



VAAAL21
TOURISM
Passport
work booklet

**This workbook belongs to a proud
tourist and ambassador of the Vaal.**

Name:

School:

Enjoy...



your adventure!

Foreword

**Executive Mayor,
Sedibeng District Municipality:
Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng**

The Sedibeng District Municipality is proud to introduce the Vaal 21 Passport Project, the first of its kind in the country, to the region's primary school learners.

The project will introduce you to the concept of TOURISM. As a young resident of the Vaal, we hope that, by participating, you will gain a better understanding of this concept, and will understand the great responsibility you, and every resident of the Vaal, has towards the development of tourism in the region. We are hopeful that you will become the new generation of tourism marketers and ambassadors and will promote the Vaal as the destination of choice, will assist in creating an appreciation for our unique cultural, historical and natural tourist sites, and contribute towards the preservation of them.

Just as important as tourism is for a region and its residents, so is the necessity to understand and meet the needs of tourists visiting. Each citizen of the Vaal has the responsibility towards the development of tourism by playing a role in ensuring that basic tourism principles are met. This can be done by

taking pride in your neighbourhoods, helping to keep your area safe and clean, being friendly and hospitable and being knowledgeable about the vast number of tourism products and experiences we are host to.

The key to success is working together in partnerships and as a team. Working together with government, the private sector and the community is one of the local tourism's greatest achievements and the Vaal 21 Passport Project is an example of this. Therefore, the Sedibeng District Municipality wishes to thank the following stakeholders for their contribution towards the Vaal 21 Passport Project:

- Gauteng Tourism Authority;
- Gauteng Department of Education (Sedibeng East and West);
- All participating venues and organisations.

You are the future of the Vaal and the new generation of local tourists.

Ask yourself each day:
"What did I do to promote tourism today?"

Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng
Sedibeng District Municipality
Executive Mayor



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Welcome

You are beginning a grand adventure through the Vaal as a **TOURIST** and **AMBASSADOR**.

Even though you live in the Vaal, by visiting and seeing tourist attractions where you live, you can still be a tourist in your own backyard. This is called domestic tourism. We hope that you enjoy all that you see and learn, and that you will have **FUN!**

What is tourism?

- Eating at a restaurant or takeaway
- Staying over the night away from home
- Visiting a museum or park
- Using the bus or car to travel to another city or town

All of this is TOURISM. It is what you plan to see and do while you are away from home.

What is a tourism product?

A tourism product is something that attracts tourists. A tourism product normally has one or more of the following:

- Accommodation (Hotel, Motel, Lodge, Bed and Breakfast, Guesthouse or Backpacker Hostel)
- Transportation
- Dining
- Entertainment
- Attractions
- Tours

All of these combined
are meant to give a
TOURISM EXPERIENCE.

What is a tourist?

- A tourist travels away from home (to go on holiday or for business or to visit family or friends) for at least one night.
- People travel for different reasons.
- A tourist will travel back home after his or her stay.





A tourist in your own backyard

Although a tourist is defined as someone who travels away from home for one night or more, we want you to experience what it is like to be a tourist in your **own town**. We want you to be a Vaal 21 Tourism Ambassador.

Take your friends and family with you.

Tell everyone you know about all you have seen and all you have experienced and encourage them to become a tourist in their **own town** too.

Be proud of your hometown! Show it off to all you know!
Have an **ADVENTURE!**

Is there a way to behave as a tourist?

Being a tourist is a big responsibility. A tourist attraction or tourism product is there for everyone to enjoy. Whilst traveling, be respectful of the people around you and be respectful of the environment

You can do this by:

