



MUSEUMS OF SOUTH AFRICA

TOUR OPERATORS CHAPTER MEETING



INTRODUCTION

- Ditsong: Setswana word meaning a place of heritage)
- Amalgamation of 8 museums
- Government entity- Department of Arts and Culture



DITSONG: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CULTURAL HISTORY

- Over 3 million items of cultural significance
- The San Hunter Gatherers
 - Gender responsibilities
 - Ochre paintings : SA Coat of Arms
- Schroda Figurine Exhibition - Original Clay Artefacts from 1974
- Ahmed Timol Exhibition
- Marabastad
- Pottery exhibition
- National Symbols and Orders



DITSONG: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

- Genesis 1
- Single celled animals, amphibians and reptiles
- Genesis 2
 - Mrs Ples
- Austin Roberts Bird Hall
 - 800 Southern African Bird Species
- Discovery Centre
 - Hands on activity centre
- Geoscience Museum
 - Minerals, crystals and gemstones



DITSONG: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY

- Rarest military equipment in the world
- Me262 jet aircraft Second World War
- Aircraft
- Armour
- Badges
- Military Uniform



DITSONG: KRUGER MUSEUM

- Home of President Paul Kruger 1884 – 1900
- The Original House
- ZAR Hall
- The Railway Coach
- Exile Hall



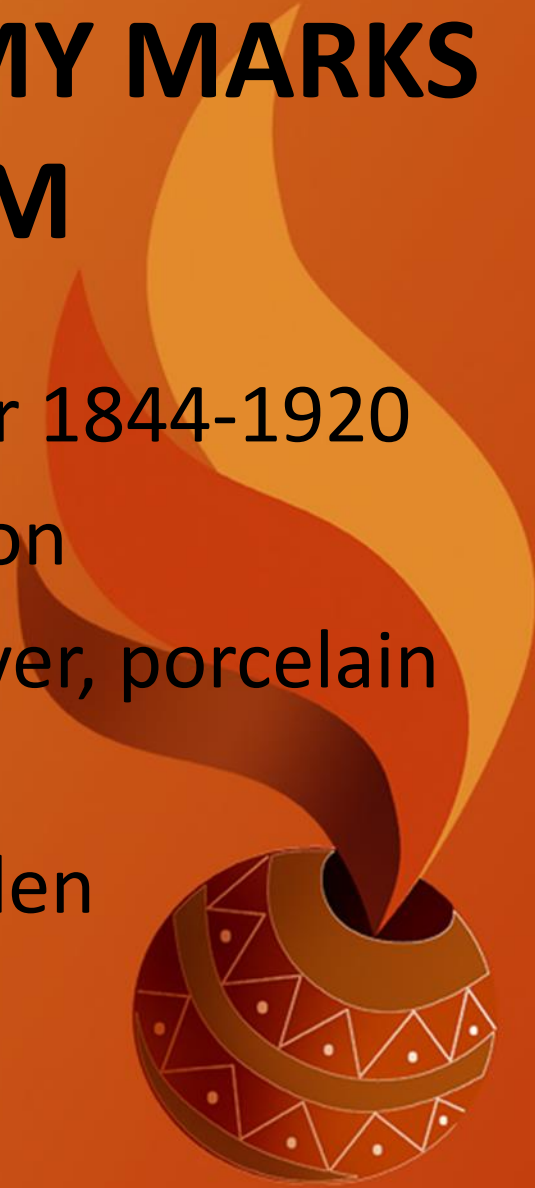
DITSONG: PIONEER MUSEUM

- House Restoration – traditional methods
- Built between 1848-1853
- Life of a Pioneer settler 19th century
- Traditional Orchard
- Demonstrations
 - Rimpie making
 - Bread baking
 - Candle making
- Wagon Shed
 - Donkey Cart
 - Voortrekker Ox Wagon



DITSONG: SAMMY MARKS MUSEUM

- Industrialist, entrepreneur 1844-1920
- 40 Room Victorian Mansion
- 98% Original Victorian Silver, porcelain and furniture
- Bertha's formal Rose Garden
- Anglo Boer War
- Croquet



DITSONG: WILLEM PRINSLOO MUSEUM

- Farming Equipment Display
- Diamonds Discovery
- Farmyard 1880 and 1913
- Ndebele house
- Farm animals
- Lapakraal and camping



DITSONG: TSWAING METERITE CRATER

- Tswaing: Place of salt
- 2000 ha Nature Reserve
- Meteorite fall 220 000 yrs. ago
- 1.13km diameter crater 100m deep salt lake
- Bio Diversity
 - Birds
 - Plants
 - Reptiles

