

# Gauteng

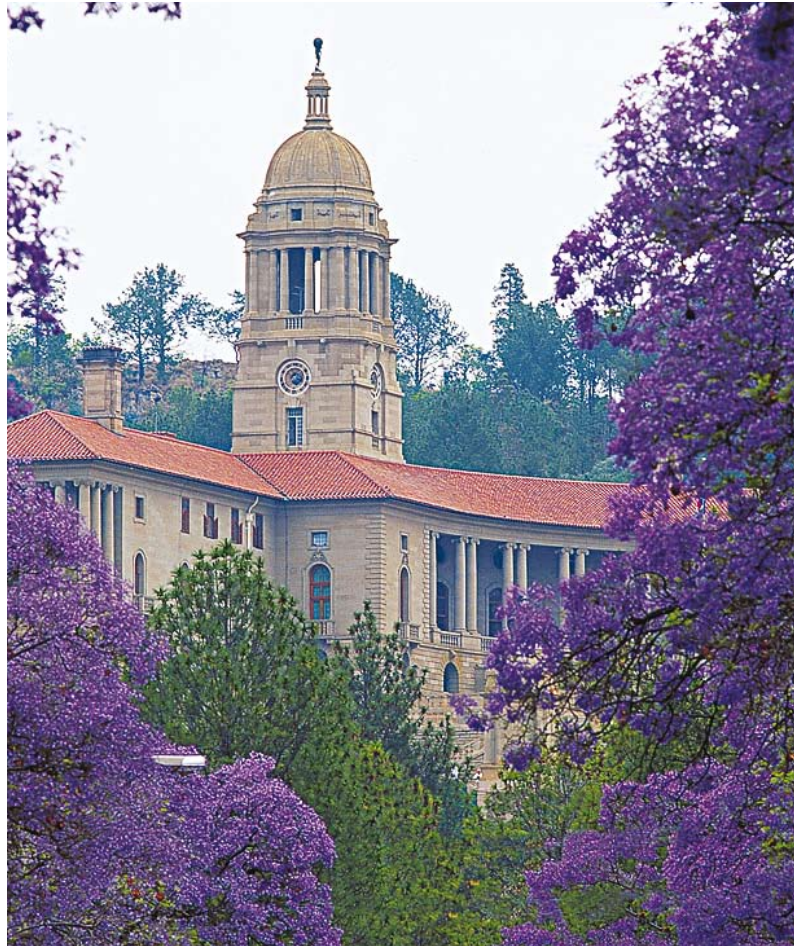


Gauteng is the economic powerhouse of the Southern African region and home to Africa's greatest cities. From the vibrant metropolis of Soweto, through dynamic Johannesburg, City of Gold, to the tree-lined diplomacy of Pretoria, Gauteng is a cosmopolitan, multicultural mix of people from all walks of life, from all four corners of the world.

Gauteng's wealth is not only in the gold, but also in the people. The unique cultural and social legacy is the multicultural melting pot, evidenced in many excellent museums, theatres, galleries, cultural precincts and craft markets. Gauteng has a rhythm, movement and style of its own.

Egoli still pulsates with entrepreneurial energy. Gold Reef City provides a sense of what the city was like after prospectors poured into the area in the late 19th Century. This huge historical theme park, just outside the city, was built on the site of the Crown Mines, which was the world's richest gold mine until it closed in 1975. Daily displays of gumboot dancing, which migrant mineworkers developed in their cramped hostels as a form of recreation, are a big crowd-pleaser.

The Magaliesberg area, just an hour's drive away from Johannesburg, is a magnet for people who live in the urban jungle, offering tranquil hills and valleys, lovely scenic drives and gentle walks, inviting country hide-aways, and a wonderful arts and crafts route. And thanks to a discovery at Krugersdorp, Johannesburg has earned a new boast. The Sterkfontein Caves, where some of the earliest known hominoids were recently unearthed, have been proclaimed a World Heritage Site. A visit to the site is a pilgrimage to the dawn of humanity. In this sense, the city has undoubtedly struck gold again. It's a tribute to South Africa's political maturity that its administrative capital, Pretoria, still teems with statues and monuments commemorating a time when the country's indigenous people were brutally oppressed.