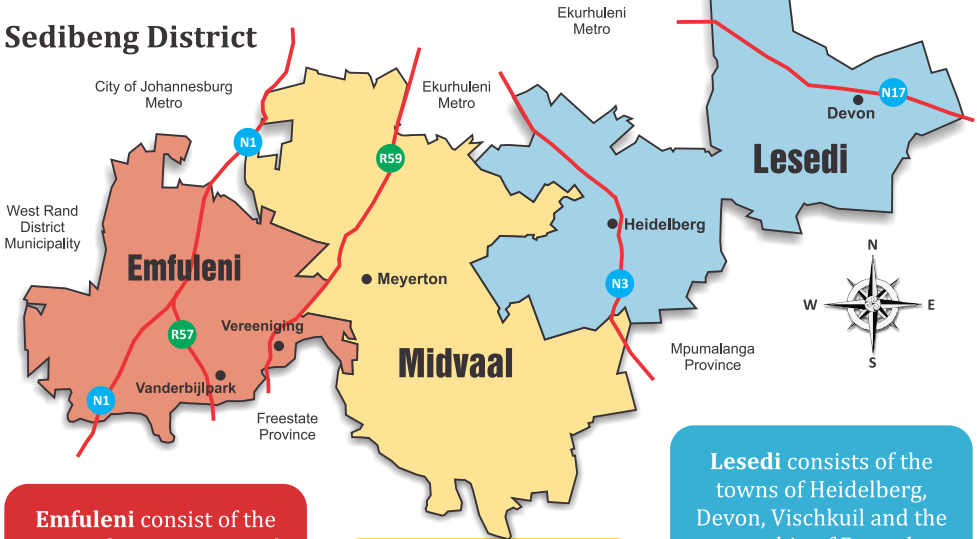
- Following the rules that a tourist attraction has.
- If you have a tourist guide, don't talk while he or she is talking. Listen to what is said and put up your hand if you have a question.
- Keeping noise levels down! And be on your best behaviour. Other tourists will also be visiting a tourist attraction at the same time you are.
- Staying safe. Stay with your group or family.
- Not littering. Put your rubbish in the rubbish bin.
- No graffiti!
- Not feeding wild animals and birds. Don't try and scare them!
- If everyone follows these rules then every tourism adventure you have will be a good one.

What do you know about the Vaal?

The Vaal is a region in the southern part of Gauteng. It gets its name from the Vaal River that runs through it.

The Vaal includes the Sedibeng District Municipality and under this municipality are the local municipalities of Emfuleni, Lesedi and Midvaal.

Sedibeng District



Emfuleni consists of the cities of Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark, and the townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Evaton, Boipatong and Bophelong.

Midvaal consists of the towns of Meyerton, Walkerville, Vaal Marina, Henley-on-Klip, and the townships of Sicelo and Mamello.

Lesedi consists of the towns of Heidelberg, Devon, Vischkuil and the township of Ratanda, Impumelelo and Kwazenzele.

Lets start your adventure!

✓ Please make sure that you rate each TOURIST ATTRACTION by ticking either:

Awesome!

Good!

Not so great!



Alice Glöckner Nature Reserve

Your rating?



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Address: 6km to the south west of Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve, off the R23

To the south west of the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve is the Alice Glöckner Nature Reserve. It is a provincially proclaimed nature reserve. It protects some rare fauna (animals) and flora (plants) and is unique because it is the only home in the world to the Heidelberg Copper Butterfly.

The reserve is also home to about 56 species of birds, 20 species of reptiles and amphibians, and other animals such as duiker, aardvark and black backed jackal.

At least 16 medicinal plant species have been recorded within the reserve.



The Heidelberg Copper Butterfly, which is only found in the Alice Glöckner Nature Reserve (www.biodiversityexplorer.org)

At the Alice Glöckner Nature Reserve you can:

- Go bird watching
- View game and other animals
- Go on a hike
- See many different varieties of grasses, trees and other plants
- See evidence of old mines and ruins from the past

Did you know?



- Most nature reserves offer guided tours of their reserves, which are conducted by registered guides.
- To be a guide in South Africa, you must be trained, qualified and registered.
- Guides can specialise in many different categories, such as nature, culture or adventure, and can qualify at 3 levels.
- These levels include site (for a specific site or attraction), provincial or national.
- This allows guides to only conduct activities at the specific areas and in the specific category they are qualified for.

Activity

Use a **dictionary** and look up the meaning of the word “**specie**”.
Write the meaning below...

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Add: $56 + 20 + 16 =$

Learn, Explore,
Have FUN!

Draw a duiker in the box



Animal World Zoo & Game Park

ANIMAL
WORLD

Your
rating?



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777 Frikkie Meyer Boulevard,
Vanderbijlpark

Animal World Zoo and Game Park is a unique animal conservation facility as it combines a game park and a zoo all in one. It is situated at the Emerald Resort & Casino.

There are approximately 500 animals, which include exotic birds, reptiles and land mammals, representing 88 different species.

They have a variety of endangered species on display, which gives you the opportunity to view creatures that are rarely seen in the wild.

Their game drive experience allows visitors to see wild animals in their natural habitat. Expect to see Giraffe, Eland, Gemsbok, Springbok, Zebra, Impala, Wildebeest and many more. A breeding pair of Fish Eagles and Ostriches forms part of the wide variety of birds in the game park.



