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COMPETITION GUIDE



7-9 April 2011 Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

VENUE

The 2011 UCI BMX Supercross World Cup in Pietermaritzburg will be staged in Alexandra Park in the centre of Pietermaritzburg. This will be the venue of the new BMX park that is to be a permanent feature of the city. The competition track will be constructed as per the UCI's design before the event and will remain in place with amendments for ongoing use thereafter. This venue offers many unique features that is sure to make the Pietermaritzburg leg of the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup series one to remember for both athletes and supporters alike.

<http://www.bmxworldcupsa.co.za/>

PIETERMARITZBURG

Pietermaritzburg is a vibrant African city set in the breathtakingly beautiful KwaZulu-Natal Midlands that caters for your every holiday whim and desire. Set amidst forested hills and the rolling countryside of the Natal- Midlands, it is one of the best- preserved Victorian cities in the world. The city is the administrative capital of the province and is centrally situated between Durban, the Drakensberg and KwaZulu-Natal's game reserves on the main N3 highway between Johannesburg and Durban; Pietermaritzburg is approximately 80km north of Durban by road.

The city lies some 600-700 metres above sea level, and so has a cooler and more extreme climate than Durban or the Kwazulu-Natal Coast. The summers tend to be very hot and tropical, with thunder storms and temperatures well above 30 degrees Celsius in mid-summer. The winters are usually very dry and can be quite cold with several degrees of frost during some nights.

Popular attractions in the city include the Lion Park on the South-Eastern side of the town and a few game parks. These, together with the spectacular scenery afforded by the surrounding country-side, especially the Drakensberg Mountain areas, make Pietermaritzburg a sought-after tourist destination. Visitors to Kwazulu-Natal are well advised to include the region in their itineraries.

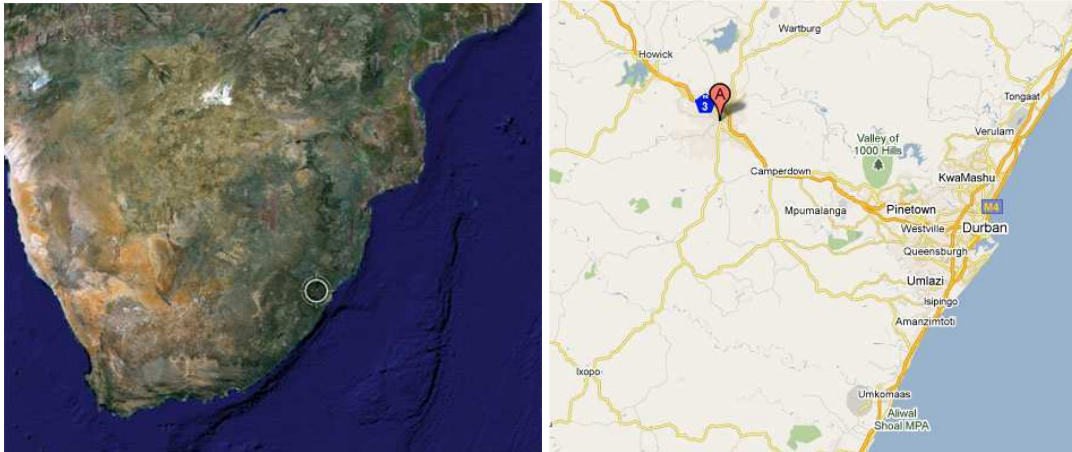


The city offers an airport known as Pietermaritzburg Airport. This airstrip is not an international airport but offers excellent national destinations and inter-city flights. The bus services are outstanding as you could choose from many different routes and with all the companies providing a great service.

Taxis are plentiful and provide helpful information and useful trips around the city and suburbs. Metered taxicabs operate in all major cities and towns. You will find taxi ranks at transport terminals, major hotels or shopping centers or you can hail taxis in the street.



For more information on the city, go to www.pmbtourism.co.za and for more information about Kwazulu – Natal, visit www.zulu.org.za.



HOW TO GET THERE

By car

Access to Pietermaritzburg by road is easy, lying as it does on the major N3 freeway from Durban to Johannesburg. The R56 connects Pietermaritzburg with Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London to the south-west.

By train

Spoornet operates regular inter-city trains to Durban, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Kimberley and Cape Town.

The train station is on the corner of Church and Railway streets, on the south-west edge of the city centre. Exercise caution when traveling on foot in this part of town, due to muggings and bag snatching.

By plane

Pietermaritzburg airport services flights from Johannesburg regularly. An option is to also travel into Durban, who is one of South Africa's major airports.

By Bus

Regular daily bus services connect Pietermaritzburg to major cities in South Africa. The bus station is located in Burger Street, opposite the McDonalds and it serves major bus companies. Grey Hound is the most reliable and it operates several round-trips from Durban To Jo'burg daily, where Pietermaritzburg is the last stop before Durban.

(source: www.WikiTravel.org)



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Pietermaritzburg is named as the 'Garden City' and Alexandra Park is named after Queen Alexandra, wife of Edward VII. The park's lush 65 Hectares of colour was established in 1860 and rooted itself as the social activity centre for many decades. The BMX Supercross World Cup track will be located next to the Cricket Oval.

Address: Alexandra Park, Park Avenue (just off N3 Highway), Pietermaritzburg.

OFFICIAL HOTELS

Pietermaritzburg and the surrounding region is chock full of a large variety of accommodation solutions for all entrants into the Worlds View Challenge. Ranging from large hotels in the centre of town to cosy and convenient B & B's on the outskirts or even to venues in the heart of the majestic Kwazulu – Natal Midlands, a solution is available to all entrants needs.

Accommodation queries and bookings within the city and the region will be handled by Ecco Tours who will be able to assist you with all of your accommodation needs.

<http://www.eccotours.biz/>

They can be contacted at 021 683 0069 or contact Ernest Pachonick at epachonick@eccotours.biz.

Event related specials have been negotiated by the organizers and the organizers have also undertaken an inspection of the various accommodation venues to ensure that they meet the required standards for international teams and participants.

ORGANISER

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday 7 April

- 09.00 - 11.30 Registration
- 11.45 - 11.55 Team Manager/Riders briefing
- 12.00 - 13.25 Elite Men Practice - Group A**
- 13.30 - 14.55 Elite Men Practice - Group B**
- 15.00 - 16.25 Elite Women Practice - Group C**

Friday 8 April

- 09.00 - 11.00 Transponder fitting
- 10.00 - 10.55 Elite Women Practice - Group C
- 11.00 - 11.55 Elite Men Practice - Group B
- 12.00 - 12.55 Elite Men Practice - Group A
- 13.00 - 13.30 Elite Women Time trials qualification #1**
- 13.30 - 15.30 Elite Men Time trials qualification #1**
- 15.30 - 15.45 Elite Women Time trials Superfinal**
- 15.45 - 16.00 Elite Men Time trials Superfinal**

Saturday 9 April

- 13.00 - 13.25 Warm up Elite Women
- 13.30 - 13.55 Warm up Elite Men
- 14.00 - 15.20 Elite Women Quarterfinal 1st round**
- Elite Men 1/8 Finals 1st round**
- Elite Women Quarterfinals 2nd round**
- Elite Men 1/8 Finals 2nd round**
- Elite Women Quarterfinals 3rd round**
- Elite Men 1/8 3rd round**
- 15.45 - 16.20 Elite Men Quarterfinals**
- Elite Women Semifinals**
- Elite Men Semifinal**
- 16.30 - 16.40 Elite Women Final**
- 16.40 - 16.50 Elite Men final**
- 16.50 - 17.00 Awards ceremony

Event schedule subject to changes

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