Union Building, Pretoria

The city's central feature, Church Square, remains dominated by a huge bronze statue of 'Oom Paul' Kruger, generally regarded as the father of Afrikanerdom, and high on a hill south of the city centre lies the massive Voortrekker Monument, which is regarded as a shrine to the Afrikaner community.

The hamlet of Hatfield near the famous Loftus Rugby Stadium, is a particularly 'happening' part of the city; with its many restaurants and nightclubs. And half way between Pretoria and Midrand is the suburb of Centurion, which boomed in the early eighties when the man-made Centurion Lake and shopping centre were developed along the Hennops River.

From booms to blooms ... each spring the entire city turns a glorious shade of lilac. The first Jacaranda tree was imported to Pretoria from Brazil in 1888 and today some 70 000 of the feathered, lilac-foliaged trees grace parks, gardens and streets, providing a visual feast. Shop 'til you drop in Gauteng – there's something for everyone and for every pocket. Purchase stunning handmade crafts and souvenirs from roadside vendors, browse in an atmospheric African curio market, wander through one of the many colourful flea markets, go for designer labels in upmarket, world-class shopping malls, or browse in an Africana bookstore or one of the many art galleries.

Johannesburg is cementing its position as the country's capital of culture. With two brand new world class theatres the Teatro at Montecasino and the Lyric Theatre at Gold Reef City Casino, audiences are streaming in to see hit shows such as The Lion King and the award-winning smash hit musical, Hairspray.



Gold Reef City



**★★★★ Southern Sun Katherine Street - Sandton**  
**45 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 122 Bedrooms**

Set in attractively landscaped gardens and close to the fashionable Sandton City, Nelson Mandela Square and Village Walk shopping complexes. The keynote is on comfort and warm personal service and an environment where the interiors reflect an elegant tone. The outdoor pool terrace serves light refreshments and there is an excellent restaurant and cocktail bar, as well as equipped conference venues which cater for stylish and intimate functions. All rooms have: air-conditioning, all news cable channel, colour TV with satellite, coffee / tea making facilities, bar fridge, digital safe, private bathroom, separate wardrobe and work desk with lamp.



**★★★ Garden Court Sandton City - Sandton**  
**30 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 444 Bedrooms**

This modern hotel is situated in the heart of Sandton, conveniently located for business travellers and tourists. The hotel is within walking distance of Sandton City, Sandton Square and Village Walk, South Africa's exclusive shopping complex. Set in an attractive, landscaped garden with an outdoor swimming pool, the hotel provides an informal atmosphere, which is combined with efficient service. The Breakfast Room serves a light or full buffet breakfast and the Parisian style Cafe Maude simple and light French cuisine. All rooms are en-suite and feature air-conditioning and TV.



**★★★★ Protea Hotel Wanderers - Illovo**  
**36 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 229 Bedrooms**

Situated in the prestigious suburb of Illovo, Sandton, this Hotel offers the ultimate guest experience through unique 4 Star facilities. Venture into Sandton, Rosebank or the Melrose Arch precinct, which are minutes away and offer some of the finest shopping and dining experiences on the continent. Alternatively enjoy fine cuisine in our upmarket restaurant, relax on the hotel's poolside sundeck or enjoy a cocktail in our 24-hour coffee bar and deli. Rooms are all equipped with separate bath and shower; air-conditioning, electronic safe, hairdryer, television and tea/coffee making facilities.



**★★★★ Balalaika Sandton - Sandton**  
**30 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 330 Bedrooms**

Set in the heart of Sandton; the shopping mecca for Gauteng; lends a distinctive atmosphere of luxurious tranquility to the hectic schedule of business travellers & tourists alike. Not only is the hotel adjacent to the Village Walk Shopping Centre, but is only 200m from Sandton City Shopping Centre, Nelson Mandela Square & Sandton Convention Centre; providing a range of restaurants, shops and entertainment to choose from. Each room is tastefully furnished to portray the ultimate in comfort and style, with private bathrooms & air-conditioning. The personalised service of Protea Hotel Balalaika is a quality not easily matched & extends a welcoming hand to you.



**★★★★★ The Westcliff - Westcliff**  
**30 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 117 Bedrooms**

Set on a private enclosed estate with lush gardens, sparkling fountains and cobbled pathways, the guest facilities include two swimming pools, a gymnasium, a tennis court and a health spa to pamper the mind and body. Individually decorated furnished bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms and most rooms offer private balconies with superb views of the botanical gardens and surrounding forested areas. The La Belle Terrace restaurant serves cuisine inspired by local seasonal produce and tea is served in the conservatory while the Polo Lounge spills out onto the pool deck offering unsurpassed panoramic views.



