

MPUMALANGA PROVINCE



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The name Mpumalanga means “place where the sun rises” and this province is undoubtedly one of the most scenic in South Africa. The Panorama Route is incredibly picturesque and features God’s Window, Bourke’s Luck Potholes and The Mac Mac Falls. Here the Blyde River Canyon (the world’s largest green canyon) provides a magnet for adventure-seekers and the historic gold mining town of Pilgrim’s Rest adds a fascinating dose of South African heritage. Mpumalanga also boasts the world-renowned Kruger National Park and the luxury lodges of the Sabi Sand Reserve. The province is also the home of fascinating cultural groups such as the Shangaan and Ndebele.

KEY INDUSTRIES

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Mining
- Tourism

KEY ATTRACTIONS

- **The Kruger National Park** is a major drawcard, home to the Big 5 and perhaps the most famous game reserve in the world
- **Shangana Cultural Village** offers insights into the traditions and customs of the Shangaan people, complete with a visit to the resident sangoma (traditional healer)
- **The Panorama Route**, including God’s Window, Bourke’s Luck Potholes, Long Tom Pass and Blyde River Canyon, is one of the most scenic routes in the country
- **Pilgrim’s Rest** is touted as a “living museum”. This fascinating little town pays tribute to the region’s incredible gold-rush history dating back to the 1870s
- **The Sudwala Caves** are known to be some of the oldest dolomite caves in the world, dating back 240-million years

- Visitors to the province can learn about **Ndebele Culture** and the incredible mural paintings and traditions passed down from generation to generation
- **The Lowveld National Botanical Garden** is a must-see for its many plant species as well as the largest collection of cycads in Africa
- **The Blyde River Canyon (Motlatse)** is a favourite spot for adventure-seekers and is said to be the largest green canyon in the world
- **Dullstroom** is famous for its fantastic trout-fishing opportunities and fun restaurants, speciality shops and pubs
- **The Sabi Sand Reserve** is where a number of South Africa’s award-winning luxury lodges are situated. It is home to the Big 5 and a host of other wildlife activities



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MPUMALANGA: MBOMBELA



RISE IN THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN

Previously known as Nelspruit, Mbombela is a bustling business hub in the lowveld. The name Mbombela means “a lot of people together in a small place”, signifying that this is traditionally a meeting place. The city is the gateway city to Mpumalanga, with excellent access and top-notch infrastructure, including malls, banks, restaurants and meeting venues. From Nelspruit/Mbombela, visitors can easily access the major attractions, including the Kruger National Park and the scenic Panorama Route, so this is a great destination for pre and post tours.

ACCESSIBILITY

Nelspruit/Mbombela is easily accessible with:

- 3 daily flights from Johannesburg
- 2 daily flights from Cape Town
- 2 daily flights from Durban

Johannesburg is the gateway to South Africa via OR Tambo International Airport – the largest airport in Africa. Connecting flights via Johannesburg include:

- **Europe:** Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Hahn, Istanbul, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Munich, Paris, Zurich
- **Middle East:** Abu Dhabi, Cairo, Dubai, Jeddah
- **North America:** Atlanta, New York
- **South America:** Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo
- **Asia:** Bangkok, Beijing, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Singapore

- **Australia:** Perth, Sydney
- **Africa:** all major cities

From Johannesburg and Pretoria, Mpumalanga is an easy 4-5 hour drive by car.

ACCOMMODATION

The list of 812 hotel rooms below includes Graded Establishments only:

- 521 four-star rooms
- 291 three-star rooms

A variety of accommodation is available at lodges in the outlying areas close to the Kruger National Park.

VENUE CAPACITY

The primary meeting venues are:

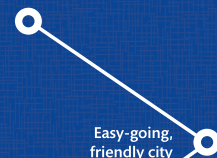
- Mbombela Stadium with a capacity of 40 929
- Mbombela Municipal Hall – up to 200 delegates

A variety of hotels and lodges offer conferencing facilities for up to 200 delegates.



Mbombela

Gateway to outdoor and wildlife experiences



Easy-going, friendly city



Excellent infrastructure



Historic gold mining town

Key attractions:
Kruger National Park, Panorama Route, Lowveld National Botanical Garden, adventure activities

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ORGANISING AND HOSTING EXPERIENCE

- Annual Innibos Cultural Festival
- Lowveld Show
- Alfred Dunhill Golf Championship
- Gold Panning Championships
- Dullstroom Arts Festival
- Tonteldoos Country Festival
- Mzansi Tour
- Sasol Rally
- 2010 FIFA World Cup host city

MPUMALANGA TOURISM AND PARKS AGENCY'S (MTPA) BUSINESS EVENTS UNIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICA NATIONAL CONVENTION BUREAU (SANCB) OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- Pre and post bid support, bid promotion and handling of request for proposals
- Expertise on local products and services; access to local industry and government contacts
- Building attendance and event marketing activities
- Convention planning support
- Site inspections (bid and convention planning)
- On-site event services

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Why choose MBOMBELA

1. Proximity to Kruger National Park
2. Incredible scenery
3. Excellent outdoor activities
4. Superb lodges (surrounds)
5. Trout fishing
6. Golf
7. Culture and heritage
8. Wildlife adventures
9. Pre and post tours
10. Team building