

# Tourism break

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**Briefs & Updates**  
Jan/23 - March/23



## CAPITAL HERITAGE TOUR

Msunduzi Pietermaritzburg tourism hosted UKZN International Students Orientation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2023. The aim of the tour was to expose the students to what Pietermaritzburg and surrounding areas offers. The tour covered Pietermaritzburg city and Imbali Township attractions including Manaye Hall and Peace monument and proceeded to Howick via Mandela Day Marathon route, ending at Nelson Mandela capture site. The tour was ably conducted by one of our registered Tour guide Nathi Nxumalo



### Local Tourism Stakeholders' Confab

Themed '**Beyond 185 years, rethinking Local Tourism**', Msunduzi Local Tourism Stakeholders Confab took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 hosted by Pietermaritzburg Tourism Association.

Broad Areas Discussed;

1. Status Quo - The current issues that are negatively affecting the sector.
2. What should the Municipality do in order to change the status quo. Sector's frustration was obvious and it was agreed that a report would be compiled and sent to apex office of the municipality.

## CRAFT HUB & CRAFT ENTERPRISE



As part of Craft Enterprise mandate MPTA continuously facilitates selling platforms for local Crafters



ART IN THE PARK MEDIA LAUNCH – 28 FEBRUARY 2023



L-R Dumisani Mhlongo (MPTA) Richard Rangiah (Community Chest) Mbuso Zondi (SANBI) Kevin Palium (Creative Art College) Pretty Olifant (MPTA) Pastor Jabu Mnculwane (Old Prison) Gugu Mvelase (Msunduzi Tourism Unit) Lwazi Nsele (MPTA)

IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR 59TH ART IN THE PARK

The media launch for 59th Art in the Park took place on 28 Feb 2023. This marked the readiness for staging this historic event that was established in 1962.

'During the 58th Art in the Park we surveyed exhibitors and we noted that feedback was by and large positive but a few areas were raised that exhibitors felt needed attention. These are being considered as preparations for 59th Art in the Park are underway', said MPTA Director, Dumisani Mhlongo. He further pointed out that this year's edition is a precursor to the grand celebration of 60th grand celebration in 2024 and that It would have been this year if it was not for losing 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic.

Unveiling the theme for the 59th Art in the Park he said that the Pietermaritzburg City's 185 years Commemoration this year is an exciting back drop for 59th edition of Art in the Park hence the theme 'my city - my heritage'.

This theme will guide both the show's standard feature in the form of schools, 'through the eye of a child' competition and the commissioned art pieces by established artists. These will be expected to capture the representation of the heritage of the city and will ultimately reside at the Pietermaritzburg city hall.

# WORLD TOURISM DAY 2023

# TOURISM & GREEN INVESTMENTS

2023 SA TOURISM THEME

The theme for 2023 is: “**Consolidating and Sustaining Human Rights Culture into the Future**”. The 1960s were characterised by systematic defiance and protest against apartheid and racism across the country.

## 2023 ANNUAL ALL IN AFRICAN WALK

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All in African Conference Commemoration Schools Program



The All in African week featured school sessions as part of preservation of this important moment in the history of our struggle.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All in African Conference Commemoration Walk

Initiated by MPTA three years ago, the walk connects the original and alternative venues for the All in African Conference on 25 to 26 March 1961.

The All in African Conference was necessitated by intention of the National Party to declare South Africa as a Republic after conducting an all-White referendum. It was in this conference where Mandela made a surprise appearance and addressed the conference making it the last public address before he was arrested.

Led by the Mayor, Mzimkhulu Thebolla, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual All in Africa Conference commemorative walk took place on 31 March 2023, starting at KwaPoyinandi Hall and finishing at Manaye hall, then known as Arya Samaj Hall.

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