**★★★★★ Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa - Sandton**  
**45 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 19 Bedrooms**

Situated in beautiful surroundings, in the quiet and leafy suburb of Morningside, the hotel offers a warm, homely ambience. Amenities includes a conference centre, large fully equipped gym and steam room and an on-suite Health spa facilities and Balinese spa garden and private Spa Villa. Fairlawns offers breakfast either by the pool, on the Rose Terrace, or in the guests suite should they so desire. The lunch and dinner menus are a la carte, and the candlelight dinners can be served in either the Private Dining room, in the restaurant or on the terrace.



### ★★★★★ Hilton Sandton - Sandton

**30 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 329 Bedrooms**

Located near the city's entertainment and dining hubs of Sandton City Shopping Centre and Nelsons Mandela Square, this a great hotel for business or leisure. A health spa provides beauty treatments as well as a private health club. Tradewinds restaurant provides nightly themed evenings, monthly food festivals, dinner dances and wine tasting evenings. En-suite rooms are all equipped with separate bath and shower, have individually controlled air-con, TV, Internet facilities in selected rooms, mini bar, tea and coffee making facilities hairdryer and electronic safe.



### ★★★★★ Melrose Arch Hotel - Melrose Arch

**25 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 118 Bedrooms**

Situated within the growing urban Melrose Arch development in Northern Johannesburg, this unique hotel offers personalised facilities and services of exquisite standard combined with a sense of fun and entertainment. Through innovative architecture and outstanding design the Melrose Arch Hotel has become a destination in its own right, attracting those who take pleasure in modern elegance and sophistication. Uniquely designed to showcase distinctive features, the hotel includes the March Restaurant, Library Bar, Pool, Executive Conference facilities as well as an exclusive auditorium that adds to its dazzling appeal!



### ★★★★★ The Michelangelo - Nelson Mandela Square

**25 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 74 Bedrooms**

The hotel location offers a perfect vantage from which to observe the entertainment and corporate capital of Africa. Return to convalesce in the serenity of Renaissance-style elegance that makes it of one of the leading hotels of the world. The Executive Lifestyle Fitness Centre with a heated and covered pool, grassed sun deck and steam bath will assuage your senses. You can also indulge yourself at the Health Hydro. Rooms have all been tastefully decorated to reflect the elegant Renaissance-style that has been carried throughout the rest of the hotel.



### ★★★★ The Airport Grand Hotel & Conference Centre - Boksburg

**5 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 151 Bedrooms**

This hotel offers the discerning traveller convenient access to the major business centres of Johannesburg and Pretoria. Each of its elegantly-appointed rooms include en-suite bathrooms with bath and separate shower, hairdryers, colour television with DSTV, direct dialling telephones, digital safes and coffee/tea-making facilities. The hotel's restaurant is open for a buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers a superb a la carte menu. Alternatively take advantage of the wonderful Gauteng weather and enjoy a light meal on the terrace overlooking the sparkling pool.



### ★★★ City Lodge Johannesburg International Airport

**5 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 220 Rooms**

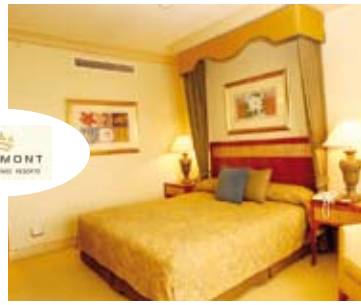
The Isando Junction is across the road from the hotel, which has a variety of restaurants at which to dine. The hotel offers a swimming pool, fitness room, boardroom, internet usage area and hot-spot wireless internet capability for laptop users and much more! A full English breakfast is served every morning. All rooms are comfortable and spacious coming in double to twin bed configurations. Guests can order wireless internet rooms to go online in comfort. All rooms have separate baths and showers and air-conditioning as well as tea/coffee making facilities.



### Metcourt Laurel - Kempton Park

**10 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 77 Bedrooms**

Emperors Palace is a sensational hotel, casino and convention resort that combines timeless classical elegance and sheer excitement. This hotel (formerly The Senator Hotel) offers you cosy, comfortable and affordable accommodation and delightful service. All guests enjoy breakfast at the charming Primavera Restaurant and access to all Emperors Palace's magnificent variety of facilities. The Metcourt Laurel is sure to meet both your business and leisure needs, so let us take care of you with friendliness and comfort!



