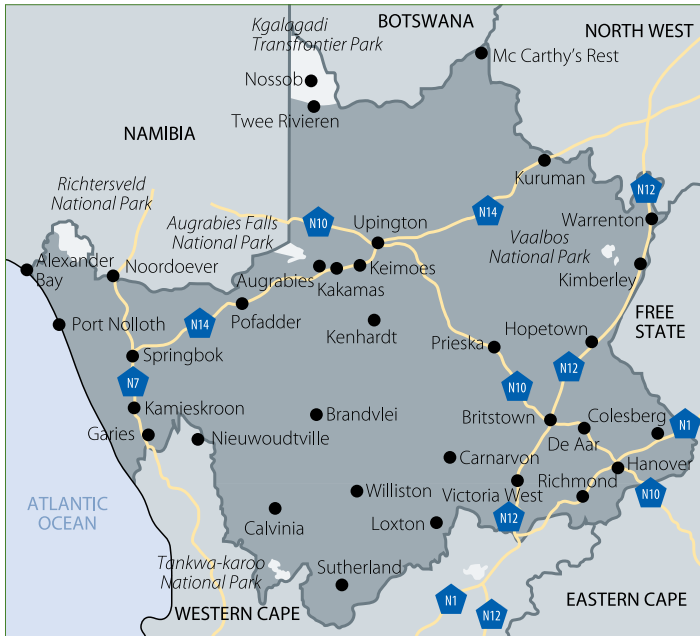


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NORTHERN CAPE



Capital
Kimberley

Area
361,830 square km

Population
1.09 million

Average per capita income
R33,430

The country's largest and most sparsely populated province, the Northern Cape has plenty to offer visitors, whether their interests lie in the origins of the diamond industry, the Anglo-Boer War, wildlife, the brilliant spring flowers of Namaqualand, canoeing on the mighty Orange River or enjoying the clear skies and open spaces of the Hantam and Upper Karoo.



KIMBERLEY MUSEUM

Visitor Information

Northern Cape Tourism Authority

(053 832 2657)

Diamantveld Visitor Centre

(053 832 7298)

Kalahari Regional Tourism Office

(053 712 1001)

Namakwa Tourism (027 718 2985)

Karoo Tourism (053 631 0891)

Springbok Regional Tourism Office

(027 718 2986)

Green Kalahari Tourism (054 337 2804)

www.northerncape.org.za

TOP ATTRACTIONS

- The **diamond fields** around **Kimberley**, home of De Beers, the world's greatest diamond company, and site of the Big Hole and adjacent Mine Museum – a replica of the city in the frenetic days of the diamond rush.
- The **Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park**, previously the Kalahari Gemsbok Park, a huge grass covered dune area and home to the majestic gemsbok and black-maned Kalahari lion (054 561 2000).
- The spring flowers of **Namaqualand**, which offer annually one of the most spectacular floral extravaganzas on earth.
- The **Richtersveld National Park**, the country's largest desert park, a wilderness of rare beauty and a botanist's delight. Now a World Heritage Site (027 831 1506).
- The **Augrabies Falls National Park**, where the spectacular Orange River is at its best, and the scarce and fierce black rhino may be found (054 452 9200).



GEMSTONES

Getting there/around

Kimberley

Kimberley has air and rail links with most major cities.

By Air

SA Express (053 838 3337)

SA Airlink (053 838 3337)

The airport is eight miles from the city.

There is no airport shuttle, but taxis are available on request (053 861 4015).

By Train

Daily services to Johannesburg and Cape Town **Spoornet (053 838 2709/838)**. The railway station is on Florence Street, close to the city centre. The Kimberley tram service carries passengers from the City Hall to the Mine Museum (053 832 7295).

By Bus

Intercape (054 832 6040)

Greyhound (053 832 6040)

Translux (053 832 6040)

Big Sky Coaches (053 832 2006)

Upington

Upington has daily flights to Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Call **SA Airlink (054 332 3161)**

There is also a regular air service between Alexander Bay and Cape Town.

Springbok

400 km southwest of Upington, **Springbok** lies on the **N7** between Cape Town and Namibia and is serviced by **Intercape** buses.

Other Kimberley Highlights

- **The Big Hole, Kimberley** The multi-million rand **De Beers Big Hole Project** comprises two new developments, the **Diamond Rush**, a leisure area for visitors containing a modern museum that illustrates the growth of Kimberley from the discovery of diamonds nearby in 1886, diamond cutting works, shops and places to eat and drink. The **World of Diamonds** is a dedicated De Beers exhibition that tells the story of the Big Hole, De Beers and the diamond industry, and has a spectacular viewing platform (053 830 4425)
- **McGregor Museum** – Rhodes's house during the siege of Kimberley, now housing dazzling displays of the origins of humankind, natural history and the environment, and the history of the region (053 842 0099).
- **William Humphreys Art Gallery** – one of the country's finest, housing Dutch, Flemish, French and English masters (053 831 1724).
- **Sol Plaatje Museum** – the house in which the ANC's first secretary-general lived (082 804 3266).
- **Duggan-Cronin Gallery** – valuable ethnographic collection of 8000 photographs (053 839 2700).
- **Wildebust Kuil Rock Art Centre** – one of South Africa's premier rock art sites, with over 400 engravings (053 833 7069).



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National Parks and Nature Reserves

- **Goegap Nature Reserve**, 15kms south-east of Springbok, offers 600 flower species, 45 different mammals including the majestic gemsbok (oryx) and almost 100 different bird species. The Hester Malan Wild Flower Garden is an additional feature (027 712 1880).
- **Skilpad Wild Flower Reserve**, near Kamieskroon in Namaqualand, 1000ha of brilliant wild flowers. Only open in flower season (027 672 1948).
- **Tswalu Kalahari Reserve**, at the foot of the Korannaberg Mts in the Kuruman area, SA's largest private wildlife sanctuary offering exceptional accommodation and a 'total' gameviewing and eco-experience. (086 187 9258).
- **Witsand Nature Reserve**, in the Kalahari near Postmasburg, protects a highly sensitive eco-system of rare plants, insects, birds and mammals (053 313 1061).
- **Mokala National Park** - 80 kms of Kimberley. SA's newest national park, offering a range of accommodations, game viewing, mountain biking and walking. (053 2040 158)

Useful numbers

Kimberley Airport (053 851 1241)

Kimberley Mine Museum
(053 833 1557)

Flowerline (083 910 1028)

Guided Tours – Motsama Travel
(053 996 4267)

Battlefields Route

Kimberley and surrounds were key points on the western front of the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902. The main battle was fought at **Magersfontein** in Dec 1899. The museum there is a must for those interested in SA's history (053 833 7115).