

Pretoria South Africa

Pretoria is South Africa's forgotten capital city. Sitting not far from the commercial hub of Johannesburg in the Gauteng province visitors to the country often overlook this beautiful provincial city. With its wide open roads, plenty of parks, four universities and bird parks nearby Pretoria is well worth a visit. The friendliness of the locals makes tourists feel instantly welcome. Renamed by the South African government into Tschwane in 2005 the city is the seat of the country's government, who resides in the famous and impressive Union building. With plenty of art, museums, nature reserves and monuments in and around Pretoria, there is plenty to do for those who visit.

For property investors there are plenty of choices of housing in and around Pretoria. From tiny little flats, to residential villas, cute town houses and land one can find plenty of bargains. With the favorable exchange rate between the South African Rand and the US dollar, investors can take advantage of the opportunity that presents itself. With easy access of transportation, Pretoria property owners can comfortably travel to the rest of the country.

Reitz

Named after former African president Francis William Reitz, this attractive town is situated in the north western part of Africa's Free State. Being the heart of South Africa it makes for easy travel to and from to discover all that this amazing country has to offer. Reitz itself offers a varied and interesting array of activities such as game parks, hunting, monuments, rock artwork, a rose nursery and much more. Considered an important agricultural center, Reitz also bears significance in historical events. Offering a more relaxed lifestyle, Reitz has warm summers and cold winters with occasional snow. With wide open spaces it reflects the beauty of Africa and all that it entails.

Property in Reitz is offering a more relaxed lifestyle than in other parts of the country, simply for the fact that it is less populated and somewhat rural. As with everywhere else in the country, the prices of property are ridiculously low and therefore a huge temptation for investors worldwide. Living in Reitz would be an attractive solution for people who love the idea of being close to the African bush whilst still being in a modern environment.

Somerset West

Somerset West is about 50 km east of Cape Town. It sits at the foot of Helderberg mountain, close to the winelands that are so famous for their tasty drop of wine. With the mighty Indian Ocean at its doorstep, Somerset West is a relaxed spot away from the hustle and bustle of the big town. Named after Sir Charles Somerset in 1819 it is a commercial and residential town but has kept its village style atmosphere. The whole region is known for its gastronomy, fauna and flora and historic heritage. Visitors won't get bored with the range of activities offered in and around Somerset West and if all that is too much, they can always chill out at the beaches of False Bay only 6km away.

With the gentle sloped surrounding mountains and the Ocean near their doorstep, property owners can enjoy the feeling of luxury that comes as a by product of living in Somerset. New developments offer stylish and luxurious living for a bargain compared with Europe or the Americas. Alternatively property owners can choose to buy extra land and build their dream home to enjoy the lifestyle this area has to offer.

St Helena Bay

St Helena Bay enjoys a special privilege, namely the fact that it is the only place on South Africa's west coast that allows you to watch the sunrise over the sea. Ideally situated it allows visitors to watch the dolphins at play, frolicking in the beginning of the day. Those lucky enough can also spot the majestic whales early in the morning and one is forgiven to think themselves in paradise. St Helena Bay is South Africa's home of the fishing industry and the famous snoek fish that can only be found on the local coast can be enjoyed by diners during the season. The area has a rich history of ancient artifacts that were left there by the ancestors. These stone tools and shelters can still be seen today.

With local golf estates, plenty of land and housing in the area, St Helena Bay offers charming coastal living for property owners. Watching the world go by from your veranda is like being on holidays in the most expensive holiday resort. With one of the calmest bays in the world, plenty of romance in the air and easy access via major highways and local airports, St Helena Bay is a wonderful spot.

Stellenbosch

Sitting prettily in the heart of South Africa's winelands, Stellenbosch is a place of great beauty that is steeped in the country's history. With over 200 local wine cellars that are mostly open to visitors, Stellenbosch is a popular stop over for tourists who travel the famous wine route. Summing up the great way of life that is South Africa, Stellenbosch has much more to offer than the famous local wines. With nearby nature reserves, mountains and wide open spaces, it invites visitors to hike along one of the many beautiful trails. Stellenbosch also offers plenty of architectural grandeur talking of a bygone era and a range of great local cuisine that can be enjoyed with a good glass of wine.