### D'oreale - Kempton Park

**10 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 196 Bedrooms**

Similar to the well-known Caesars resorts in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and Lake Tahoe providing guests with the optimum in convenience and regal comfort. Fitted with state-of-the-art facilities, each room overlooks either the front gardens with their magnificent sculpture of Caesar, or the panoramic views across the landscaped Gardens of Vespasian. Overlooking the magnificent gardens and pool area, the conservatory-style Aurelia's Restaurant adapts from breakfast and lunch ambience to a sophisticated dining experience by night. Encounter a wide diversity of dishes that will not only linger on the palate but will linger on the mind.



### ★★★★ Sunsquare Montecasino - Fourways

**40 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 179 Bedrooms**

Located in the heart of Montecasino, a world-class gaming, leisure, entertainment and retail complex. This cosmopolitan lifestyle hotel is a trendy destination for both business and leisure travellers. The hotel is located on the Montecasino Piazza, and is linked directly to the spectacular Montecasino Entertainment complex offering a selection of restaurants, retail shops, cinemas, theatres and casino. The Montecasino Piazza also offers a selection of outdoor dining options. With all of this, Sunsquare could never be boring.



### ★★★★★ Palazzo Inter-Continental - Fourways

**30 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 246 Bedrooms**

This is a golden slice of Tuscany set amidst beautifully landscaped gardens and water features with beautifully appointed rooms and suites reflecting a level of luxury expected by the more discerning guest. The Medeo Restaurant, overlooking the magnificent garden with a Koi-filled reflecting pool, offers excellent dining for both lunch and dinner. The Hotel is linked by a walkway to spectacular Montecasino, which replicates a 300-year-old Tuscan village. A fitness centre and large outdoor pool take care of guest's physical well being.



### ★★★ Garden Court Eastgate - Eastgate

**10 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 157 Bedrooms**

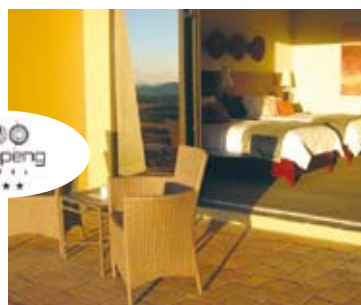
Favoured by business and leisure travellers, sports teams and supporters. Situated opposite the Eastgate Shopping Mall, with easy access to major highways. Although set in a fast developing business node, guests enjoy a relaxed pace within the hotel's attractive garden setting. The hotel also offers: a full range of business facilities is available including wireless internet access in the public areas; a bridge links the hotel to Eastgate Shopping Centre, one of the largest shopping centres in the country. Guests are within walking distance of the cosmopolitan Bruma Flea market. Also within close range are major sporting facilities and the city centre.



### ★★★★ Protea Hotel Gold Reef City - Johannesburg

**35 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 74 Bedrooms**

Situated close to all highways and within the grounds of the Gold Reef City Theme Park, the hotel offers a unique experience with all the ambience of a bygone Victorian era. Guests can enjoy an abundance of amenities within the grounds of the theme park, including restaurants, bars, a pool terrace, shops, a gold mine and amusement rides. The hotel also offers excellent conferencing and banqueting facilities for up to 120 delegates. Rooms are decorated in timeless Victorian decor, all with well-appointed bathrooms. Room facilities include air-conditioning, flat screen televisions, hairdryer and tea and coffee making facilities.



### The Maropeng Hotel - Cradle of Humankind

**55 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 24 Bedrooms**

'Maropeng', is a Setswana word meaning 'returning to the place of origin' and this was kept in mind when the interiors of the hotel were designed. The four elemental forces of nature, earth, fire, water and ice that kick-started our planet some 3 billion years ago feature prominently in the overall look of the hotel. The four star boutique hotel is the epitome of true luxury and is a five minute walk from South Africa's premiere tourist destination, the Tumulus visitor attraction and 10 kilometres from the Sterkfontein Caves. The hotel is perfect for the guests who want to explore this region with its rich history and diversity.



