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Retail therapy in the City of Gold

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*AFRICA'S MOST VISITED CITY*
Welcome to Joburg!

Welcome to Johannesburg, or as locals know it, Joburg. The past two decades have been especially exciting for the burgeoning and subsequent boom of the tourism industry in Joburg and there's no indication that things will be slowing down any time soon!

Through this guide, Joburg Tourism presents a new take on experiential routes through the city – focusing on activities and attractions that will immerse visitors in three of Joburg's strongest selling points – shopping, art and the exploration of neighbourhoods formerly classified as townships.

In line with its strategic objectives to market Joburg as a leading global destination, Joburg Tourism, the City’s Destination Marketing Organisation, takes its role seriously as an industry enabler and driving these experiential routes is a strategic focus on economic development, creating value to product owners large and small through business linkages and market exposure – capitalising on the city's position as a leading destination for art, shopping and its heritage of struggle history.

The guide is designed to assist and support stakeholders, industry partners and peers to market the city more effectively and cohesively, along with its Domestic Tourism Awareness Campaign, Welcome to Joburg, Make a Visitor’s Day Today [#Welcome2Jozi].

These tools will cement Joburg's position as Africa’s leading destination, the most visited city on the continent, and enhance its market positioning which includes:

- There’s more to Joburg than business
- Joburg is more than a stopover
- Joburg is up there with the best
- We envisage short stopovers and stays being extended and that visitors to our wonderful city will leave with memories of unforgettable experiences and insights into Joburg – its energy, diversity, the vibrancy and warmth of our people, the countless cultures they represent and the infinite choices the city offers its citizens and visitors – Joburg Tourism.
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Welcome to Joburg #Welcome2Jozi
A taste of luxury

For Champagne tastes and a budget to match, these are some must-visit places

DIAMOND WALK AT SANDTON CITY

The Diamond Walk at Sandton City Shopping Centre is the ultimate shopping destination for those who love luxury brands, with the largest collection of the most coveted international labels to be found in Joburg, and on the continent. Linked directly to the Sandton Sun Hotel the mall showcases leading names that include: Prada, Dolce & Gabbana, Giorgio Armani, Burberry, Ermenegildo Zegna, Jimmy Choo and Tod’s, plus Louis Vuitton and Gucci. You’ll also find the Arque Champagne Crescent, where you can take a break from shopping as you sip on some of France’s finest bubbles.

HYDE PARK CORNER

One of the city’s leading luxury shopping malls, there’s an array of top fashion, jewellery and design stores here as well as great restaurants to enjoy a drink or lunch before or after your shopping spree. Find leading designer fashion labels such as Burberry, Max Mara, Versace and Armani. Callaghan Collezioni is a treasury for top-drawer international labels, while Kisua, an African fashion emporium, stocks clothing enjoyed by the likes of Beyoncé and Solange. For gifts, Carol Boyes stocks a range of South African designed pewter and silver cutlery and flatware, while Generation offers leading European furniture and lighting brands. For the most-covetable jewels and watches, head to Charles Greig jewellers.

NELSON MANDELA SQUARE

This spacious mall links to Sandton City and is built around an open piazza flanked by restaurants and bars. Tourists flock here to see the giant bronze statue of Nelson Mandela. Look out for Lorenzo’s handmade leather goods, crafted using brightly-coloured exotic leathers, and Collective by Charles Greig that stocks a range of contemporary luxury coloured exotic leathers, and Collective by Charles Greig jewellers.

MELROSE ARCH

Café culture and high-street shopping mix in this popular modern urban precinct designed around a live, work and play lifestyle. Walk the pedestrianised streets to visit Elegance for luxury watches, diamonds and gold jewellery. Tiger of Sweden offers the finest Scandinavian tailoring, Vilebrequin, a French brand, specialises in swimwear for men and women, and pick up a bottle of the best South African wine or bubbly at specialist store Shimansky. There’s also a ready-to-wear collection for him and her. Suits take from three to four weeks to make. Deliveries nationwide, or arrange a courier.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

AUGUSTINE

For made-to-measure men’s suits with unique detailing and edgy twists on classic style using luxury fabrics, all stitched up on site by experienced tailors and seamstresses, visit this Parkhurst store. There’s also a ready-to-wear collection for him and her. Suits take from three to four weeks to make. Deliveries nationwide, or arrange a courier.

LUMINANCE

Live Life Beautifully is the slogan of this luxury department store, which offers its clients an exclusive, high-end shopping experience with dozens of top local and international designer fashion and accessory brands for men and women. Visitors can make an appointment with a private shopper and Luminance also offers a courier service.

BRYLLIANTA DIAMONDS & TANZANITE

A plush, private and secure appointment-only jewel boutique for diamonds and tanzanite offering personalised service and drop-dead gorgeous views of Sandton while you shop. Transport can also be arranged.

• The Forum of Sandton Square (16th floor), 2 Maude St, Sandton Central, tel. +27 11 784 7867 or +27 82 441 2121, bryllianta.co.za.
High street labels
For the widest selection of local and global brands, head to the malls

CRESTA SHOPPING CENTRE
A mega-mall with around 250 stores offering everything from clothing, outdoor gear and sportswear, to shoes, technology, furniture, home-ware and accessories. There is also an excellent fast-food court, cinemas and a theatre.
- Cnr Beyers Naude Dr and Weltevreden Rd, Blackheath, Randburg, tel. +27 11 678 5306, cresta-centre.co.za. Open 09:00–18:00, Fri 09:00–19:00, Sat 09:00–18:00, Sun 09:00–15:00.

EASTGATE SHOPPING CENTRE
Located in the eastern suburbs, just under 12 kilometres from OR Tambo International Airport, Eastgate has 271 stores that include high-end fashion boutiques, department stores, top streetwear label stores, restaurants, cinemas plus roof-top dining.
- 43 Bradford Rd, Bedfordview, tel. +27 11 479 6000, eastgatecentre.co.za. Open 09:00–18:00, Fri 09:00–21:00, Sat 09:00–15:00, Sun and public holidays 09:00–17:00.

FOURWAYS MALL
Fourways Mall was given an extensive facelift in 2016 to make the space brighter and glitzier, while a huge ongoing extension plan will see the mall double in size by 2018 to cover some 170,000m². Among the 170 stores are high street favourites like department stores Woolworths, Edgars, Truworths, and Soviet, Nine West and Totalsports, as well as a cinema and a fun Adventure Golf course.
- Cnr William Nicol and Fourways Blvd, Blackheath, Randburg, tel. +27 11 465 6095, fourwaysmall.com. Open 09:00–20:00.

MALL OF AFRICA
South Africa’s largest shopping mall is home to more than 300 local and international stores. Opened in 2016, Mall of Africa commands a whopping 130,000m² of shopping space with many flagship shops and a wide selection of restaurants and fast food outlets. Located in Waterfall City, it is adjacent to Waterfall Park, a large park with an amphitheatre and a wifi enabled interactive fountain.
- Lone Creek and Magwa Crescents, Waterfall City, tel. +27 10 596 1470, mallsofAfrica.co.za. Open 09:00–20:00, Sun and public holidays 10:00–20:00.

MAPONYA MALL
Soweto’s first mega retail mall opened in 2007 and takes its name from Richard Maponya, a Soweto entrepreneur and racehorse owner. Stores include local high street retailers like Edgars, Foschini and Mr Price. Dining and entertainment attractions include the Ster-Kinekor cinema, News Café cocktail bar and a flagship Nandos concept restaurant that showcases the best of South African contemporary design.
- 2127 Chris Hani Rd, Klipspruit Ext 5, Soweto, tel. +27 11 938 4448, maponyamall.co.za. Open 09:00–19:00, Fri 09:00–20:00, Sat 09:00–19:00, Sun and public holidays 09:00–17:00. (Rea Vaya C2)

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ROSEBANK MALL
Upmarket Rosebank Mall has more than 150 stores including a range of affordable local and imported high street brands such as Mr Price, River Island, Cotton On and Cape Union Mart (for camping gear). Fashion stores reign here and there’s a wide selection of shoe stores and plenty of outlets for kid’s clothing. You’ll also find supermarkets, coffee shops, beauty salons and an art house cinema. Nearby is The Zone@Rosebank.
- Entrances on Baker St, Bath and Cradock Aves, Rosebank, tel. +27 27 11 788 5530, rosebankmall.co.za. Open from 09:00–18:00, Fri 09:00–19:00, Sat, Sun and public holidays 09:00–17:00. (Gautrain Rosebank)

SANDTON CITY
Africa’s most prestigious shopping destination, Sandton City, is where you’ll find everything from the latest gadgets and hiking equipment to on-trend fashion and jewellery. International high street labels Mango, Zara and H&M are available here as well as luxury brands at the swanky Diamond Walk. A one-stop fashion shopping destination that includes local budget style favourite Mr Price, and department stores Stuttafords and Edgars.
- Cnr Sandton Dr and Rivonia Rd, Sandton Central, tel. +27 11 217 6000, sandtoncity.com. Open 09:00–20:00, Sat, Sun 09:00–18:00, public holidays 09:00–17:00. (Gautrain Sandton)

THE ZONE@ROSEBANK
For local fashion labels and quirky novelty gifts try The Space, Big Blue or Sowearto. Head to Lush for handmade beauty products, and upstairs for a kids entertainment zone, cinemas and plenty of choice when it comes to places to eat. Choose to sit outdoors on the tree-lined piazza or upstairs in the food court. Teenagers love to hang out at this mall. A pedestrian walkway links to Rosebank Mall.
- 177 Oxford Rd, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 537 3800, thezoneatrosebank.co.za. Ground floor open 09:00–18:00, Fri 09:00–19:00, Sun 10:00–17:00. On most days the first-floor stores stay open an hour later. Public holidays 09:00–17:00. (Gautrain Sandton)
Budget-friendly locations

CHINA MALL
This is one of the biggest shopping centres in South Africa that specialises in products made in China. There are more than 500 shops to explore filled with local and imported goods sold at discount prices, ranging from small electronics stores and fashion boutiques to shops specialising in Chinese food and medicine. There are also cash-and-carry outlets where small retailers can buy items in bulk.
- 103 Main Reef Rd (entrance on Production Rd), Amalagam, tel. +27 11 830 1588, chinamall.co.za. Open 08:30–16:30. There is also a second branch, China Mall West Lifestyle, located at cnr Main Reef and Commando Rds, Industria (7km west of China Mall).

FASHION DISTRICT WHOLESALERS
Said to be the biggest haberdashery in South Africa, this huge store, located in the heart of Joburg’s historic garment district is frequented by amateur and professional tailors, seamstresses and boutique owners and supplies goods to small-scale clothing factories. The store shares a building with Studio 109, a popular destination for locals working in the fashion industry that stocks one of the widest selections of shweshwe prints (a printed cotton fabric used in African traditional dress).
- 109 Pritchard St, City Centre, tel. +27 11 333 3060, fashiondistrict.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00, Saturday 09:00–13:00.

BARGAINS

MAKRO
South Africa’s best known cash-and-carry retailer sells everything from household appliances, office furniture, camping gear and DIY equipment to everyday items like food, liquor and cosmetics available in bulk. First-time shoppers must register for a Makro card in store before buying.
- Makro has several branches in Joburg including at cnr Main Reef Rd and Hanover St, Crown Mines, and at Waterfall Crescent South, Woodmead, tel. +27 86 030 0999, makro.co.za.

ORIENTAL CITY
The expansive Oriental City has over 300 shops and is a favourite with local bargain hunters offering a wide variety of small stores selling cut-price electronics, gadgets, clothing, luggage, home-ware and furniture, much of it made in China, often at negotiable prices.
- Cnr Ernest Oppenheimer Ave and Marcia St, Bruma, tel. +27 11 615 4802 or +27 76 437 3954, orientalcity.co.za/bruma-mall. Open 09:00–17:00.

ORIENTAL PLAZA
This famous centre in the middle of the predominantly Indian neighbourhood of Fordsburg is a thriving bazaar known for fair prices. Many of the stores are family-owned and have passed through generations. At Oriental Plaza’s 350 plus stores you can get great bargains on jewellery, sari silks, kids toys, wedding dresses, luggage, curtains, evening wear, shoes, spices, homeware, sportswear, haberdashery and the season’s latest fashions.
- 38 Lilian Ngoyi St, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 838 6752, orientalplaza.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–15:00. Closed Sun, and select stores are closed during Friday prayers 12:00–14:00.
**On the street**

Hit the streets for independent stores and boutique labels

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**BRAAMFONTEIN**

Streetwear aficionados flock to this vibrant city neighbourhood for limited-edition street and sportswear brands. X-Trend is a sneaker haven that stocks unique collaborations by top international brands, such as Converse, Nike and New Balance; The Heritage offers a cornucopia of labels, including locally-made Toe-Porn socks and Californian K-Swiss leather tennis shoes; and Anatomy specialises in premium sneaker styles by, among others, Vans OTW and Adidas Originals. The store’s couch, faced by a flat screen TV and PlayStation 4 is also a popular attraction. DIP ST. offers the latest limited edition items from international brands like Air Jordan, and also proudly stocks unique limited-edition pieces making these essential stops for brand followers looking for collectable clothing and footwear. The wooden cabin-like store, housed in a beautifully restored Victorian building, once a city hotel, stocks a range of upmarket labels, including Italian-made super cute kidswear in vibrant African prints, and Kuna for super cute kidswear in vibrant African prints. The innovative Concrete Jungle sells home and fashion accessories crafted from concrete, while Republic of Recycle creates backpacks, pencil cases and hats from recycled packaging materials. A few blocks away on the corner of Rustenburg Road and 9th Street is Bamboo centre, worth visiting for Love Books, an excellent independent bookstore, Convoy, showcasing local fashion labels and neighbour Superella, an ever-changing space created by clothing designer Ella Bouter to showcase her versatile garments.

**MABONENG**

Formerly a derelict light industrial district this new city neighbourhood is filled with many small stores, making it a fun area to explore. Stop in at Iwashot in joburg :) to see the city through fresh eyes. The photographic work of former street kids is creatively printed as artworks on T-shirts, and notebooks. At Makotis choose from a range of colourful shweshwe fabrics (a geometric African print once used by traditional Xhosa women for wedding attire) and order a bespoke design. David Krut Projects at Arts on Main produces print editions of top South African artists, including William Kentridge, and stocks an excellent selection of art and photography books. The Cosmopolitan, housed in a beautifully restored Victorian building, once a city hotel, stocks a range of upmarket labels, including Italian-made Super sunglasses, ceramics and artworks bearing architectural city drawings by Blank Ink Designs. Crystal Birch is a locally designed hat label, while Yswara specialises in luxury African tees.

**MELVILLE**

The Bohemian suburb of Melville has always attracted an eclectic mix of people, reflected in the shopping options to be found here. On 7th Street, amid the bars and cafés you’ll find one of the city’s best vintage clothing stores, Reminisce, specialising in pre-1970s clothing, handbags and jewellery. Snow Lion stocks clothing and gift items sourced from India and Nepal, and nearby Bookdealers offers an excellent selection of second-hand titles. On 3rd Avenue, off 7th Street, is 27 Boxes, a quirky alternative to suburban malls, made entirely from shipping containers. Among the food kiosks, the boutique stores include Krag Drag for fun and witty T-shirts and retro-inspired items, Mantsho Lifestyle for elegant African clothing, and women’swear in vibrant prints, and Kuna for super cute kidswear in vibrant African prints. The innovative Concrete Jungle sells home and fashion accessories crafted from concrete, while Republic of Recycle creates backpacks, pencil cases and hats from recycled packaging materials. A few blocks away on the corner of Rustenburg Road and 9th Street is Bamboo centre, worth visiting for Love Books, an excellent independent bookstore, Convoy, showcasing local fashion labels and neighbour Superella, an ever-changing space created by clothing designer Ella Bouter to showcase her versatile garments.

**MILPARK**

44 Stanley is a former 1930s industrial complex located between Melville and Braamfontein, with cafés, homeware and accessory stores and more than 10 local designer boutiques that spill into tree-filled courtyards. Guillotine specialises in sensual fitted forms in luxurious fabrics, and also stocks L’Mad scarves, limited edition silk scarves each emblazoned with a contemporary artwork. Kat van Duinen creates sophisticated and elegant women’s clothing and a range of handbags made from exotic leathers. Black Coffee, designed by Jacques van der Watt is a top clothing label specialising in statement pieces and cleverly constructed designs. Companion label Love Jozzi creates quirky T-shirts bearing bold and witty graphic designs, and collectable homeware items that celebrate Joburg’s skyline. Lunar is known for classic chic pieces and elegant bridal wear. Wizards Vintage stocks a fine range of gently worn and vintage clothing while La Sape by Dr Pachanga is a label inspired by les sapeurs, the Congolese Société des Ambianceurs et des Personnes Élégantes (The Society of Ambiance-Makers and Elegant People) known for its inspired fashion style.

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WHERE TO FIND IT

For a boutique directory see following pages.
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**BRAAMFONTEIN**

**ADIDAS AREA 3**
155 Smit St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 339 1348, area3.co.za. Open Tue–Sat 10:00–17:00. Closed Sun, Mon.

**ANATOMY**
73 Juta St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 339 1314, anatomystore.co.za. Open Mon 10:30–18:00, Tue–Thu 09:30–18:00, Fri 08:30–19:00, Sat 09:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

**DIP ST.**
82 Juta St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 027 5508, dipstreet.co.za. Open 10:00–17:30, Sat 09:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

**THE HERITAGE**
Cnr Melle and De Korte Sts, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 339 1074. Open 09:00–18:00, Sat 09:00–15:00. Closed Sun.

**PUMA SELECT**
81 Juta St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 403 3096, pumaslect.co.za. Open 09:00–14:00, Sat 09:00–18:00. Closed Sun.

**X-TREND**
20 Melle St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 339 1078. Open 08:00–18:00, Fri, Sat 08:00–19:00, Sun 09:00–15:00.

**MABONENG**

**ARTS ON MAIN**
264 Fox St, Maboneng, tel. +27 83 245 1040, artsonmain.info. Open 09:00–17:00. Closed Mon.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN**
Including Crystal Birch and Yswara. 24 Albrecht St, Maboneng, thecosmopolitan.joburg. Open 10:00–17:00. Closed Mon.

**DAVID KRUT PROJECTS**
Arts on Main, 264 Fox St, Maboneng, tel. +27 11 334 1209, davidkrutprojects.com. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 10:00–16:00.

**IWASSHOT IN JOBURG :)**
Arts on Main, 264 Fox St, Maboneng, tel. +27 82 922 5674, iwasshot.com. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–16:00, Sun 09:00–14:00. Also at Rosebank Mall.

**MAKOTIS**
Revolution House, cnr Kruger and Main Sts, Maboneng, tel. +27 10 900 4158, makotis.co.za. Open 10:00–17:00 (Fri, closed 12:30–14:00), Sat, Sun 10:00–16:00. Closed Mon.

