

# Information Pack



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## Access to the University of the Free State

Access to the university premises is restricted to the main gate situated at **205 Nelson Mandela Drive, Park West, Bloemfontein, 9301** and the visitors gate, gate five, situated at **DF Malherbe Drive, Park West, Bloemfontein, 9301**.

All visitors are kindly requested to use the designated entrance for entry. Full details on access control will be shared via a separate email closer to the function date.



# THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO GET AROUND



## Air Travel

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The majority of international airlines are extending their services to South Africa, with prevalent direct routes leading to either OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg or Cape Town International Airport. However, only specific airlines offer services to the **Bram Fischer International Airport in Bloemfontein.**



## Bus Travel

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As an alternative and cost-effective mode of transportation, one may consider using the bus or shuttle system. However, it is imperative to note that the preferred choice for travel remains air transport, as this is faster and will reduce time spent on the road.

*Click on your preferred means of transportation*



## Shuttle Services

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Uber does not operate in Bloemfontein; however, there are various shuttle services available that provide transportation within the city. ***These are all vetted and accredited by the University of the Free State.***



## Driving Yourself

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Alternatively, you have the option of renting a car. There are a number of car rental services at Bram Fischer International Airport and at OR Tambo International Airport.



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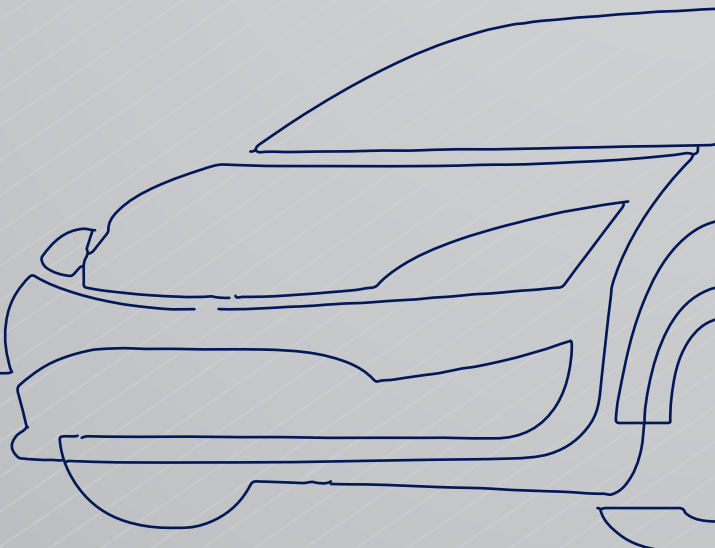
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# THE BEST DINING IN BLOEMFONTEIN

*Click on your preferred dining venue*

## Restaurants near the University of the Free State



## Restaurants in the suburb of Langenhoven Park



## Other Restaurants around Bloemfontein



# FROM FAR AWAY AND HERE TO STAY

*Click on your preferred Accommodation*

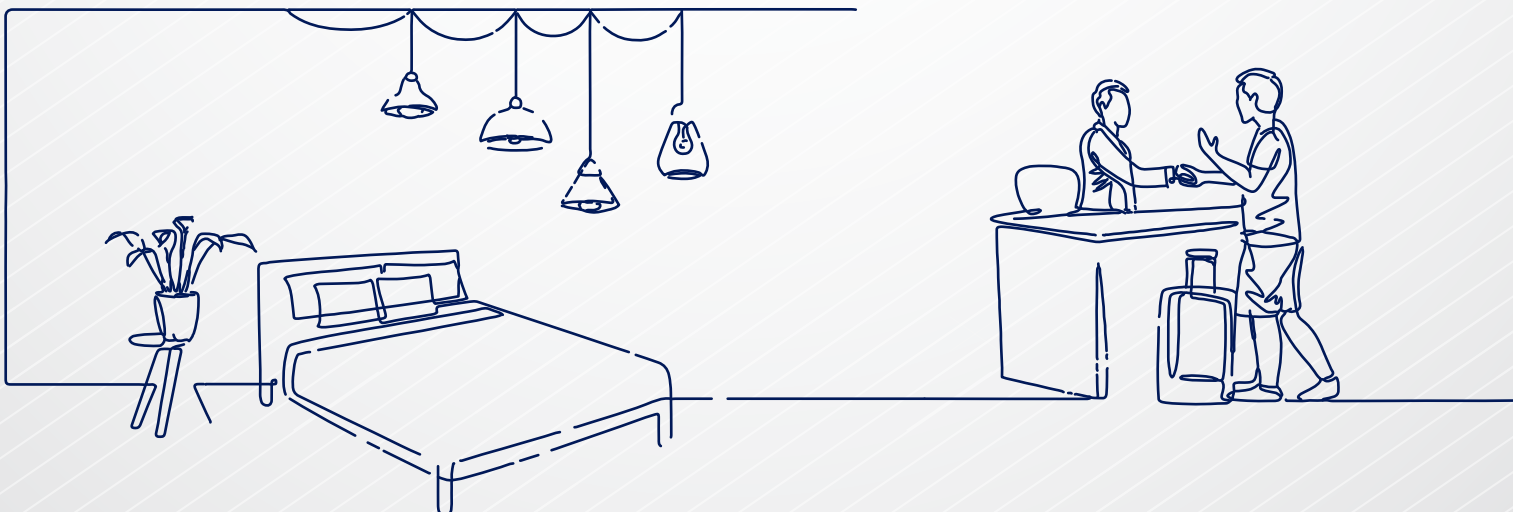
Lodging near the University of the Free State