Lions at the Animal Zoo



View of flamingo dam and surroundings

At the Animal World Zoo & Game Park you can:

- Take a tour of the zoo
- Visit a farmyard
- Take a game drive in the park
- Watch the animals during feeding times
- Do bird watching
- See endangered species



Did you know?

Tourism has many benefits for the region.

- It is an important source of employment for many local people and assists with the creation of new jobs for an area.
- It also brings business and economic opportunities and leads to social development.

Activity

Write the following words in **alphabetical order**.

Giraffe, Eland, Gemsbok, Springbok, Zebra, Impala, Wildebeest

Did you behave
as a **TOURIST**?

Read the information about the Animal World Zoo and Game Park and **complete the sentences** below.

There are approximately..... animals, which include exotic..... , and land , representing different species.

They have a variety of species on display, which gives you the opportunity to view that are rarely seen in the wild.



Arboretum



Your rating?



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Walkers Fruit Farms, De Deur

“Arboretum” is the Latin word for trees.

Arboretum is a large plant nursery that was established in 1936 by Otto Brandmuller, who planted almost a million trees in his lifetime (many of which were planted in the Vaal).

Arboretum is situated on a large farm, within the Thorntree Conservancy, and offers accommodation, walking trails and other outdoor activities.

The Thabeng Bush Camp is located on one of the highest points on the farm, which overlooks the Suikerbosrand. It is suitable for day or overnight visitors.



Thabeng Bush Camp accommodation for groups

At Arboretum you can:

- Have a picnic
- See a large number of species of birds
- Look out for many kinds of indigenous plants and flowers
- Visit Iron Age Sites
- Buy plants for your garden at home or school at their nursery
- Spend a night in their Bed and Breakfast accommodation



3 marked walking trails



Did you know?

- Arboretum is situated within the Thorntree Conservancy.
- A conservancy is an area of land where the natural environment and its plants and animals are protected from harm.
- A proclaimed nature reserve is also an area which is protected by law for this purpose.



Activity

Draw a **Thorn Tree** and write the word “**Arboretum**” in green at the bottom of your picture.

A large empty rectangular box with a yellow border, intended for drawing a Thorn Tree and writing the word 'Arboretum'.

Did you carefully
look at the
Thorn Tree?



Bon Hotel Riviera on Vaal



Your
rating?



4 Star Graded

Good times at Bon Hotel Riviera on Vaal!

BON Hotel Riviera on Vaal, which hugs the banks of the Vaal River, is great for families and out of town visitors.

More importantly there is **FUN STUFF** for kids.

At Bon Hotel you can:

Visit **Murphy Club House**, which is for **kids only**, and is open from Friday to Sunday, public holidays, and specific school holidays with a humongous list of activities and things to do:

- Children's parties
- Picnics
- Trampolines
- Swimming pool
- Jumping castle
- Kiddies' menus
- Wii
- Animated movie selection
- Mini Soccer Pitch
- Mashie Course for you golfers
- Candy Floss, Popcorn and ice-creams available

Tel: 016 420 1300
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Website: www.bonhotels.com

Address: Mario Milani Drive,
Vereeniging



Pool area at Bon Hotel Riviera on Vaal



Matthew's Terrace Restaurant

Fun! Fun! Fun!
Just for you



To keep adults busy, Bon Hotel Riviera on Vaal has the following:

Mom and dad (and your big sister) are taken care of too, with a host of activities:

- 91 luxurious, spacious rooms
- 4 venues for a party or celebration
- Free Wi-Fi
- Gym
- Team building
- Shuttle service
- Child minder service
- Two restaurants,
Matthew's and Matthew's Terrace
- Petit Verdot Riverboat
- Zorgvliet Spa
- 18 Hole Golf Course

Activity

What is the **name** of the club house for kids only?.....

In what **Province** does the Vaal River originate?.....

Draw a picture of your favourite animated character.

Rate your
picture out
of ten.

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Boswell Wilkie Circus



Your rating?



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Randvaal, Gauteng

The Boswell Wilkie Circus' Big Top tent is a permanent feature on its circus farm. The farm is home to horses, ponies, dogs and several farm animals, and to the owners, whom the circus is named, the Wilkies.

Although the Boswell Wilkie Circus does not travel around the country as it did in previous years, visitors and groups are invited to be part of a Circus at the Big Top. Circus entertainers and a traditional circus experience await you at the Boswell Wilkie Circus.