**MEVILLE**

**27 BOXES**
75 4th Ave, Melville, tel. +27 11 712 0000, 27boxes.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00, Sun 10:00–16:00. Closed Mon.

**BOOKDEALERS**
12 7th St, Melville, tel. +27 11 726 4054, bookdealers.co.za. Open 09:00–22:00, Sat 10:00–21:00.

**CONVOY**
Bamboo Centre, Cnr Rustenburg Rd and 9th St, Melville, tel. +27 83 548 5321. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

**LOVE BOOKS**
Bamboo Centre, Cnr Rustenburg Rd and 9th St, Melville, tel. +27 11 726 7408, lovebooks.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–16:00, Sun 09:00–14:00.

**REMINISCENCE**
Cnr 5th Ave and 7th St, Melville, tel. +27 11 726 7905, vignetteclothing.mahoonas.co.za Open 09:00–17:30. Wed closes 16:00. Closed Sun.

**SNOW LION**
12b 7th St, Melville, tel. +27 78 046 7488, snowlion.co.za. Open 10:00–21:00.

**SUPERELLA**
Cnr 7th Ave and 9th St, Melville, tel. +27 82 845 5551. Open 08:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–15:00. Closed Sun.

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12b 7th St, Melville, tel. +27 78 046 7488, snowlion.co.za. Open 10:00–21:00.

**SUPERELLA**
Cnr 7th Ave and 9th St, Melville, tel. +27 82 845 5551. Open 08:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–15:00. Closed Sun.

**LALALUX**
50 6th St, Parkhurst, tel. +27 79 535 6552, lalalux.co.za. Open Mon–Fri 09:30–17:00, Sat 10:00–14:00.

**NONNA**
Shop 9, The Cobbles Centre, 4th Ave, Parkhurst, tel. +27 11 447 8297, nonna.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00.

**SANTOS**
Cnr 4th Ave and 7th St, Parkhurst, tel. +27 11 880 8259, santos.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–14:00, Sun 10:00–14:00.

**SECOND ATTITUDE**
Cnr 4th Ave and 6th St, Parkhurst, tel. +27 11 447 1881. Open 10:00–17:30, Sat 10:00–16:00. Sun, trades at Market on Main, Maboneng.

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Generally malls are open seven days a week. Stores not located in malls are usually open Mon–Fri 09:00–17:00 and Sat 09:00–13:00. During the December festive season, most malls offer extended shopping hours while independent stores may close between Christmas and January 3. Many public holidays are treated as shopping days except for Christmas and New Year’s day. Call ahead to check.
Markets & craft

From street side to suburban luxury, stock up on all that’s handmade

MARKETS

BRYANSTON ORGANIC & NATURAL MARKET
Celebrating 40 years, this market is a popular destination for handmade craft items, using organic and natural materials and fabrics. Special finds include handcrafted silver jewellery, bead, mosaic and wire art, wood carvings and leather sandals. There are also plenty of food vendors. A free shuttle bus operates from major Sandton hotels.
• 40 Cullross Rd, Bryanston, tel. +27 11 706 3671, bryanstonorganicmarket.co.za. Open Thu and Sat 09:00–15:00.

MARKET ON MAIN
The Sunday heartbeat of Maboneng, the top floor of this market, in the Arts on Main building, is a hub for vintage clothing dealers, and also a space to find African contemporary clothing and accessories. The bottom floor is filled with food traders.
• Arts on Main, 264 Fox St, Maboneng, tel. +27 82 868 1335, marketonmain.co.za. Open Sun 10:00–15:00. Night market last Thu of the month 19:00–23:00 at Common Ground (2 Beacon Rd).

ROSEBANK SUNDAY MARKET
This rooftop market in buzzy Rosebank offers handmade children’s toys, wood carvings, beaded items, colourful crafts, clothing and artworks. There’s also a good selection of antiques dealers with a range of collectables and knickknacks. Browse the many stalls and enjoy food from all over the world.
• Rosebank Mall (Level 4), cnr Bath and Baker Sts, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 028 7820, rosebanksunday-market.co.za. Open Sun 09:00–16:00.

CRAFTS

ROSEBANK ART & CRAFT MARKET
Joburg’s premier souvenir-buying destination has the widest selection of African handmade goods. Buy life-sized sculptures, wooden carved giraffes, West African masks and beaded jewellery.
• Rosebank Mall, Cradock Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 568 0850, artandcraftmarket.co.za. Open 09:00–18:00, Fri 09:00–19:00, Sat, Sun and public holidays 09:00–17:00.

VILAKAZI STREET
Soweto’s most famous street is a lively tourist hub with craft traders offering everything from sand art to kids toys, hand-painted sneakers, as well as colourful kaftans and must-have Mandela T-shirts.
• Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto.

MAUDE STREET
This small market lines the pavement in the heart of Sandton’s business district, where traders sell sculptures and beaded items. No set prices so respectfully bargain for your goods.
• Maude St, Sandton.

LUXURY CRAFT

AMATULI
One of the most long-established suppliers of unique and original African artefacts and objets d’art. This awe-inspiring showroom in Kramerville, Sandton, is filled with collectable items such as central African Kuba cloths, wood carvings and masks, Zanzibar doors and Yoruba beaded chairs.
• 6 Desmond St, Kramerville, tel. +27 11 440 5065, amatuli.co.za. Open Mon–Fri 08:30–17:30, Sat 09:00–15:30, Sun 10:00–15:00.

ART AFRICA
This gift-shoppers paradise on Parkview’s main street offers an impressive range of items at a wide range of prices. Here you’ll find woven baskets, beaded jewellery, delicate ceramic tableware, artworks, sculptures and ritual masks plus an excellent range of contemporary crafted items.
• 62 Tyrone Ave, Parkview, tel. +27 11 486 2052, Open 09:00–18:00, Sat 09:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

AVOOVA AFRICAN ORIGINALES
Located at the luxurious Four Seasons The Westcliff Hotel this store stocks the Avoova range – tableware and jewellery crafted from Ostrich eggshells. Other luxury labels include L’Mad’s art-emblazoned silk scarves, Seringa Masai-beaded dog collars and Yswara’s African loose-leaf teas.
• Four Seasons The Westcliff Hotel, 67 Jan Smuts Ave, tel. +27 11 481 6220, avoova.com. Open 09:00–18:00, Sat 09:00–16:00, Sun 09:00–15:00. Public holidays 09:00–15:00.

KIM SACKS GALLERY
Ceramist Kim Sacks’s Moorish-styled gallery in Parkwood showcases a collection of fine ceramic items and is also known for authentic tribal art, fine hand-loomed beaded necklaces by Zimbabwew-based Marigold Collective and exquisite African wood carved items and textiles.
• 153 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, tel. +27 11 447 5804, kimsacks.com. Open 09:00–18:00, Sat 10:00–17:00. Closed Sun.

HALSTED
Halsted is a new luxury African brand that translates the intricate art of hand-painting found on Ardmore ceramics into design and decor items that include tablecloths, wall-hangings, cushion covers, placemats, handbags and even stationery.
• Shop 17, Hyde Square, cnr Jan Smuts Ave and North Rd, Hyde Park, tel. +27 11 268 5865, halsteddesign.com. Open 09:00–16:30, Sat 09:00–14:30. Closed Sun.

PIECE@ELLIS HOUSE
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Local labels

The best of Joburg’s designer fashion, decor and lifestyle brands

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BLACK COFFEE
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DAVID TLALE
David Tlale’s theatrical and daring haute couture clothing was the first South African fashion label to feature at New York Fashion Week. Visit his store or studio (by appointment only).
• Store: 129 Fox St, City Centre, tel. +27 11 614 7424, davidtlale.com. Open 09:00–18:00, Sat, Sun 09:00–17:00.

FUNDUDZI BY CRAIG JACOBS
This is clothing with a conscience that comes with a commitment to sustainability and the use of organic fabrics. Named for the mystical Venda lake Fundudzi, Craig Jacobs’ menswear label is where sports luxe and colourful African fabrics meet.
• Find Fundudzi at Space Man at The Zone@Rosebank, tel. +27 11 880 6355, fundudzi.com.

KISUA
Meaning ‘well dressed person’ in Swahili, Kisua collaborates with designers from across Africa to create exclusive capsule collections that meld contemporary aesthetics with traditional fabrics.
• Hyde Park Corner, cnr Jan Smuts Ave and 6th Rd, Hyde Park, tel. +27 11 879 1954, kisua.com. Open 09:00–18:00, Sun and public holidays 10:00–15:00.

MANTSO BY PALESA MOKUBUNG
Palea Mokubung describes her clothing as ‘edgy and experimental’, and uses bold, brightly patterned West African fabrics to create show-stopping ready-to-wear women’s clothing.
• 27 Boxes, 75 4th Ave, Melville, tel. +27 71 881 4828, mantsho.co. Open 09:00–17:00, Sun 10:00–16:00. Closed Mon.

MARIANNE FASSLER
One of South Africa’s most original and enduring fashion designers, Fassler describes her creative process as ‘almost like sculpting’, and her intricate and innovative couture items are veritable works of art.
• 34 Englewood Drive, Saxonveld, tel. +27 11 646 8387, leopardfrock.co.za. The ready-to-wear collection can be viewed Mon–Fri 08:30–16:30. Call to make an appointment with Fassler regarding her couture collection.

MAXHOSA BY LADUMA
The colourful geometric patterns featured in Lduma Nxgolo’s knitwear brand are inspired by traditional Xhosa culture and are admired by style icon Beyoncé.
• Find Maxhosa by Laduma at Luminance in Hyde Park Corner, tel. +27 78 366 2111, maxhosa.co.za. Open 10:00–18:00, Sun 10:00–15:00.

THULA SINDI
Award-winning South African fashion designer Thula Sindi creates bold and elegant ready-to-wear and glamorous evening items that are often spotted on the red carpet.
• The Zone@Rosebank, 177 Oxford Rd, Rosebank, tel. +27 82 847 6137, thulasindi.com. Open 09:00–19:00, Fri 09:00–21:00, Sun 10:00–17:00.

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FASHION KAPITOL
130 Pritchard St, City Centre, tel. +27 11 333 7372, fashiondistrict.org.za. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:30–14:30. Closed Sun.

WORK SHOP NEW TOWN
Cnr Miriam Makeba and Gwigi Mrwebi Sts, Newtown (secure parking at Newtown Junction), workshopnewtown.com. Open 10:00–18:00, Sun 10:00–15:00.

THE ZONE@ROSEBANK
There are a number of small emporiums to choose from: Burgundy Fly, burgundyfly.co.za, The Space and Space Man, thespace.co.za or Sowearto. Open 09:00–18:00, Fri, Sat 09:00–19:00, Sun 10:00–17:00.
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STREET FASHION

HLAMVU
A brand of clothing for women, men and kids using vibrant patterned fabrics from Ghana. Owned by two sisters from Zambia, the store also offers a custom-made line.
• Unit 23, 133 Greenway Road, Greenside, tel. +27 11 077 3240, hlamvu.co.za.

LOVE JOZI
This innovative South African design company produces cool T-shirts emblazoned with images of Joburg’s iconic skyline as well as a range of other products such as key rings, mugs and tote bags that make great souvenirs.
• 44 Stanley Ave, Milpark, tel. +27 11 482 9148, lovejozi.co.za. Open 07:30–17:00, Sat 09:00–16:00, Sun and public holidays 09:00–14:00.

MARIA MCCLOY
Maria McCloy’s signature accessories, made from brightly printed African fabrics, include men and women’s shoes, sneakers, clutches and jewellery.
• Sunday at Market on Main, 264 Fox St, Maboneng, mariamccloy.wordpress.com.

SIMON AND MARY
Created by Dean Pozniak, whose family has been in the millinery business for more than three generations, this hat brand produces statement pieces, inspired by the classic styling of the 1950s and 1960s.
• 4 Desmond St, Kramerville, tel. +27 11 262 5030, simonandmary.co.za.

LUXURY ACCESSORIES

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Producing an unrivalled selection of exotic handcrafted handbags and accessories in a kaleidoscope of colours, and available in ostrich, buffalo, python, crocodile and calf leathers.
• Nelson Mandela Square, entrance on Maude and West Sts, Sandton Central, tel. +27 11 784 2501, Lorenzi.co.za. Open 09:00–20:00, Sun and public holidays 09:00–18:00.

MELVILL AND MOON
A family business producing elegant handcrafted accessories and luggage inspired by the designs of 19th Century colonial explorers.
• 4 Desmond St, Kramerville, tel. +27 11 262 5030, melvillandmoon.com. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–13:00. Closed Sun.

MISSIBABA
Chloe Townsend’s accessories label is known for its eye-catching hand-stitched leather handbags embellished with intricate and colourful leather motifs.
• Keyes Art Mile, 19 Keyes Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 880 2099, missibaba.com. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–13:00. Closed Sun.

DIAMONDS AND GOLD

BROWNS JEWELLERS
Founded in 1935, Browns is well-known for their Protea diamond collection. Shop for diamonds, emeralds, rubies and tanzanite jewellery pieces.
• Numerous branches, including Eastgate Shopping Centre, OR Tambo International Airport and Hyde Park Corner, tel. +27 11 268 1360, brownsjewellers.com. Open 09:00–18:00, Sun 10:00–15:00.

SHIMANSKY
This innovative jeweller was one of the first in South Africa to create platinum and tanzanite jewellery, and pioneered the Brilliant 10™ cut, touted as the most brilliant diamond cut in the world. Fans include actress Charlize Theron.
• Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton Central, tel. +27 11 784 6388, shimansky.com. Open 09:00–20:00, Sun 09:00–18:00.

STERNs
Sterns is well-known for engagement rings and has collaborated with leading local fashion designers to produce a contemporary bridal collection.
• Numerous branches across Joburg including Sandton City, Eastgate Shopping Centre and Mall of Africa, tel. +27 11 685 1441, sterns.co.za.
Events

**DECOREX AND 100% DESIGN SOUTH AFRICA**
This design expo showcases the latest classic and contemporary decor and design items by hundreds of leading designers from across South Africa and beyond. Usually takes place in August.
- thebereed.co.za/decorex

**JOBURG SHOPPING FESTIVAL**
South Africa’s biggest shopping extravaganza of the year takes place over thirteen days with millions of rands worth of discounts, special offers and daily giveaways to be found at some of Joburg’s biggest shopping malls: East Rand Mall, Oriental Plaza, Rosebank Mall and Sandton City and Nelson Mandela Square. Usually takes place July–August.
- joburgshoppingfestival.co.za

**KAMERS**
A giant pop-up retail experience taking place twice a year, with more than 100 designers and artisans selling clothing, accessories, jewellery, artisanal foods, and decor and design pieces. Usually takes place in April and September.
- kamersvol.com

**SAADA JHB EXPO**
The South African Antique, Art and Design Association annual fair is one of the biggest antiques and collectables events in South Africa. Usually takes place in October.
- saada.co.za

**SA FASHION WEEK**
Bi-annual showcase of leading South African fashion designers including catwalk shows and a special business-to-business trade event for buyers. Usually takes place in April and October.
- safasionweek.co.za

**SANLAM HANDMADE CONTEMPORARY FAIR**
This annual food, wine and design fair on a Hyde Park rooftop brings together more than 100 exhibitors showcasing the best of chic and handcrafted, local decor, jewellery and clothing design. A popular social event, you’ll also find many Cape Town-based designer labels and a number from the rest of the continent. Usually takes place in October.
- sanlamhmc.co.za

**SOWETO FASHION WEEK**
Promoting the work of young black designers the bi-annual fashion week programme includes catwalk shows, beauty workshops and live entertainment. Usually takes place in April and October.
- sowetofashionweek.com

Tours

**I LOVE SHOPPING TOUR**
Book this walking tour of downtown Joburg and browse the street markets, wholesalers and small independent stores for the biggest array of colourful African products such as shweshwe fabrics, beaded jewellery and traditional clothing. Alternatively you can also arrange a tailor-made shopping trip that focuses on contemporary South African art, up-market crafts, antiques and collectables, and local designer labels.
- Past Experiences, tel. +27 11 678 3905, pastexperiences.co.za

**PERSONAL SHOPPING**
Shopology specialises in tailor-made shopping experiences for all budgets, including shopping tours and professional stylist services. Book a custom tour of the city with your own personal shopper on hand to help you find the most exclusive stores and the best deals.
- Shopology, tel. +27 82 666 9009, shopology.co.za

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**AIRPORT SHOPPING**
If your shopping time in Joburg is limited you can still shop for luxury goods, local labels and handmade arts and crafts at OR Tambo International Airport. For high-quality handcrafted gifts and souvenirs, visit Out of Africa or the Indaba Lifestyle gift shop. Pick up local foodstuffs such as biltong, rooibos tea and peri peri hot sauce at Taste of Africa, and for sporting memorabilia there’s @Play. The airport also has a selection of jewellery stores including The Diamond Works, Makgalas Jewellers and Browns, as well as international designer labels Lacoste, Hugo Boss and Pringle. All these stores, as well as five branches of the Big Five Duty Free Shop, can be found in the international departures area after you pass through security and passport control. Note that if flying domestically you are allowed to carry liquids such as wine and spirits in your hand luggage that you bought before passing through security.
- saairports.com

**HOW TO CLAIM A VAT REFUND**
A tax of 14 percent is levied on all consumer goods except some basic foodstuffs. Non-resident foreign passport holders can claim a VAT refund (on purchases over R250) at the tax refunds office at OR Tambo International Airport. To make a claim you will need a tax invoice for the goods in question (ask the shop assistant to prepare one for you when buying your goods). Present the goods and the tax invoices to the customs officials in the departures hall who will stamp the papers. After passing through security and passport control proceed to the VAT Refund Office and present your stamped papers. The refund will be loaded onto a card which you can use to withdraw money from an ATM or make purchases. For more information see taxrefunds.co.za

**SHIPPING GOODS**
There are a number of options for shipping goods from Joburg starting from R45 per kilogram. Contact the following for more information: The Post Office, tel. +27 860 111 502, postoffice.co.za; Postnet, tel. +27 860 767 8638, postnet.co.za; DHL Courier Services tel. +27 860 345 000, dhl.co.za.
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Looking up the Core, Ponte City, 2008, by Mikhael Subotzky. Reproduced for the Orange Babies dinner plate series as part of a collaboration between Goodman Gallery artists and NGO Orange Babies South Africa to raise funds for those affected by HIV and Aids. Courtesy of Goodman Gallery and the artist.
Joburg: the art city

With a thriving gallery scene, public art, world-renowned artists and myriad events, art has become part of the city’s daily life

It is impossible to avoid art in the city of Joburg. It stares you in the face. From commissioned public art to uncommissioned graffiti and street art, the weekly lineup of new art openings, two major annual art fairs and recent global accolades, Joburg is an art city.

The flourishing art scene grabs headlines and has seen the rise to prominence of artists, curators and gallerists. It wasn’t always like this. This fast-paced city has been making up for lost time, with an intense outburst of activity since South Africa’s re-entry into the world with apartheid’s fall.

