## Rustenburg City Profile

Rustenburg stands in a region that provides more than 75% of the world's supply of platinum. This exceptional mineral wealth combines with an outstanding climate to guarantee a high quality of life and promote a general sense of peace and prosperity.

In recent years, the council and local businesses have started a series of bold initiatives to expand the regional economy from its historic mining base, of platinum and chrome, generating economic growth, new jobs and a fast-increasing population.

However, Rustenburg is far more than the economic dynamo of the North West province. It is an established city, nestling in the foothills of the ancient Magaliesberg mountains, an area of natural beauty, enriched by thousands of important Stone Age and Iron Age settlements, waterfalls, streams and lush vegetation.

Sun City, the world famous resort, is located nearby, offering four top class hotels, two 18-hole golf courses, a man-made beach, an entertainment centre, casinos and much more, all created by a vivid imagination in the crater of an extinct volcano.

The Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace, a proposed venue for the 2010 Fifa World Cup in South Africa, is located close to Rustenburg on land administered by the Royal Bafokeng nation. In total, more than 900 square kilometres stand under control of a tribal authority and headed by a Monarch. King Leruo Molotlegi, the 30th in line of a dynasty that began with Phofu in 1140, presides over 24 sub-villages and a wealth of platinum reserves.

## Sporting Heritage

Rustenburg's passion for soccer is amply proven by the fact that the two largest professional clubs in South Africa frequently choose to play home league matches in the city.

Kaizer Chiefs are frequent tenants of Olympia Park, and Orlando Pirates regularly attract large crowds to the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace.

Olympia Park staged three group matches during the 1995 Rugby World Cup and has also hosted the South African National Athletics Championships. On both occasions, the local population rose to the occasion and created a memorable vibe.

Teams that are drawn to play in Rustenburg are assured of a warm welcome and a passionate crowd.

The Royal Bafokeng Stadium in Rustenburg, North West Province, is to undergo a minor upgrade, increasing its capacity to 45 000. It will host four first-round matches and one second-round.

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