

Soweto, South Africa

An acronym for South Western Townships, Soweto was dubbed as such in 1963. The area began in the late 19th century as a temporary neighborhood for gold mine workers, then later became a black Johannesburg ghetto with forced apartheid settlement. In 1976, Soweto garnered international headlines with its deadly uprising against Afrikaans-only language education. The Mandela Family Museum and the recently restored Credo Mutwa Village (with its Zulu and Sotho homesteads) are two can't-miss sights.

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Essential Soweto

Do

Places to see, ways to wander, and signature experiences.

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Mandela House



Hector Pieterse Museum and



Vilakazi Street

Stay

A mix of the charming, modern, and tried and true.

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The Soweto Hotel on Freedom Square

55 from \$65/night



Soweto Hotel & Conference Centre

13 from \$20/night



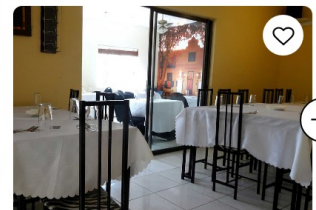
Flossie's B&B

43 from \$32/night

Eat

Can't-miss spots to dine, drink, and feast.

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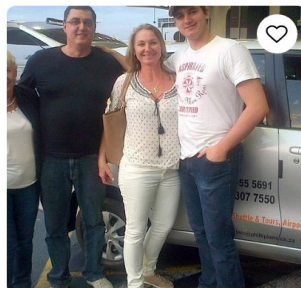
Soweto Is Great For

Cultural Tours



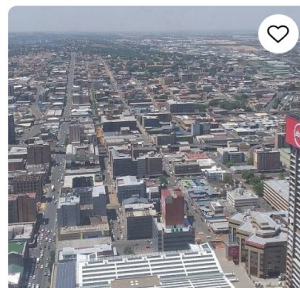
Half-Day Tour of Soweto Tour

558 from \$61 per adult



Soweto / Johannesburg and Apartheid Museum Guided Full Day Tour

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Ultimate Johannesburg Tour

113 from \$103 per adult



Guided Bicycle Tour of Soweto with Lunch

138 from \$44 per adult