Art in this city is not the sole preserve of the wealthy, or the educated. It is what people live with, enjoy and accept as part of city life. Joburg has come to expect its art. Its people have developed opinions about “their” art and they are used to seeing it every day on streets, buildings and, of course, in galleries – huge and tiny, magnificent and homely.

A recent settler from New York, used to its famous-name galleries and not yet aware of the idiosyncratic mix of galleries across this city, said she could lament the absence of New York’s museums and galleries if she did not immediately stumble upon yet another piece of art and the realisation that “Joburg itself is one big art gallery.”

Public art has played a great part in this. It was key to the reinvention of Newtown in the early 2000s as an arts precinct with theatre, music and dance studio venues. The hundreds of delicately carved wooden heads that popped up on plinths around the area were carved by residents of Newtown and made from local railway sleepers to represent those who have settled here from all over Africa.

The city’s art programme is popular and continuous, an enlivening aspect of the Joburg experience for visitors and citizens alike.

Joburg has been transforming itself into an art city, mostly over the past 15 years, and much of it has to do with the installation of an impressive – and continuously growing – number of public artworks.

A decade ago, a strategy was put in place to use public art as a way of fulfilling a range of Joburg’s developing needs. It called for a public art levy, a common global practice, that would devote up to 1 percent of the construction budget on major city building projects to this end. This was implemented by the Johannesburg Development Agency, and as the city booms it will continue to grow. Of course the public art spend has also been great for creating jobs for local artists. This art has helped to humanise the city. Even the lighting of the famous Nelson Mandela Bridge is Joburg’s own continual public art project.

‘Think back to when Joburg started as a mining city and the rush it created. That rush is still evident, and artists thrive on it.’

– Monna Mokoena, Gallery MOMO

The splurge on diverse public artworks is as much directed at creating social cohesion as it is at celebrating this former mining camp’s uniqueness. While Joburg had public artworks before this, these were about putting the imprint of big men in history on the city map rather than recognising the different communities that have contributed to it.
Public art

From murals emblazoned across bus stations to sculptures celebrating everyday heroes, this city is awash with art.

The city's support of public art is imprinted upon the new public transport network, where artists created works for bus stations that speak of travel and the surrounding cityscape and people. In the inner city you will find large-scale sculptures that pay tribute to the ordinary and the extraordinary figures who have made their lives in Joburg. The pieces are too numerous to catalogue here but these are some suggested stops.

Angel of the North by Winston Luthuli (2010)
The 5-metre tall concrete winged angel installed in 2010 (the year South Africa hosted the FIFA World Cup) welcomes all to Hillbrow. Located next to the landmark Constitutional Court on Constitution Hill, it has been compared, with its outstretched arms, to Rio de Janeiro's Christ the Redeemer, albeit a miniature version. In the artist's brief, Luthuli, from the Spaza Gallery wrote: “Its presence serves as a kind of sentinel, and is incongruous with what one might expect to find in this crime and grime-ridden part of Joburg. It does not represent any particular religion, as angels are present in the folklore of many different cultures and generally represent a higher state of being.”

- Where: Cnr Queens Rd and Kotze St, Hillbrow.

Eland by Clive van den Berg (2007)
Van den Berg's 5.5-metre concrete and plant sculpture greets visitors to Braamfontein, a university suburb that serves as a gateway to the inner city. The giant buck planted with Highveld plant species, brings to mind ancient rock art paintings, San ancestors and the natural environment that has long since disappeared over by a growing modern city. Its intention is to prompt “reflection on our relationship to the past, and to the interconnectedness of environmental, cultural and spiritual destinies.” Van den Berg said he “did not want to make a heroic sculpture.” Eland is “a large representation of an eland on a corner where it has long since disappeared.”

- Where: Cnr Bertha and Ameshoff Sts, Braamfontein.

Firewalker by William Kentridge and Gerhard Marx (2009)
Women mealie-sellers still walk in the city with braziers lit atop their heads. This metal sculpture created by fractured pieces splits apart as you view it from different angles. It pays homage to these women and the everyday activities of city dwellers. Kentridge says in the book Firewalker: “The sculpture demands a generosity from the viewer... It’s a bit like lying on your back and looking at the clouds where you recognise certain shapes.” The best way to view the piece is by taking a slow drive on the bridge which links Braamfontein to the city.

- Where: Queen Elizabeth Bridge, Braamfontein.

Paper Pigeons by Gerhard and Maja Marx (2009)
The three grey 3-metre steel pigeons look as if they have been fashioned from origami. As the tourguide Jo Butendach from Past Experiences puts it, “Most statues have pigeons that sit and poop on them. These pigeons were made for that.” The sculptures have metal rods so the birds can roost on them and the birds are fed by the local community. “Having the pigeons sitting on the sculpture has added to the finality of it,” said Gerhard Marx on jda.org.za. “It’s part of the choreography of the sculpture.”

- Where: Cnr Commissioner and Margaret Mcin-gana Sts, Ferreirasdorp.

Troyeville Bedtime Story by Johannes Dreyer, Damien Grivas and Lesley Perkes (2011)
This concrete sculpture of an unmade bed installed in a Troyeville park was inspired by a photograph of Muhammad Ali lying on a bed, a plush headboard behind him. It pays tribute to Troyeville's homeless population who often leave their mattresses hidden in trees. The piece came about as part of the trio's neighbourhood activism, rather than via any official request. It replaced a rubbish pile in the park.

- Where: Albertina Sisulu Rd, Troyeville.

Shadow Boxing by Marco Cianfanelli (2013)
Marco Cianfanelli's Shadow Boxing towers between Chancellor House and the Magistrate's Court. Standing close to 6-metres tall, the statue is on a concrete plinth etched with Nelson Mandela's words: “In the ring, rank, age, colour, and wealth are irrelevant.” Chancellor House was once Mandela and Tambo Attorneys, the first black law practice in Joburg. Cianfanelli was inspired by a photograph of Mandela, an avid boxer, sparring on a downtown rooftop, taken by Drum photographer Bob Gosani in the 1950s. “The idea of boxing is a great metaphor to speak of the legal system,” says Cianfanelli. Mandela was to spend much time in court, both as an attorney and as the accused.


“The city experiences phases of reinvention, bringing about opportunities for artists to contribute to the metamorphosis of public space.’

- Liza Essers, Goodman Gallery
Street art

See the writing on the wall to understand why this city has become everyone's favourite canvas

While there are those who dismiss graffiti as a public blight and associate the practice with disintegrating neighbourhoods and social ills, in Joburg the spread of graffiti has instead played a role in the city's upliftment. In the city centre and in the neighbourhoods of Braamfontein, Newtown and Maboneng, the wall paintings by local and international artists enliven spaces, create reasons to pause along busy streets and add colour to the concrete cityscape.

Many of the large-scale pieces have been commissioned as part of different projects and festivals that celebrate this urban art. They also serve the purpose of creating beauty amid the billboards and advertising hoardings that blare commercial messages at passersby.

There is a thriving graffiti artist network and culture across the city and many works are collaborations created by graffiti crews. There is a dedicated gallery, Grayscale in Braamfontein, and two annual festivals that celebrate this art form. The City of Gold Festival, held in October, brings international artists to work alongside locals, while hip hop festival Back to the City literally takes over Newtown on April 27 each year and leaves many new artworks on the specially decommissioned highway pillars in its wake.

The pieces are often playful, from Mars’ intricately coloured tags to the pointed references to the city’s missing wildlife. Here a hadeda, there a fleeing herd of zebras. A standout is Ricky Lee Gordon, aka Freddy Sam’s 40-metre high mural of Nelson Mandela, completed in January 2014, shortly after Mandela’s death. It was inspired by a photo of a young Mandela boxing on the rooftop of a city block, taken by Drum magazine photographer Bob Gosani in the 1950s. The same photo inspired Marco Cianfanelli’s Shadow Boxing sculpture on Fox Street opposite Mandela’s law practice.

On the eastern side of the city, the development of Maboneng, a lifestyle neighbourhood with its live, work and play ethos, has at every step encouraged artists to put their mark on the large canvases of the cityscape. In fact the neighbourhood’s developers have offered many artists residencies in exchange for public artworks.

While some graffiti artists are hooded figures taking their chances with an angry spray can, this is more the exception than the rule. And even celebrated fine artists like Nelson Makamo whose artworks fetch gallery prices have been lured onto the streets to use the walls as a canvas. You can see his work along Van Beek Street in Maboneng.

And it’s not just the city that has a taste for these works. In the suburb of Westdene, a neighbourhood project has seen more than 40 murals commissioned on the exterior walls of private homes. The walls of Kliptown in Soweto are covered in work by international artists and even upmarket Rosebank with its swanky malls, top art galleries and corporate offices has succumbed with the arrival of a massive elephant mural on a previously neglected corner. Painted by UK-born artist Sonny, you’ll need drive or walk along Bolton Avenue towards Jan Smuts Avenue for the best view.

There’s no doubt that Joburg is an art city. The signs are everywhere.

‘It’s the everyday working-man’s expression ... if I saw a city with no graffiti I would think there’s only robots living there. It’s just something people are inclined to do, like carving your girlfriend’s name on a park bench.’

– Mars
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Joburg travels to the world

The city’s artists, gallerists and curators are earning global recognition

Along the Tiber River in Rome you can walk alongside artist William Kentridge’s impressive 500-metre long frieze of a continuous succession of images. In the style of this world acclaimed artist’s famous, often political local works, he has depicted the mixed fortunes of Rome’s history, from mythological to present days. It is a literal impression of the mark Joburg artists are making on the rest of the world.

Taking their own city’s images to last year’s Beijing International Art Biennale were Joburg’s Kentridge, Sam Nhlengethwa, David Koloane and Diane Victor, among a wholly Joburg art representation. The city had its own pavilion at the Venice Biennale in 2015, featuring 17 performance, video artists and a filmmaker, but the South African Pavilion also featured mostly Joburg artists such as Mohau Modisakeng, Nandipha Mntambo, Jo Ractliffe, Willem Boshoff and Jeremy Wafer.

In 2017 Modisakeng, together with multimedia artist, Candice Breitz, will represent South Africa at the 57th Venice Biennale.

Art Basel’s three international shows in Basel, Hong Kong and Miami, include local art and artists through Joburg’s Goodman Gallery. Other internationally renowned local galleries like Gallery Momo in Parktown North and Stevenson in Braamfontein have developed a vital presence at international art events all over the globe, such as Frieze London and The Armory Show in New York. From Havana to Paris, Joburg is a city of art renown.

A relatively new phenomenon sees Joburg galleries sending out offshoots into other international cities. Among them is Rosebank’s Circa Gallery – a sister gallery to Africa’s oldest commercial art gallery Everard Read – which has opened in London. David Krut Projects in Parkwood and Maboneng – master art printers, publishers and highly regarded gallerists – have established a gallery in New York while the contemporary Kalashnikovv Gallery in Braamfontein launched a Berlin branch in 2016.

‘The city has a vibrant energy that encourages individuals to express themselves through the visual and other arts.’
– David Krut, David Krut Projects

Inzilo 1, 2013, Mohau Modisakeng. Image courtesy of Whatiftheworld and the artist
Art events

Key dates to diarise

OPENINGS

Art exhibition launches are usually held on Thursday evenings and are open to the public, presenting a great opportunity to meet the artists themselves and learn more about the thought and process behind their works. Also look out for artist or curator-led talks and walkabouts on Saturday mornings.

ART FAIRS

WINTER SCULPTURE FAIR – MAY
Artlogic’s annual sculpture fair is held in the magnificent grounds of the Nirox Sculpture Park in the Cradle of Humankind. In addition to the extensive display of contemporary outdoor art there’s also a gourmet food and wine fair. Advanced booking is recommended as this event sells out quickly. May 13–14, 2017.
• wintersculpturefair.co.za

FNB JOBURGARTFAIR – SEPTEMBER
This is the biggest and most established contemporary art fair in Africa and according to FNB JoburgArtFair director Mandla Sibeko, it attracts more than 12,000 visitors and 80 gallery exhibitors from across South Africa and the rest of the continent. This Artlogic fair showcases sculpture, painting, photography, prints and multimedia installations by leading contemporary artists. In 2017 the fair celebrates its 10th year. Each fair also features a programme of artist talks and a number of special projects. Takes place at Sandton Convention Centre, September 8–10, 2017.
• fnjoburgartfair.co.za

ASSOCIATED EVENT: ART WEEK JOBURG
This annual festival has pop-up exhibitions, tours, performances and open studio events at satellite locations across the city and Soweto.
• artweekjoburg.co.za

TURBINE ART FAIR (TAF) – JULY
This fair takes place at the impressive Turbine Hall in Newtown and features over 50 contemporary art galleries from across South Africa. With prices starting from as little as R1,000 and reaching a ceiling price of R40,000, this event is aimed at first time buyers and there’s a lively atmosphere with plenty of food and wine on offer as well as art activities for kids. Takes place July 13-16 2017.
• turbineartfair.co.za

GRAFFITI, STREET ART AND DIGITAL ART

BACK TO THE CITY – APRIL
Annual Freedom Day hip hop festival that also celebrates street art and graffiti culture. Takes place on Newtown’s Mary Fitzgerald Square on April 27.
• backtothecityfestival.com

FAK’UGESI – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER
This annual African digital innovation festival also includes pop-up digital art exhibitions and performances. Takes place in and around Braamfontein.
• fakugesi.co.za

CITY OF GOLD – OCTOBER
Top local and international graffiti artists descend on Joburg to paint large-scale murals on the city’s walls and create a public dialogue about street art.
• cityofgoldfestival.co.za

AUCTIONS

Bid for South African and international historical and contemporary fine art at a live auction or online, or just enjoy the works at the pre-auction exhibitions.

ASPIRE
Illovo Edge, Harries Rd, Illovo, tel. +27 71 675 2991 or +27 82 567 1925, aspireart.net.

STRAUSS & CO.
South Africa’s premier auction house
• 89 Central St, Houghton, tel. +27 11 728 8246, straussartonline.co.za.
Hot spot: Rosebank

With an art gallery row in Parkwood and the new Keyes Art Mile, this suburb is Joburg’s art capital

For a number of years the strip along Jan Smuts Avenue, from Jellicoe to Wells Avenues, has been the steady art pulse of the city. Spanning the suburbs of Rosebank and Parkwood in a less than 2-kilometre stretch is probably one of the finest collections of South African contemporary art. In late 2016 this Art Gallery Row was joined by Keyes Art Mile. The Trumpet building, the first building (of a massive planned art development) opened with much fanfare next to Circa Gallery and Everard Read Gallery, jolting the fringe of the suburb into the spotlight, and quickening the neighbourhood’s heartbeat.

EXPLORE ROSEBANK’S GALLERIES

Start your trip at the corner of Jellicoe Avenue in Rosebank at Circa Gallery and Everard Read gallery, a 10-minute walk from Rosebank’s Gautrain Station and Rosebank Mall. Or for an uphill walk option, start at the corner of Wells Avenue in Parkwood, where there is plenty of parking space at The Parks, a small shopping complex. There you’ll also find the excellent Park Café for good coffee and tasty breakfast choices.

If you set off from Jellicoe Avenue begin by taking a look around sister galleries Circa Gallery and Everard Read, Joburg’s oldest commercial art gallery established in 1913. Both galleries showcase contemporary paintings, photography and sculpture, and the post-modern Circa Gallery is an architectural landmark that is in itself an artwork to be admired. Names to look out for include Angus Taylor, Deborah Bell, Lionel Smit, Joni Brenner, Nelson Makamo and Colbert Mashile.

Next door is Trumpet, part of the Keyes Art Mile development, another impressive landmark building housing contemporary galleries SMAC Gallery and Southern Guild & Whatiftheworld, both of which have a Cape Town base. Southern Guild specialises in bringing together art and design to create furniture and collectable decor pieces, and represents South Africa at the world’s major design fairs.

It is easy to get sidetracked by the all-American burgers at BGR or the eye-catching decor of the contemporary Africa-styled café Milk Bar. Sneakerfreaks will want to shop at Shellife, specialising in limited edition and premium sneaker brands, while Missibaba’s one-off designed leather handbags are easily classifiable as artworks.

On the top floor of the building is Marble, a show-stopping live-fire restaurant with a popular bar belonging to top chef David Higgs. It will be hard to believe that the site on which Trumpet stands was once the humdrum offices and garage space of a major petrol company.

Leave the building and walk along Keyes Avenue to join Jan Smuts Avenue and take a short detour down 7th Avenue to visit Gallery MOMO.

Founded in 2002 by Monna Mokoena, Gallery MOMO is known for its exciting list of boundary-pushing African artists that include Mary Sibande and photographers Ayana V Jackson and Roger Ballen.

Head back to Jan Smuts Avenue and continue to the next block where you’ll find Goodman Gallery, promoting A-list South African and international artists and photographers such as David Goldblatt and Michael Subotzky and world-renowned multimedia genius William Kentridge, whose work ranges from drawings to operas.

Facing Goodman Gallery across Jan Smuts Avenue is Bolton Road Collection, a stylish café, restaurant, bar and bakery that is the perfect pit stop on your art walk. Don’t forget to walk around the building to see the huge four-storey mural of an elephant on the rear wall by Sonny.

Just up the street are yet more galleries including Res Gallery with its provocative photography exhibitions, Gallery 2 for fine art and painting and David Krut Projects, the city’s best-known printmaking gallery and art book publisher. Smack dab between the galleries stop off at Pret’s Espresso Bar and admire the monochromatic mural by Peter Mammes.

From here cross over Jan Smuts Avenue to visit the fine art gallery Lizamore & Associates and look out for the peacock-blue wall, behind which is the superb David Krut Bookstore with its fine collection of art books. It shares space with Hadera, filled with Mexican homeware treasures. Nearby is Kim Sacks Gallery, encased in a Moorish-styled building, showcasing exquisitely delicate ceramic pieces, authentic African artefacts, fine beadwork and other precious objets d’art.

A few blocks south is the Goethe-Institut who host a regular art programme.

WHERE TO FIND IT

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FIRST THURSDAYS ROSEBANK

On the first Thursday of every month the party crowd come out to play, thronging closed-off Keyes Avenue to enjoy the many art gallery openings, food trucks, live music and cocktails on the street. In the Trumpet building check out new exhibitions at SMAC Gallery and Southern Guild & Whatiftheworld, and don’t miss the openings at Everard Read and Circa Gallery next door. Two blocks down Jan Smuts Avenue on Joburg’s Art Gallery Row there’s a wealth of highly-rated contemporary art galleries to choose from and most of them stay open late into the evening for exhibition openings and other art events. The Brother Moves On perform regularly at Goodman Gallery events, an occasion not to be missed.
Hot spot: Maboneng

Live, work, play and make art could be the motto of this new city neighbourhood

The work of a single property-development company, the Maboneng district started in 2008. Local developer and entrepreneur Jonathan Liebmann bought up dozens of rundown warehouses and factories on the eastern edge of the inner city and set about transforming them. He was inspired by his travels to other cities where he had enjoyed the vibrancy of 24/7 urban life and the name Maboneng (a Sotho word meaning ‘place of light’) reflects the ambitions of this growing precinct.

