

Rustenburg

Province: North West

Population: 395 593

Weather (June/July): Owing to its sub-tropical climate the city has a temperate climate year round with winter temperatures averaging 16 degrees Celsius.

Geography: Rustenburg is situated in the Bojanala region of the North West Province in South Africa, on the Highveld Plateau. Its landscape consists of low mountains and grasslands.

Altitude: 1 500m

Closest Airport:

Pilanesberg International Airport

Pilanesberg International Airport is the closest airport to Rustenburg. Flights to Pilanesberg International Airport are just 30 minutes from O.R. Tambo International in Johannesburg.

Alternatively, one could hire a car from O.R Tambo International and drive to Rustenburg.

Help desk Tel: 014 552 1261

Flight information Tel: 086 72 77 888

Website: www.airports.co.za

Tourist information:

The Rustenburg Tourism Information and Development Centre

Tel: 014 597 0904

Email: tidcrust@mweb.co.za

Website: www.tourismnorthwest.co.za

Taxi Services

Rustenburg is not presently well equipped with metered taxis and most people take the minibus taxis which are not recommended, for safety reasons. It is best to hire a car if no metered taxis are available, but it is anticipated that by the World Cup Rustenburg will have metered taxis.

Emergency Services

Any Emergency (Public service): 107 (not from mobile phones)

Any Emergency (Public service): 112 (only from mobile phones)

Ambulance (Public service): 10177

Automobile Association Emergency Rescue: 0800 01 01 01

Automobile Association Medical Rescue: 0800 033 007

Flying Squad – Police: 10111

Netcare Emergency response (Private service): 082 911

Hospitals

Pegerae Hospital

Address: 173 Beyers Naude Drive, Rustenburg

Tel: 014 597 7200

Email: Alta.VanDerMerwe@lifehealthcare.co.za

Website: www.lifehealthcare.co.za

Ferncrest Hospital

Address: Moumo Street, Thlabane, Rustenburg

Tel: 014 568 4306

Email: nrcfer@worldonline.co.za

Website: www.netcare.co.za

Bars

Rustenburg does not have much of a bar scene, but there are one or two South African chains who have franchises in the city. The night life in Rustenburg consists of going to a restaurant or spending the evening at a bar. There is not a suitable club scene and most of this region's entertainment takes place at Sun City.

News Café

This News Café is situated in the Waterfall Mall and is a successful chain of bar/cafes. This is where you can relax, grab something to eat and enjoy great cocktails.

Address: Cnr Howick & Uagrabies Ave, Rustenburg

Tel: 014 537 3711

Website: www.newscafe.co.za

Dros Restaurant

This South African family favourite is a pub style restaurant so is great for pub meals as well as for enjoying some drinks.

Tel: 014 592 5439

Website: www.dros.co.za

Restaurants

There are no very fine restaurants in Rustenburg itself, but if one goes to Sun City or into Pretoria (about an hours drive) such restaurants can be found. These fine restaurants offer Mediterranean, Greek, Grill (Steak), Italian and Indian cuisine. Otherwise, the few restaurants in Rustenburg which are recommended are mostly situated in the Waterfall Mall.

Cuisine R150+ per person

Informal R80 – R150 per person

Cape Town Fish Market **Cuisine**

This very successful South African chain has a good selection of seafood as well as some South African dishes.

Address: Shop 213, Waterfall Mall, Cnr Howick & Uagrabies Ave, Rustenburg

Tel: 014 537 3663

Website: www.ctfm.co.za

Piatto Mediterranean Kitchen **Cuisine** **Informal**

This chain of Italian restaurants holds a place in The Waterfall Mall. This delightful restaurant has outside seating, which is well suited to Rustenburg's warm weather.

Address: Shop 75, Waterfall Mall, Cnr Howick & Uagrabies Ave, Rustenburg

Tel: 014 537 3666

Website: www.piatto.co.za

Attractions/Activities

Being situated in the Bojanala region, Rustenburg has the attraction of the Magaliesberg and is in close proximity to many outdoor attractions. It is a natural game area with a number of fine parks.