At Boswell Wilkie Circus you can:

- Take part in a traditional circus experience and faire and have fun with circus performers
- Have lunch at their coffee shop
- Shop at a gift shop
- See farm animals in the petting farmyard
- Have a Birthday party
- Visit with your school
- Boswell Wilkie has awesome function and event facilities too!



Great fun for everyone



The Big Top at Boswell Wilkie Circus

Please contact the Boswell Wilkie Circus to find out about their rates and to book your circus outing!

Did you enjoy
the Show?



Activity

There are many types of jobs and career options within the tourism industry, such as a hotel receptionist, a travel agent, a tourist guide or a manager of a guesthouse. **Choose one** and give reasons why you would like to have a career within the tourism industry.

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Diepkloof Farm Museum

Your rating?



The museum is on a working farm and demonstrates many of the farming methods and way of life of a typical farmer in South Africa during the 19th Century.

Many of the buildings at the museum are original farm buildings, which have been repaired and restored. Gabriel Marais built the first farm house here in 1850. There is another restored house, which belonged to Marais' son. The farmyard lies within a typical dry stonewall and includes an herb garden and irrigation dam. There are many archaeological sites close to the museum property.

Did you know?

- A visit to the Diepkloof Farm Museum is part of heritage tourism.
- Heritage includes anything of importance that we have inherited and want to preserve for future generations, for example a monument, work of art or a nature reserve.
- Heritage tourism includes all the activities related to this.
- There are 3 types of heritage tourism: cultural heritage tourism, natural heritage tourism and mixed cultural and natural heritage tourism.

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Address: In the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve



A working farm

At Diepkloof Farm Museum you can:

- Take a guided tour of the farm, farm houses and an exhibition on the history of the farm and surrounding area
- See what household items and other cultural utensils from the era looked like and how they were used
- Experience farming activities, such as milking cows and butter and candle making
- Visit archaeological sites

Activity

Use a **dictionary** and look up the meaning of the word “**Century**”. **Write** the meaning below.

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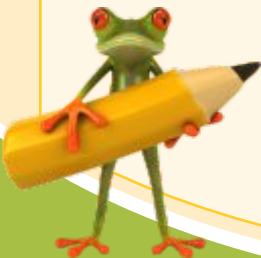
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Who built the first farm house?

Write down the **recipe** for **making butter**.
Remember to mention the **ingredients** and **method**.
(You can draw pictures if you like!)

Recipe:



Emerald Resort & Casino



Your
rating?



4 Star Graded
Emerald Hotel & Bush Lodges



3 Star Graded
River Resort Chalets

The Emerald Resort & Casino offers a choice of accommodation options, restaurants and a variety of entertainment and leisure activities. This resort caters for all types of guests, activities and experiences all in one property.

At Emerald Resort & Casino you can:

- Sleep over at the Emerald Hotel, Bush Lodges, River Resort Chalets or Liquid Living Houseboat
- Enjoy Animal World Zoo and Game Park
- Have fun at the indoor climate controlled Aquadome, with its 6 swimming pools
- Play beach sports, touch rugby or soccer at Azone
- For brainiacs, visit Izone - an interactive gaming room with Internet, Xbox 360 and Ps3.
- Play adventure golf or ten pin bowling
- Cruise down the Vaal River on a river cruiser
- Have something yummy to eat at their restaurants or take aways
- Invite your friends to a party at Party Zone
- Try rock climbing

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Email: info@emeraldcasino.co.za

Website: www.emeraldcasino.co.za

Address: 777 Frikkie Meyer Boulevard, Vanderbijlpark



Pool side at the Emerald Resort & Casino



Wet and wild fun at the Aquadome

Always ask about their 'friends & family' accommodation rate when making your reservation at the Emerald Resort & Casino. All accommodation includes a Passport to Leisure: Free entry to Animal World Zoo and Aquadome, free game of Adventure Golf, free Rock Climbing session and buy one get one free game of Ten Pin Bowling.

To keep adults busy, the Emerald Resort & Casino has the following:

- Arts and Crafts market
- Casino (strictly no under 18's)
- Event and exhibition centre
- Conference facilities
- Emerald African Spa

Did you know?

- Have you noticed brown sign boards along the tourist routes in the region?
- These are called tourist directional signage boards.
- These boards are used to show tourists or road users the direction to take to reach a tourist attraction or establishment.
- Some of the boards include the names of the tourist sites.
- Symbols are also used to indicate what facilities they have (e.g. accommodation, a restaurant, etc).