This former industrial area has been transformed into a happening neighbourhood, characterised by innovative architecture, happening bars and restaurants and cutting-edge galleries and artist studios.

Old industrial buildings have been transformed into stylish apartment blocks and retail spaces and art lovers can even opt to stay over at 12 Decades Art Hotel, where each room has been designed by a local artist to reflect a different era of the city’s history.

Hang out at a gallery

With many artists occupying artist studios and apartments in the Maboneng Precinct, art is a definitive part of the neighbourhood’s social scene and a number of galleries also share space with wine and cocktail bars.

Start your exploration of Maboneng’s art scene at The AGOG. This three-storey building is home to The Nine Barrels wine bar (which opens out onto the street), the edgy AGOG Gallery which spreads over the two upper floors while on the rooftop there’s the exclusive whisky bar Q Club.

Two blocks over on Commissioner Street is The Cosmopolitan, an extraordinary Victorian-era hotel (designed in 1899) that was sensitively restored in 2016 to house a wine bar and restaurant, a luxury tea shop, coffee bar, concept store selling hot local brands and, set across the former hotel rooms on the building’s first floor, the contemporary Hazard Gallery. There is also a sculpture garden in the courtyard behind the building with a view of colourful murals painted by leading street artists. A massive Jan van Riebeeck by Gaia and Freddy Sam looks out over the garden.

Facing The Cosmopolitan, on the opposite corner, is the Museum of African Design (known as MOAD), a former panel beaters workshop that is now used as a gallery space staging regular temporary exhibitions with a focus on contemporary African fashion, design and architecture.

Across Commissioner Street in the Maverick Corner building is SoMa Art + Space, a quirky gallery hangout for artists and art fans that has its own cocktail and wine bar.

Two blocks over on Fox Street is Arts On Main, the pioneering Maboneng development. Once the offices of D.F Corlett, a builder and Joburg’s mayor in the early 1930’s, this is where world-renowned South African artist William Kentridge has his private studio looking onto the olive tree-filled courtyard.

Other artistic residents include leading printmakers David Krut Projects who have a print studio and bookstore here, and ivasshot in Joburg :) , an innovative photography studio that started out as a training programme for former street kids and now produces a range of products including mounted canvases, postcards and notebooks emblazoned with unique images of urban Joburg. Arts On Main is also home to the popular Market On Main which draws a huge crowd from all over the city every Sunday — and for their monthly full moon night markets – to enjoy a superb selection of food, craft beer and vintage clothing, and generally hanging out in the neighbourhood.

Art on the streets

Beyond Maboneng’s formal contemporary gallery spaces, the streets of this vibrant neighbourhood are also a gallery of sorts and well-known local and international artists have left their mark across the neighbourhood’s walls. Top street artists continue to be invited to add new works to Maboneng’s urban canvases and newly developed buildings are always given an eye-catching coat of paint that acts as a homage to the former tenants of the spaces, whether it’s zebra stripes, stylised monochromatic machine parts or a modernist take on ancient rock art.

Where to find it

For all gallery details see page 53.

First Thursdays Maboneng

Neatly contained within a few regenerated city blocks, Maboneng is a very easy place to navigate on foot, making it an ideal venue for First Thursdays and there’s no shortage of places to eat, drink and engage with the arts. For late night gallery visits and art exhibition openings visit The AGOG Gallery, MOAD, SoMa Art + Space and Hazard Gallery where you can also enjoy a glass of wine or a cocktail while you browse the art.

For all gallery details see page 53.
Hot spot: Braamfontein

This vibrant student neighbourhood has streets filled with artwork and a diverse gallery selection

Bordering the city centre and joined to Newtown by the Nelson Mandela Bridge – one of the city’s most iconic architectural landmarks – Braamfontein is considered by many to be the city’s hipster capital. A giant eland marks the entryway and distinctive metal tree sculptures line popular Juta Street. The trees were part of one of the earliest public art projects in the city in the late 2000s. With Wits University on its doorstep and an abundance of street fashion boutiques and cool bars, the streets of ‘Braam’ (as the cool kids call it) are populated by students, fixie bike hipster cyclists, bearded baristas, street fashion rebels and other young and creative types.

GALLERIES AND STREET ART
A great place to start an art exploration of Braamfontein is at Wits Art Museum (WAM), one of the city’s leading art galleries. WAM has one of the biggest collections of contemporary and historical African art in the country (only a fraction of which is ever on display at one time) and hosts regular exhibitions that showcase this superb collection.

From here wander through Braamfontein’s busy streets to the Grayscale Gallery at 33 De Korte Street, Joburg’s only art gallery dedicated exclusively to graffiti art. Two blocks down at 153 Smit Street you can’t miss Kalashnikovv Gallery with its ivy-covered facade and cutting-edge exhibitions by young and emerging artists that often feature digital and graffiti elements.

From here follow the hipsters and party people across the main thoroughfare Jan Smuts Avenue in the direction of the corner of Juta Street and De Beer Street – easily identifiable by the huge purple portrait of Nelson Mandela painted by American street artist Shepard Fairey (who also designed the iconic Obama Hope posters) that looks over the area.

Chock-full of bars, coffee shops, cafés and small design boutiques this is a good place to stop for a coffee en route and partake in people watching. On the way you’ll pass Stevenson gallery, known for its provocative and thought-provoking contemporary exhibitions and installations by young South African artists, another must for anyone with an interest in contemporary art that pushes the boundaries.

ART ALLEYWAYS
A decade ago no one would have dreamed of saying ‘I will meet you in a Braamfontein alleyway,’ but in recent years an ongoing upgrade project has changed the face of Braamfontein’s backstreets. Walk the alternative route for three blocks from The Bannister Hotel (adjacent to the corner of De Beer and Juta Streets) to the Once in Joburg Hotel on The Grove Square. On the way admire a smart collection of art installations lining the walls such as a mirror mosaic of birds in flight, wall-mounted pot plants, an over-sized Braamfontein sign made from recycled bottle tops and a rusty-hued sculpted concrete relief that resembles sand dunes.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT COLLECTION
At the other end of Braamfontein is another treasure trove of historical and contemporary South African art – the Constitutional Court. Located in the former prison-complex-turned-heritage-landmark Constitution Hill, this contemporary building was completed in 2004 and was built using masonry from the prison’s old awaiting trial block. The artwork in the entrance hall is designed to conjure a traditional African meeting space under the shade of a tree, know as lekgotla. The building’s entrance also encompasses the South African Bill of Rights which is carved into the gigantic doors at the entrance. Inside, the halls, offices and chambers of the court are decorated with a marvellous collection of specially commissioned artworks that reflect the values of the South African Constitution.

• WHERE TO FIND IT
For all gallery details see page 53.
Hot spot: Soweto

Heritage is brought to life by art on Soweto’s streets

Soweto is a huge collection of neighbourhoods and has always contained plenty of art-making and artists, but they haven’t always been easy to access. In recent years a number of people have developed art routes as public art and graffiti has found its way to the streets, with art being used to tell the story of Soweto’s heritage.

GALLERIES AND ARTIST STUDIOS

There are not many galleries in Soweto but the Mofolo Arts Centre in Mzilikazi Street and the Eyethu Gallery, in central Mofolo, are both great places to start. Eyethu is a commercial gallery showing and dealing in local contemporary art that also is part of the larger Eyethu Lifestyle Centre, a developing hub for locals interested in the creative industries. Call ahead to arrange a visit. The centre also incorporates a wine bar and restaurant and the Eyethu Cinema on the opposite side of the street. As one of the most famous places to see and be seen at in Soweto in the 1970s and early 1980s, plans are currently underway to restore and revive this long derelict landmark building and hopes are that the cinema will re-open in 2017.

Mofolo Arts Centre is an artist studio space, pottery and community centre that is frequented by local artists, musicians, dancers and other amateur and professional visual artists. Visitors can meet the artists, watch them at work and buy some art.

Zanele Mashumi, born in Soweto, studied fine art and then founded Mashumi Art Projects. She curates many local and national exhibitions and also arranges pop-up exhibitions at venues around Soweto.

CREDO MUTWA CULTURAL VILLAGE

The Credo Mutwa Cultural Village is a unique representation of African mythology. Built in the 1970s by the traditional healer and sculptor Credo Mutwa, the traditional buildings, decorated with friezes and murals, and larger-than-life mystical sculptures on a hill overlooking Soweto’s suburbs, are said to have been inspired by Mutwa’s prophetic visions of the future. The cultural village is located inside the Oppenheimer Park (entrance at 991 Bochabela Street, Jabavu Central). At its entrance a greeting sign warns that “a curse lasting seven years shall fall to all who destroy any part of this place.”

GRAFFITI AND PUBLIC ART

In 2007 the City of Joburg’s redevelopment of Kliptown’s Walter Sisulu Square was completed. The redesign of this square included the installation of a series of sculptures designed by Usha Seejarim. Created from slate tile, concrete and metal, each of the 10 columns represents one of the clauses of the Freedom Charter, signed here in 1955. Following this, public artworks were commissioned for other historically significant areas of Soweto.

On Orlando West’s Vilakazi Street The Nobel Laureates, two metal bull heads, honours ex-president Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, two Nobel laureates who once lived here. In nearby Moema Street is another metal structure, suggestive of schoolchildren being confronted by a policeman with his snarling dog, a reference to the June 16 1976 uprising that began in this neighbourhood.

Beyond these heritage neighbourhoods, Soweto’s public art project has also stretched along Chris Hani Road to Baragwanath taxi rank, one of the busiest transport hubs in South Africa. Here, a large steel piece, Commuter, 2008, by Clive van den Berg stands, featuring a tall walking woman with signs for Orlando, Soweto and Joburg emanating from her. Van den Berg also created several other steel sculptures in the rank inspired by the theme of transport and based on drawings by local schoolchildren from the area.

In much the same way the regeneration of downtown Joburg has been complemented by a sophisticated street art scene, so have many of Soweto’s streets been transformed by spray cans. Fine artist Senzo Nhlapo’s murals are all over Soweto, while the brick facade shielding the tracks by Phetshane station in Orlando West has become a ‘Wall of Fame’ where young enthusiasts leave their mark. In a rundown corner of Kliptown, top international and local artists, including pioneering graffiti master Falko, have painted walls. Soweto’s most famous mural is painted on the Orlando cooling towers. In 2002 First National Bank rented the towers as advertising space incorporating its logo into a design that presents images from Soweto’s past, present and future. Today it remains one of Soweto’s most iconic structures with a smiling Mandela, and a huge cast of Soweto characters looking out over the neighbourhood.

SOWETO ART TOURS

For guided art tours of Soweto contact Ralf Biermann, biermann_ralf@yahoo.com, or curator Zanele Mashumi, tel. +27 81 484 3067, to organise studio tours. To see the murals and street art of Kliptown contact TKD Tours who specialise in walking tours of the area, tel. +27 73 133 5234.
Day 1

MORNING
Start the day with breakfast at Park Café at the top of Rosebank's Art Gallery Row or at the African-retro styled Milk Bar in Keyes Art Mile and work your way down Jan Smuts Avenue's myriad contemporary art galleries. Stop first at Kim Sacks Gallery for exquisite ceramics and African artefacts, then at David Krut Bookstore for the specialist selection of art books. Both sides of the road are lined with galleries. Don’t miss out on Goodman Gallery to see works by South Africa’s A-list artists. Finish your exploration at the stylish Bolton Road Collection café and snap a photo of Cape Town-based graffiti artist Sonny’s famous mural of a psychedelic elephant on the building’s rear wall.

AFTERNOON
To learn more about Joburg’s colourful graffiti scene and its street artists, and to see some of the city’s finest examples of public art, take a walking tour of the downtown neighbourhoods Braamfontein and Newtown with local guides, Past Experiences, who are graffiti experts and whose pioneering street art tours are guaranteed to even convert any sceptics. You can reach Braamfontein from Rosebank by hopping on the Gautrain. Get off at Park Station, a five-minute walk from the centre of Braamfontein.

EVENING
Head back to Rosebank and enjoy sundowners at the exclusive cocktail bar Mesh in the Trumpet building on Keyes Art Mile, where each cocktail has been inspired by one of the contemporary art works on display in the bar. For dinner head one floor up to Marble (booking essential), celebrated chef David Higgs’ rooftop ‘live fire’ restaurant and bar. The panoramic views of the city from both venues are among the finest in Joburg. Another option to consider is drinks at Flames at Four Seasons The Westcliff Hotel. The hotel has an exciting collection of contemporary art and sculpture and offers the finest view of Joburg’s trees.

TOURS

MABONENG TOWNSHIP ARTS EXPERIENCE
Visit artists and see homes turned into galleries in Alexandra.
- Tel. +27 79 459 2224, maboneng.com.

MAINSTREETWALKS
Street art tours on foot or by bike of Maboneng and the neighbouring suburbs of Jeppstown and Troyeville.
- Tel. +27 11 614 0163 or +27 11 027 5257, mainstreetwalks.co.za.

PAST EXPERIENCES
Specialising in public art and graffiti-themed walking tours of downtown Joburg.
- Tel. +27 11 678 3905, pastexperiences.co.za.

CONTACTS

MILK BAR
19 Keyes Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 028 8443, open 06:30–17:00, Sat 08:00–15:00, Sun 08:00–12:00.

BOLTON ROAD COLLECTION
Cnr Bolton Rd and Jan Smuts Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 327 6104, open 08:00–24:00 (kitchen closes at 22:00).

MESH
19 Keyes Ave, Rosebank, meshclub.co.za. Bar open 16:00–23:00.

MARBLE
19 Keyes Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 10 594 5550, marble.restaurant. Open for lunch from 12:00 (last seating 14:30), for dinner from 18:30 (last seating 21:30).

WHERE TO FIND IT
For all gallery details see page 53.
Day 2

MORNING
Make the most of the Joburg art experience and book into the 12 Decades JHB Art Hotel in Maboneng where each room was individually designed by local artists and designers to reflect key historical moments from 12 decades of Joburg’s history. Wake up in Maboneng and stroll down the road to pick up coffee and breakfast at the cute Middle Eastern café Eat Your Heart Out before joining local tour guides MainStreet-Walks on a cycling tour of the surrounding neighbourhoods. The tour takes in the area’s rich architectural history and street art, and includes visits to local galleries.

AFTERNOON
There’s no shortage of places to eat in Maboneng with everything from Argentinean steaks, Greek souvlaki, Mexican tacos to eat in Maboneng with every- thing from Argentinian steaks, Greek souvlaki, Mexican tacos and Indian curry on offer. One of the most beautiful lunch (or dinner) venues is The Cosmopolitan, a restored Victorian-era hotel that is now home to a restaurant, wine bar, sculpture garden, coffee bar, tea room and the Hazard Gallery. After lunch meet the artists at August House, an art-deco style building in Doornfontein which houses the studios of some of South Africa’s most celebrated artists including Sam Nhlengethwa, Nelson Makamo, Bronwyn Lace, Di- ane Victor, Colbert Mashile and Bambo Sibiya (call ahead to or- ganise a visit). Also a short drive from Maboneng is the Living Artist Emporium, an art gal- lery and artist studios housed in a former tennis club in the Ellis Park precinct (call ahead to arrange a visit). Around the corner is the gritty but charm- ing Troyeville Hotel, famed for its excellent Portuguese cuisine, and the neighbourhood bar is an easy place to stop for a drink and meet the local barflies.

EVENING
Freshen up at your hotel before booking a ride across town for dinner and drinks at 1 Fox Precinct, one of the city’s most exciting new developments. Once a collection of century-old industrial buildings, these volu- minous warehouses have been spectacularly transformed and now house the much-admired Urbanologi restaurant whose dishes are akin to a work of art, and Mad Giant craft brewery with its awe-inspiring larger-than-life interior features that were designed by famed South African interior designer Hal- dane Martin.

CONTACTS

AUGUST HOUSE
76 End St, Maboneng, aug- gusthouse.co.za.

12 DECADES JHB ART HOTEL
286 Fox St, Maboneng, tel. +27 86 122 6787, urbanhi- photels.com.

EAT YOUR HEART OUT
Cnr Fox and Kruger Sts, Maboneng, tel. +27 72 586 0600, eatyourheartout. co.za. Open 07:30–16:00.
Sat, Sun 07:30–18:00.
Closed Mon.

LIVING ARTIST EMPORIUM
Cnr Bertrams and Miller Sts, New Doornfontein, tel. +27 28 573 3488, livingar- tistemporium.co.za.

THE COSMOPOLITAN
Cnr Albertech and Commis- sioner Sts, Maboneng, tel. +27 64 279 2239, thecos- mopolitan.joburg. Bar and restaurant open 12:00–
22:30, Sun 12:00–18:00.
Closed Mon, Tue.

1 FOX PRECINCT
1 Fox St, Ferreirasdorp, tel. +27 11 492 1399, urban- ologi.co.za. Open 12:00–
15:00 and 18:00–21:00, Sun 12:00–17:00. The Mad Giant bar and brew- ery is open 12:00–22:00.

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10 Top art galleries

Joburg’s essential art stops

CIRCA GALLERY AND EVERARD READ
An architectural landmark with its circular struc- ture and metal fins reaching into the sky this Rose- bank Gallery is a sister gallery to the Everard Read (on the opposite side of the street) and features contemporary fine art, sculpture and photography by leading South African artists. Visit Circa’s top floor deck for an extraordinary view over the leafy suburbs. Circa Gallery also has a UK branch (80 Fulham Road, Chelsea, circagallerylondon.com).

• 6 Jellicoe Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 788 4805, circa-gallery.co.za. Open 09:00–18:00, Sat 09:00–
13:00. Closed Sun.

DAVID KRUT PROJECTS
This gallery, print workshop and bookstore special- ises in print work as multiples and editions, and works with leading South African artists, among them global A-lister William Kentridge. David Krut is also a specialist art book publisher. At the two bookshops, one in Parkwood (151 Jan Smuts Ave) and another at Arts on Main in Maboneng (264

Fox St) you can browse an exquisite collection of art books featuring local and international artists.

• 142 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, tel. +27 11 447 0627, davidkrut.com. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

GALLERY MOMO
Curator and gallery owner Monna Mokoena’s contemporary gallery is known for pushing the boundaries of the established art world, and rep- resents a number of local and international artists. Some names to look out for include Mary Sibande (a former Standard Bank Young Artist Award- winner) whose work from her exhibition Long Live the Dead Queen draped 19 city buildings for six months during 2010, allowing Joburg to claim status as the world’s first city art gallery. The gal- lery also represents award-winning photographers Roger Ballen and Ayana V Jackson.

