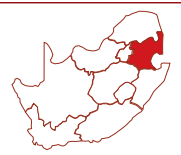
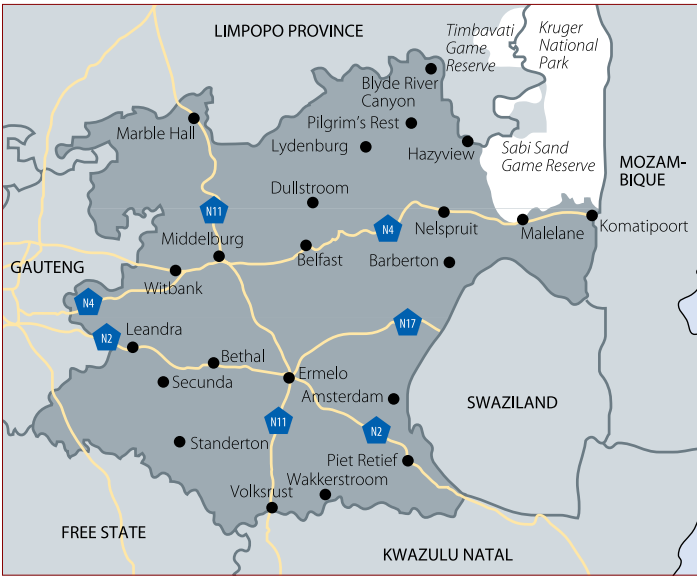


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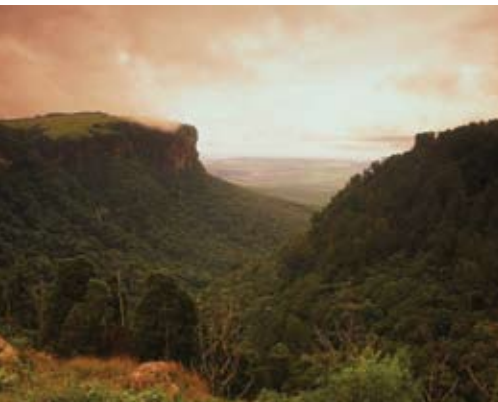
Capital
Nelspruit

Area
79,495 square km

Population
3,51 million

Average per capita
income
R29,332

Mpumalanga, meaning 'place of the rising sun', descends from Highveld grasslands and the greater Drakensberg escarpment to the tropical Lowveld around **Nelspruit** in the east, and the grass and wetlands around **Chrissiesmeer** and **Wakkerstroom** in the south. Most visitors to Mpumalanga spend a day or more in the Kruger National Park, one of the world's biggest and finest game reserves. Nelspruit, the provincial capital, is an important stop en route to the Park and the many private game reserves on its fringes, and to Maputo in Mozambique.



BLYDE RIVER CANYON



BERLIN FALLS

TOP ATTRACTIONS

- The **Southern Kruger Park** – covering one-fifth of the park. The area between Satara and Crocodile Bridge is the most scenic and best for game viewing. Three of the five biggest camps, including Skukuza, are found here.
- **The Panorama Route** – a 70 km circular drive taking in some wonderful views including the Blyde River Canyon, Pilgrim's Rest, the Pinnacle, God's Window, Berlin Falls, Lisbon Falls and Bourke's Luck Potholes.
- **The Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve** – 27 000 ha of grass and bushveld, running for 57 kms along the Drakensberg escarpment and offering magnificent views of the third-largest green canyon in the world.
- **Pilgrim's Rest** – a beautifully restored gold mining village, now a national monument.
- **Wakkerstroom** – surrounded by wetlands, a haven for bird lovers and wild flower enthusiasts.

Tours

For a selection of three-, four- five- and six-day tours of the Kruger and private game parks in Mpumalanga, call the following:

Climax Tours (0861 254 629)

Comsaf Tours and Safaris (011 933 1062)

Game Encounters (011 462 7536)

Thompsons Indaba Safaris (013 737 7115)

Indabushe Tours & Safaris (011 478 2483)

Go Safari (011 792 6624)

Aventours (011 828 2791)



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Trout Fishing

The highveld around **Dullstroom** is one of the country's premier trout fishing areas, with many attractive hotels and lodges catering for anglers. The Dullstroom Dam Nature Reserve is a prime fishing, picnicking and hiking spot (**013 254 0254**). www.dullstroom.co.za

Visitor Information

Caution: Malaria is prevalent in the low-lying areas of the province. Visitors should take precautions or consult a chemist or doctor.