Kgaswane Mountain Reserve

This is a day trip for visitors to Rustenburg where picnics and barbeques can be enjoyed as well as good view points. The reserve hosts over 800 antelope and is famous for its breeding of Sable antelope.

Address: Access to the reserve is via Boekenhout Road travelling west out of Rustenburg, following signs to the main entrance gate.

Tel: 014 533 2050

Email: marcusl@mweb.co.za

Lost City Sun City

This complex is a 45 minute drive from Rustenburg and boasts two designer golf courses, 6000-seat Superbowl, the largest casino and gaming complex in the country and is situated in the extinct Pilanesberg volcano formed more than 1300 million years ago.

Address: Nestled in the Pilanesberg mountain range, in the Pilanesberg National Park, a mere 45km away from Rustenburg.

Tel: 014 557 4301

Website: www.suninternational.com

Pilanesberg Game Reserve

This game reserve is home to thousands of animals including the Big Five-lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant.

Tel: 014 555 1600

Website: www.Pilanesberg-game-reserve.co.za

Pronutro Zip 2000

The worlds' longest zip ride. The zip slide is 280 meters high, two kilometers long, reaches a speed of 140 kilometers per hour and guarantees a four minute unadulterated adrenalin rush.

Address: 5-minutes from Sun City

Tel: 014 557 1544 (Sun City Welcome Centre Information Desk)

Rustenburg Nature Reserve

A circular game-viewing tour can be done in this nature reserve. The reserve offers scenic hiking trails on the northern slopes of the Magaliesberg Mountains with its abundant bird life, 115 different types of tree and shrub, including some rare species, and rich fauna.

Address: Lies southwest of the town, on the northern slopes and summit of the Magaliesberg Mountains.

Tel: 012 729 1008 (North West Parks Board)

Rustenburg Ramble

This is an area dedicated to arts and crafts, with craft galleries, farm stalls and eating venues. Contact the Rustenburg Tourism Information and Development Centre for details on 014 597 0904.

Outdoor

Bonjala-Eastern Region is the most scenic region and the best for outdoor activities.

Water activities

Mountain sports
Hang-gliding
Parasailing
Abseiling
Hiking trails
Angling
Yachting
Ballooning
Cable way

www.dirtyboots.co.za

Airtrack Adventures, Tel: 014 552 1552

Hartbeespoort Cable Way, Tel: 012 253 1706

The Rustenburg Tourism Information and Development Centre

Tel: 014 597 0904

Shopping Centre

Waterfall Mall

Address: Cnr Howick & Uagrabies Ave, Rustenburg Central

Tel: 014 537 3598

Email : info@waterfallmall.co.za

Website: www.waterfallmall.co.za

Stadium

Royal Bafokeng Stadium

Capacity: 40 000

Unsafe Areas

Rustenburg is a fairly safe South African city, but it is still not advisable to wander too far from outside the city centre, especially at night time. It is safest to stay in the city centre and around the area of Waterfall Mall.

Safety Tips

Avoid walking alone after dark. Stick to crowded areas and keep your belongings close and concealed. Rather take a taxi than walk through unlit areas. Don't exhibit mobile phones, cameras, cash or valuables in the open. Watch out for pick-pockets.

Street children and beggars may approach you for a hand out. Many social workers counsel against giving money to the children as it usually gets handed over to some older figure or is used for sniffing glue. If you wish to do good for these children, rather give them food.

When driving, keep car doors locked and be aware of loiterers standing around at traffic lights. You should also be aware of who is in the immediate vicinity when getting into or out of your vehicle in the parking lot at the supermarket or mall.

It's advisable not to leave bags, cameras, mobile phones etc lying around on car seats, thieves

are known to break the windows, snatch valuables and disappear into the crowd.

Ensure that hired or borrowed vehicles are reliable, recent models that have been serviced recently. Make sure that you have sufficient fuel for your journey and avoid stopping unnecessarily on the highway.