Activity

Look carefully at the following tourist directional **signage boards** and write next to each one what tourist attraction or facilities it represents.



Heidelberg Ramble Route

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TOURISM
Passport
work booklet

Your
rating?



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Heidelberg was established when Heinrich Ueckerman bought part of the farm Langlaagte and started a general dealer in 1861.

Heidelberg developed as a typical rural Victorian town. Many buildings dating back to the period between 1890-1910 have been preserved.

Buildings and Sites:

Many of these buildings and heritage sites can be visited on a day tour of the town and form part of the Heidelberg Ramble Route.

- A.G. Visser House
- Bakoond
- Black and White Concentration Camp and Graves
- Heidelberg Club
- Hoër Volksskool (High School)
- Klipkerk
- Laer Volksskool (Primary School)
- Methodist Church
- St Ninians Anglican Church Complex
- The Old Jail
- Truimvirate Monument and Town Hall



Heidelberg Town Hall



Klipkerk

*Contact the Sedibeng District Municipality's
Heritage Department for further information
or to book a tour.*

Did you know?

- Tourism destinations usually have Visitor Information Centres.
- A Visitor Information Centre is a place where tourists can get information about the destination they are visiting, as well as information on where to stay, eat or where to visit while there.
- This information can be in the form of a tourist map or brochure.
- The Vaal has two Visitor Information Centres, at Stonehaven on Vaal and at the Emfuleni Tourism office in Vanderbijlpark.



Activity

Draw the signage board/sign that indicates a **Visitor Information Centre**.

Where are the **two Visitor Information Centres** of the Vaal situated?

1.

2.

Draw a typical **Victorian House**.

Maccauvlei on Vaal



Your rating?



3 Star Graded

Maccauvlei on Vaal is situated in an oak forest setting near the Vaal River. The venue is shared with the well-known Maccauvlei Golf Course and is a relaxing location for business and leisure visitors.

Maccauvlei on Vaal enjoys a rich history. Maccauvlei is the name given by its first owner, a farmer, in 1844, and is where coal was first discovered in 1878.

Some heritage sites at Maccauvlei on Vaal include original buildings at its golf club, which was built in 1925, and a Garden of Remembrance for Canadian soldiers who died during the Anglo-Boer War.

At Maccauvlei on Vaal you can:

- Spend the night (they have 96 rooms!)
- Enjoy bird watching
- Play volleyball, squash or golf
- Have a delicious meal in their restaurant
- Swim
- Play in their children's play area
- Visit historical sites, such as Canadian graves from the Anglo Boer War or historical buildings

Tel: 016 420 2000

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Website: www.maccauvleionvaal.co.za

Address: Old Sasolburg road, Viljoensdrift



Be entertained at Maccauvlei on Vaal



Poolside fun

To keep adults busy, Maccauvlei on Vaal has the following:

- Conference and event facilities
- Wedding facilities and packages
- Team building
- Lapa
- Spa

Did you know?

Tourism establishments, such as accommodation and conference venues, are expected to offer visitors a good value experience. They should always comply with legal requirements and offer great service. They must be clean, safe and value for money.

Activity

Google the Anglo-Boer War.

Write a few short **paragraphs** about the Anglo-Boer War. Remember to mention: dates, location, result and territorial changes.

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Passport holders pay R15 for a boerewors roll and cooldrink at Maccauvlei on Vaal. Please show your Passport to qualify.

Peace Monument

Your
rating?



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Address: Civic Centre, Vereeniging

To commemorate the Anglo-Boer War, a statue was erected in Vereeniging called the Peace Monument.

It was unveiled in 1961 and was sculptured by Coert Steynberg, who used granite and steel.

The reclining figure depicts the two Boer Republics who lost their freedom by signing the Peace Treaty of Vereeniging. The steel figure rising from the heart of the reclining figure represents a new South Africa nation born as a result. The inscription on the statue, as well as the grouping of the laurel wreath, crossed rifles and empty bandoleer, symbolises the end of the war and the birth of a new nation

Did you know?

The Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902), was fought throughout the country when the two former Boer Republics of the Orange Free State and Transvaal fought the British for independence. It ended with a British victory and the annexation of both republics by the British Empire.

What's
next?



Contact the Sedibeng District
Municipality's Heritage Department
for further information
or to book a tour.

The Peace Monument

Activity

Complete the following sentences by filling in the missing words.