Those visitors who can't bear to part with this awe inspiring region are forgiven to look for suitable properties in Stellenbosch. Whether you are after a free standing home in a modern golf estate, a parcel of land, a modern townhouse or else, you will find something suitable in Stellenbosch for the right price. Amazingly property prices are not overpriced, despite the fact that it is a busy area.

Strand

The town of "Die Strand" is only 10 km away from Somerset West and an easy hour drive from Cape Town. Strand is a very popular destination for retirees from Johannesburg who decide to live in one of the many high rise apartment blocks along the beautiful white sandy beaches that are one of the main landmarks of Strand. Initially a settlement of Malay slaves that escaped from nearby Cape Town, it grew from a small fishing village to a popular resort town offering modern living by the sea. Locals escape their weekly drudgery from work by relaxing on one of the stunning beaches, soaking up the sunshine and "savoir vivre" that is often associated with living by the sea.

Besides apartments in high rises, Strand has more to offer to savvy property investors. An ideal base to travel to and from it can also be utilized by business professionals who work in Cape Town. There is certainly no shortage on beautiful and stylish properties for the right price. With the stunning backdrop of the famous Helderberg mountains it is truly a paradise that offers plenty of lifestyle choices.

Swellendam

Swellendam is originally the third European settlement that was built in South Africa by the early settlers. Once a grazing zone for herds of game that populated the area before humans even migrated to Swellendam, today the town is very pretty with a fair sprinkling of colonial buildings amongst wide open roads. Built along the old Cape Wagon road the town has morphed into a friendly rural town that offers plenty of hotels and other accommodation for the wary road traveler. For the more adventurous there is rafting and canoeing on the Breede river while the Langeberg mountains attract plenty of hikers and horseback riders. Called the Overberg region, the town is surrounded by soft rolling and fertile farmland.

Scenes from the movie "Out of Africa" come to mind while soaking up the scenery around Swellendam. Local real estate often comes with plenty of land attached and property owners can use this to their advantage by keeping horse or even game. With the wide open spaces and the stunning mountains as background, many properties have views to die for. With easy access to major cities, living in Swellendam comes close to living in paradise.

Umhlanga Rocks

Umhlanga Rocks is a seaside resort town some 20km from Durban. A popular getaway for locals on the weekend because of the cheaper lifestyle and the warmer water than Cape Town it sports many modern hotels and touristy shops. A close by shopping malls consists of over 400 shops. The coastline of the KwaZulu Natal is renowned for sharks, therefore the local shark board uses strict shark nets that are checked daily and make for safe swimming year round. With excellent beaches and surf it is a bustling getaway for tourists and locals alike. With thick, green vegetation and tropical and humid weather, Umhlanga Rocks offers enough variety to please the most fickle tourist.

Property in Umhlanga Rocks comes in the shape of town houses, apartments, flats and free standing houses. Some offer spectacular sea views and lend itself ideally to rent out to the holiday crowd. Property investors might love the idea of having a place in paradise which they can visit every so often themselves whilst renting it out for most of the year.

Wilderness

Wilderness sits along the famous garden route and is mostly catering to tourists. It is known for its stunning beaches, lagoons and a steam train that runs through the town. Activities such as dolphin and whale-watching, hiking, scenic drives, horse riding, para gliding, mountain-biking, day tours, ferry cruises, angling and other water sports are all very popular in Wilderness. Many rivers, lakes and lagoons are dotted all around the town and those who visit the Garden route should definitely call in to have a look. Birdwatchers will find themselves excited about the variety of birds in the nearby national park. If activities sound a little too exhausting, why not enjoy some of the local fare instead.

As everywhere else in South Africa, buying property in Wilderness is made possible by the great value that is partially due to the favorable exchange rate with overseas currency. Owning a plot of land or even living in a dream home is all possible in town with the benefit of having million dollar views. It is easy to see why this spot is so popular with tourists as it is easy to fall in love with Wilderness.

