



A Passion for Perfection
since 1982

A unique Diamond Experience

- Let one of 4 GIA graduate Gemmologists (with a combined 95 years experience) guide you, and discover how diamonds are graded and valued
- Choose a loose diamond, tanzanite or gem stone from a vast collection of unset stones
- Watch master goldsmiths craft magnificent jewels, or have your dream design sketched and create just for you.
- From design to manufacture, the complete experience is Prins & Prins' promise to you

History

Established in 1982, Prins & Prins Diamonds has grown to become one of Cape Town's most trusted family owned manufacturing jewellers. Located in the historical and authentically restored 18th century Huguenot House, a unique experience awaits when you visit their showroom, workshop, and newly opened Museum of Gems and Jewellery.

Clients are welcomed into a space of elegance and luxury, privacy, and "old world charm" when they browse through showcases of jewellery made on-site, followed by private consultations in one of the spacious rooms of this spectacular early Cape (Georgian) home. Original 18th century artwork, as well as wooden ceilings and floors, adorn the property, creating a setting as unique and exquisite as the jewellery on display.

From dazzling diamonds and spectacular tanzanites, to gemstones from around the world, a breathtaking selection of jewels ensure one of the best collections in Cape Town and South Africa. Custom designs are transformed into bespoke creations by their multiple award winning goldsmiths in the onsite goldsmith atelier, and have helped them set the standard for jewellers in Cape Town.

Internationally certified diamonds, presented to you by GIA qualified Graduate Gemmologists truly reflect their "Passion for Perfection".

Come experience firsthand their international reputation of trust and premium quality workmanship.

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MUSEUM OF GEMS & JEWELLERY

Established in 1982, Prins & Prins Diamonds has grown to become one of Cape Town's most trusted, multi-award winning, family-owned manufacturing jewellers. The museum is the brainchild of the esteemed Dr Petr  Prins of Prins & Prins Diamonds, located in the historical and authentically restored 18th century Huguenot House.

This unique museum project takes visitors on a journey from when diamonds first began to form three billion years ago and their 150 km journey to the surface. Follow the unique path of South African diamonds from their origin in extinct volcanoes to the deposits along our coastline. Learn about unique and rare gemstones, and see how jewellery has changed through thousands of years. The story about South Africa's mineral wealth is told, not only for diamonds, but also for its Platinum and Gold deposits.

Tracing the evolution of Early Man, it tells the story of the very first, and oldest piece of jewellery found right on Cape Town's "doorstep", a mere 200 kms outside of Cape Town in the Blombos Cave. An African Kingdom that existed a thousand years ago who traded in gold; gemstones found only in South Africa and of course the story of the Cullinan Diamond, the biggest diamond ever found, are fascinating exhibits. A further exhibit attracting lots of interest is "The Function of Jewellery", which promises food for thought when looked at in the context of everyday life. Insights into how human ingenuity transforms unassuming gems and metals into masterly crafted items of jewellery and the processes used, and the story about how South Africa's history (both political and mineralogical) was influenced by our mineral discoveries, are just some of the stories told in the property's intimate museum, housed in the property's almost 200-year-old wine cellar.

Details: **Museum of Gems and Jewellery, Prins & Prins Diamonds**
 corner 66 Loop & Hout Streets, Cape Town

Admission FREE

Hours: Mon - Fri: 09:00 - 17:00

Sat: 09:00 - 13:00

Sun & Public Holidays: closed

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