

Farm tours in Gauteng

Tours may differ on the Wednesday depending on flights to Cape Town

Tour 1

Visit to Vito Rugani, a farmer who produces 40% of the country's carrots:

The story of a man who moved from rags to riches in 20 years. From sleeping on a floor in flat in Johannesburg in the early 90's Vito Rugani, together with his partner Vincent Sequeira, became the country's largest producers of carrots. Today they supply more than 40% of South Africa's carrots annually and also operate the only carrot juice plant in the Southern Hemisphere.

The second visit will be tot the World Heritage Sight , the Cradle of Humankind, where famous fossils, as well as the first signs of farming were found.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
<i>April 4 Tuesday</i>			
	07:30	Bus depart to Greenway Farm	
	9:30 – 10:30	Briefing by Vito Rugani on farming operation and juice plant	Vito Rugani
	1030 – 12:00	Visit on farm	
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch on the farm	
	13:30 – 14:00	Briefing on Cradle of Humankind and ancient farming	Lindsay Marshall
	14:00 – 15:00	Tour of Maropeng	Janine
	16:00 – 16:30	Stopover at Union Buildings	
	17:00	Arrival Kievitskroon	

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<i>April 5 Wednesday</i>			
	08:00	Bus depart to Greenway Farm	
	9:30 – 10:30	Briefing by Vito Rugani on farming operation and juice plant	Vito Rugani
	1030 – 12:00	Visit on farm	
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch on the farm	
	13:00	Depart for airport	
	17:00	Arrival Cape Town	

Tour 2

Visit to a farming academy (Buhle) and the Rossouw Group (Rossgro)

The Rossouw group

The Rossouw Group of companies has over 80 years of agricultural experience, currently managed and run by the 3rd generation. The group was awarded the South African Farmer of the Year in 2007.

The Rossouws all obtained their degrees at the University of Pretoria: Chris Rossouw senior B.Sc Agriculture and Hons and his wife Naubie BA HED. Their four sons are Dr Adriaan Rossouw, MB.ChB, Charles Rossouw, BSC Building Management, Chris Rossouw junior, B.Com and Hons in Economy, and Dr Naude Rossouw, MB.ChB. Chris junior is a former Springbok rugby player and was a member of the team that won the Rugby World Cup in 1995.

The Rossouw group consists of three main divisions:

- Rossgro Poultry – eggs, broilers, laying and rearing hens and feed mill.
- Rossouw Farming: CashCrop – maize, soybeans and instant lawn.
- Roslé Citrus – oranges, lemons, Clementines and berries

They employ a total of 750 permanent workers and 800 seasonal workers. The farms occupy 6 000 hectares.

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April 4 Tuesday			
	8:15	Arrival of Congress Group at Buhle – refreshments, Welcome	Group, NdS, NM, ZS, AvdH
	8:40 – 9:00	Review of Buhle Farmers' Academy	NM
	9:00 - 9:10	Buhle graduate – My story	
	9:10 – 9:30	Khulisa – The successful journey	Khulisa
	9:30 – 10:45	Visit to students in class and visit to production units	NM, Group, AvdH, Group
	10:45 – 11:15	Outline of Monsanto Funding provided, BFA achievements, impact. Futureview – expansion, infrastructure improvements - Questions	Group, NM, ZS, NdS
	11:45	Arrival at Rossouw Group	
	11:45 -16:00	Lunch and farm visit	Group

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	07:30	Depart for Rossouw Group	
	9:00 – 10:00	Briefing on the farming operation	
	10:00 - 11:30	Farm visit	
	11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	
	12:30	Depart for airport	

Tour 3

Visit some game farms and also a visit to Mike Bosch's chicken farming concept:

Mike Bosch from Bela Bela is one of the most respected Beefmaster and Boran breeders in South Africa. But his latest success has come in the form of the Boschveld chicken.

Mike started breeding this indigenous chicken 15 years ago. More than 2 million of these birds, known for their resilience in even the harshest conditions, have been sold throughout Africa. He also developed a unique free range housing system which is also very populare in other parts of Africa.

Game farms:

- www.thithombo.co.za
- www.monatelodge.com
- [Click here for our video](#)

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	07:30 – 09:30	Travel to Monate Lodge	
	09:30 – 10:30	Briefing and video (7 min)	Thithombo Game Breeders
	10:30 - 12:00	Game drives	
	12:00 – 13:30	Light lunch in boma	
	13:30-14:30	Travel to Bela Bela	
	14:30 – 16:00	Visit Mike Bosch's chicken farming concept	
	16:00 – 17:00	Travel to Kievitskroon.	

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Tour 4

Visit to Brylyne Chitsunge and Kallie Schoeman's citrus farm:

Brylyne Chitsunge:

Brylyne is an internationally acclaimed expert and facilitator of the Nigeria-South Africa Group on Agriculture. She was able to buy her own land and works as a farmer and breeder of Kalahari Red goats, Nguni cattle, free range poultry, indigenous pigs and most recently Tilapia fish. She also works to educate farmers about sustainable farming and community supported agriculture

Kallie Scoeman:

As part of his Schoeman Boerdery farming operation Kallie Schoeman, son of a former agricultural minister, runs a 1,400ha citrus farm in Marble Hall (Moosriver). Kallie's son Hendrik is the 4th generation Schoemans and is the CEO of the operation. Here an average of 60,000 ton and Valencia and Navel oranges, and lemons as well as mandarins are produced annually About 70% of that is of a high enough quality to be exported and they go mainly to the E.U, U.K. South East Asia, China ,Middle East and Russia The rest is sold to SA supermarkets and for processing.

Kallie also produces maize, soya and white beans for the canning industry on another 10,000 ha farm in the Highveld near Delmas.

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	8:00 – 9:30	Farm tour	
	9:30 - 10:30	Travel to Schoeman Boerdery	
	10:30 – 12:30	Briefing and farm visit	Kallie & Hendrik
	12:30 – 13:30	Light lunch	
	13:30 – 14:00	Travel to Loskop Game Breeders	
	14:00 – 16:00	Visit game farm	Nico van den Berg
	16:00 – 17:00	Travel to Kievitskroon.	Group

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