



## **For the love of history and heritage - A nostalgic experience**

### **Day trip / Flagship weekend package**

Fairview Hotels, Spa & Golf Resort supports responsible tourism which include supporting the promotion of our South African heritage and history, and hereby offer a daytrip or flagship weekend package to the discerning guest or family who also share this appreciation.

Join us on a day trip to the historical town of Leydsdorp, as well as to the Giant Baobab Tree, only 53 km from Tzaneen, and experience old-world nostalgia while a guide offers you first-hand information on historical background, activities and attractions in the area.

#### **Itinerary**

Depart Saturday morning at 8h00 from Fairview Hotel to Leydsdorp Kapiri Hills hotel

Welcoming, coffee and rusks

Commence on a 2 - hour guided tour and enjoy a fascinating walk through the current Leydsdorp ghost town. Ruins and remains of corrugated iron buildings, pubs, a Hotel,

State House (referred to as the Kruger House, because old President Kruger used to stay here in his visits to Leydsdorp), Government Building, a Police station and Jail, hospital, nurses quarters and the spooky mortuary, The old Dickinson bar where they kept the deceased in the cellar, now home to Sandy the Ghost.

The tour ends with a visit to the historical mineshafts on the farm, and guests can also, enjoy viewing a variety of wildlife species roaming freely on the land.

Return to the Leydsdorp Kapiri Hills Hotel and freshen up

Guests can quench their thirst at the quaint old-world hotel pub while the story of Stanley the ghost is told often.

A three-course buffet lunch is served in the imposing hotel dining room

Guests will depart after lunch for a quick stopover at the Giant Baobab tree before returning to Fairview Hotel in Tzaneen.

About Leydsdorp and the Giant Baobab...

**Leydsdorp – Smallest proclaimed city in the country (probably in the world!)**

Just off the R71, 53 km south-east of Tzaneen lies, Leydsdorp, smallest city ever proclaimed as such in South Africa.

Leydsdorp is a historic town with beautiful old buildings to admire, one being the historical hotel (Build-in 1891) and bar, which still has the classic old-world feel to it.

The history of Leydsdorp started as early as 1870 with the discovery of gold, the extent of which was fully recognized in 1887/8, starting the second gold rush in South Africa.

Hundreds of claims were pegged out and about 600 prospectors were active in the area.

Leydsdorp was named in honour of President Paul Krugers secretary of state, Dr William Leyd (Dutch descendant). Paul Kruger was a keen hunter and visited the area regularly, in fact, he enjoyed it so much that when he had to sign a few important documents that were only allowed to be signed in a city, he proclaimed Leydsdorp an official city. Leydsdorp was once the capital of the Lowveld and home to the first newspaper, The Leydsdorp Leader.

Once a thriving mining town, Leydsdorp was virtually abandoned when gold was discovered on the Witwatersrand, and quickly became known as a "Ghost Town".

Today the little town is well-positioned, only 30 minutes' drive from Tzaneen, and surrounded by game farms which mean ample game viewing when visiting.

More interesting sites which could be visited in and around Leydsdorp Hotel boasts the historical mine shafts and wandering through the ghost town.

### **The Giant Baobab Tree at Leydsdorp**

South Africa Limpopo Province is well-known for the legendary Baobab trees.

Baobab trees have come to be steeped in legends of the local people who reside in the province. The gnarled bark and bulging branches of the Baobab trees truly capture the spirit of Africa and offer an outstanding theme for photographs.

The Baobab tree (*Adansonia digitata*) has one of the longest life spans of Africa's trees which is believed to be up to 2500 years old. These massive trees are succulents and contain some 80% moisture.

These fascinating trees are known for more than just their unusual upside-down look; they are also beneficial to both man and animals. Each Baobab is said to support its very own ecosystem teeming with life, providing both sustenance and shelter for a diversity of life. Birds and bees frequently make their homes in the trunk of older hollow Baobab trees, as do many other little creatures. Baboons in the area dine on the tree's fruits whilst elephants munch on the leaves and bark for moisture and food. Bushbabies and fruit bats also frequent the Limpopo Baobabs, playing a vital role in the pollination of the trees' flowers. The flowers of Baobabs last for just 24 hours, dropping off and providing food for antelope on the ground. Humans have also found several uses from Baobabs. The best known is the use of the fruit with its tartaric acid flesh and white powdery pulp for use in a drink. The fibrous bark has been used for centuries for rope, baskets, and mats. In recent years it has also been used for cloth, paper, and ceiling boards. Even the seeds of the Baobab fruit can be used for a sort of coffee drink. The trunks of Baobabs have even served as homes for people.

The Leydsdorp Baobab was used as a fridge back during the age of the gold rush, with a the measured temperature of 22 degrees inside the trunk.

This beautiful Baobab is simply majestic, and still growing at a pace of approximately 10 mm per year. Enthusiastic visitors can climb up the provided wooden ladder to where the branches start or into the trunk where the cavity offers shelter inside the trunk. An entry fee is charged to visitors at the kiosk on the site

## Packages:

### **For the love of history and heritage – day excursion:**

#### **For 6 guests**

- Shuttle transportation, 2-hour “Ghost Town” and Mine shaft tour and lunch
- R 755.00 / adults
- R 555.00 / children under 12 yrs.

#### **Less than 6 pax**

- Shuttle transportation, 2-hour “Ghost Town” and Mine shaft tour and lunch
- R 855.00 / adults
- R 655 / children under 12 yrs.

Includes complimentary bottled water and coffee

Cash bar available

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### **Heritage and history - luxury weekend package (2 nights)**

#### **Including:**

- Accommodation in a luxury spa suite at the Village at Fairview, including a complimentary fruit platter and sparkling wine on arrival.
- Full day Heritage and History excursion on Saturday
- Dinner at the Fairview Clubhouse Restaurant & Bar on Saturday evening
- Breakfast on Sunday morning at the Fairview Clubhouse Restaurant & Bar
- A 45-minute couples massage at the award-winning Zen Spa and Rasul, on Sunday morning.
- A complimentary late check out time at 14h00

R 3500.00 pp / night

(Excluding- Beverages / Gratuities / Laundry)

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