



SOUTH AFRICA BRIEF

1. Introduction

The 20th WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 30 October to 1 November 2019 under the theme “**Leaving No One Behind (Human Rights and Refugees)**”. The University of Johannesburg is the lead host of the 20th WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP–SA Symposium. The Symposia have been held annually in the Eastern and Southern African regions for the past 19 years to promote interaction among policymakers, academia, practitioners from water and related sectors, and cooperating partners. Together, they identify regional issues, gaps and priorities that require further research and support. Great emphasis is placed on integration of knowledge, particularly involving scholars from the natural and social sciences.

This brief has been prepared to assist you to prepare your travel and your stay in Johannesburg, South Africa.

2. Johannesburg-The Host City

Johannesburg is the financial capital of South Africa and considered the commercial centre on the African continent which has become the economic capital of both South and sub-Saharan Africa and an internationally renowned & vibrant metropolis, with over 4 million inhabitants. Founded in 1886 with modest beginnings as a mining town lying on the Witwatersrand, the reef on which the city was built on, it is one of the world's youngest major cities which has become a destination of choice for business due to its outstanding reputation for quality and affordability. Fondly known as 'Egoli', which means 'place of gold' the city is home to Africa's tallest office block the Carlton Centre (50 storeys) and the tallest tower (,90 storeys) the Hillbrow Tower.

Visitors to Johannesburg will be spoilt for choice as a variety of experience are on offer ranging from bungee adventure at the Orlando Towers in the famous Township Soweto, catch a glimpse of nature on Horse Back Trails with breath taking sceneries just 20km away from the conference venue, get soaked into the vibrant heritage and culture by soaking into South Africa's history at Lillies Leaf Farm and Nelson Mandela Museum, Interact with over 1000 Bird species at the Urban Nature's wonder presented by Monte Casino and so much more

<https://www.southafrica.net/za/en/travel/search/Fourways>

3. Travel to Johannesburg

O.R. Tambo International Airport is Africa's biggest and busiest airport, facilitating over 21 million passengers a year, carries all the hallmarks of a world-class airport business – location, accessibility and connectivity. It is ideally situated in Johannesburg South Africa's commercial and in the heart of Ekurhuleni Municipality, the heart of the city's industrial hub. The airport boasts excellent road infrastructure linking it to the national road network.

O. R. Tambo International Airport services airlines from five continents across the world and plays a vital role in serving the local and regional air transport needs of South Africans, as well as international travellers. The airport also has a significant retail footprint which cuts across the spectrum from high-end duty-free stores, African curio shops and a wide range of food and beverage offerings. O.R. Tambo International Airport is also home to top-of-the-range hotels which are situated in and around the airport precinct.

Delegates can also use Gautrain train service that links from O.R. Tambo Airport to major districts in Johannesburg complemented by a dedicated bus fleet which offers international standards of public transport

with high levels of safety, reliability, predictability and comfort. Travelling at a maximum of 160 kilometres per hour.

4. Visa Requirements

Participants are advised to contact the South African Embassy/High Commission/Honorary Council offices in their respective countries (<http://www.dirco.gov.za/webmissions/>) regarding the visa requirement and for visa application to enter South Africa before their journey.

Alternatively the South Africa Immigration website (<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa>) may also be visited. Invitation letters will be issued by the organizers to the registered participants to facilitate the visa application process.

5. Accommodation @ Indaba Hotel (258 Room Capacity)

Johannesburg is a principal tourist city in South Africa due to its proximity to the world famous Victoria Falls and its historic significance. Participants can choose from Hotels, Guest House, B & B's ranging from low budget lodges to 5 Star situated within 5-10km radius of the conference venue.

The organizers have secured accommodation at Indaba Hotel as part of the conference package for registered delegates with discounted room rates boasting an onsite Spa, Gym, Tennis Courts and. The Indaba Hotel is the ideal accommodation option for travellers who crave a bit of tranquillity during a visit to this bustling city conveniently located just north of Johannesburg with great attractions located close by.

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Tel: +27 11 840 6657



Alternative Accommodation Options:

5.1. Villa D'Or Guest House

Web: <http://www.villador.co.za>
email: reservations@villador.co.za
Tel: +27 11 465 4131
Rate: R797



5.2. Eagles Nest

Web: <http://www.eaglesnest.co.za/>
email: info@eaglesnest.co.za
Tel: +27 11 465 1710
Rate: R1100



5.3. City Lodge Hotel Fourways

Web: <https://clhq.com/hotels/120/City-Lodge-Hotel-Fourways>
email: clfourways.resv@clhq.com
Tel: +27 11 244 6000
Rate: R1406 – R1780



5.4. Lourie Lodge

Web: <http://www.lourielodge.co.za>
email: info@lourielodge.co.za
Tel: +27 11 465 4131
Rate: R1200 – R1750



5.5 Monte Casino Sun Square

Web: <https://www.tsogosun.com/sunsquare-montecasino>
email: sunsquare.reservations@tsogosun.com
Tel: +27 11 557 7007
Rate: R1710

