

# PE's renovated Campanile Memorial unveiled

One of Port Elizabeth's most visible skyline and audible heritage landmarks, the Campanile, have been unveiled and opened to the public after renovations and upgrades.



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The Campanile Memorial has a climb of 204 steps that takes one to the Observation Room, offering a magnificent view of the harbour and surroundings, more than 52m above the city, and it contains the largest carillon of bells in the country in addition to its chiming clock.

## Innovative new features

Some of the new features of the Campanile include an interactive visual-technology array dubbed 'Ghost Bells' – bell proxies installed under the actual bell carillon which visually light up during chiming or when visitors press keys of an interactive silver console to match the pitch of a key with the corresponding bell.

Another addition includes the harbour viewing window - an observation deck capsule at the top of the 50m Campanile memorial, suspending visitors in the sky when they overlook the Port Elizabeth harbour.

A new reception area that will act as an information desk and several exhibition areas within the Campanile for the city's creative communities has been developed. Other features such as a silver plaque on the 67th step of the 204 steps spiralling staircase to acknowledge Nelson Mandela's 67 years in service of democracy, had also been included as a new feature of the building.

## Public art urban meander

The Campanile also provides ample opportunities for creative and arts communities with several galleries and exhibition spaces incorporated on various floors.

All of these new features offer a welcoming start to the city's iconic Route 67 – a public art urban meander dedicated to Nelson Mandela which has its starting point at the Campanile.

*Normal opening times are Tuesdays to Saturdays (closed on Mondays) from 9am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5pm. On Sundays, opening times are from 2pm to 5pm. For more information on the Campanile, visit the website of the [Mandela Bay Development Agency](#).*

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