MEDIA STATEMENT
ROBBEN ISLAND MUSEUM HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION SPECIAL

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The 24th of September is one of the significant days in South Africa as we recognise and celebrate our cultural wealth as a country – Heritage Day. We commemorate the day by observing the country’s diversity in race, religion, culture and language. Annually, Robben Island hosts ‘Open Day’ on the 24th of September with an objective to create awareness on the importance of preserving Robben Island as an iconic national and World Heritage Site. In addition to that, the Open Day is also fundamental in creating access for local communities and the cultural enrichment of South Africans.

Annually, admission to the Island would be free and due to the impact of COVID-19, RIM has had to consider a reduced rate instead to keep the annual celebratory visit for many South Africans.

In celebration of this year’s Heritage Day, under the theme celebrating South Africa’s living human treasures, we will be having an almost forty percent (40%) price reduction for all our South African customers:

- South African Adult rate – R250 [Normal price: R400]
- South African Child (under 18) rate: – R130 [Normal price: R210]

Online tickets can be purchased here: http://webtickets.co.za/events/tourism/robben-islandmuseum-tour/76219

The ferry will depart at 11:00.

“Robben Island Museum (RIM) is embodied in a multi-layered history which forms a great part of South African heritage. We are very fortunate to be one of the few sites that still provides a service that includes Living Heritage in the form of Ex-Political Prisoners (EPP). They are our living human treasures who possess a high degree of knowledge, skills and history and should be celebrated at all times for their contribution to our democracy and heritage,” shares Morongoa Ramaboa, RIM Spokesperson.

**NB: All visitors need to wear a mask for all tours.**

The Heritage Day tour will be in addition to the weekly scheduled tours since resumption of tours on 14 September 2020.

Revised weekly tour schedule is as follows:

- Fridays: 11h00
- Saturdays: 11h00
- Sundays: 11h00

For more information, please visit www.robben-island.org.za or follow Robben Island Museum’s social media pages:

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