• 52 7th Ave, Parktown North, tel. +27 11 327 3247, gallarmomo.com. Open 09:00–18:00, Sat 09:00–16:00. Closed Sun.
GOODMAN GALLERY
This leading gallery opened more than 50 years ago and continues to stand at the forefront of contemporary art in South Africa. Goodman’s focus is on artists who engage in a dialogue with the African context and the gallery is a proud champion of freedom of expression, often hosting new exhibitions that illuminate key contemporary societal issues. Over the years the gallery has expanded to represent international artists and takes African contemporary art to the world stage. The gallery’s luminaries include William Kentridge, David Goldblatt, Willem Boshoff and Hank Willis Thomas.
• 153 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, tel. +27 11 880 8802, lizamore.co.za. Open 10:00–17:00, Sat 10:00–15:00. Closed Sun and Mon.

THE STANDARD BANK GALLERY
This large non-profit gallery sponsored by a major bank is a multi-disciplinary space that hosts regular exhibitions, showcasing a broad range of works from the bank’s own private collection and from the collections of South African and international museums and galleries. Its most recent international exhibition featured the work of modern art giant Matisse. The gallery hosts temporary exhibitions, exhibiting works by top contemporary South African artists, as well as retrospective exhibitions focused on 19th and 20th Century South African and European masters, and on more ancient forms of African art, including rock art.
• Cnr Simmonds and Frederick Sts, City Centre, tel. +27 11 631 4467, standardbankarts.co.za. Open 08:00–16:30, Sat 09:00–13:00. Closed Sun.

STEVENSON
This leading gallery is known for its edgy South African and African contemporary art and photography. The gallery represents leading artists such as award-winning photographer Zanele Muholi and Deutsche Bank’s Artist of the Year 2017 Kemang Wa Lehulere. Stevenson also has a gallery space in Cape Town and regularly participates in international art fairs.
• 62 Juta St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 631 4467, stevenson.info. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 10:00–13:00. Closed Sun.

LIZAMORE & ASSOCIATES
Located on Parkwood’s art gallery row, this fine art gallery and art consultancy showcases contemporary art from emerging and established South African artists. The gallery’s ethos is based on promoting a mixture of established and new artists together in a way that will attract both seasoned collectors and new buyers, and the space offers a regular programme of group and solo exhibitions.
• 162 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, tel. +27 11 788 1113, lizamore-gallery.com. Open 09:30–17:30, Sat 09:30–16:00. Closed Sun, Mon.

ART GALLERY DIRECTORY

AUCKLAND PARK

FADA GALLERY
17 Bunting Rd, University of Joburg, Auckland Park, tel. +27 11 559 1386, uj.ac.za. Open 09:00–16:00, Sat 09:00–13:00. Closed Sun, Mon.

ART EYE GALLERY
Ellis House Art Studio, 23 Voorhout St, New Doornfontein, tel. +27 71 386 2198, arteye.co.za. Open 10:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

THE 13TH FLOOR GALLERY
Ansteys Building, 59 Joubert St, City Centre, tel. +27 83 499 7223 or +27 79 112 3337, gotothe13th.com. Visits by appointment only.

ABSA GALLERY
187 Fox St, City Centre, tel. +27 11 350 3003. Open 08:30–16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

CITY CENTRE

CONSTITUTION HILL
Cnr Joubert and Kotze Sts, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 381 3100, constitutionhill.org.za. Open 09:00–17:00.

THE AGOG GALLERY
Agog building, 12 Lower Ross St, Maboneng, tel. +27 79 458 5350, agog.co.za. Open 11:00–22:00.

MBABENG, NEW DOORNFOINTEIN, TROYEVILLE

ROOM
Ellis House Art Studio, 23 Voorhout St, New Doornfontein, tel. +27 71 074 4944, roomgallery.co.za. Open 11:00–16:00, Sat 10:00–15:00. Closed Sun, Mon, Tue.

SOMA ART + SPACE
Maverick Corner, 300 Commissioner St, Maboneng, tel. +27 76 030 4200, somaartspace.co.za. Open 11:00–18:00, Fri, Sat 11:00–22:00, Sun 10:00–18:00. Closed Mon–Wed.

HAZARD GALLERY
The Cosmopolitan, 24 Albrecht St, Maboneng, tel. +27 72 350 4326, hazrd.co.za. Open 10:00–16:00. Closed Mon.

SPAZA ART GALLERY
19 Wilhelmina St, Troyeville, tel. +27 11 614 9354, spazagallery.wzaoonline.co.za. Open 10:00–17:00. Closed Mon, Sun. Visits by appointment only.
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NORWOOD

THE DAVILLE BAILLIE GALLERY
The Factory on Grant, 70 Grant Ave, Norwood, tel. +27 61 466 0451, daville.co.za. Open 10:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–14:00, Mon 10:00–14:00, Sun by appointment only.

ROSEBANK, MELROSE, PARKHURST

ART IT IS
11 Chester Rd, Parkwood, artitis.co.za, tel. +27 11 880 6961. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 10:00–14:00. Closed Sun.

GALLERY 2
140 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, tel. +27 11 447 0155 or +27 11 447 0198, gallery2.co.za. Open 09:30–17:30, Sat 10:00–15:00. Open Sun, Mon by appointment only.

HENRY GEORGE GALLERY
45 6th St, Parkhurst, tel. +27 11 880 2698, henrygeorgegallery.co.za. Open 09:00–13:00, Mon 09:30–13:00. Closed Sun.

IN TOTO GALLERY
Birdhaven Centre, 66 St Andrew St, Birdhaven, tel. +27 11 447 6543, intotogallery.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–13:00. Closed Sun.

RES GALLERY

SMAC GALLERY
Trumpet, Keyes Art Mile, 19 Keyes Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 778 6210 or +27 82 560 7672, smacgallery.com. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 10:00–15:00. Closed Sun.

SOUTHERN GUILD & WHATIFTHEWORLD
Trumpet, Keyes Art Mile, 19 Keyes Ave, Rosebank, +27 79 490 7293 or +27 76 422 2387, whatiftheworld.com. Open 09:30–17:00, Sat 09:30–16:00. Closed Sun, Mon.

SANDTON

CANDICE BERMAN GALLERY
Shop 8, Riverside Shopping Centre, 317 Bryanston Dr, Bryanston, tel. +27 11 463 8524 or +27 84 843 8302. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–16:30, Sun 09:00–14:00.

GREGORY’S FINE ART GALLERY
68 on Hobart, cnr of Hobart and Dover Rds (off William Nicol Dr), Bryanston, tel. +27 11 463 7869, gregorysfineart.co.za. Open 10:00–18:00, Sat 09:00–17:00. Closed Sun.

SANLAM ART LOUNGE
Sanlam Art Lounge, Sanlam Building (6th floor), 11 Alice Ln, Sandton Central, tel. +27 11 778 8210. Open 12:00–16:30, Sat 10:00–13:00. Closed Sun.

ONLINE

GUNS & RAIN
Online gallerist selling contemporary fine art by established and emerging southern African artists. Art can be shipped globally, or sourced to request. • gunsandrain.com

SPECIALIST GALLERIES

GRAYSCALE GALLERY
Founded by three graffiti artists, Grayscale is a platform for emerging street artists.
• 33 De Korte St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 403 0077, grayscalegallery.co.za. Open 10:00–17:30, Sat 10:00–16:00. Closed Sun.

IRANTI
Exhibitions, installations and performances with a focus on queer identity.
• 87 De Korte St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 339 1476, iranti.org.co.za. Open 09:00–16:00.

KIM SACKS GALLERY
This gallery showcases collectable ceramic pieces, unique tribal art and contemporary museum-quality handmade objects.
• 153 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, tel. +27 11 447 5804, kimsacks.com. Open 09:00–18:00, Sat 10:00–17:00, public holidays 10:00–14:00. Open Sun by appointment only.

MOAD
The Museum of African Design brings together contemporary African art, fashion and culture. A cultural laboratory rather than a collecting museum, the space also hosts a variety of events.
• 281 Commissioner St, Maboneng, moadjhb.com. Open 10:00–17:00, Sat, Sun 10:00–18:00. Closed Mon.

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ARTIST PROOF STUDIO
A community and professional printmaking facility focused on supporting talented artists from disadvantaged backgrounds. Work is available to view and buy at the studio.
• The Bus Factory, 3 Helen Joseph St, Newtown, tel. +27 11 492 1278, artistproofstudio.co.za. Open 09:00–16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

ASSEMBLAGE
A collection of artist studios which also offers workshops, peer mentoring, pop-up exhibitions and projects for visual artists.
• Entrance at 1 Main St, Ferreirasdorp, City Centre, assemblage.co.za. Open 10:00–15:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Visits at other times can be arranged by prior appointment.

AUGUST HOUSE
An Art Deco-era building that is home to the studios of a number of leading South African artists including Nelson Makamo, Samson Mquli, Mary Sibande, Diane Victor and Colbert Mashile.
• 76-82 End St, Doornfontein, City Centre, augusthouse.co.za. The building hosts regular open days and visits can also be arranged by prior appointment.

BAG FACTORY ARTIST STUDIOS
Studio space used by more than a dozen local artists including internationally acclaimed artists David Koloane and Kagiso Pat Mautloa. There’s also an art supplies shop and framing service. Regular pop-up exhibitions and other art events.
• 10 Mahlatini St, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 834 9181, bagfactoryart.org.za. Open 09:00–17:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Visits at other times can be arranged by prior appointment.

LIVING ARTISTS EMPORIUM
Artist studio and gallery focused on supporting local emerging artists.
• Ellis Park Tennis Stadium, cnr Miller St and Betrams Rd, Ellis Park, tel. +27 82 573 3488, livingartistemporium.co.za. Open 09:00–16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

MARKET PHOTO WORKSHOP
A leading photography school founded in 1989 by David Goldblatt, a world-renowned photographer. An on-site gallery hosts regular photography exhibitions by current students and alumni.
• The Bus Factory, 2 Helen Joseph St, Newtown, marketphotoworkshop.co.za, tel. +27 11 834 1444. Open 09:00–17:00, Sun 09:00–16:00.

TWILSHARP STUDIOS
A collection of artist studios and workshops located in a grand old house in the historic Betrams neighbourhood.
• 40 Gordon Rd, Betrams, tel. +27 79 509 4880. Visits by appointment.

ART ORGANISATIONS

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE
Promoting French language and cultural diversity through events led by French, francophone and South African artists.
• 17 Lower Park Dr, Cnr Kerry Rd, tel. +27 11 646 1169, alliance.org.za. Open 09:00–18:00, Sat 09:00–13:30. Closed Sun.

ARTLOGIC
Artlogic specialises in producing high-end, boutique fairs together with corporate sponsors. Their annual events are regarded as landmark events in their respective sectors. Artlogic produces the FNB JoburgArtFair, Sanlam Handmade Contemporary Fair, The Standard Bank Africa Cycle Fair and the Winter Sculpture Fair.
• 235A Jan Smuts Ave, Parktown North, tel. +27 11 447 3868, artlogic.co.za.

BASA
Business and Arts South Africa is a public-private partnership that encourages mutually beneficial collaborations between business and the arts.
• basa.co.za.

GOETHE-INSTITUT
The German cultural institute offers a rich and in-depth programme of events spanning music, art and literature.
• 119 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, tel. +27 11 442 3232, goethe.de/Joburg. Open 09:00–13:00, 14:00–18:00, Fri 09:00–14:30. Closed Sun.

!KAURU
A platform for contemporary African artists !Kauru engages with new art buying audiences, in particular young black professionals, through its Black Collectors Forum.
• kauru.co.za.

VANSA
Visual Arts Network South Africa operates as a development agency for the visual arts in South Africa, promoting connection, access and innovation in the arts industry.
• vansa.co.za.

All in One, 2016, by Aida Muluneh. Muluneh was the featured artist at FNB JoburgArtFair 2016. Image courtesy of David Krut Projects
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Hussain van Roos of Fixin Diaries. Photo by Andy Carrie. Courtesy of Soweto Wine & Lifestyle Festival
Soweto

History, hipsters and adventure, this place has it all

In 1976 the name Soweto (first used in 1963 to describe the South West Townships created to keep black South Africans away from white Joburg) became globally synonymous with the anti-apartheid struggle as youth rose up to fight against inferior education. But the history of Soweto goes back a lot further, to the 1930s when the area housed black workers who had flocked to the goldfields since 1886 in search of work. Today Soweto is home to around 1.5 million people and its neighbourhoods range from Kliptown’s informal shacks to the mansions of Diepkloof Extension, also known as Diepkloof Expensive. A top tourist attraction, Soweto has a wealth of historical sites, and a vibrant contemporary social scene.

HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

THE VLIKAZI STREET PRECINCT

Probably the most famous street in all of Soweto, busy Vilakazi Street lays claim to two Nobel prize-winning residents, and is a tourist hub with bars and restaurants such as Vuyo’s contemporary African restaurant, Sakhumzi, Vilakazi Restaurant and Nex Dor wine and cocktail bar. Streetside stalls line your path offering local crafts and souvenirs while boutiques sell locally-designed fashion and accessories.

Nelson Mandela lived here with his then wife Winnie in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The Nelson Mandela House Museum is one of Soweto’s most popular tourist attractions. Nearby you can see the walls of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s home. He still divides his time between his official Cape Town residence and this modest house in Soweto.

Kliptown is one of Soweto’s oldest neighbourhoods and the famous location of the Congress of the People, held on June 26 1955. Made up of representatives of all South African racial and ethnic groups, the 3,000 person-strong Congress met on Kliptown’s main square to present the Freedom Charter, calling for a non-racial, free and democratic South Africa. In response the apartheid government banned the ANC and scores of delegates were harassed and arrested. With the abolition of apartheid the Freedom Charter became the basis for South Africa’s Constitution.

Visit the small Kliptown Museum on the square. Its engaging and informative displays bring to life the fascinating story of the Freedom Charter and the Congress of the People, with photographs and other archival material. Nearby is a conical brick tower that enshrines the principles of the charter.

To see more of everyday life in this historic area, take a walking tour. Tours usually start with a visit to the museum and end at Jazz Maniacs restaurant at the Soweto Hotel for refreshments and lunch. TKD Tours and Lebo’s Soweto Backpackers specialise in tours of this area.

HECTOR PIETERSON MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL

8287 Khumalo St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 7754, mandelahouse.com. Open 09:00–16:45. Closed 25.12, 01.01. Admission R30, Children 6-12 R5, 13 years old and above R10.

NELSON MANDELA HOUSE MUSEUM


WALTER SISULU SQUARE

Cnr Klipspruit Valley Rd and Union Ave, Kliptown, Soweto, tel. +27 11 945 2200, waltersisulusquare.co.za. Kliptown Museum open 09:00–16:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Entrance is free.

SOWETO HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Walter Sisulu Square of Dedication, Kliptown, Soweto, tel. +27 11 527 7300, sowetohotel.co.za. Jazz Maniacs opens from 06:30 until late (kitchen closes at 22:00).

KLIPPTOWN AND FREEDOM SQUARE

First settled in the late 19th-Century, Kliptown from its earliest days was a hub for traders, its busy streets thronged with market stalls and wholesalers. Today the bustle continues on the streets around Walter Sisulu Square of Dedication (also known as Freedom Square), which is lined with stores and hawkers selling fruit, vegetables, fabrics and all manner of household goods. At the square’s edge is the upmarket Soweto Hotel.

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REGINA MUNDI AND THOKOZA PARK
Rockville’s Catholic church Regina Mundi, built in 1964, has played a hugely significant role in the struggle against apartheid and even has the bullet holes to prove it. During the uprising in 1976 students fled here for refuge from Orlando Stadium where they had gathered, and were followed inside by policemen who fired live ammunition into the building.

This is South Africa’s largest Catholic Church, with space for 2,000 seated people and standing room for 5,000. The site continues to be an important historical monument. It was in this place that Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, a powerful and much loved leader and outspoken human rights activist, presided over the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings from 1995 to 1998. Other famous visitors include then President of the United States Bill Clinton who visited in 1998 and former US First Lady Michelle Obama, who addressed young leaders here in 2011.

The church sits next to Thokoza Park, one of Soweto’s most attractive parks and a popular location for weekend picnics.

• 1149 Khumalo St, off Elias Motsoaledi Rd, Rockville, Soweto, tel. +27 11 986 2546, reginamundi-church.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00. Sun services 07:00–09:00.

CREDO MUTWA CULTURAL VILLAGE
The quirky Credo Mutwa Cultural Village is located inside Soweto’s Oppenheimer Park and is a unique representation of African mythology. Built in the 1970s by the traditional healer and sculptor Credo Mutwa, the ‘village’ is more of a sculpture garden filled with an array of traditional African houses and larger-than-life sculptures representing figures from African folklore. Mutwa’s followers believe that some of the more unusual sculptures and murals that he created are representations of his visions of the future, including in particular a painting inside one of the buildings that appears to show a plane crashing into a skyscraper. Mutwa painted this in 1978.

A sign at the village entrance describes it as “no mere museum or tourist attraction. It is a holy place where African cultures, religions and indigenous sciences are preserved in pictures and sculptures”, and visitors are entreated to respect the site. Oppenheimer Park is filled with indigenous plants, many of which are used in traditional medicine, and is overlooked by the Oppenheimer Tower. The tower’s 49 steps were constructed using bricks made from the ashes of the homes destroyed to build Soweto and each brick is marked with the name of a different Soweto suburb. From the top of the tower a panoramic view of Soweto awaits.

• Oppenheimer Park, 991 Bochabela St, Jabavu Central, Soweto

JUNE 16 MEMORIAL ACRE
The June 16 Memorial Acre is an open-air memorial centre that sits across from Soweto’s Morris Isaacson High School, one of the main schools from which students marched during the Soweto Uprising of 1976. The centre tells the story of the youth of 1976 in pictures and words with archival photography, and murals depicting scenes from the protest. Among the public artworks that form the memorial acre is a statue of one of the leaders of the protests, Tsietsi Mashinini, who was a pupil at the Morris Isaacson High School. In the aftermath of the protests the young Mashinini was forced to flee the country and sadly died in exile before apartheid finally ended.

• Cnr Pula and Mpethi Sts, White City, Jabavu, Soweto.
Cool Soweto

Don’t visit looking only for the past. If you do you’ll miss out on Soweto’s happening cultural and social scene

FIXIN DIARIES
Devoted fans of vintage bicycles, the team behind Fixin Diaries transformed this former spaza shop into a cutting-edge bicycle workshop where they work on creating custom-made and refurbished fixed gear (‘fixie’) bikes. Fixin Diaries are also known for their regular social cycling events, including the Brunch and Ride which takes place in collaboration with the Locrate Market.
• 475 Bokunku St, Pimville, Soweto, tel. +27 861 489 6898, fixindiaries.co.

NTOZINHLE ACCESSORIES
Sphelele Chikowi’s handmade African accessories range is inspired by traditional African beadwork and her statement necklaces and headbands have become must-have items for local fashionistas.
• 7323 Phiri St, Orlando West, Soweto, ntozinhleaccessories.co.za. Open 09:00–18:00, Sun 09:00–16:00.