To commemorate the Anglo-Boer War, a
was erected in Vereeniging called the
It was unveiled in and was sculptured by
....., who used and

Design your own Peace Statue.

You may use any kind of material (*wood, wire, carton, etc.*)



Peace Negotiation Site

Your rating?



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Address: Cricket Pitch at Vereeniging Refractories, Barrage Road, Vereeniging

From 15-31 May 1902, the Boers and British met at a site in Vereeniging to negotiate the ending of the Anglo-Boer War. The site was situated at the present-day cricket grounds of Vereeniging Refractories. 60 Delegates represented the two Boer Republics and 60 delegates represented the British.

The Boers stayed in tents and the British stayed in a house, which can still be seen on the site.

Negotiations took place in a tent called the “Tent der Saamenkoms” (meeting tent), which was placed under an oak tree. On 31 May 1902, it was resolved that the Boer Republics would surrender to the British and all delegates travelled by train to Pretoria where peace was signed at Melrose House. Although peace was signed in Pretoria, the treaty is called “The Peace Treaty of Vereeniging”.

Only a stump is left of the oak tree where the meeting tent was placed, which is a national heritage site. A plaque was unveiled by former President FW de Klerk on 31 May 1992 to commemorate this historical event.

Contact the Sedibeng District Municipality's Heritage Department for further information or to book a tour.



The house where British delegates stayed in during the Peace Negotiations in 1902 is still visible at the site.



The memorial plaque at the Peace Negotiation site

Did you know?



To plan a variety of activities for a holiday or travel experience at a tourism destination, many tourists request a tour operator to assist. A tour operator is any person who owns a business which transports tourists on scheduled itineraries or tours. A tour operator makes arrangements for accommodation, transport and excursions for tourists. Tour operators must have the required licences and permits to transport tourists and must make use of a registered tourist guide when taking tourists on a tour.

Activity

Draw up an itinerary for **5 days** to show what tourist attractions you want to visit.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Tourist Attraction</i>
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday



Would you like to become a **TOURIST GUIDE**?

Riverside Sun Resort



Your rating?



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Website: www.tsogosun.com

Address: Cnr. Wenning and Emfuleni Drive, Vanderbijlpark



3 Star Graded

Riverside Sun Resort and its hotel has been part of the Vaal for over 35 years. It is managed by the Tsogo Sun Group, which owns and manages many hotels and casinos across Africa. It is a well-known brand within the tourism industry. The Riverside Sun Resort is located in Vanderbijlpark, next to the Vaal River, and gives visitors the chance to enjoy many outdoor activities or just to relax in its tranquil surroundings.



Beautiful gardens along the Vaal river

At Riverside Sun Resort you can:

- Sleep in one of the 169 rooms in the hotel
- Have access to free Wi-Fi
- Have fun around their swimming pool and patio
- Enjoy a meal in their restaurant
- Enjoy different children's holiday programmes with your friends
- Jump in the water and try a variety of water sports (by arrangement)
- Relax on the Liquid Lounge Party Boat
- Enjoy bird watching



Accommodation at the Riverside Sun Hotel

To keep adults busy, Riverside Sun Resort has the following:

- Wedding facilities and Honeymoon packages
- Conference and function venues
- Team building

Did you know?

Many tourist establishments, such as accommodation and conference venues, are graded. This indicates the level of service and the quality of facilities you can expect from a particular establishment. Establishments are graded from 1 star to 5 stars. A 1 star establishment offers basic facilities and a 5 star establishment offers very luxurious facilities.

The grading of establishments is managed by the **Grading Council of South Africa**.

As a passport holder you and your family receive **10% DISCOUNT** on meals at Riverside Sun Resort. Please show your Passport to qualify.

Activity

Design a menu with your favourite food on for a Restaurant. Indicate the dishes and the **prices** for each dish.



Menu

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Sebokeng Struggle Route

Your rating?



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The townships of Evaton and Sebokeng are within close proximity to each other, and together they form the Sebokeng Struggle Route.

Former President Thabo Mbeki called Evaton, the oldest township in the region, as “Ikhaya Lomzabalazo” – meaning “the Cradle of the Struggle”.

These townships were at the forefront of the liberation struggle.

Today, the Sebokeng Struggle Route offers lively township experiences in and around the many heritage sites that were important during the struggle.

These heritage sites include:

- Evaton Cemetery
- Jada Square
- Mc Camel Church
- Mphatlalatsane Theatre
- Nangalembe Night Vigil Memorial
- Saul Tsotetsi Sport and Recreation Complex
- Wilberforce Centre

Contact the Sedibeng District Municipality's Heritage Department for further information or to book a tour.



