



## CIB NEWS ARTICLE

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### Forthcoming Meeting



## CIB WORLD BUILDING CONGRESS

2007

*Construction for Development*

21 to 25 May 2007 | Cape Town, South Africa

### Companion's Programme

The CIB World Building Congress will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre during the week of 21 – 25 May 2007. The theme of this congress is Construction for Development, focusing on the important role that construction plays in the development of nations. CIB Task groups and Working Commissions have been approached to indicate their willingness to actively participate in this Congress. Several commissions have indicated that they would host their next conference at this congress, which will result in a number of mini-conferences within a bigger framework. Groups and commissions that have already confirmed include:

- Construction in Developing Countries
- Information and Knowledge Management in Building
- Complexity Science
- Safety and Health on Construction Sites
- Architectural Management
- Building Economics
- Organisation and Management of Construction
- Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing

CIB 2007 will build on the tradition of the triennial congress as the major platform for the presentation and exchange of research and information amongst its members and the industry, yet making it a unique experience. Abstracts for the Congress are requested by **30 June 2006**. Please visit [www.cib2007.com](http://www.cib2007.com) for a template and return details for abstracts.

The Congress promises to provide delegates with an unforgettable experience of South Africa. The

companion's programme is outlined below to give you a taste of Cape Town:

#### **The Grand Cape Peninsula Tour**

(full day) Price per person @ ZAR550-00

An unforgettable journey to the mythical meeting place of the two great oceans. Breathtaking scenic beauty contrasts with the harsh rugged conditions of the most south-westerly edge of the African continent.



Highlights :

- Clifton beaches
- Hout Bay and Mariners Wharf
- Boat ride to view the seals (optional)
- Chapmans Peak Drive (if open) / Ou Kaapse Weg
- Cape Point and Nature Reserve
- Penguin colony at Boulders Beach
- Historic naval port of Simon's Town
- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

### Cape Town City Tour

(half day) Price per person @ ZAR350-00 + cable car R120-00 per ticket

A geographical and cultural orientation tour showing you Cape Town from its historical beginnings to the dazzling modern shopping malls of the Waterfront.



Highlights :

- Table Mountain (weather permitting)
- City Centre
- Castle of Good Hope
- South African Museum
- The Company Gardens
- Bo-Kaap – Traditional Malay Quarter
- Victoria & Alfred Waterfront (S A 's most visited attraction)

### Robben Island Tour

(approximately 4 hours) Price per person @ ZAR250-00

Departure from Nelson Mandela Gateway in Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Departure times from 09h00 on the hour until last time at 15h00.

NB not a guided tour. Price to include a guide and transfers on application.

Depart by ferry from the Nelson Mandela Gateway to Robben Island. The short boat trip allows visitors to enjoy views of Cape Town from the ocean before arriving at Robben Island. For nearly 400 years Robben Island was a place of banishment, isolation and imprisonment. It was here that rulers sent those they regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and criminals. The island became internationally known during the apartheid years as a place of exile for the opponents of the regime. Many of the prisoners were in exile for more than 25 years and thus the island became a symbol of the struggle for political freedom. Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for over 27 years of which 25 years were in exile on Robben Island. Many of our current members of parliament were prisoners on the island.



### Wonderful Winelands Tour

(full day) Price per person @ ZAR550-00

This tour has been planned for the Friday when formal congress proceedings would have concluded. Travel with us through the spectacular mountain scenery and lush fertile valleys of the Cape. Taste a mixture of fascinating history and allow yourself to indulge in the pleasures of the renowned Cape winelands.

Highlights :

- Historical Wine Estates
- Historic Stellenbosch
- Franschhoek Valley
- Huguenot Memorial



- Paarl



**Friday 25 May 2007:**

**Aquila Game Reserve**

*(full day); (2 hours drive from Cape Town)*

Price per person from ZAR1300-00 (includes lunch)

Early morning departure from your hotel in Cape Town. Open 4 x 4 game drive with an experienced Ranger through the bio-diverse habitat of animals such as lion, hippo, antelope and many bird species. During the drive you will also view some of the San bushmen rock paintings. Includes lunch in the boma.

Pre- or post congress tour to the Garden Route, Kruger Park and Victoria Falls can be arranged on request.

**Conference Organisers**

This event is organised under the direction of the CIB President, Dr Rodney Milford, Director: CSIR Knowledge Services.

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