Mpumalanga Tourism Authority
(013 752 7001)

Lowveld Information, Nelspruit
(013 755 1988)

Panorama Information and Central Reservations (013 767 1377)

Barberton Information Bureau
(013 712 2121)

Chrissiesmeer Information
(017 847 0051)

Tourism Info and Safety Line
(083 123 2345)

Dullstroom Tourism
(0860 104 069)

www.mpumalanga.com

Getting there/around

By Air

From **KM International Airport**, near Nelspruit. **SA Airlink**, **Nationwide** and **SA Express** between them run regular flights to Johannesburg and Cape Town. There are also flights to Malelane and Skukuza.

By Bus

From Nelspruit, **Greyhound (083 915 9000)** and **Translux (0861 589 282)** run to Johannesburg daily. **Lowveld Link (013 750 1174)** operates a shuttle to Pretoria/ Johannesburg.



GOD'S WINDOW

Golf

The golf courses of Mpumalanga are known for their striking bushveld flora and fauna. Beware of the occasional wild animal on the fairway. Among the best courses are:

- **Nelspruit Golf Club (013 752 2187)**
- **White River Country Club**, near Kruger Park **(013 751 3781)**
- **Sabi River Golf Club**, in lovely countryside, **(014 737 7311)**

By Train

Via Nelspruit. The **Komati** Train runs daily between Johannesburg and Komatipoort on the Mozambique border and from Komati to Maputo **(0860 000 888)**.

By Road

Three principal routes – the **N4**, **N11** and **R40** – link every destination in the Province. Travellers from Gauteng should use the **N4**. Roads in the province are tarred and – with one or two exceptions – of a high standard.



GIRAFFE AND SPOTTED HYENA

Casinos

- Nelspruit – **Emnotweni Casino** on the R40 to White River.
- Secunda – **Graceland Hotel Casino & Country Club** on the R546.
- Witbank – **Champions Casino** on the N4 east.



GRACELAND HOTEL CASINO

Other Game and Nature Reserves

- Two huge private reserves – **Sabi Sand and Timbavati** – border the Kruger Park. Within them are many smaller reserves and lodges offering three- to five-star accommodation, morning and evening game-drives and expert game-tracking and spotting. Among the best known are **Mala Mala, Singita, Londolozzi and Inyati** in the **Sabi Sand** and **Motswari, Thornybush** and **Ngala** in the Timbavati.
- **Mount Sheba Nature Reserve**, overlooking Pilgrim's Rest, 1500 ha of forest with many magnificent specimens of indigenous trees as well as ferns, orchids and cycads.
- **Gustav Klingbiel Nature Reserve**, outside Lydenburg, 2200 ha in size, offering indigenous plants animals and birds and archaeological relics from the Iron Age. Day walks and hiking trails are available.
- **Wakkerstroom Wetland Reserve**, a 600 ha area that is one of the country's prime birding destinations, containing over three hundred bird species, nine of them endemic.

Useful numbers

SA Airlink

(013 750 2531)

SA National Parks,

for Kruger Park bookings (012 428 9111)

Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport

(013 753 7500)

Police (Nelspruit)

(013 759 1000)

Mediclinic (Nelspruit)

(013 759 0500)

Pharmacy (Nelspruit)

(013 741 1719)

(Phalaborwa Airport)

(015 781 5404)

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Gold fever

The annual Gold Panning Competition in Pilgrim's Rest brings experts and novices together from far and wide in a veritable re-creation of the late 19th century Transvaal gold rush. Pilgrim's Rest itself is a beautifully preserved and restored mining town, declared a 'living museum' and a national heritage site in 1974. No visitor to the province should miss it.

Did you know...

that South Africa's highest peak is the 3459m Injasuthi (meaning 'well-fed dog') in the KwaZulu-Natal Drakensberg. But Thaba Ntlenyane, across the Drakensberg in Lesotho, is even higher at 3842 m and is Africa's highest mountain south of the Equator.