

A bit about the city where SASRECON is taking place

Potchefstroom

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Lying on the banks of the Mooirivier (which means 'beautiful river' in Afrikaans) **Potchefstroom**, or Potch as it's known to locals, is described as a large academic town, bringing to mind a pretty, tree-lined village teeming with students, which is slightly misleading.

Potchefstroom is indeed home to the popular North-West University, formerly known as the Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education, that does have a buzzing student life – the Bult, a series of restaurants and pubs, is testimony to this. It is also home to five tertiary institutions and some 30 schools. This combines with a strong farming economy, the country's largest chalk factory, one of the largest organ factories in South Africa, and a generous hospitality sector, giving Potchefstroom a rather unique atmosphere, one that is welcome when compared with the frenetic pace of Johannesburg.

Potchefstroom was the first town north of the Vaal River and has a historical legacy that includes the largest oak tree avenue in the southern hemisphere and various national monuments like the old police station building, Heimat building, the magistrate's office, the old gunpowder house and various churches worth visiting. The Edwardian City Hall, together with that of Krugersdorp, is the oldest existing city hall north of the Vaal River.

The OPM Prozesky bird sanctuary is home to 200 different bird species, Buffelsvlei Wild Animal park is definitely worth a visit, and a monthly art market in the City Council gardens provides interesting purchases. Potchefstroom's Sanlam Auditorium, part of the university, serves both the city and neighbouring towns with high calibre theatre..

Area: 185.4 km²

Weather: Average - 24°C, Wind N at 8 km/h, 66% Humidity

Population: 128,353 (2016)

Area code: 018

Number of airports: 1

University: North-West University

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ATTRACTIONS

- Andrew Carnegie Library
- The City Hall - the City Hall has a clockwork and bells that were manufactured in the Netherlands.
- Boskop Dam Nature Reserve
 - Boskop Dam is a popular angling and picnic site, about 25 km north of Potchefstroom, between Carltonville & Potchefstroom on the R501.

- Also favoured by yachting enthusiasts.
Cell: 083 237 2811
- Buffelsvlei Game Park
 - Tel: 018 298 1081
- Churches
 - One of the oldest Reformed Churches in South Africa (1891), which features some exceptional stained glass windows, is located in the town.
- Goetz Fleishack Museum
 - The only remaining example of the town houses that graced Market Square in the 1850's.
Tel: +27 (0)18 299 5027
- Hiking Trails
 - The Summit, Boat & Paddle, Rooihaas, Mooirivier Pioneers' Route Inner City and trails make Potchefstroom a favourite hiking destination.
- National Monuments
 - Potchefstroom offers a wealth of interesting architectural buildings dating back to the 1850's when the town was a major centre serving the western Transvaal farmlands and the diamond fields of the Northern Cape.
 - These buildings, many of which have been declared national monuments, include the
 - Old Gunpowder House
 - the Old Police Station Building
 - the Kruger Kraal Opstal
 - the Heimat building of the University of Potchefstroom
 - the Old Magistrates Office.
Tel: +27 (0)18 299 5027
- North West Command
 - One of the largest army bases in the country.
- Oak Avenue
 - Oak Avenue is a 6,84km stretch of road lined with oak trees planted in 1910. The avenue is the longest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Oak Avenue is a national monument.
- Old Fort, Museum And Cemetery
 - Remains of the old fort where British troops were besieged by Boer forces for 95 days during the South African War. Graves in the cemetery nearby.
Tel: +27 (0)18 299 5027
- OPM-Prozesky Bird Sanctuary
 - Wetland bird sanctuary adjoining the golf course.
Tel: +27 (0)18 294 6641 or Cell: 072 248 5557
- Potchefstroom Dam Lakeside Resort
 - Self-catering accommodation, camping and caravanning facilities include watersports, fishing, and mini-golf.
Tel: +27(0)18 299 5474
- Potchefstroom Museum
 - An interesting arts, culture and history museum, housed in the home of President Pretorius, the first state president of the Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek.
 - Excellent exhibits trace the history of the Potchefstroom region with fine ethnographic representation including an oxwagon from the Battle of Blood River. The museum houses a