**★★★★ Riverside Hotel & Conference Centre - Vaal River**  
**45 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 169 Bedrooms**

This unique hotel and conference centre is situated on the banks of the Vaal River. The hotel is an ideal destination for both business and relaxation purposes. Both the hotel and Riverview restaurant look out onto lush landscaped gardens sloping down to the Vaal River. An attractive pool deck provides the perfect venue for outdoor dining and is a popular weekend attraction. Guests are spoilt for choice with unrivalled sporting and leisure activities, including sundowner cruises on the Vaal River. Come and enjoy the lovely gardens surrounding the hotel.



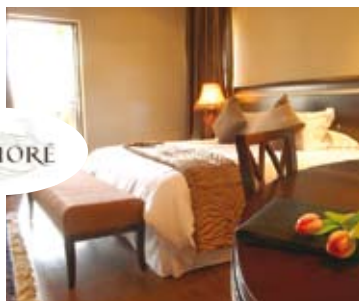
**★★★ Protea Hotel Mongena - Dinokeng**  
**150 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 26 Bedrooms**

Part of the Dinokeng development currently underway in the area, the hotel combines the rich cultural and historical heritage of the areas' different cultures in an expansive game reserve which currently boasts 3 of the Big 5 - leopard, rhino and hippo - establishing Dinokeng as a premier tourist destination in the not too distant future. Rooms are surrounded by expansive gardens and lovely indigenous trees, while our well-equipped conference centre can accommodate up to 80 delegates, cinema-style. Various team-building and relaxation activities can be arranged if required.



**★★★★ Misty Hills Country Hotel - Muldersdrift**  
**60 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 151 Bedrooms**

Set in lavish landscaped gardens displaying an abundance of indigenous plants and birdlife. Rooms are set in a rustic complex amid running water features. Each room is equipped with satellite television, a telephone, tea and coffee making facilities. The standard rooms have en-suite bathrooms with either a shower or a bath. Facilities include 2 swimming pools and anti-stress therapy Spa. The Carnivore Restaurant, which caters for all types of functions, centres on a huge open fire and offers exotic meats, African vegetarian dishes and a full à la carte menu. The Summerhouse Restaurant is a picturesque venue for elegant dining with large windows that overlook the hotel's beautiful gardens.



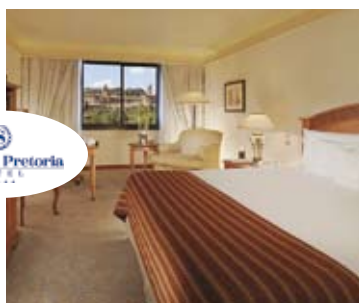
**★★★★ Velmore Hotel and Conference Centre - Pretoria**  
**80 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 47 Bedrooms**

The hotel has been built with architectural lines and proportions that are nostalgically reminiscent of Sir Herbert Baker and the turn of the century style when Pretoria was in its heyday. Each guest is provided with an experience of luxury and sophistication that will summon them back time and again. Attention to detail and perfect finishing touches will ensure a relaxed stay and a home away from home. All suites are individually air-conditioned and all have a patio or balcony with breathtaking views of the Estate and surrounds.



**★★★ Protea Hotel Waterfront - Centurion**  
**45 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 151 Bedrooms**

The hotel is situated on the Centurion Waterfront, with direct access to a modern shopping complex, restaurants, bars, retail outlets, banks, cinemas and nightlife. All rooms are equipped with en-suite bathrooms, separate walk-in showers, air-conditioning, DSTV, work desk with computer plug points, touch dial telephones, safes, coffee and tea facilities and hairdryers. Wireless Internet connectivity available throughout the Hotel. This elegantly built hotel with its strategic location and affordable rates is the ideal accommodation for the business traveller.



**★★★★★ Sheraton Hotel & Towers - Pretoria**  
**25 Minutes from OR Tambo Airport - 175 Bedrooms**

Located in the capital city of South Africa, the hotel overlooks the magnificent Union Buildings, seat of government with its picturesque gardens and close to over 120 Foreign Embassies & Consulates. Find total comfort in the luxurious 175 guest rooms and suites, including 43 Club rooms. Settle in and experience the celebrated "ahhhh" of the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper® Bed. Services such as wireless Internet access, 24-hour room service, a gymnasium, heated pool, meeting facilities, and a transport and safari desk will add convenience to your stay. Bring friends and colleagues together to try the delicious buffets at Magnolia or South African cuisine at our 643 Grill.