THESIS LIFESTYLE
This trailblazing Sowetan clothing brand, sold from a store in Mofolo, was started by local entrepreneurs Galebowe Mahlatsi and Wandile Zondo and references local street culture in its signature slogan T-shirts and ‘bucket’ hats. Their Soweto store also stocks other hip local street fashion labels, and is a lively hub for a range of social events including a running club.
• 173 Machaba Dr, Mofolo, Soweto, tel. +27 11 982 1182, thesis.co.za. Open 10:00–19:00, Sun 10:00–18:00.

THE BOX SHOP
This distinctive building made from shipping containers is a business incubator promoting new and emerging Soweto-based brands. On the ground floor is a funky boutique selling local fashion labels and accessories. Upstairs is an innovative furniture studio. Enjoy a cappuccino on the rooftop deck from the quirky coffee shop, Kofi, Soweto’s first coffee roaster. The owners formerly worked at a popular franchise before realising their dream of opening their own store.
• 7166-7176 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, theboxshop.co.za. Open 09:30–20:30.

Locrate Market by Undefined Dimensions, courtesy of the Locrate Market, Soweto

SOWETO GOLD
Soweto Gold is Soweto’s own craft beer brewed at the Ubuntu Kraal. After a lunch of tasty ‘township gourmet’ food from the grill, opt for a beer and cider tasting and a tour of the brewery.
• 11846 Senokoanyana St, Orlando West Ext., Soweto, tel. +27 74 738 0355, sowetogold.co.za. Open on weekends from 10:00 until last guest.

VUYO’S
Serving a contemporary re-interpretation of traditional South African dishes, this stylish spot has a great terrace overlooking Vilakazi street and a classy cocktail menu perfect for early evening sun-downers.
• 8038 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel +27 11 536 1838, vuyos.co.za. Open 10:00–22:00.

ZONE 6
Soweto’s leading entertainment venue, this huge, 3,000-capacity, two-storey former warehouse space boasts state-of-the-art sound and lighting, a massive stage and an outside deck and pool area. Open for special club nights, hip hop and house music festivals, the venue is also for hire.
• Warehouse 28, Black Chain Centre, Diepkloof, Soweto, zone6venue.co.za.

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• Cnr Bolani Rd and Koma St, Jabulani, Soweto, tel. +27 11 930 7462, sowetotheatre.com

SOWETO STORYTELLING
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• 10823A Pooe St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 3444, sowetobackpackers.com.

SOWETO GOUND CRAFT BEER AND COCKTAILS

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• Cnr Kudu and Moema Sts, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 73 521 9035, locratemarket.co.za. First Sun of the month from 11:00–18:00.

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Neighbourhoods

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ADVENTURE SPORTS AND HELICOPTER FLIPS

Get your adrenaline racing at Soweto’s Orlando Towers, a hub for extreme sports. Bungee jump, SCAD Fall or swing from the top of the iconic towers before heading to the nearby beer garden and shisa nyama restaurant Chaf Pozi. Based nearby is Soweto Outdoor Adventures, specialising in adventure sports like go-karting, paintball, paddle boating and quad biking tours. For the best view of the towers and surrounds, book a helicopter ride with Fly SA Wise, a Soweto-based charter service. (Pickups from the University of Johannesburg Soweto Campus, Orlando Towers or FNB Stadium).

FLY SA WISE
6973 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 78 040 2124 or +27 11 067 0158, fly sawise.com. Flights from R400 for a 15-minute flight over Soweto, R950 per person for a 30-minute flight over Joburg and Soweto.

ORLANDO TOWERS
Cnr Kingsley Sithole and Nicholas Sts, Orlando, Soweto, tel. +27 71 674 4343, orlandotowers.co.za. Open Thu 12:00–17:00, Fri–Sun and public holidays 10:00–18:00. Closed Mon–Wed. Open weekdays for large groups by prior arrangement. Chaf Pozi, tel. +27 81 797 5756, chafpozi.co.za. Open Wed–Thu, 11:00–18:00, Fri–Sat 11:00–02:00, Sun 11:00–22:00. Closed Mon. Tue.

SOWETO OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
Entrance on Dynamo St, cnr Old Potch Rd, Orlando, Soweto, tel. +27 72 692 8159, sowetooutdooradventures.co.za.

LEBO’S SOWETO BICYCLE TOURS
Orlando West, Soweto

ONE of the best ways to experience Soweto is on a walking or cycling tour. With Lebo’s Soweto Bicycle Tours you can choose from two-hour, four-hour or full-day tours by bicycle or by tuk tuk. Tours are customisable and include visits to all of Soweto’s major landmarks as well as to places such as churches and shebeens where you can meet the locals and learn more about local culture.

To explore the area’s natural beauty join Soweto’s first official bird guide Raymond Rampolokeng of Bay of Grace Tours on a bird watching tour of the Klipriver wetland areas (on foot or by bike). To see a different side of Soweto join Ntokozo Dube of TKD Tours on a walking tour of the back streets of historic Kliptown. Learn about the unique history and architecture of this area, taste local delicacies, see the exciting array of street art created by international artists who have visited Kliptown and volunteer your time at a local NGO.

Walk in the footsteps of soccer greats by visiting the FNB Stadium and Orlando Stadium. FNB Stadium, also known as Soccer City, is an iconic 94,000-seater venue, Africa’s largest stadium, first built in 1986 and enlarged and redesigned for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. It resembles a traditional calabash. Soweto football team Kaizer Chiefs play here and the stadium is also often used as a venue for large concerts. Tours of the stadium, including a visit to the players’ rooms, can be booked. The Kaizer Chief’s Soweto rivals Orlando Pirates play at the 40,000-person capacity Orlando Stadium in the Orlando East area of Soweto.

For a novel two-hour minibus tour of Soweto’s main sights, hop on the Soweto minibus that links to the hop-on hop-off open-top Joburg City Sightseeing bus at Gold Reef City.

SOWETO FOOD AND DRINK

For a taste of traditional township cuisine like mogodu (tripe), umngqusho (a dish of maize and beans) and pap (a stiff savoury maize porridge usually served with gravy), Soweto has dozens of places to choose from. Select from upmarket a la carte restaurants serving a contemporary take on local favourites, to traditional buffets, casual cafés and slick lounge-bars. You can also find lots of streetside stalls where adventurous diners can try local delicacies like ‘smileys’ (roasted sheep’s head) and ‘runaways’ (grilled chicken feet), and shebeens – informal backyard township pubs. At a shisa nyama, a Zulu phrase literally means ‘burn meat’, you choose meat from the butchery counter and have it barbequed in front of you to your exact exact specifications. Many of the busiest shisa nyama also have a bar and beer garden attached, and in some cases even a car wash.

CAFÉS AND RESTAURANTS

LA CADI
653 Tshabalala St, Orlando East, Soweto, tel. +27 76 044 8344. Open 12:00–02:00. Closed Mon–Wed.

LESHALA CUISINE
139 Makapanke St, Molapo, Soweto, tel. +27 82 687 0447. Open 09:00–22:00.

MASAKENG BISTRO
642 Kinini St, Dube, Soweto, tel. +27 11 039 6505. Open 12:00–22:00.

NAMBITHA
6877 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 9128, nambitha@outlook.com. Open 09:00–22:00. Fri–Sat 09:00–23:00, Sun 09:00–22:00.

NEX DOR
6979 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 76 550 0614. Open 09:00–24:00.

RESTAURANT VILAKAZI
6879 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 7423, restaurantvilakazi.co.za. Open 09:00–22:00. Fri–Sun 09:00–23:00, Sun 09:00–22:00.

ROOTS
Makhetha Shopping Center, 1345 Mphuthi St, Orlando, Soweto, tel. +27 11 930 3752 or +27 72 536 8777, roots-soweto.co.za. Open 07:00–23:30.

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Based nearby is Soweto Outdoor Adventures, specialising in adventure sports like go-karting, paintball, paddle boating and quad biking tours. For the best view of the towers and surrounds, book a helicopter ride with Fly SA Wise, a Soweto-based charter service. (Pickups from the University of Johannesburg Soweto Campus, Orlando Towers or FNB Stadium).

Lebo’s Soweto Bicycle Tours

One of the best ways to experience Soweto is on a walking or cycling tour. With Lebo’s Soweto Bicycle Tours you can choose from two-hour, four-hour or full-day tours by bicycle or by tuk tuk. Tours are customisable and include visits to all of Soweto’s major landmarks as well as to places such as churches and shebeens where you can meet the locals and learn more about local culture.

To explore the area’s natural beauty join Soweto’s first official bird guide Raymond Rampolokeng of Bay of Grace Tours on a bird watching tour of the Klipriver wetland areas (on foot or by bike). To see a different side of Soweto join Ntokozo Dube of TKD Tours on a walking tour of the back streets of historic Kliptown. Learn about the unique history and architecture of this area, taste local delicacies, see the exciting array of street art created by international artists who have visited Kliptown and volunteer your time at a local NGO.

Walk in the footsteps of soccer greats by visiting the FNB Stadium and Orlando Stadium. FNB Stadium, also known as Soccer City, is an iconic 94,000-seater venue, Africa’s largest stadium, first built in 1986 and enlarged and redesigned for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. It resembles a traditional calabash. Soweto football team Kaizer Chiefs play here and the stadium is also often used as a venue for large concerts. Tours of the stadium, including a visit to the players’ rooms, can be booked. The Kaizer Chief’s Soweto rivals Orlando Pirates play at the 40,000-person capacity Orlando Stadium in the Orlando East area of Soweto.

For a novel two-hour minibus tour of Soweto’s main sights, hop on the Soweto minibus that links to the hop-on hop-off open-top Joburg City Sightseeing bus at Gold Reef City.

Soweto Food and Drink

For a taste of traditional township cuisine like mogodu (tripe), umngqusho (a dish of maize and beans) and pap (a stiff savoury maize porridge usually served with gravy), Soweto has dozens of places to choose from. Select from upmarket a la carte restaurants serving a contemporary take on local favourites, to traditional buffets, casual cafés and slick lounge-bars. You can also find lots of streetside stalls where adventurous diners can try local delicacies like ‘smileys’ (roasted sheep’s head) and ‘runaways’ (grilled chicken feet), and shebeens – informal backyard township pubs. At a shisa nyama, a Zulu phrase literally means ‘burn meat’, you choose meat from the butchery counter and have it barbequed in front of you to your exact exact specifications. Many of the busiest shisa nyama also have a bar and beer garden attached, and in some cases even a car wash.

Cafés and Restaurants

La Cadi
653 Tshabalala St, Orlando East, Soweto, tel. +27 76 044 8344. Open 12:00–02:00. Closed Mon–Wed.

Leshala Cuisine
139 Makapanke St, Molapo, Soweto, tel. +27 82 687 0447. Open 09:00–22:00.

Masakeng Bistro
642 Kinini St, Dube, Soweto, tel. +27 11 039 6505. Open 12:00–22:00.

Nambitha
6877 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 9128, nambitha@outlook.com. Open 09:00–22:00. Fri–Sat 09:00–23:00, Sun 09:00–22:00.

Nex Dor
6979 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 76 550 0614. Open 09:00–24:00.

Restaurant Vilakazi
6876 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 7423, restaurantvilakazi.co.za. Open 09:00–22:00. Fri–Sun 09:00–23:00.

Roots
Makhetha Shopping Center, 1345 Mphuthi St, Orlando, Soweto, tel. +27 11 930 3752 or +27 72 536 8777, roots-soweto.co.za. Open 07:00–23:30.


SOUTHUMI
6980 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 11 536 1379, southumzi.co.za. Open 10:00–22:00, Fri–Sun 11:00–24:00.

WANDIE’S PLACE
618 Makhalemele St, Dube Village, Soweto, tel. +27 81 420 6051, wandiesplace.co.za. Open 10:00–22:00.

BARS AND SHISA NYAMA
707 PANYAZA
11 988 9518 or +27 71 690 4827, sedibengpub.co.za. 3166 Meadowlands, Zone 10, Soweto, tel. +27 76 451 9848. Open 10:00–02:00.

KWA LICHABA CHESA NYAMA
• 11 982 1872 or +27 82 838 1886, visitsoweto.co.za.

SOWETO HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE
10-14 delegates) and a conference room designed to accommodate up to 60 delegates.

• 96 Mphatlatsamaru St, Zone 5, Pimville, Soweto, tel. +27 11 933 2036, zazaguesthouse.co.za.

LEBO’S SOWETO BACKPACKERS
907 Thlanthlagane St, Diepkloof, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 3444, sowetopackpackers.com.

• 10823A Pooe St, cnr Ramushu St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 1872 or +27 82 629 2284, visitsoweto.co.za.

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105 Makheta St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel.  +27 11 938 6083.

ZAZA’S GUESTHOUSE & SPA
An immaculate upmarket guesthouse decorated in contemporary style. The guesthouse has its own day spa where you can get a manicure, pedicure, massage or facial. Next to the Soweto Golf Course.

• 96 Mphatlatsamaru St, Zone 5, Pimville, Soweto, tel. +27 11 933 2036, zazaguesthouse.co.za.

SOWETO GUESTHOUSE & CONFERENCE
A 4-star hotel with 48 rooms overlooking Klip-town’s historic Walter Sisulu Square. Conferencing facilities include two boardrooms (accommodates 10-14 delegates) and a conference room designed to accommodate up to 60 delegates.

• Cnr Union Ave and Main Rd, Walter Sisulu Square, Kliptown, Soweto, tel. +27 11 527 7300, sowetohotel.co.za.

LIHLE B&B
105 Makhetla St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 82 743 4558 or +27 82 964 726, visitsoweto.co.za.

LOLO’S GUESTHOUSE
349/29 Hlatswayo St, Orlando East, Soweto, tel. +27 11 933 4741.

• 2114 Mota St, Orlando East, Soweto, tel. +27 11 935 4919.

SUTHUKAZI B&B
487 Phale Close, Diepkloof Ext. 2, Diepkloof, Soweto, tel.+27 11 985 4558 or +27 73 436 9867.

• 1013 Colin Dr, Extension Noordgesig, Soweto, tel. +27 11 867 2026.

ROBBY’S PLACE B&B
5634 Mokoka St, Pimville, Soweto, tel. +27 11 933 7965.

• 2114 Mota St, Orlando East, Soweto, tel. +27 11 935 4919.

THE ROSE B&B
8024 Bacela St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel +27 11 939 2737.

THUTO’S B&B
8123 Ngakane St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 72 977 6837 or +27 72 376 9205.

THUTHUWEZKO GUESTHOUSE
1199 Tshisikule St, Phase 3, Diepkloof Ext, Soweto, tel. +27 11 936 2419 or +27 74 541 0151.

• 1320 Inkunzi St, Diepkloof, Soweto, tel. +27 11 938 6083.

MAGORA ASEXAFRICA
4009 Senoane St, Orlando East, Soweto, tel. +27 11 935 4380.

• 5124 Mqokozo St, Zone 5, Pimville, Soweto, tel. +27 11 933 4696 or +27 83 388 9047.

• 117518 Mampuru St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 82 726 9513, visitsoweto.co.za.

EMTHONJENI B&B
117518 Mampuru St, Orlando West, Soweto, tel. +27 82 726 9513, visitsoweto.co.za.

FLOSSIE’S B&B
1161 Dube St, Zone 1, Pimville, Soweto, tel +27 11 933 2483 or +27 83 388 9047.

HUMBLE B&B
349/29 Hlatswayo St, Orlando East, Soweto, tel. +27 11 935 2419 or +27 74 541 0151.

THE LADY GUESTHOUSE
5545 Mphatlatsamaru Rd, Zone 5, Pimville, Soweto, tel. +27 11 938 6083.

STHUKAZI B&B
487 Phale Close, Diepkloof Ext. 2, Diepkloof, Soweto, tel.+27 11 985 4558 or +27 73 436 9867.

• 1013 Colin Dr, Extension Noordgesig, Soweto, tel. +27 11 867 2026.

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ROBBY’S PLACE B&B
5634 Mokoka St, Pimville, Soweto, tel. +27 11 933 7965.
Two days in Soweto

A suggested itinerary

While many visitors to Soweto choose to limit their stay to a quick two- or three-hour tour, there’s so much more to see than can be covered in a few hours. To get to know this vibrant and colourful neighbourhood it’s worth planning a longer visit. Stay over at a local guesthouse, sample the nightlife and take time out to discover Soweto’s lesser-known heritage landmarks and cultural attractions.

Day 1

MORNING
The historic suburb of Orlando West is an ideal place to spend the night with plenty of guesthouses to choose from, and easy access to many of the neighbourhood’s most famous sights. After dropping off your bags at the guesthouse head to Lebo’s Soweto Backpackers to join one of Lebo’s famous bicycle tours. Tours are led by locals and routes include stops at all the major heritage sites, as well as visits to everyday places such as homes, street markets, traditional shops and shebeens.

AFTERNOON
Tours end at the park opposite the backpackers with a delicious homemade lunch of bunny chow – a hollowed out quarter-loaf of bread filled with curry. Afterwards head back towards the Vilakazi Street Precinct to visit the Hector Pieterson Museum. One of the best museums in Soweto, this is the place to learn about the events that led up to the Soweto riots of 1976.

EVENING
Walk the two blocks from Hector Pieterson Museum to Vilakazi Street, following the same route of the 1976 protesting schoolchildren. Soweto’s most famous street is a happening spot every day of the week and for dinner and drinks you are spoiled for choice. For traditional food try Sakhumzi, for a varied menu Restaurant Vilakazi or for contemporary cuisine there is the chic Vuyo’s restaurant with a delicious grill menu, and a view of the immense Orlando Cooling Towers, Soweto’s most prominent landmark. After an early dinner, spend your last evening in Soweto enjoying a show at the impressive Soweto Theatre, which showcases works by local playwrights and choreographers and also hosts regular jazz and gospel concerts.

Day 2

MORNING
After enjoying a leisurely breakfast at your guesthouse (Sowetans are not big fans of eating breakfast out so most neighbourhood restaurants open after 11:00) head to Walter Sisulu Square of Dedication in Kliptown. Take a walking tour through the historic back-streets of Kliptown and meet the locals with Ntokozo Dube from TKD Tours. A visit to Kliptown is an opportunity to learn more about the historic 1956 Congress of the People and the Freedom Charter at the Kliptown Museum, and to explore the surrounding streets bustling with traders, general dealers and muti shops. For lunch and refreshments after the tour take time out at the Jazz Maniacs restaurant in the upmarket Soweto Hotel & Conference Centre that looks out over the square.

AFTERNOON
After lunch visit the impressive Regina Mundi Church in Rockville, a place that played a significant role in the struggle against apartheid. Explore the church and then take a drive to Oppenheimer Park in the nearby suburb of Jabavu. This is the location of the Credo Mutwa Cultural Village, a quirky sculpture park built in the 1970s that offers a unique representation of African mythology.