The Nangalembe Memorial in Sebokeng

Ikhaya Lomzabalazo?



Activity

Answer the following questions.

Name the 2 townships that form the Sebokeng Struggle Route?

..... and

Who is Thabo Mbeki?

What did Thabo Mbeki call Evaton?

Name 3 heritage sites on the Sebokeng Struggle Route that you would like to visit.

1.

2.

3.

Name 2 other townships in the Vaal Triangle.

1.

2.

Explore!



Sharpeville Struggle Route



Your rating?



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The Sharpeville Struggle Route showcases one of the most historic townships in the region. Sharpeville was chosen by former President Nelson Mandela as the venue to sign South Africa's new Constitution on 10 December 1996 as a tribute to the victims of the Sharpeville Massacre, as well as to all who lost their lives during the course of the struggle against Apartheid.

Human Rights Day is commemorated in South Africa on 21 March every year, to remind us of the Sharpeville Massacre and all those who fought for equal rights of all people in South Africa.

Sharpeville Heritage Precinct

The Sharpeville Heritage Precinct serves to honour those who died during the Sharpeville Massacre, which took place during a protest march against the Pass Laws on 21 March 1960.

The Sharpeville Heritage Precinct is a heritage site that intends to communicate and preserve the memory of important historical events which shaped the history of the Vaal and South Africa.

Address: Seeiso Street, Sharpeville
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The Garden of Remembrance inside the Sharpeville Memorial and Monument

Boipatong Heritage Site

A memorial has been built near the site of the Boipatong Massacre, which took place on 17 June 1992, to honour the 49 victims and the survivors of this tragic incident. The Boipatong Massacre, as well as the Sharpeville Massacre, played a role in the beginning of the end of the struggle for liberation and peace in South Africa.

Contact the Sedibeng District Municipality's Heritage Department for further information or to book a tour.

Quick facts about the Sharpeville Monument:

- The grass and plants at the monument are indigenous (native) to the area
- The water feature in the monument represents the bullet holes and the blood that was shed on the day of the Sharpeville shootings
- The pebbles in the fountain represent the lives that were lost after the shootings
- The 69 pillars in the monument represent every person who died. The pillars include the victims' names.
- The memorial stone within the grounds of the monument was unveiled by Nelson Mandela on 10 December 1996; the same day he signed the new Constitution of South Africa.

Activity

What historical activities happened on the following dates?

10 December 1996

21 March 1960

17 June 1992

What does South Africa commemorate on **21 March** each year?

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Did you behave
as a **TOURIST**?



Stonehaven on Vaal



Your
rating?



4 Star Graded

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Stonehaven on Vaal is one of the Vaal River's social centres, where the local community and visitors from outside the region can enjoy a day out.

Stonehaven can host a variety of different functions for business or leisure and are most child friendly.

This venue is also birder friendly, which means it promotes the Vaal Birding Route and encourages birders to visit.

At Stonehaven on Vaal you can:

- Eat at the largest Al Fresco (outdoor) garden restaurant in South Africa, with lots of treats on the menu (including your own Children's Menu)
- Try out an interactive Ice Cream Parlour – great for children to enjoy!
- Spend hours in the play area with a large Gladiator jumping castle, trampoline, the Big Water slip slide, swimming pool, tree house, jungle gym, sand pit, little action park with basketball and lots more
- Throw a Theme Party for you and your friends
- Have a picnic
- Bring along your dog to enjoy a doggie menu (only well-mannered pets welcome)



River Boat cruises



Fun in the sun!



At Stonehaven on Vaal you can:

- Learn to make Sushi
- Look for over 110 species of birds in and around Stonehaven
- Choose a number of river cruisers to explore the river on , including the largest cruiser on the Vaal River, or hop on a River Taxi
- Go fishing or birding on a chartered cruise

To keep adults busy, Stonehaven on Vaal also has:

- Conference, function and wedding facilities
- Team building activities
- Potjie cook offs
- An Information office
- A Gift Shop
- An onsite bakery

Did you know?

- Stonehaven on Vaal promotes the Vaal Birding Route.
- The Vaal Birding Route extends across the entire Sedibeng region and includes 13 birding sites.
- More information can be found at www.vaalbirdingroutes.co.za/vaal
- Avitourism is the term used for tourism aimed at birding or bird watching as a leisure activity.