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For those travelling by car, there are various options. **Please contact us for more information.**



# TIPS AND TRICKS TO NAVIGATE SOUTH AFRICA



## Language

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The predominant languages in the city (depending on ethnicity) are **Afrikaans • English • Sesotho**.

However, the vast majority of citizens comprehend most of these languages, even if it is not their first language.

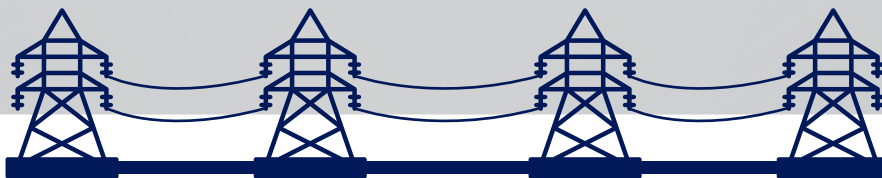


## Weather

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The temperatures in Bloemfontein can vary from mild to quite cold in **May, as autumn usually turns into winter during the first two weeks**.

Maximum temperatures vary **between 9°C and 20°C**. Layered clothes are a must. Please check the weather forecast closer to the time.



## Electricity

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- While Bloemfontein generally experiences a constant electricity supply, it is crucial to note that the entire country occasionally faces pressure on its power grid, leading to frequent load shedding and potential daily power outages. As a precautionary measure, it is advisable to keep a flashlight, battery-operated lights, or candles in your room.
- The standard electrical supply is 220/230 volts AC at 50 Hz.
- Plugs commonly found are 15 amp three-prong or 5 amp two-prong with round pins.
- US-made appliances may need a transformer.
- Most hotel rooms are equipped with 110-volt outlets for electric shavers and appliances.

## Banking facilities



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In South Africa, the majority of major credit cards, such as **Mastercard and Visa**, are widely accepted. As the **ZAR (Rand)** is the official currency, it is recommended to convert your currency if you intend to make cash payments or want to 'tip' the waiter, porter, etc.

**All major banks** are conveniently positioned **within walking distance of campus**, and on-campus automated teller machines (ATMs) are available.

**Please take note of the following safety tips when using an ATM:**

- Whenever possible, opt for ATMs that you are familiar with or select those situated in well-lit and secure locations.
- Before approaching the ATM, carefully scan the surrounding area, and refrain from using the ATM if there are suspicious individuals nearby or if the location seems isolated or unsafe.

**For exchanging traveller's cheques or foreign currency**, it is necessary to have your passport on hand.

Please note that foreign currency and traveller's cheques can only be **exchanged at Travelex located at Mimosa Mall**.



MIMOSAMALL

## Health Care +

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The closest pharmacy within walking distance of the University of the Free State is **ChecMed Pharmacy**, situated at **College Square**.

Alternatively, you can visit the retail chains **Dischem or Clicks**, conveniently situated throughout Bloemfontein, with the nearest branches at **Mimosa Mall, Loch Logan Waterfront, The Park Shopping Centre** and **The Walk Shopping Centre**.

**The nearest hospital is situated in Westdene – Mediclinic.**

Cnr Kellner & Parfitt Street, Westdene, Bloemfontein, 9301

**Telephone Numbers:** +27 86 177 7884 || +27 51 404 6666

**Emergency Department:** +27 51 404 6225



## Emergency

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The nearest police station is situated in Willows.

**Station Commander:**

+27 51 507 6002

**Telephone Numbers:**

+27 51 507 6027

+27 51 507 6000

**Email:**

BarnardY@saps.gov.za

**Physical Address:**

22 Park Road, Willows  
Bloemfontein, 9300



## PLACES OF ATTRACTION

If you have any free time while in Bloemfontein, we suggest you visit the following places of attraction at own your expense:

Oliewenhuis Art Museum

Women's Memorial

War Museum

Naval Hill

Amanzi Private Game Reserve

Bush Junkies

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