

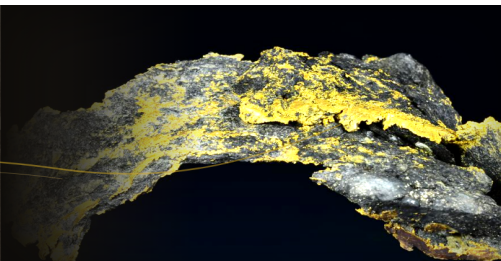
140 YEARS OF JOHANNESBURG

Jozi140

Geology that Built a City

8–9 AUGUST 2026 • ORIGINS CENTRE, JOHANNESBURG

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EVENT PROGRAMME

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Witwatersrand Goldfield: History, Geology, Minerals and Gold

Prof. Bruce Cairncross · Origins Centre · 8 August, evening

OPTION 1

Exhibition

Temporary exhibition at Origins Centre, keynote address by Prof. Bruce Cairncross, and finger supper.

OPTION 2

Field Excursion & Exhibition

The full two-day itinerary — heritage site visits, all entrance fees, packed lunch both days, guidebook, exhibition, keynote address and finger supper.

DAY 1

Northern Route

Saturday

8th August 2026

TIME	LOCATION	POINTS OF INTEREST
08:00 for 08:30	Origins Centre	Departure point.
	Northwards House	Home to Randlord John Dale Lace and his socialite wife Josephine. The house was constructed from Orange Grove Quartzite and sits on the Parktown Ridge.
	Melville Koppies	A site of Iron Age (~1500 BCE) smelting, using iron extracted from The Contorted Bed.
	Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens	The Geological Garden represents a snapshot of South Africa's major geological formations, spanning approximately 3.5 billion years. Orange Grove Quartzite forms the site of the Witpoortjie Waterfall and also marks the northern edge of the Witwatersrand Plateau.
17:30 for 18:00	Origins Centre	Pop-up exhibition showcasing items that depict Johannesburg's origins — photographs, artefacts, and gold specimens telling the story of our mining heritage. Finger supper and keynote talk by Prof. Bruce Cairncross: "The Witwatersrand Goldfield: History, Geology, Minerals and Gold."

DAY 2

Southern Route

Sunday

9th August 2026

TIME	LOCATION	POINTS OF INTEREST
08:00 for 08:30	Origins Centre	Departure point.
	Helpmekaar College	The Contorted Bed — used as a basin-wide stratigraphic marker.
	Museum Africa	A tour of the geological specimens on display.
	Ferreira Stope Museum & Mining District Walk	When Standard Bank built their head office, excavations uncovered an old access tunnel. The museum in the basement preserves some of the earliest mining activity of the Main Reef Leader Conglomerate. The open-air museum along Main Street — once Johannesburg's "Wall Street" — portrays the history and legacy of mining in South Africa.
	'Eye of Jozi' Venue	We end our journey looking at the Ventersdorp lavas in the south of Johannesburg, which terminated gold deposition.
16:30	Origins Centre	Return and end of programme.

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