

Information brochure for the 11th London Group Meeting 26 to 30 March 2007

**Greetings from South Africa
Groete vanuit Suid-Afrika
Madume go tswa Afrika Borwa
Imibuliso evela emzansi Afrika
Siyanibingelela sinyiningizimu Afrika
Ndumeliso ubva Afrika Tshipembe
Ha mi xeweta eAfrika-Dzonga
Salaama ngema kutoka Africa ya Kusini**

Statistics South Africa welcomes you to South Africa. The aim of this information brochure is to help you make your preparation and stay in South Africa a pleasant one. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Anemé Malan. Her contact details are as follows:

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Venue for the meeting:

The London group meeting will take place at MonteCasino in Fourways, Johannesburg.



For more information on the venue please visit www.montecasino.tsogosun.co.za.

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Physical Address:

MonteCasino Boulevard (Cnr William Nicol and Witkoppen Roads)
 Fourways
 Sandton
 Johannesburg

Postal Address:

Private Bag X118
 Bryanston
 2021
 South Africa

Map:**Directions:**

You'll find MonteCasino situated at the Fourways junction of William Nicol Drive and Witkoppen Road. MonteCasino is accessible from the William Nicol off-ramp, off the N1 freeway (Western Bypass).

From the Western Bypass (N1) take the William Nicol turnoff, turn onto William Nicol Drive and drive in a Northerly direction towards Fourways for approximately 3 km.

Cross over Leslie Road. At the next traffic light intersection with Kingfisher, turn right into MonteCasino Boulevard. Continue around the traffic circles and you will find entrances for MonteCasino on your left-hand side.

Accommodation:

Accommodation can be arranged at the **InterContinental Palazzo** at MonteCasino.



The InterContinental Palazzo, Johannesburg is located in the heart of MonteCasino, a world-class gaming, leisure and retail complex. This luxurious Johannesburg hotel is a lifestyle destination for both business and leisure travellers.

The Palazzo hotel is perfectly located in the heart of Fourways, north of Johannesburg and is easy accessible to all major highways, business hubs and 40km from OR Tambo International Airport.

Linked by open-air walkway to the spectacular MonteCasino Entertainment complex offering a selection of Restaurants, Retail Shops, Cinemas, Theatres and Casino.

Reminiscent of the grandeur of age-old Tuscany the hotel epitomizes true style and luxury, combined with personal service, luxury accommodation and world-class facilities. Accommodation includes 1 Penthouse, 1 Presidential, 10 Suites, 21 Deluxe Rooms, 104 Piazza Rooms and 106 Superior Rooms. Included are 3 rooms for the physically challenged guests. All rooms are elegantly furnished with en-suite bathrooms including separate showers and overlook the award-winning landscaped Tuscan gardens. The hotel offers guests a magnificent outdoor swimming pool and deck, fitness center and business center.

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Getting around:

Air

South Africa has three major international airports and six national airports. Smaller and private airports handle regional, unscheduled and domestic flights. Through the Airport Company of South Africa (ACSA), passenger-handling facilities are continually being upgraded, offering excellent facilities for travellers.

For the purpose of attending this meeting you will fly to the OR Tambo International Airport, which is situated 24km east of the Johannesburg city centre. Regular shuttles run between the airport and the city centre and the northern suburbs of Johannesburg as well as Pretoria.

PLEASE NOTE: Return transport will be arrange from OR Tambo airport to MonteCasino. Please complete the attached schedule in order for us to have your flight details etc.

Safety and security:

When travelling, South Africa is like any other country in the world. You need to use your common sense and bear these basic rules in mind:

- Never leave luggage unattended;
- Store valuables in the hotel's safety deposit box;
- Keep the door of your hotel room locked at all times – no matter how peaceful or rural the region appears to be;
- Always avoid ostentatious displays of expensive jewellery, cameras and other valuables;
- Do not walk around carrying large sums of money at any time;
- At night, steer clear of dark and isolated areas. It is always better to stick to well-lit, busy streets;
- Find out about trouble spots at a destination;
- Plan your self-drive routes beforehand;
- Always take a map with you in case you get lost;
- When driving, keep car doors locked and wind the windows up;
- Lock valuables in the boot of the car;
- Never give strangers a lift or pick up hitchhikers;
- If in doubt about the safety of an area, phone or visit the local police station for advice;
- Watch out for wild animals when driving in rural areas.

As long as you are aware of these safety tips you are guaranteed a laid-back and fun stay in sunny South Africa.

Other useful information:

Currency:

The South African currency is the rand (R), which is divided into 100 cents.

1 EURO corresponds to approximately R9,35

1 USD corresponds to approximately R7,11

Weather:

The weather in Johannesburg in March is usually fine and pleasant. Temperature is between 13 and 24 °C. There may be mild showers and a cool breeze.

Electricity:

South Africa uses 240V.

Useful links:

For information on other things to do and see while you are staying in South Africa you may want to consult one of the following websites:

- South African: For more information on South Africa, visit South African Tourism's website at www.southafrica.net;
- Airports: For a list of all airports handled by Airports Company of South Africa, log onto www.acsa.co.za;
- For local airline information, visit www.flysaa.com; www.kulula.com; www.flynationwide.co.za; www.1time.aero;
- Road travel: For information on South Africa's road networks, maps and assistance regarding self-drive journeys, visit the Automobile Association of South Africa at www.aasa.co.za;
- For car rental: visit the following www.europcar.co.za; www.avis.co.za; www.tempestcarhire.co.za; or www.imperialcarrental.co.za;
- For information on our national roads, visit www.nra.co.za;
- Bus travel: For information about bus travel in South Africa, visit www.intercape.co.za; www.greyhound.co.za; www.translux.co.za;