EVENING
For early evening sundowners visit Chaf Pozi, a lively beer garden and shisa nyama restaurant with a delicious grill menu, and a view of the immense Orlando Cooling Towers, Soweto’s most prominent landmark. After an early dinner, spend your last evening in Soweto enjoying a show at the impressive Soweto Theatre, which showcases works by local playwrights and choreographers and also hosts regular jazz and gospel concerts.

WHERE TO FIND IT
See addresses in preceding pages and Soweto Theatre details opposite.
Alexandra township, or ‘Alex’ as it is locally known, is Joburg’s oldest and most densely populated neighbourhood and is located just 5-kilometres east of central Sandton. Proclaimed a ‘native township’ in 1912, Alex was one of the few areas where black people could own land in South Africa and today that homeowner’s pride still persists.

Divided in two, Old Alex is a maze of higgledy-piggledy housing and shacklands clinging to the banks of the Jukskei River, side by side with the newer upmarket suburb of East Bank. Bounded by Louis Botha Avenue, a main north-south thoroughfare, and by a major highway, an estimated 180,000 people live in this area of just 6.9km².

The narrow streets here teem with life and colour, and lots of people. Vividly painted storefronts are tucked in among the houses offering everything from fashion to healing muti (traditional medicine), churches, tuckshops, driving instruction kiosks and hair salons. Goats make their way across the main thoroughfares, where taxis jostle with youngsters driving at cruising speed. A fraction of Soweto’s size, Alex’s character easily makes up for what it lacks in scale.

Alex’s most famous former resident is Nelson Mandela who moved here from his ancestral home in rural Eastern Cape at the age of 23 and rented a small room in a house. Other famous former residents include trumpeter Hugh Masekela, artist Charles Johnstone and writer Mongane Wally Serote.

TOURS

The best way to explore Alex is with a local guide. There are a number of tour companies based in the neighbourhood and each offer a unique experience of Alex’s history, culture, art, food and music.

ALEXANDRA BICYCLE TOURS

Jeff Muladuzi, the charming founder of Alexandra Bicycle Tours, meets visitors at the Marlboro Gautrain station (one stop from Sandton) and takes small groups on two- or four-hour cycling tours of Alex. Taking to the streets on two wheels means you can cover plenty of ground and stops include heritage landmarks like Nelson Mandela’s former room and opportunities to learn about everyday life in Alex, such as churches, schools and shebeens (informal backyard taverns). Muladuzi is an inspiring figure who combines his talents as a tour guide with an entrepreneurial spirit that has seen his business grow to include community bicycle schemes.

• Tel. +27 71 279 3654, alexandratours.co.za.
Tours start from R450 per person.

THE HUB PRESENTS

Hop on an electric scooter for this two- to three-hour tour of Alex (the tour begins with a quick lesson on how to ride one). The Zula Nathi (meaning ‘Go with us!’) tour focuses on local arts and culture and includes a visit to a sangoma (traditional healer) and to the Olive Tree Theatre. The Extreme Tour is for those looking to brave Alexandra’s more infamous landmarks such as the Madala Worker’s Hostel, built during the apartheid-era to house male migrant workers, as well as off-the-beaten path places like the Rasta Village, home to a Rastafarian community. The Hub Presents is an innovative space that also hosts regular concerts and parties at their restaurant and bar overlooking Alex. Try the traditional kasi (township) breakfast of amagwinya (fat cakes) with various fillings.

• Springbok Crescent, East Bank, Alex, tel. +27 71 671 1227, thehubpresents.co.za. Tours start from R450 per person.

LIGHTS, GANGS AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Tour 2.0 specialises in tours run by local community members based in townships across South Africa. Tour 2.0’s Alex adventure Lights, Gangs and All That Jazz focuses on the 1940s and 1950s, a period when Alex had a booming jazz scene but was also suffering under the influence of the notorious Msmoi gang who ruled the township. The tour includes a traditional lunch and jazz performance at the Maloke Jazz Club, a short movie screening at the heritage landmark 1950s cinema Kings, one of the last remaining 35mm cinemas in the country, and a meeting with the grandson of one of old Alex’s most notorious gangs.

• Tel. +27 12 770 3608, tour2-0.com.

MABONENG TOWNSHIP ARTS EXPERIENCE

Alex local Siphiwe Ngwenya pioneered this innovative project to work with families and artists to turn local homes into art galleries. Local guides meet visitors at the Marlboro Gautrain station from where you will be taken to visit the studio space and gallery of artist Tommy Machaba, artist and bodybuilder Tumi Masite’s gym and other everyday places where art is being made and displayed. As part of the tour, end a fascinating day at Joe’s Butchery, a popular shisa nyama (place for braaied meat) and Alex landmark.

• Tel. +27 79 459 2224, maboneng.com. The tour costs R1500 per person for four hours. Transport to and from Alex can be arranged.

EAT, DRINK AND WATCH THEATRE

DE GRANDIOSE RESTAURANT AND BAR

This party spot is actually just outside of Alex in Marlboro and targets young, upwardly mobile professionals from Alex and Sandton, with high-end decor and multiple decks with amazing sunset views.

• 713 Pretoria Main Rd, Alexandra, tel. +27 11 809 8234, degrandiose.webs.com

JOE’S BUTCHERY

One of the most popular shisa nyama restaurants in Alex, at Joe’s Butchery seating is casual and outdoors and a DJ spins tunes on Sundays.

• Cnr 11th Ave and Alfred Nzo St (formerly Roosevelt St), Alexandra, tel. +27 76 584 7421 or +27 82 043 6605. From R75 per person.

OLIVE TREE THEATRE

Olive Tree Theatre Productions is a women’s theatre company one kilometre from Grayston Drive, bordering Alexandra. The theatre company promotes the work of up-and-coming female theatre directors. It hosts regular productions and an annual women’s theatre festival at their theatre in the Yarona Mall.

• 89 Watt Avenue, tel. +27 11 048 6152, womenstheatrefestiva.wwsite.com/olivetree.
Neighbourhoods

Fordsburg & Fietas

An enticing swirl of history, colour, spice and culture

Indian Joburg is by no means restricted to Fordsburg but this neighbourhood is its distinct pulse. A rich mix of Hindu and Muslim cultures, the diversity of the neighbourhood has been added to with the arrival of Turkish immigrants and Syrian refugees. Fordsburg is a conglomeration of bold colour, spicy streets, enticing flavours and bargains galore. Delicious smells emanate from doorways. Because of the strong Muslim presence most restaurants do not serve alcohol and shops close on Friday during prayer times (generally between 12:00–14:00).

Fordsburg bears the scars of its past with pride. The area was once part of the farm on which gold was first discovered and, for years, attempts were made to regulate it into a whites-only district. A strong spirit of activism prevented this. Fordsburg was shelled once – during the ‘1922 miners’ strike, when white miners rose in armed opposition to the government’s employment of cheap black labour. There were attempted forced removals, as in neighbouring Fietas, and some people were pushed out of the neighbourhood and forced to move to Indian-only Lenasia. But despite it all, Fordsburg thrives today.

HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

HAMIDIA MOSQUE
On August 16 1908, 3,000 Muslims, Hindus and Christians, supporters of the Hindu Mohandas Gandhi, followed him to this elegant white masjid. Within the courtyard they burned their ‘pass’ documents. These were the racist identity documents that the government of the day forced them to use, without which one faced imprisonment. A bonfire was made to regulate it into a whites-only district. A relatively recent structure in one of Joburg’s oldest neighbourhoods, it was built to compensate Indian shop owners whose businesses were destroyed when the apartheid-era municipality brutally demolished the sister suburb of Fietas in the mid-1970s. For years it was boycotted, a white elephant. However, today it belongs to the community and is flourishing.

THE ORIENTAL PLAZA
Different in pace to the northern suburbs malls, the Oriental Plaza is a whirl of fabric shops, spice shops, fast fashion, haberdashery, budget-priced homewares and exciting snacks and meals. With great prices on offer, it’s easy to forget that this shopping destination is an important Fordsburg historical landmark. A relatively recent structure in one of Joburg’s oldest neighbourhoods, it was built to compensate Indian shop owners whose businesses were destroyed when the apartheid-era municipality brutally demolished the sister suburb of Fietas in the mid-1970s. For years it was boycotted, a white elephant. However, today it belongs to the community and is flourishing.

FORDSBURG SQUARE
The final stand of the Rand Revolt took place in Fordsburg Square on March 14 1922. In December 1921 white miners working on the Witwatersrand mines went on strike to protest the change in labour and wages. By March the strike had become an all-out rebellion against the South African state. Trenches were dug across Fordsburg Square and the strikers used the market building facing the square as their headquarters. The South African Air Force shelled Fordsburg, missing the market building and mistakenly bombarding a nearby church instead before tanks and foot soldiers were sent in to quell the rebellion. The strikers used the public lavatory building as a blockhouse from where their snipers fired at the approaching government troops. Eventually the striking miners were overcome and in the ensuing battle 219 people died. The battlefield is now remembered by a black plaque on the public lavatory building which still stands today.

• Fordsburg Square, cnr Mint and Albertina Sisulu Rds, Fordsburg.

AKHALWAYA’S SPICE IMPORTERS
For all the spices and masalas imaginable plus grains and pulses and their flours, herbs galore, sliced red mango, salted plums and prunes in juice, this is your stop. Akhalwaya’s has aisles of items you had no idea you wanted and needed before, if you’re not a chef skilled in Indian cuisine. At the far end of the store is a wealth of incense varieties, among them the hard to resist ‘Against Jealousy’.

• 25 Central Rd, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 839 2113.

FORDSBURG NIGHT MARKET
The covered square that links Central Road and Mint Street really comes into its own on Friday and Saturday nights when it operates as a flea market and draws the crowds from the neighbourhood and surrounding suburbs. As night falls, Bollywood soundtracks fill the air and the square becomes a bustling bazaar. Shoppers trawl this open-air market for films, DVDs of dubious origin, jewellery, clothing, replica soccer kits, incense and spices. Irresistible aromas of Indian street foods fill the air with authentic samosas, biryani and sizzling tikka kebabs to be found on just about every corner. Look out for the bakeries selling colourful sweetmeats, the most well-known being Shalimar Delights, and barbers offering Turkish shaves. On the market’s perimeter, you can buy freshly hacked coconuts and drink the juice. The nearby Juice Den grinds sugarcane to make fruit and vegetable juices, from citrus to avocado.

• In and around Mint St (cnr Albertina Sisulu Rd), Fordsburg. Fri and Sat evenings.

GALLERY ORIENTAL
This large gallery and framers is unique in Joburg because it specialises in Islamic art from all over the world.

• 43 Main Rd, +27 11 834 2657. Open 08:00–18:00. Closed Sun.

ORIENTAL PLAZA
This bargain shopping paradise is not to be missed – from sari silks to weddingwear, footwear to teens’ favourite brands and homewares to haberdashery.

• 38-60 Lilian Ngoyi St, Fordsburg, orientalp-laza.co.za. Open 09:00–17:00, Sat 09:00–15:00. Closed Sun. Many stores are closed during Friday prayers 12:00–14:00.

RASHID CASSIM SPORTSWEAR
All the desirable sports gear and especially sports footwear brands are sold here at wholesale prices, for men, women and kids. This multi-level superstore owned by the Cassim family is legendary in Fordsburg. Negotiating the price is standard with any purchase.


SWADESHI PRAYER SHOP
This unique one-stop emporium on one of Fordsburg’s main thoroughfares is devoted to Hinduism. Here you’ll find music, garlands, jewellery, incense, herbal care products and a wide range of Hindu deities as well as colouring-in books for children that celebrate this faith.

• 45 Central Rd, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 021 1682. Open 09:00–18:30, Sat, Sun 09:00–20:00. Closed Mon.
FORDSBURG FOOD

With an exciting array of restaurants, bakeries and sweetmeats shops, Fordsburg for the hungry is a delight to explore. Taste delicious biryanis, spicy curries, kebabs, samosas in multiple varieties and a wealth of street food snacks. These are just some recommended places but there are plenty more.

AL-MAKKA
People flock to this understated restaurant for its butter chicken, mutton biryani and spicy curries. An inexpensive Indian restaurant that also serves Pakistani food, and even some Chinese, Middle Eastern and Western-style fast food dishes.
• 52 Central Rd, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 056 5749, istanbulkebab.co.za. Open 11:00–22:00. Fordsburg Square branch is located inside an old train carriage.
• 50 Central Rd, tel. +27 11 838 2545. Open 09:00–21:00.

DOSA HUT
Specialising in South Indian cuisine, this welcoming restaurant is decorated with attractive basketry. The menu is unpretentious and the dosas (thin loosely rolled pancakes made from a rice batter and black lentil mixture) are of course the most popular dishes. Start your meal with a refreshing mint and lemon juice.
• Shop 6, 48 Central Rd, Fordsburg, tel. +27 71 147 4811. Open 10:00–20:00.

ISTANBUL KEBAB
Travel to Istanbul Kebab for a dizzying array of halal cooked meats that you select from the butcher’s counter to be roasted and served with fresh bread, salads and Turkish dips. There are two locations in Fordsburg, the Central Road branch opens out onto a sheltered courtyard while the Fordsburg Square branch is located inside an old train carriage.
• 52 Central Rd, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 056 5749, istanbulkebab.co.za. Open 11:00–22:00. Fordsburg Square, Mint Rd, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 024 2494. Open 11:30–21:00, Sat, Sun 11:30–22:00.

SHALIMAR DELIGHTS
This place is a feast for the eye, with its huge selection of scrumptious sweetmeats carefully prepared with traditional ingredients and a lot of patience.
• 59 Central Rd, tel. +27 11 832 1675, shalimardelights.com. Open 09:00–21:00.

SWARUCHI PURE VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT
Satisfy your tastebuds with vegetarian delights such as Punjabi aloo baingan (brinjal and potato tomato curry) at this inexpensive spot just up a flight of stairs off the street.
• 41 Central Rd, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 492 1102. Open 09:30–21:30, Fri–Sun 09:00–20:00.

ARTIST STUDIOS
Between the Oriental Plaza and Hamidia Mosque, is The Bag Factory, a well-known and highly regarded artists’ studio that offers residencies to artists from South Africa and abroad. It is one of the first collective artists’ studios in South Africa, having been launched in 1991 by Alexandra-born artist David Koloane and British collector and philanthropist Robert Loder.

The idea was to create a safe space for black South African artists, whose access to creative outlets had been suppressed during the apartheid era. Founded as the Fordsburg Artists’ Studios, the name didn’t stick and it is now officially called The Bag Factory. Inside there are 18 studios, as well as a printmaking studio, a gallery space and a shop selling art supplies and providing a framing service. Its illustrious residents still include internationally acclaimed cultural activist Koloane and have, over the years, included such great artists as William Kentridge, Penny Siopis and Sam Nhlengethwa. The Bag Factory also hosts regular exhibitions. A few blocks away is Lilian Road Studios, a workspace for career artists, presided over by fine artist Hermann Niebuhr.

BAG FACTORY
10 Mahlathini St, Fordsburg, tel. +27 11 834 9181, bagfactoryart.org.za. Open 09:00–17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

LILIAN ROAD STUDIOS
38 Lilian Rd, Fordsburg, niebuhr.co.za. Visit by appointment.

TOURS
To explore Fordsburg, Fietas and surrounds, choose from this array of specialist tours.

ANCIENT SECRETS
Ancient Secrets offers journeys into ancient cultures. Explore Fordsburg’s rich cultural heritage on a spice walk conducted by Ishvara who also offers cooking courses in various ethnic cuisines including Middle Eastern and Asian.
• Tel. +27 84 624 0000, ancientsecrets.co.za.

EYITHA TOURS
Walking tours of Sophiatown, Fietas, Fordsburg and the Meadowlands area of Soweto with a focus on the history of the forced removals during apartheid. Tours from R180 per person.
• Tel. +27 79 319 0578, eyithatours.yolasite.com.

PAST EXPERIENCES
This innovative walking tour company offers explorations into the history, culture and gastronomic delights of Fordsburg. The best time to go is Saturday afternoon when the tour includes a visit to the famous Fordsburg Market. From R450 per person for a two-hour tour.
• Tel. +27 11 678 3905, pastexperiences.co.za.

ROVING BANTU TOURS
Sifiso Ntuli, aka the Roving Bantu, specialises in culinary and historical tours of lesser-known areas of Joburg including Fietas, Fordsburg and Soweto. Tours start at the Roving Bantu Kitchen in Brixton.
• Tel. +27 72 223 2648.
Fordsburg’s neighbour Fietas was a once bustling suburb, but in 1976 the apartheid government began its demolition. Fietas’ multi-racialism offended the government’s ‘separate development’ policy. Back then, 14th Street was famous for its avenue of colonnades and fashionable shops, and was even compared to London’s Petticoat Lane. With the forced removals lives and livelihoods were altered forever. The people of Fietas were forced to move to ‘their own’ group areas. A once vibrant trading hub and close-knit residential community was fractured and the busy streets emptied. After the removals, Fietas was formally renamed Pageview and white families were encouraged to move here to government-sponsored homes in the 1980s.

Fietas Museum
One of the few surviving original buildings now houses a museum, managed by Salma Patel, who lives above it, as the shop owners here once did. On the ground floor is an exhibition of photographs of the area before, during and after its destruction. They were donated by renowned South African photographer David Goldblatt. In the adjacent room is a collection of personal testimonies and family photographs of the former residents and colourful characters of Fietas.

• 25 14th St, Pageview, tel. +27 72 193 3580. Open 10:00–16:00, Sat, Sun by special arrangement. Closed Fri. Tours operate daily and must be booked at least 24 hours in advance.

THE SUBWAY LINK
Between Fordsburg and Fietas is a busy 26-metre long subway road that travels under the railway line. On both sides is a mixed media mural, Fordsburg & Fietas, Sisters in History. Dispersed communities from both areas were consulted to create this artwork that depicts their memories of life in old Fietas and Fordsburg. Look for the silhouettes of the donkey cart, the tram, the kite children, the child on the swing, the dancing couple and a policeman checking the passes of people classified as ‘non-white’. Landmarks such as the Avalon cinema, the Catholic church, a mosque minaret, a gabled Fietas home and, in metalwork, the elegant streetlamps and colonnades all form part of this masterful mural. The painted red birds are a reference to the area’s many pigeon flocks.

• Subway St is between 17th (an extension of Smit St, Braamfontein) and Carr Sts, Fordsburg.

MUKI’S FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
Closer to Fietas than Fordsburg this store supplies the fresh and authentic tastes of Indian Joburg. Containing an excellent selection of ingredients used by Indian cooks, the owner or his assistant are happy to offer an explanation for any unfamiliar items. Here you’ll find ginger root, fresh turmeric and galangal root and an exciting array of fruits and vegetables.

• 80 3rd Ave, tel. +27 11 837 1726. Open Mon–Fri 09:00–18:00, Sat 09:00–17:00, Sun 10:00–13:00.