Activity

Name and draw any 4 species of birds that can be seen on the Vaal Birding Route.

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What is the **term** used for tourism aimed at birding or bird watching?

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Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve

Your rating?



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The Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve was named after the range of koppies/hills in the area, called the Suikerbosrand. The Suikerbosrand was named after the Afrikaans word for a protea flower variety called the Transvaal Suikerbos (Sugarbush).

The Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve is a provincially proclaimed nature reserve that protects various plants and animals, which include predators and 200 species of birds.

At Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve you can:

- Travel on the 60km car and cycling tourist route
- See wild animals and birds in their natural environment
- Look for a variety of grasses, trees and other plants
- Hike around trails and sleepover in overnight huts
- Have a picnic
- Take a guided tour
- Explore Iron Age sites



Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve



Eland at the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve


What are you
Looking for?

Did you know?

- Iron Age sites are remains of human settlements (or villages) from the Iron Age period.
- Ruins of stone enclosures are normally visible from these settlements.
- The Iron Age period is regarded as the time when people first started making tools and weapons from iron.

Activity

Draw or paste a picture of a “**Sugarbush**” (a kind of protea flower).



Sylviavale Heritage Museum



Your rating?



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The Sylviavale Heritage Museum in Vanderbijlpark houses a private collection of significant cultural heritage artefacts from the past. The primary goal of the museum is to preserve historical objects of everyday life in a way that is informative and engaging. Many artefacts are preserved in working order, such as steam engines, antique machinery and household craft items.

The museum is designed as a small village, with many different buildings that show off various exhibitions. The museum boasts, amongst others, Model T and Model A Ford cars, Harley Davidson motorbikes and an ox-wagon.

At Sylviavale Heritage Museum you can see:

- Four exhibition halls with various displays and exhibitions
- A farming equipment display
- Steam engines
- Vintage cars
- Vintage motorbikes and bicycles
- Cultural items that showcase man's technological achievements
- A Struggle history display
- Artefacts from the Anglo-Boer War



A blast from the past



Steam Engines at the Sylviavale Heritage Museum

Don't forget to ask about their guided tours of the Museum!

At Sylviavale Heritage Museum you can see:

- Household craft items
- Displays of typical street scenes from the 1900's to the 1940's
- Herb garden and vineyard
- Sylviavale has other fun things, like educational facilities and programmes, a Tea Room Restaurant, Tuck Shop for sweets and toys, a playground with swings and slides and the Village and Country Market every Saturday

Activity

Draw a picture of an ox-wagon.



Vaal Teknorama Museum

Your rating?



The Vaal Teknorama Museum is a regional museum, which means it serves the entire region. The museum intends to preserve, conserve, communicate and exhibit the cultural heritage of the region to the community and tourists.

The region's history, as displayed by the Vaal Teknorama museum, begins with the pre-history of the Vaal; the establishment of the towns and industries; and communicates the history of the struggle against Apartheid that took place in the area

At the Vaal Teknorama Museum you can see:

- A Cultural Heritage Exhibition Hall
- A photographic exhibition of important historical events in the region
- Artefacts from pre-historic through to recent times
- Regular temporary exhibitions

The Vaal Teknorama Museum also has guided tours of the museum and heritage sites in the region, educational facilities and programmes and a comprehensive archive for research purposes.

It is for young and old!

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The Cultural Hall Exhibition at the Vaal Teknorama Museum



Did you know?

- The Vaal boasts 12 specially designed tour routes that cross the entire region.
- These routes showcase diverse attractions and tourism establishments.
- Visitors can explore the Vaal in their own time or as part of a tour group as these tour routes were designed for self-drive- or organised tours.

Activity

Name 5 tourist attractions that you found the most interesting.

1.
2.
3.
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5.

Did you enjoy being a tourist? Yes No

Give **reasons** why you enjoyed, or did not enjoy, being a tourist in the Vaal.

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Waterwise at Rand Water



Your
rating?



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Barrage Road, Vereeniging

Do you know what it means to be Water Wise?

- Respect water, respect life
- Don't waste water
- Don't pollute water
- Pay for water services
- Environmental action
- Conserve water, conserve the environment

Come and learn where water comes from, what "passengers" are found in river water and how Rand Water cleans Vaal Dam water so that you can drink clean, healthy tap water. Join us on a journey to be "Water Wise" at the Vereeniging Purification Station.



Meet **Manzi**, our tapduck, and the Water Wise Education Team who will explain the importance of using **water wisely.**

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