

## What makes our city the CITY OF CHOICE

Pretermaritzburg is the capital of KwaZulu-Natal. The CNH Hall is the largest all-steel structure in the southern hemisphere. The historic Old Natal Water won Pretermaritzburg a top ten destination accolade by Reader's Digest. Nelson Mandela holds the provincial record for having the longest buzz caught - a whopping 61.2s. Pretermaritzburg is the largest comprehensive education centre in the country. Pretermaritzburg is the birthplace of Madonna Coughy's prize-winning chickpea pie, named in the honour of the winner of '60, the Best of Country'. The Golden Hope Cinema is one of only two in the world. The city has two of the country's top sporting events: the Greater Alberton Dusi Cannon Marathon, Amabushona Cycle Race and the Michon Mills. The Taham Art Gallery has been designated as one of the country's top five art galleries. The Italian Garrison Church was built by prisoners of war who were captured during World War II. Known as the city of flowers, the city boasts its very own rose walk: the rose garden at Akandula Park. Printed in the city. The Witness is the oldest newspaper in the country published continuously under the same title. The magnificent cathedral organ in the City Hall is over 100 years old and is still in regular use. The Dusi River canal is the largest inland water course dedicated to the practice of canoeing and rowing. The Royal Agricultural Show is the second largest outdoor exhibition in the country. Nelson Mandela's last speech as a free man was made at the Mayor's Hall in 1989 shortly before his arrest. The Botanical Gardens is one of eight entities under the National Botanical Institute and the only one in KZN.

## General information about our CITY OF CHOICE

**Climate:** Pretermaritzburg enjoys fine clear and warm weather virtually all year. Average temperature in summer ranges from 15°-33°C, and in winter from 7°-22°C.

**Transport:** The city can be reached by road, rail and air. Pretermaritzburg Airport offers scheduled flights daily, courier departures from the city centre, and taxi services operate around town.

**Medical:** Pretermaritzburg is a fully serviced city with a top hospital and a medical centre, and a specialist dental department. For medical emergencies call Ambulance Service 033 341 5000 or Med Direct 033 845 3700. Foreign Exchange: The South African Rand (ZAR) is available in bank notes R10, R20, R50, R100, R200, and R500, and in R1, R2, R5, R10, R20, and R50 coins. R2, R5, R10, and R20 are the most commonly used.

**Libraries:** We have one of five legal deposit libraries in South Africa. The Bruce Head Children's Library has several public libraries, contact 033 332 2983.

**Service Clubs:** International service clubs. Rotary International, Lions and Round Table meet on a regular basis and visitors are most welcome. Contact the tourism office for more info.

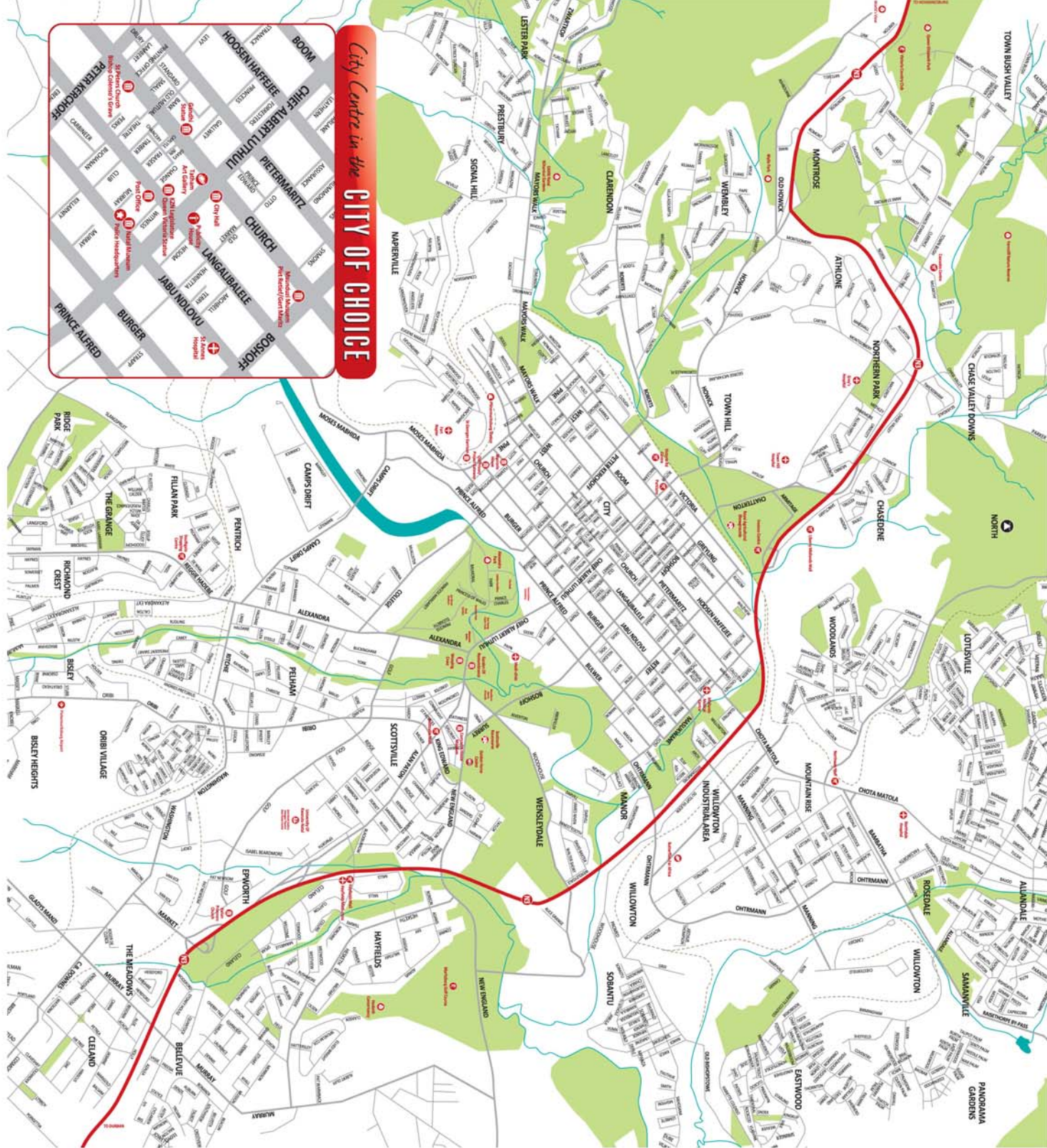
**Legal Advice:** Being the seat of the High Court in our province, pretermaritzburg is well represented by the legal fraternity. In any need of legal advice, contact Pretermaritzburg Tourism.

**Communications:** Dialling code is 033, followed by the number.

**Companions:** Dog and cat are the most common and companionable pets. Pretermaritzburg is a pet friendly town.

**Sister Cities:** We are proud to have sister-city links with London (England), Adelaide (Australia), Frankfurt (Germany), Toronto (Canada), Wuhan City (China) and Madras (Tamil Nadu, India).

**Business support:** The Pretermaritzburg Chamber of Business is a one-stop service for business support. Register your business, get a rate card, contact 033 343 7247.



## City Centre in the CITY OF CHOICE

