

South Africa

Inspiring new ways



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The month of December will forever be remembered as the month of Nelson Mandela's demise. He was a magnificent human being, an extraordinary man, a South African hero and leader and one of the greatest personalities of the 20th Century. In order to pay homage to this truly remarkable member of Humanity, we dedicate this edition to Madiba. Thus, we suggest a trip to some of the places where he lived and passed by, which have become sites of interest, highlights in the recent South African history.

Mandela's House, Soweto

The number 8115, Vilakazi Street in Soweto, is one of the most famous addresses in South Africa. It's the house where Nelson Mandela lived for 12 years with his first wife Evelyn during the apartheid regime. Mandela called it "the center of my world".

Vilakazi Street is also known for being the only street in the world where two Nobel Peace prize winners live: Madiba and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Renovated and transformed into a museum, it was declared a National Monument on 16 March 1999.

More information: <http://mandelahouse.com/>





Site of Nelson Mandela's Capture, KwaZulu Natal

On 5 August 1962, the police ordered a vehicle to stop on a secondary road in the KwaZulu-Natal Province. Although disguised as a chauffeur, Mandela was sighted and imprisoned that day. A series of events followed which culminated in the Rivonia Trial and his incarceration for 27 years. This place is signaled today by an iron sculpture by M Cianfanelli and J Rose. The sculpture creates an optical illusion: from far the 50 vertical bars don't have any significance, but at a distance of 35m they recreate Mandela's face.

More information: <http://www.apartheidmuseum.org/>

Robben Island, Western Cape

A former leper colony, mental hospital and a base for military training, Robben Island World Heritage Site is nowadays famous for having been the prison for anti-apartheid activists, among them former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. The "struggle university", as it was known, held captive some of the greatest leaders that conducted South Africa to democracy. It's South Africa's *Statue of Liberty*. The visitors may witness the suffering undergone by all those that were forced to be there and see the cell where the world's most famous prisoner spent 18 of his 27 years in prison.

More information: <http://www.robben-island.org.za>



Sculpture of the Voting Queue of Nelson Mandela, Port Elizabeth

To walk through the beautiful work of sculpture *Voting Queue* in the Donkin Reserve in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape Province, will allow you to experience the true sense of the rainbow nation. The many metal figures that represent all the communities in the country which voted peacefully on 27 April 1994, are present in the 38 meter long piece. It depicts South Africans of all shapes and sizes who together gave birth to the new South Africa. At the end of the *Voting Queue* is Mandela, with his raised fist, celebrating the victory of freedom and equality.

More information: http://mbda.co.za/project_gallery/donkin/projects01.html





Nelson Mandela Museum

The museum was built in honour of Mandela and wishes to testify of all the phases in Madiba's life, since his youth in the small village of Qunu in the Eastern Cape until his nomination as President of South Africa. Located in Mthatha, in Mandela's birth province (N2 road) this promises to be a memorable cultural visit and a unique experience in revisiting the walk of life of the great Nelson Mandela.

More information: <http://www.nelsonmandelamuseum.org.za/>

Nelson Mandela Square

Inaugurated in March 2003, the statue is an urban tribute to the universal icon. The Nelson Mandela Square, known for its shopping center, open air shops and restaurants, is situated in Sandton, the most sophisticated of Johannesburg's suburbs, Gauteng Province. Situated right in the middle of the square is the impressive Nelson Mandela's statue, 6 meters high and two and a half tons in weight. The artists responsible for this master piece are Kobus Hattingh and Jacob Maponyane.

More information: <http://www.nelsonmandelasquare.co.za>



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