquil oasis, the perfect place to escape the hustle and bustle of this activity hub.

The Hotel guestrooms are set out over two sections and is within walking distance to all of Sandton's main attractions (a large shopping mall as well as a number of excellent restaurants and snack bars). Each of the rooms is tastefully furnished to great comfort and style, with private bathrooms and air-conditioning. Most of the Crown Court suites have their own spa-baths and the hotel has two sparkling swimming pools surrounded by beautiful landscaped gardens.

### **Quotation**

#### **1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2015 (11 DAYS, PRIVATE AIRPORT TRANSFER)**

- Standard Room Per Person Sharing with Breakfast: R 11,108.50 x 2 = R22,217.00
- Single Room Single occupancy: Please check single rates with us
- Car: Budget Group B [Opel Corsa Essentia or similar with GPS]

#### **1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 (11 DAYS, PRIVATE AIRPORT TRANSFER)**

- Standard Room Per Person Sharing with Breakfast: R 14,595.50 x 2 = R29,191.00
- Single Room Single occupancy: Please check single rates with us
- Car: Budget Group B [Opel Corsa Essentia or similar with GPS]

#### **1 OCTOBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2015 (11 DAYS, PRIVATE AIRPORT TRANSFER)**

- Standard Room Per Person Sharing with Breakfast: R 13,352.00 x 2 = R26,704.00
- Single Room Single occupancy: Please check single rates with us
- Car: Budget Group B [Opel Corsa Essentia or similar with GPS]



## **Our Bronze Package**



Good Value in a vibrant location. Aimed at getting the job done, our Bronze package that includes a Meet & Greet on arrival at OR Tambo Airport, with a transfer to the hotel, 11 nights' accommodation at Holiday Inn Express Woodmead in a Standard Room (Bed & Breakfast basis), 24-hour Travel support and Budget car hire, delivered to the hotel and including 11 days' rental of a Group B car. You can drop the car at OR Tambo Airport, at the end of your rental.

### **Holiday Inn Express Woodmead**

Set in prosperous Sandton, Holiday Inn Express Sandton-Woodmead is a secure home from home, 45 minutes' drive from OR Tambo International Airport. Woodmead Retail Park, next to the hotel, is packed with over 70 shops and restaurants.



Chic chandelier lights guide visitors up the sweeping staircase to the Front Desk. The self-service Business Centre provides round-the-clock access to PCs and printers with wireless Internet. Take time out to unwind over a drink in the cosy Great Room bar. The fresh and varied menu in the Cafe Restaurant gives guests plenty of choice, and meals can be enjoyed on the sunny terrace with views across Vodacom World of Golf's driving range.

You can linger over a complimentary buffet breakfast in the sunny Great Room each morning, or plan your day with the touch-screen travel kiosk in the stylish Lobby. Spin the roulette wheel and splash some cash at glitzy Montecasino, 10km away. Holiday Express Sandton-Woodmead is located in a modern business park with easy and convenient access to business offices and major highways linking greater Johannesburg.

155 air-conditioned guest rooms confer a modern and pleasant style on the hotel. Settle into the easy chair and check email with wireless Internet. All rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows and some offer golf course views.

### **Quotation**

#### **15 JANUARY TO 31 OCTOBER 2015 (11 DAYS, PRIVATE AIRPORT TRANSFER)**

- Standard Room Per Person Sharing with Breakfast: R 8,504.50 x 2 = R17,009.00
- Single Room Single occupancy: Please check single rates with us
- Car: Budget Group B [Opel Corsa Essentia or similar with GPS]

## **General Conditions**

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- E.& O.E. Visit here for your copy of our [terms and conditions of business](#)
- Please note that all passengers require at least 2 blank consecutive pages in their passports & that these should be valid for at least 6 months after departure
- We recommend that passengers buy travel insurance in their Country of Residence