



## Cradle of Humankind – Maropeng and Wondercave

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Wonder caves.
- Maropeng Museum
- Boat Ride

### INCLUSIONS:

- Pick-ups and drop-offs
- Entrance Fees
- Knowledgeable Guide
- Bottled water.
- Lunch
- Snack

### EXCLUSIONS:

- Extras
- Gratuities (optional)
- Drinks and alcohol

**Pick-up time:** 08.00 am.

**Pick-up location:** Your establishment in Sandton, Johannesburg, or Pretoria

**Drop-off location:** Your establishment in Sandton, Johannesburg, or Pretoria

**Drop-off time:** 15:00 pm

**Duration:** 7 Hours

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### About Maropeng Museum

- Our first stop will be the Maropeng Museum, we will spend about 1 hour at Maropeng Museum.
- First, we will pay for our entrance fees and wait for one of the site guides to take us on a journey of human evolution.
- We will get to see fossils, learn about how humankind was born, and view stone tools that are up to one million years old.
- We will also go on an underground boat ride that will take us on an interactive experience of the four elements of nature (water, air, fire and earth).

### About the Wonder Cave

- Situated inside the Bothongo Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve the Wonder Caves are a site to behold and our second stop into this fully packed day tour.
- The Wonder Caves are said to have been discovered by Italian miners in 1898 where they mined out approximately 15% from the formation and brought them to the surface.
- The formations mined consist of calcite which were placed in a self-built oven for 2 weeks for about 1100 degrees. This formed a powder which was taken by ox wagon to Pretoria & Johannesburg to make cement, toothpaste, use to extract gold and the like.
- Mining was stopped in 1902 due to the outbreak of war and low productivity.
- This is the 3rd largest chamber in South Africa, the largest being Cango Caves and second largest Sudwala Caves.
- The cave is entered by going down 87 stairs at a 45 degree angle dropping 22 meters below the surface. You will then go down an elevator with a drop of a further 18 meters into the cave.
- The Wonder Cave is said to be UNESCO World Heritage Site and is a Natural Wonder dating back to 5-10 million years old.

