

Half Day Religious Tour

Tour Itinerary



13h30 - Depart from ICC

A tour depicting South Africa's diverse religions. Many of the religious institutions are steeped in both cultural and political history. We travel through to the magnificent Juma Masjid Mosque, the largest mosque in the Southern hemisphere which dominates Durban's central Indian district. In the same area, is the Emmanuel Cathedral which is also the seat of the Archbishop and mother church of the Archdiocese in Durban. The new Denis Hurley Centre, honouring the anti-apartheid former Archbishop, has been designed by Rubin Reddy Architects and is currently under construction.

Located in the community of Chatsworth, is the largest Hare Krishna temple in the Southern Hemisphere, the temple is well-known for its lavish architecture and decor, and equally popular for its excellent on-site vegetarian restaurant. We visit the Shree Ambalavaanar Alayam temple complex, also known as the Cato Manor Hindu Temple. The original building is the first recorded public Hindu temple to have been erected on the African continent. Built in 1875, it was damaged beyond repair during the flood of 1905 and replaced by the present temple, designed by K Reddy and built by RK Pillay. It was declared a National Monument under old NMC legislation on 22 February 1980.

The Nazareth Baptist Church, often called Shembe in Zulu, is an African Initiated Church founded by Isaiah Shembe in 1910. Shembe is associated with a small group of churches, often referred to as African "messianic" churches, where the leader or founder is ascribed by his followers with supernatural powers. Shembe is seen as a mixture of Zulu tradition and Christianity.

16:30 - Return to ICC

Passenger Information

Tour Code	RT001
Duration	Half Day
Date	05 th and 09 th of August 2014
Price	R425.00
Minimum	5 Adults
Vehicle	Air-conditioned vehicle to suit group size.
Included	Transportation, sightseeing as per itinerary, entrance fees and services of a registered English speaking guide.
Excluded	Gratuities and items of a personal nature.
Activity Level	Medium
Comments	An opportunity to view the melting pot of religions shared by South Africans.

