

JOHANNESBURG

Cycling in Soweto Operates Monday to Friday only

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You will be met at your centrally located Johannesburg hotel and you will transfer to Soweto Backpackers. Start your cycling tour by reaching a lookout point situated within Orlando East and West where you will be introduced to Soweto. Thereafter you will head to the former men's hostel in Mzimhlophe, which used to be the home of mineworkers during the apartheid era.

On the way, you will stop at various street stalls or local shops to buy and taste typical township fare. Your tour will continue to the community of Meadowlands, famous for its forced removals of the mixed-race area of Sophiatown in the mid-1950s. Learn more about how the Apartheid government divided the population according to race groups.

You will continue your cycle tour along various streets, seeing various neighbourhoods and how people in Soweto have progressed and you will head towards Orlando West. Your next stop will be at the Hector Pieterse Memorial; a site that commemorates the student uprising that took place on 16 June 1976, where students took to the streets against the oppressive education system and the police answered with teargas and live ammunition resulting in many children losing their lives.

Thereafter, cycle down to Vilakazi Street, the only street in the world that was the home of two Nobel Peace Prize winners, Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Stop outside Mandela House and learn more about this great man, his family and their time in Soweto as well as their contribution to the struggle for freedom. Cycle further down the street to the Tutu home and hear about another great icon in the fight against Apartheid.

We return to Lebo's Soweto Backpackers, where you end your tour with a traditional drink ceremony. Sit together in a circle passing the traditional calabash around for a taste of the Sorghum beer and the maize drink, Mageu. Both drinks are home-brewed by the women in the community.

Services Included

- Return driver-only transfers to Sandton-based hotels.
- Cycling tour with a guide.
- Lunch (excluding beverages).

What to Wear

- Comfortable clothes and shoes, a raincoat, a jacket or jersey for cooler mornings, sunblock.

Nett Price

R2 095.00 nett per person (minimum 2 pax)

For bookings, please contact your travel specialist at Sense of Africa.