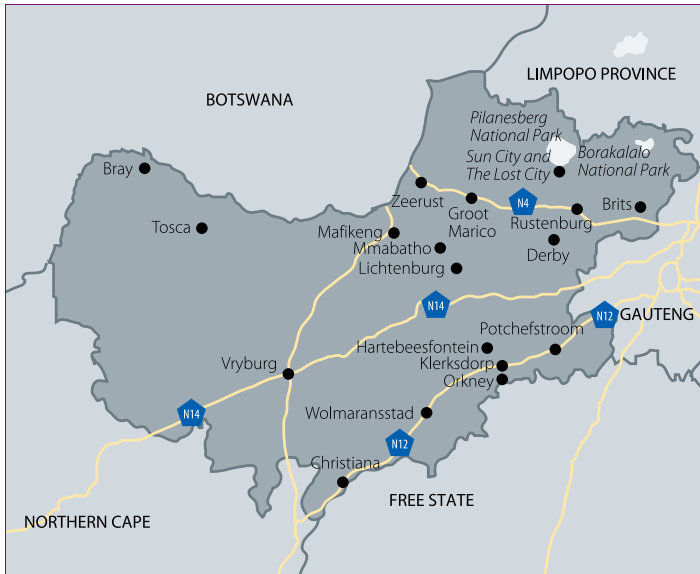


NORTH WEST

Not far from Johannesburg and Pretoria, the North West Province is a haven for short or long stay holidaymakers in search of sun, water, bushveld or, at Sun City, the high life offered by an internationally famous golfing and gambling resort. The Taung Skull Heritage Site and the Dome Conservancy on the outskirts of the Vredefort Dome are famous historic sites in the province, which is also a 'Big Five' destination and home to two excellent game reserves Pilanesberg and Madikwe.



Capital Mafikeng
Area 106,512 square km
Population 3.37 million
Average per capita income R25, 855



SUN CITY



HARTBEEPOORT DAM

TOP ATTRACTIONS

- **Sun City and the Lost City** – where Las Vegas meets Disneyland in the heart of the Bushveld. This top flight international gambling resort, containing four hotels to suit all pockets, offers an endless variety of entertainment from golfing, swimming and surfing, to hot-air ballooning and parasailing, from bird and game-watching to cinema and cabaret-going. Children are especially well-catered for.
- The **Pilanesberg National Park** – 40 kms north of Rustenburg and close to Sun City, offering excellent accommodation, good game viewing, ancient rock art sites and unusual rock formations, in less than 90 minutes' drive from Johannesburg (014 555 5355).
- The **Magaliesberg**, a beautiful range of mountains, hills, cliffs, waterfalls and forests, well stocked with flora and fauna and a short distance from Pretoria
- **Hartbeespoort Dam**, between Pretoria and the Magaliesberg, the hugely popular water sports and outdoor playground for Gautengers (012 253 1567).
- **Madikwe Game Reserve**, on the Botswana border, one of the country's newest and largest reserves. Home to the Big Five and the rare black rhino (018 3672 (ext 2411)).
- **Vrededorst Dome Conservancy**, a prime adventure tourism site, catering for campers, hikers, rock climbers, canoeists and white water rafters (056 811 2000).

Game and Nature Reserves

- **Borakalalo National Park**, near Brits, 13000 ha of open bushveld and woodland. Abundant game and birdlife (014 555 1000).
- **De Wildt Cheetah Research Centre**, close to Pretoria, specialises in breeding cheetah and other wildlife species (012 504 1921).
- **Mafikeng Game Reserve**, a 4 600ha open plains reserve with 2000 head of game and rich birdlife (018 381 6020).
- **Rustenburg Nature Reserve**, south-west of the town, on the summit and slopes of the Magaliesberg. Game and bird viewing from vehicles or on foot (014 533 2050).
- The **Lesedi Cultural Village**, nestled in the Magaliesburg Hills, offers five traditional homesteads depicting the culture of the Pedi, Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho and Ndebele people.

Guests may stay overnight or for a few hours and enjoy a Pan African buffet, traditional singing, dancing and story-telling. (012 205 1394)

Visitor Information

North West Parks and Tourism
(018 386 1225)

Rustenburg Tourism
(014 597 0904)

Pilanesberg Information
(014 555 5362)

Hartbeespoort Information
(012 253 0266)

Mafikeng Tourist Information
(081 381 3155)

Tusk Mmbatho Resort (018 389 1111)

www.tourismnorthwest.co.za

Getting there/around

Hartbeespoort Dam is a 50-minute car drive from Johannesburg and 15 minutes from Pretoria.

Sun City and the Pilanesberg may be reached via Rustenburg, about 100 kms west of Pretoria, or directly by car or tour bus.

SA Airlink has a daily flight to Sun City from Johannesburg **(011 961 1700)**.

Useful numbers

Mafikeng Airport (018 385 1140)

Tholo Tours & Safaris (014 557 1684)

Go Safari (011 790 6624)

Sun City Hotel (014 557 1001)

Palace of the Lost City (014 557 3111)

Adventours (011 828 2791)

Other North-West Highlights

- **Barberspan Bird Sanctuary**, near Delareyville – 365 species have been recorded on this unique RAMSAR site **(053 948 1854)**
- **Groot Marico** – where Herman Charles Bosman wrote his famous stories. The area is popular for its numerous hiking trails and 4x4 routes through rugged terrain
- **Magalies Meander** – arts and crafts route with excellent restaurants, markets, a cable car, zoo and cultural villages. **(014 577 2063)**.



GAME VIEWING, PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK

An advertisement for Pilanesberg Elephant-Back Safaris. The central image shows a large elephant with a person riding on its back, moving through a savanna landscape. In the background, other people on horseback are visible. The advertisement includes the following text:

PILANESBERG ELEPHANT-BACK SAFARIS
An age-old Concept; A brand New Adventure..

The Spirit of these Great Creatures will Never leave you..
(+27)14 552 5020 or (+27) 83 382 5905
marketing@gametrac.co.za
www.pilanesbergelephantback.co.za

The advertisement is framed with a decorative border and includes images of a rhinoceros and a smaller elephant in the foreground.