

**GAUTENG SPEED MARKETING
ITINERARY**
10th – 14th March 2025



Monday, 10th March – Johannesburg

10h00 – 12h00 - Arrival of Hosted Buyers at OR Tambo - Warm welcome
Drive to Tshwane [Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Pretoria Menlyn](#)
13h00 – 14h00 Lunch in Tshwane
14h00 – 16h00 Freedom Park/ Voortrekker Monument
18h00 – 22h00 Mogodu Monday (Dinner) Experience an authentic taste of South African cuisine with **Mogodu Monday** at **Protea Hotel Fire & Ice! Menlyn**. This signature dining experience celebrates mogodu, slow cooked to perfection and served with classic local accompaniments. Offers a warm, vibrant atmosphere, live entertainment, and a true taste of township-inspired flavours in a stylish urban setting. A must-try for food lovers looking to explore South Africa’s rich culinary heritage!



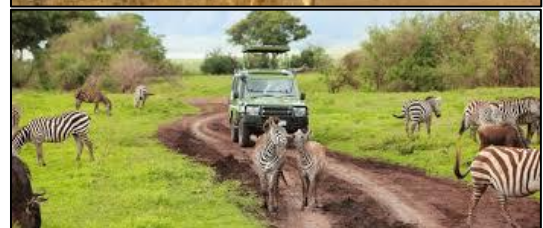
SUGGESTION: Since we are going to have a late conclusion of Mogodu Monday at Protea Hotel Fire & Ice! Menlyn, we recommend overnighting at the hotel to ensure a comfortable and convenient experience. This will eliminate the need for a late-night drive to Dinokeng Game Reserve and allow everyone to unwind after an engaging evening.

Additionally, hosting the Speed Marketing session at Protea Hotel Fire & Ice! Menlyn provides a seamless transition between activities, ensuring a relaxed yet productive networking environment.

Tuesday, 11th March – Tshwane

07h00 – 09h00 Breakfast at the Hotel and Check-out.
10h00 – 12h00 Speed Marketing Session – Connect with key industry stakeholders for networking and B2B engagements. (light snacks and refreshments will be offered as part of the conference package for the Speed Marketing).
13h30 – 15h00 Travel to Dinokeng Game Reserve (DGR), Check-in & Freshen up
15h00 – 17h00 Time at Leisure
17h00 – 19h00 Safari Experience & Sundowners – Sunset game drive at Mongena Game Lodge ending with sundowners in the bush.
19h00 - Dinner – Exclusive dining at a scenic location at a private bush lodge setting.

Overnight at one of the lodges in the game reserve.



Wednesday, 12th March – West Rand

07h00 – 08h30 Breakfast at the Lodge

09h00 Departure

10h30 – 12h00 Cradle of Humankind Experience –

Morning tour of Maropeng Visitor Centre
Step back in time and explore the origins of humanity at Maropeng, the official visitor centre of the Cradle of Humankind, a UNESCO World Heritage Site just an hour's drive from Johannesburg. This world-class exhibition offers a fascinating journey through 3.5 million years of human evolution, featuring interactive displays, ancient fossils, and insights into the discoveries of early human ancestors like *Australopithecus sediba* and *Homo naledi*. Visitors can enjoy a boat ride through the Earth's formation, marvel at ancient artifacts, and discover how scientific breakthroughs continue to reshape our understanding of human history. With breathtaking landscapes, guided tours, and a connection to the nearby Sterkfontein Caves, Maropeng is a must-visit destination for history lovers, families, and adventure seekers alike.



12h00 – 15h00 Lesedi Cultural Village & Lunch –

Immersive cultural experience with traditional performances and a buffet featuring African cuisine.



15h00 Departure to Vaal

19h00 – 22h00 Dinner in the Vaal – Enjoy Dinner at The Iron

Just 45 minutes from Johannesburg, The Iron Restaurant offers a sophisticated yet relaxed dining experience in the scenic Emfuleni Golf Estate in Vanderbijlpark. Overlooking the serene Vaal River, this hidden gem is known for its elegant ambiance, exceptional service, and beautifully crafted dishes.

The menu features a fusion of contemporary and classic flavours, with standout dishes like succulent steaks, fresh seafood, gourmet burgers, and vibrant vegetarian options. Whether you're enjoying a romantic riverside dinner, a leisurely lunch, or a celebratory gathering, The Iron Restaurant delivers a culinary experience as breathtaking as its views.



Overnight at Emerald Hotel/ River

Thursday, 13th March – Vaal

10h00 – 12h00 Emerald Casino

Nestled on the banks of the Vaal River, Emerald Resort & Casino is a premier entertainment, gaming, and conference destination offering a diverse range of experiences for both leisure and business travellers. The casino features a world-class gaming floor with slot machines, table games, and a private VIP area, catering to both casual players and high rollers. Beyond gaming, the resort boasts family-friendly attractions, including an indoor water park, animal world, adventure golf, and bowling alley. For corporate events, state-of-the-art conference facilities provide an ideal setting for meetings, team-building retreats, and large-scale functions. With luxury accommodation, fine dining, and stunning riverfront views, Emerald Resort & Casino delivers an unmatched blend of relaxation, entertainment, and business sophistication in Gauteng's Vaal region.



Speed Marketing Session – Morning networking session tailored to the region's tourism offerings.

12h30 – 13h30 Lunch at Emerald Casino

14h00 – 16h00 River Tubing on the Vaal – A Thrilling Water Adventure

Experience the ultimate water adventure with river tubing on the Vaal River, a fun-filled activity perfect for thrill-seekers and nature lovers alike. Drift along the scenic river currents, navigating gentle rapids and enjoying the breathtaking natural surroundings. Whether you're looking for an adrenaline rush or a relaxing float, this activity caters to all levels of adventure. Guided tours ensure a safe and exciting experience, making it an ideal choice for groups, families, or corporate team building. Get ready to splash, paddle, and soak up the sun while creating unforgettable memories on the majestic Vaal River!



Evening on the Boat Cruise & Dinner – Relaxing cruise on the Vaal River with gourmet lunch, wine tasting, and live music.



Overnight at Riverside Sun

Friday, 14th March – Vaal

08h00 – 09h00 Breakfast at the Hotel and Check out

10h00 – 12h00 Tour of Sharpeville Memorial

The Sharpeville Memorial, located in Sharpeville, stands as a powerful tribute to the 69 unarmed protestors who lost their lives during the Sharpeville Massacre on March 21, 1960. This tragic event became a defining moment in South Africa's liberation struggle, marking a turning point in the fight against apartheid.

The memorial features a wall engraved with the names of the victims, an eternal flame symbolizing remembrance, and a reflective garden for quiet contemplation. Visitors can explore the Sharpeville Human Rights Precinct, which includes the Sharpeville Exhibition Centre, offering historical insights into the events that led to the massacre and its global impact. Recognized as a National Heritage Site, the memorial is a must-visit for those seeking to understand South Africa's history and the sacrifices made for democracy and human rights.



12h30 – Depart to OR Tambo International Airport

N.B. This itinerary is subject to change due to the availability of accommodation and activities.

Please Note to the Following:

Guests are to make their way to the central meeting place on time, as per information that will be shared.

This itinerary includes:

- Transport costs
- All meals mentioned as per the itinerary
- Accommodation

This itinerary excludes:

- All personal calls
- Mini Bar
- Spa treatments not mentioned in itinerary
- Personal insurance
- Meals not mentioned on the itinerary
- All extra costs to be settled for own account

NB: Please note that some activities might have to change due to unforeseen circumstances.