Anping (Taiwan)

Anping used to be a small island that was separated from the mainland of Taiwan until the 19th century. Due to a strong ocean current the small strip of land in between Anping and the mainland filled up gradually over time until it eventually became part of the mainland. Today Anping is a small district of Tainan city. Famous attractions include the Anping Castle also known as Zeelandia and the Eternal Golden Castle which was built in 1874 by a famous Qing Dynasty official. But the main fascination of visitors doesn't lie with those two impressive buildings. It is more so the ancient alleyways that criss cross the town as well as the old homes and tiny shops.

With a relative small amount of space available to build on due to Taiwan's mountainous territory, real estate listings are somewhat more meager than elsewhere. All though the cost of buying property is very affordable for overseas investors, this isn't so for locals. Most live in apartments and sometimes in houses depending on location. It is possible to find bargains that offer a good price and enough space, but they are harder to find.

Keelung

Keelung is a major port situated in north eastern Taiwan. Only 30 minutes by bus or train from Taipei, it easy travel to and from Keelung. Being one of the largest ports in the world, Keelung offers plenty of sea going travel to all parts of the globe. The city's night market offers a sensual array of local food and their baked crab and fish ball soup are well known delights. Nearby gold mining towns, fabulous beaches and plenty of shopping allows visitors to relax in style knowing that they are never far away from whatever they need. There even is a replica of the American Statue of Liberty in Keelung.

With easy access from the capital city, a major port in town and modern living, Keelung offers enough for property investors to consider buying locally. The relative ease of which allows locals to get around the whole of Taiwan makes it a very attractive destination for many overseas property investors too. With the added benefit of a good conversion, finding the right house is possible if one only wants to.

Kenting

Kenting is situated in the southern part of Taiwan and borders onto the tropical part of the island nation. With identically named national park, Kenting has a lot on offer for tourists. Because of the flat countryside it provides an ideal method to sightsee touring around with a bicycle. Kenting beach is a wide, white tropical beach that sports palm trees that sway in the glorious sunshine. With picture book views just about anywhere you go in Kenting, there isn't much you'd wish you had while visiting the area. Eating lunch at the local yacht harbor sounds like a great idea, especially if the freshly caught fish has just been delivered.

Living at the tip of Taiwan has certainly its attractions, with sunshine, beaches and nature galore. It is a charming region that resembles more so a tropical island resort than a city in Taiwan. Property investors can choose between housing, apartments and flats and they will most likely find something that suits their budget and expectations. Kenting property owners can enjoy a relaxed lifestyle by the beach.

Tainan

Tainan offers a diverse range of tourism from Eco tourism to gourmet tours, historic sites and shopping. There is always plenty to do in Tainan, including a rich nightlife. Riverview park is a popular spot for sport and recreation as the Taiwan Canal meanders by. The Tainan railways station is not only a very busy hub that transports people to all corners of the country, but also a tourist attraction because of its stunning architecture. One can even walk or cycle all the way along the Canal to Anping Port for lunch in one of the restaurants by the harbor. Many remarkable structures are seen in and around Tainan, with the local city hall looking like a 5 star hotel.

Property in Tainan comes in several flavors and shapes. Pricing ranges depending on what buyers are looking for. With local history and close by the sea, living in Tainan is an attractive idea for both business professionals and overseas property owners. Taiwan is a country that is rich of natural grandeur and stunning beauty, which makes it easy to relocate.

Taoyuan

Taoyuan is the natural home of the Pingbu tribe of Taiwanese Aborigines and an important industrial hub these days. Also home to Taiwan's international airport, Taoyuan means "garden of peaches" due to the many peach blossoms that could be found here in the past. Not far from Taipei, Taoyuan offers some excellent shopping and coffee shops. Popcorn chicken is a local specialty that is found city wide on street corner stalls. Close by tourists can find the Yuankuang Buddhist Monastery which was founded in 1917. Another great trip close to town is the interesting pottery town of Yingge. It offers an opportunity to browse the works of all the local artists and find a unique souvenir.

Taoyuan's property market is offering a range of housing for all kinds of investors. Whether you are looking to buy a riverside apartment, or an inner city one doesn't matter as long as you find the right kind of property for you. Traveling to and from the city is easy as it is in most populated areas in Taiwan and living close to an international airport has many advantages too.