reference library and museum shop.
Tel: +27 (0)18 299 5027

- President Pretorius Museum
 - The residence of MW Pretorius, the first President of the old ZAR (Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek).
Tel: +27 (0)18 299 5027
- Totius House Museum
 - A museum conserving the life and writings of JD Du Toit, Afrikaans translator, poet and theologian who translated the Bible into Afrikaans.
Tel: +27 (0)18 299 5027
- The Trim Park is situated in the green belt area adjacent to the Mooi Rivier. This natural paradise, through which the Mooi Rivier trail meanders, is a delightful recreational and picnic area and close to the new MooiRivier Shopping Mall.
Tel: +27 (0)18 299 5706
- Zerabi Lodge – Has also the camping with your own tent and caravan site which are electrified. Located on your way to Klerksdorp.
Tel: +27(0)18 293 0571
- Other Attractions Around Potchefstroom
 - Vredefort Dome – +27(0)18 291 1084 / 083 760 5346
 - Agapé Lion Park – 083 654 1503
 - Feather Hill Spa – 076 556 9915 / 087 750 3648
 - Botanical Gardens – +27(0)18 299 2753
 - Elgro River lodge – +27(0)18 297 5411
 - Thorn View Horse riding – 072 594 4626 next to Boskop Dam

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BANKING / ATM'S

First National Bank (FNB)

No. 51-52, Mooirivier Mall, Nelson Mandela Dr
018 294 3424

ABSA Bank
99 Walter Sisulu Ln
018 294 2740
Opens at 08:30

ABSA Branch, Tom Street, Potchefstroom
Meyer St
018 285 0000
Opens at 08:30

ABSA Bank
61 Walter Sisulu Ln
0860 008 600

ABSA Branch, ABSA Building, Student Bureau

86 Rivier St
018 299 0400
Opens at 08:30

FNB

SHOP 1, 2, & 4, West Acres, Walter Sisulu Ln
087 575 9404
Opens at 09:00

Standard Bank | Potchefstroom Branch
Walter Sisulu Street, West Acres, Potchefstroom
018 293 8521
Opens at 08:30

Nedbank Potchefstroom
Govan Mbeki Ave
018 293 9800
Opens at 09:00

Nedbank Riverwalk
Shop 5, Riverwalk Shopping Centre, Govan Mbeki Ave
018 293 6303
Opens at 09:00

Nedbank Potchefstroom University
Groenakker Centre, 140 Steve Biko St
018 294 2000
Opens at 09:00

First National Bank

ATM
Klinkenberg St
018 290 8501

FNB

ATM
Canal Crossing, Nelson Mandela Dr
018 293 3669

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DINING OUT

The Greek Taste
41 Buskus St
Cosy · Casual · Groups

Cafe Fiori
82B Steve Biko St
Cosy · Casual · Groups

The Broken Pot
140 Steve Biko St
Cosy · Casual · Groups
Opens at 11:00

Die Akker Koffiehuis

86 Steve Biko St
Cosy · Casual · Groups

Beef Boys Grill

Meyer St & Cnr Steve Biko
Cosy · Casual · Groups
Opens at 10:00

Die Pienk Huis

Coffee Shop
97 Dr James Moroka Ave
Cosy · Casual · Groups

Neptunes Fishmonger

18, Cachet Park, Steve Biko St & Meyer Street
Casual · Groups
Opens at 11:00

RocoMamas Potchefstroom

Barbecue
Shop 1+2 The Square Cnr Govan Mbeki and, Retief St
Cosy · Casual · Groups

Vida Verde

Cafe
78 Chris Hani St
Happy hour drinks · Cosy · Casual
Opens at 11:00

TeXas Saloon

Grill
30 Borchards St
Cosy · Casual · Groups
Opens at 16:00

Nando's Potchefstroom Riverwalk

Chicken
Afro-Portuguese chain restaurant serving flame-grilled chicken in spicy chilli sauce.
Cnr Nelson Mandela Dr & Govan Mbeki Ave, Shop 222, Riverwalk Shopping Centre
Casual · Good for kids · Groups
Opens at 09:30

Montana Spur

Grill
US-style diner chain with a family-friendly vibe, dishing up steaks, burgers, ribs and wings.
69, Moorivier Mal, Nelson Mandela Dr
Cosy · Casual · Good for kids

