



Africa's Leading Capital City

The City of Tshwane is a vibrant, diverse and modernising capital City. As the administrative seat of the South African government and the birth place of South Africa's democracy, it is regarded as the lens through which the entire world views South Africa. Home to over 130 foreign embassies and missions, it has the second largest concentration of foreign and diplomatic missions in the world after Washington DC.

Tshwane is also renowned for its natural heritage and recently became the only city in the world with a big five game reserve within city boundaries. "The Dinokeng Game Reserve is the first free-roaming big five residential game reserve in Gauteng next to an urbanised area. It is a private-public initiative for which planning and development started in the early 2000s. It was officially opened on 22 September 2011 after the introduction of four of the big five. The last of the big five was introduced in late 2012" (Dinokeng Game Reserve, 2014). Furthermore, it is home to heritage sites such as the Nan Hua Buddhist Temple – the largest Buddhist temple in the southern hemisphere, and the only one in Africa. With many conference and accommodation facilities coupled to these cultural and natural sites, Tshwane is developing its competence as an ideal destination for sport enthusiasts owing to both its extensive sport infrastructure and moderate climate. In December 2014 the inaugural Last Mile Marathon will be held that will commemorate Madiba's final journey. This event will be hosted annually by the City of Tshwane and will feature three shorter race distances in addition to the 42,2km main event: a half marathon of 21,1km, a 10km and a 5km commemorative walk. It is envisioned that the Tshwane City Marathon develops into a race which can join the ranks of the six world marathon majors: New York City, London, Boston, Chicago, Berlin and Tokyo.

As the third largest metropolitan municipality in the world by land mass, after New York and Tokyo, and arguably the single largest jurisdictional area in the world, Tshwane is home to the first proclaimed game sanctuary in Africa – the 500 ha Groenkloof Nature Reserve. Contributing to its world class city status, The Tswaing Meteorite Crater Museum in Soshanguve, 40 km to the north of the city centre, is the only ecotourism destination of its kind in Africa.