Domino's Pizza Potchefstroom

Delivery/carryout chain offering a wide range of pizza, plus chicken & other sides.
Cnr Nelson Mandela Dr & Dr Beyers Naude St, Shop 2, Tiger Trust Building
Casual · Delivery · Good for kids
Opens at 10:00

Fine Things

Shop 21-22, Cachet Park, Steve Biko St

Great cocktails · Casual · Groups

Garnish

Adrina Building, 34 Klinkenberg St
Cosy · Casual · Groups

Primi Piatti

Family Restaurant
Shop No. U205, Mooiriver Mall, Nelson Mandela Dr
Great cocktails · Cosy · Casual

E Sushi

Shop 10, Uitsig Arcade, Steve Biko St
Casual · Groups
Opens at 10:00

Decadent Restaurant

35 Parys Ave
Cosy · Casual · Good for kids

McDonald's Potchefstroom

Fast Food
Classic, long-running fast-food chain known for its burgers, fries & shakes.
Dr James Moroka Ave & Govan Mbeki Ave
Casual · Delivery · Good for kids

Riverside Restaurant

Casual · Groups

MUGG & BEAN

Family Restaurant
Modern chain cafe serving hearty classics, gourmet burgers and sandwiches, coffee and giant muffins.
Shop 30, Mooi River Mall, Govan Mbeki Ave
Cosy · Casual · Good for kids

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EMERGENCIES / MEDICAL

Mediclinic Potchefstroom

Hospital
66 Meyer St
018 293 7000
Open 24 hours

Mooimed Operating Company (Pty) Ltd

Hospital
1 Chief Albert Luthuli Dr
018 293 0802

Medicross Family Medical Centre

Medical Centre
Peter Mokaba St
018 297 0785

NWU Potchefstroom Campus Law Clinic

Medical Clinic
Thabo Mbeki Way
018 297 5341

Spec-Savers Potchefstroom

Optometrist
Walter Sisulu and Retief Str, Shop 4 Ground Floor, West Acres Center
018 297 5659
Open until 17:00

Better2Know Private STD Health Centre Potchefstroom

STD Clinic
Steve Biko St
080 099 9276

Dr. D. Semakula

Women's Health Clinic
Walter Sisulu Ln
018 297 5508

Dr. Hentie J.J. van Rensburg

Doctor
1 Barnard St
018 294 8255

North West Chiropractic

Medical Center
80 Retief St
018 297 6000
Open until 17:00

EVENTS

Aardklop Festival – 02-08 October 2017

For further details contact navrae@potchfees.co.za

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GYMS

AstroVilla

Calderbank Avenue
018 299 4141
Open until 16h30

CX Fitness

20 Canal Crossing, Parys Avenue
081 756 9945
081 258 1204
Open until 20h00

EasyFit EMS Studio

13 Kleyn Street
082 580 8471
Open until 21h00

Training Elite

80 Steve Biko Avenue
079081505369
Open until 18h00

Virgin Active Potchefstroom

Cnr Tom and Borchard Street
018 294 7743
Open until 21h00

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MEDIA

- The Media Room for SASRECON is situated at TBC
- Operational hours are TBC
- Accreditation must be done at G20
- Contact person G20

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Registration:

Venue: G20 foyer

Times:

Monday 02 October	12h00-17h00
Tuesday 03 October	07h30-15h00
Wednesday 04 October	07h30 – 15h00
Thursday 05 October	07h30 – 15h00
Friday 06 October	07h30-09h00

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SHOPPING

MooiRivier Mall
4.2 (57) · Shopping Mall
Nelson Mandela Dr & Govan Mbeki Dr
018 293 2004
Opens at 09:00

Canal Crossing Potch
4.4 (26) · Shopping Mall
Crn of Nelson Mandela Drive and Parys Avenue, Grimbeeckpark
018 290 6777
Opens at 09:00

Ikageng Gate
4.0 (10) · Shopping Mall
11 Zinn St
078 523 6362
Open until 18:00

Cachet Park Shopping Centre
3 reviews · Shopping Mall
Borchard Street

West Acres
3.6 (22) · Shopping Mall
Walter Sisulu Ln
Open until 20:00