TOUR OPERATORS
Choose a guided tour of Soweto, Alexandra and other popular attractions, including the Joburg City Centre. Transport and transfer services also offered.

AAHAH SHUTTLE AND TOURS
Tel. +27 79 241 0828, aahahh.co.za.

ATAMELA TOURS
Tel. +27 78 798 8627, atamelatours.com.

BIG SIX TOUR SAFARIS
Tel. +27 83 273 0632, bigsixtoursafaris.com.

FUNDUDZI TOURS
Tel. +27 11 057 2999, fundudzitours.co.za.

IMBIZO TOURS
Tel. +27 11 838 2667, imbizotours.co.za.

JMT TOURS & SAFARIS
Tel. +27 10 233 0073, jmttours.co.za.

KHAVHO TRAVEL & TOURISM
Tel. +27 11 882 3406, khavho.co.za.

MASHABA TOURS AND TRANSFERS
Tel. +27 82 959 5686, mashabatours.co.za.

MORATIWA TOURS
Tel. +27 11 869 1133, moratiwa.co.za.

MOZEE TOURS
Tel. +27 11 394 7105, mozetours.co.za.

OEMBOTU TRAVEL
Tel. +27 11 346 1180, oembotutravel.co.za.

PHILISANI TOURS
Tel. +27 76 598 9726, philisanitours.co.za.

POGISO TOURS
Tel. +27 11 943 3840, pogisostours.co.za.

SK SAMBU TOURS
Tel. +27 83 238 6749, sksatours.weebly.com.

SPEAR OF THE NATION
Tel. +27 83 395 7027, spearofthenation.co.za.

TSHEOLA DINARE TOURS AND TRANSPORT
Tel. +27 11 943 3632, dinaretours.co.za.

TSHUKU TRANSPORT SERVICES
Tel. +27 72 268 9164, tshuku.co.za.

VHUPO TOURS
Tel. +27 11 936 0411, vhupo-tours.com.
Neighbourhood A-Z

A roundup of Joburg’s key neighbourhoods

ALEXANDRA
Alexandra, or ‘Alex’ as it is locally known, is one of Joburg’s oldest and most densely populated neighbourhoods. A crowded and busy place, Alex is best explored with a local tour guide. The suburb links to the Sandton Central Business District via the Gautrain which stops at Marlboro.

AUCKLAND PARK AND MILPARK
Auckland Park is home to the University of Johannesburg campus. The adjoining suburb of Milpark hosts a great lifestyle hub filled with local designer stores and restaurants at 44 Stanley, a 1930s industrial complex redesigned to house a growing collection of cafes, restaurants and boutiques set around a pretty series of interlinked courtyards.

BRAAMFONTEIN
With the University of the Witwatersrand on its doorstep, Braamfontein is a popular student neighbourhood and its youthful residents can be found frequenting the many coffee shops, bars, street fashion boutiques and art galleries.

BRYANSTON AND FOURWAYS
These sprawling residential suburbs lie to the north of Sandton’s central business district and are defined by an abundance of upmarket strip malls, outdoor lifestyle centres and gated communities.

CITY CENTRE
Also known to locals as the ‘inner city’, ‘town’ or ‘Joburg CBD’, this is the historical heart of the city and there is a rich collection of public art, grand Victorian and Edwardian architecture and bustling street markets to enjoy. On the western edge of the City Centre is Fordsburg, the site of Joburg’s first gold rush mining camps.

FIETAS
This small neighbourhood, adjacent to Fordsburg, was a victim of the apartheid government’s policy of forced removals, when in 1976 all of its ‘non-white’ residents were forcibly removed from their homes and businesses and sent to live in distant newly classified ‘townships’.

FORDSBURG
With bold colour, spicy streets, enticing flAVours and bargains galore, historic Fordsburg on the western edge of the City Centre is the heart of Indian Joburg. It is a popular place to shop for bargains, with plenty of other attractions.

HYDE PARK
Home to one of Joburg’s swankiest shopping malls, Hyde Park Corner, this neighbourhood is popular with the designer label-loving jet set and has plenty to offer those who live the Champagne lifestyle.

KRAMERVILLE
This small design district 4-kilometres northeast of central Sandton is known for its many designer showrooms with the latest furniture and decor from South Africa’s leading names.

LINDEN
Once home to a peach farm, this pretty suburb with its wide tree-lined streets and cute pavement cafes has a friendly, small town atmosphere.

MABONENG
This inner city lifestyle playground is constantly in a state of reinvention. Converted from an old industrial district on the eastern edge of the City Centre, this artsy neighbourhood has plenty of lively cafes and bars and interesting art galleries to explore.

MELROSE AND ILLOVO
Located midway between central Sandton and Rosebank, this residential neighbourhood offers a mix of cafe culture and high-street shopping at the pedestrianised Melrose Arch shopping precinct.

MELVILLE
The Bohemian suburb of Melville has always attracted an eclectic mix of people, reflected in the quirky collection of shops, cafes, bars and restaurants to be found along 7th Street and in the unusual 27 Boxes centre, which is built entirely from shipping containers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD A-Z

NEW DOORNFONTEIN
Neighbouring downtown Joburg’s revitalised Maboneng Precinct and the Ellis Park sports precinct, this former industrial area has recently become a popular location for artists’ studios.

PARKHURST
The charming village-like suburb of Parkhurst has two main streets which are lined with small, independent stores offering everything from homogeneous to furniture and fashion, as well as an excellent choice of pavement cafes and restaurants.

ROSEBANK AND PARKWOOD
Rosebank has something for everyone with plenty of great shopping options at Rosebank Mall and the The Zone@Rosebank. Lined up along Jan Smuts Avenue between Rosebank and the neighbouring suburb of Parkwood you’ll also find many of Joburg’s leading contemporary art galleries.

SANDTON CENTRAL
Housing the headquarters of many of the country’s top companies, as well as the Sandton Convention Centre and Johannesburg Stock Exchange, Sandton is Joburg’s business capital. It is also Africa’s shopping capital, with Sandton City and Nelson Mandela Square its crown jewels. There’s a huge choice of international hotels and the Gautrain rail link conveniently takes you straight to OR Tambo International Airport in less than 15 minutes.

SOWETO
Always at the forefront of the struggle against apartheid, and once home to Nobel Peace Prize winners Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu, Soweto has several worthwhile historical sights to visit as well as a vibrant contemporary cultural scene and plenty of attractions for thrill-seekers.

WOODMEAD
Just off the M1 highway in northeast Joburg, Woodmead is known for its vast discount retail centre and many factory outlets. 
A number of city streets have recently been renamed. These streets are: Bree St, now Lilian Ngoyi St; Jeppe St, now Rahima Moosa St; Noord St, now Sophie de Bruyn St; President St, now Helen Joseph St; and, Sauer St, now Pixley ka Isaka Seme St.
Useful Info
How to get around Joburg

Joburg is the largest transport hub for local, cross-border and international travel in southern Africa. The city is served by two airports: OR Tambo International Airport and Lanseria Airport. Domestic and international coach services, and cross-country rail services arrive and depart from Park Station in the Joburg City Centre.

AIRPORTS

OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Southern Africa’s biggest airport lies 30-kilometres east of the Sandton business district and is spacious, modern and easy to get around. There are lots of high quality souvenir retail outlets, Duty Free shops, cafés and restaurants, as well as a number of hotels in close proximity. Passengers are served by two terminals – A and B. Domestic flights depart from Terminal B. The airport has a direct rapid rail link, the Gautrain, which gets passengers to the centre of Sandton in less than 15 minutes. Gastronauts from OR Tambo International Airport to Sandton run between 04:50 and 21:04 at intervals of 10-20 minutes (on weekdays) and 20-30 minutes (on weekends) dependent on peak hours. From the Sandton Station passengers can change lines to catch the Gautrain to Park Station, Rosebank, Marlboro, Midrand, Centurion, Pretoria and Hatfield (in eastern Pretoria). Alternatively book a taxi at the OR Tambo International Taxis Association office in the airport or book a taxi or transfer service in advance.
• Tel. +27 11 921 6262 (airport help desk), +27 86 727 7888 (flight information), acsa.co.za. For real-time flight information, text your flight number to 35007.

LANSERIA AIRPORT
Approximately 30-kilometres to the northwest of Sandton, the small Lanseria Airport serves mainly short-haul destinations and is also a popular airport for charter flights to private-game reserves. A small airport, facilities include a roof terrace restaurant and bar overlooking the runway. This airport for charter flights to private game reserves.

LOCAL AIRLINES

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS (SAA)
South Africa’s national airline flies to more than 100 destinations across Africa and the rest of the world.
• Tel. +27 861 606 606 or +27 11 978 1111, flysaa.com.

AIRLINK
Specialising in flights from Joburg to smaller towns, regional hubs and private safari lodges in the southern African region including destinations in South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique and Madagascar.
• Tel. +27 11 451 7350, flyairlink.com.

BRITISH AIRWAYS
Regional flights from Joburg to other South African destinations are operated by local partner Comair.
• Tel. +27 11 921 0222 or +27 10 344 0130, britishairways.com.

FASTJET
Budget airline with direct flights from Joburg to destinations in Tanzania and Zimbabwe including Victoria Falls and Zanzibar.
• Tel. +27 10 500 2560, fastjet.com.

KULULA AIR
Budget airline with direct flights from Joburg to Durban, Cape Town, George, Port Elizabeth, East London, Windhoek, Harare, Mauritius, Livingstone and Victoria Falls.
• Tel. +27 861 585 852 or +27 11 921 0500, kulula.com.

MANGO
Budget airline with direct flights between Joburg and Cape Town, Durban, George, Port Elizabeth and Zanzibar.
• Tel. +27 86 100 1234 or +27 11 086 6100, flymango.com.

SAFAIR
Budget airline serving local destinations with direct flights between Joburg and Durban, George, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London.
• Tel. +27 87 135 1351, flysafair.co.za.

TAXI CABS AND TRANSFER SERVICES

E-TUK-TUK
Tuk tuk service based in Melville, pick ups and drop offs within a 5-kilometre radius of central Sandton.
• Tel. +27 82 695 0211 or +27 82 515 6593, e-tuktuk.co.za.

EZ SHUTTLE
Transfers and coach rental.
• Tel. 0861 397 488, ezshuttle.co.za.

FIRST CAB CC
Tel. +27 60 897 7697 or +27 76 820 2188, firstcab.co.za.

ORANGE CAB
Tel. 0861 700 222, orangecab.co.za.

SANDTON TAXI CABS
Tel. +27 11 039 4402 or +27 84 753 2556 or +27 78 396 4115, sandtontaxicabs.co.za.

SHESHA TUKS
Tuk tuk service based outside the Sandton City mall on West Street and operating within a 5-kilometre radius of central Sandton.
• Tel. +27 86 174 3742, sheshatuk.co.za.

TSHEOLA DINARE TOURS AND TRANSPORT
Coach hire, transfer and chauffeur services.
• Tel. +27 11 943 3632 or +27 83 592 1238, dinaretours.co.za.

UBER
The global smartphone app has an extensive service in Joburg. Download the Uber app and register your profile. Users can choose from an UberX taxi, Uber Black (luxury taxi) or Uber Van.

ZEBRA CABS
The largest taxi company in Joburg with more than 180 cars. There is also Zebra Cabs for Women, a female-only service. Book via the Zebra Cabs app for discounted fares.
• Tel. +27 86 110 5105, zebrcabs.co.za.

USEFUL DRIVING TIPS

South Africans drive on the left-hand side of the road and pass other traffic on the right. The maximum speed limit is 60km/h on urban roads, 100km/h on national roads and 120km/h on highways. At traffic circles (roundabouts), the rule is that vehicles approaching from your right have right of way. Traffic lights are known in South Africa as ‘robots’.

Petrol is widely available. Petrol station attendants will fill up your tank and offer to clean windows, check oil and water levels and pump tyres. Around R10 is a reasonable tip for this service.

Avoid driving behind minibus taxis in the left-hand lane as they stop frequently (and often abruptly) to pick up and drop off passengers.

On the main highways surrounding Joburg an e-toll system is in place. Your rental car will usually have an e-tag installed to record every time that you have passed through the gantry and the charge for this may be added to your bill. Alternatively the car rental company may change you an e-toll day-pass rate for each day that you rent your vehicle.
CAR RENTAL

AFRICARHIRE
Online booking service for rental companies Hertz, Europcar, Budget and Tempest Car Rental.
• Tel. +27 21 657 1000, africarhire.com.

AVIS
Branches at OR Tambo International Airport, tel. +27 11 573 5000, Lanseria Airport, tel. +27 11 659 1415, Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rosebank, tel. +27 11 442 7012 and opposite the Sandton Gautrain station on Rivonia Rd, tel. +27 11 666 1700, avis.co.za.

BUDGET
Branches at OR Tambo International Airport, tel. +27 11 573 5000, Lanseria Airport, tel. +27 11 659 1415, and opposite the Sandton Gautrain station on Rivonia Rd, tel. +27 11 666 1700, budget.co.za.

EUROCAR
Branches at OR Tambo International Airport, tel. +27 11 390 3909, Lanseria Airport, tel. +27 11 548 9000, Radisson Blu Gautrain Sandton Hotel, tel. +27 11 666 8340, and now at 117 Melle St, Braamfontein, tel. +27 11 403 2679, europcar.co.za.

HERTZ
Branches at Lanseria Airport, tel. +27 11 659 2103, Hilton Hotel Sandton, 138 Rivonia Rd, tel. +27 11 783 7943, Park Station, tel. + 27 11 333 2546 and OR Tambo International Airport, tel. +27 11 390 9700, hertz.co.za.

SIXT
Branches at OR Tambo International Airport, tel. +27 11 390 2342, Park Station, tel. +27 76 710 9727, Lanseria Airport, tel. +27 11 540 7360, and 1 Marion St, Morningside, tel. +27 11 784 4608, sixt.com.

TEMPER CAR RENTAL
Branches at OR Tambo International Airport, tel. +27 11 578 8300, Lanseria Airport, tel. +27 11 659 2741 and the Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel in Sandton, tel. +27 11 7843 243/77.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

GAUTRAIN
The shiny-gold Gautrain (pronounced ‘How-train’) rapid rail service links Joburg, Pretoria and OR Tambo International Airport via two lines. The main line starts at Joburg Park Station and stops at Rosebank, Sandton, Marlboro (near Alexanderplatz), Midrand, Centurion, central Pretoria and Hatfield. The second line travels from Sandton to OR Tambo International Airport via Marlboro and Rhodesfield.

To use the service you need a Gautrain Gold Card, which you can buy and add money to at all Gautrain stations. Each Gautrain station is served by a network of Gautrain buses that link commuters with nearby suburbs.

Useful Gautrain bus routes include: Rosebank–Melrose Arch, Rosebank–Hyde Park, Park Station–Joburg CBD, Sandton–Montecasino and Midrand–Mall of Africa. Gautrain buses are also used for using the Gold Card, and route maps can be viewed at each station. Note that Gautrain buses generally run at intervals of 20–40 minutes between 06:00–19:00 and do not run at weekends (except for the Montecasino–Sandton and Midrand–Mall of Africa routes).

You need a minimum of R20 loaded on your Gold Card to access all Gautrain trains and buses. The last train to OR Tambo leaves Sandton at 21:04, the first at 04:50. The first trains leave Hatfield and Park Station at 05:30, the last at 20:30.

• Gautrain hotline tel. +27 800 428 872 46, gautrain.co.za.

REYA VAYA
The Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transport system (BRT) boasts traffic-beating bus lanes and special enclosed bus stops with raised platforms and security staff.

Currently the Rea Vaya runs between the City Centre and surrounds (including the city’s main university campuses) to destinations in Soweto such as Maponya Mall, FNB Stadium and Vilakazi Street.

To use the bus you need to register for a Smart Card at one of the Rea Vaya stations. Stops are around one kilometre or more apart from each other. Buses arrive every 10–20 minutes and most buses run between 05:30 and 18:30 (on some routes until 20:30).

Useful Rea Vaya bus routes include: C-3, a circular route through the City Centre stopping at major shopping and heritage landmarks such as Park Station, Joburg Art Gallery, the Fashion District, Carlton Centre and Wits Art Museum and the C-4 which leaves from Park Station and stops at 44 Stanley and Melville.

Por Vilakazi Street in Soweto take the T-2 from Park Station to Boomtown and then change to the F-4 bus.

• Rea Vaya hotline tel. +27 860 562 874, reavaya.org.za.

BANKING AND MONEY

CURRENCY
South Africa’s unit of currency is the rand, known informally as the “randela” because new banknotes bear the image of former president Nelson Mandela. The currency code is ZAR and there are 100 cents in each rand. Banknotes are issued in denominations of R200, R100, R50, R20 and R10. Coins come in R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c units. Prices are usually rounded off to the nearest 5c.

BANKING
South Africa has a modern and sophisticated banking system. Foreign currency can be exchanged at most retail banks and bureaux de change. Retail bank outlets can be found in all major shopping centres, and ATMs are available in malls, supermarkets and at petrol stations. Major credit and debit cards (Visa and Mastercard) are the most widely accepted can be used at most retail and hospitality establishments and to withdraw cash at ATMs. The four major retail banks are Absa, First National Bank (FNB), Nedbank and Standard Bank.

CELLPHONES AND INTERNET ACCESS
South Africa has four major cell phone networks: Vodacom, MTN, Cell C and Telkom Mobile and each offers pay-as-you-go packages. To save money on your roaming charges it can be worthwhile to get a local pay-as-you-go SIM card which you can then top up with airtime for calling and texting and data for using the internet on your smart phone. The big cellphone networks all have stores in the city’s major shopping centres and malls. Note that to purchase and register a South African SIM card you will need to show your passport and a proof of address (a booking confirmation from your hotel or guesthouse will usually suffice). An increasing number of cafés and restaurants offer free wi-fi along with hotels and other accommodation establishments. The City of Joburg has also installed hundreds of free wi-fi hotspots in public places such as stations, community centres, schools and libraries.

CLIMATE

Most days of the year in Joburg are sunny. The seasons tend to blend into one another, with summer stretching from November to March and winter from May to August. Spring is in September and October, and you’ll know it by the distinctive purple haze that the blooming jacaranda trees cast across the northern suburbs of the city. Summer temperatures average 25°C (77°F). In summer the city has its trademark afternoon thunderstorms, with spectacular lightning displays. Winter days are clear, dry and sunny. Temperatures drop to around 16°C (60°F) during the day and as low as 3°C (37°F) during the night.

ELECTRICITY
Electricity is supplied at 220 volts and 50 hertz throughout South Africa. To prevent damage caused by a sudden power outage or electrical storm it is advisable to use valuable electronics with a surge protector (these can be bought at large supermarkets, where you can also find plug converters for South Africa’s three-pronged plugs).

MEDICAL CARE

EMERGENCY DOCTOR AND DENTIST
7 Long Ave, Glenhazel, tel. +27 11 440 5325 or +27 82 443 5366, emergencydoctoranddentist.co.za.

MAYS CHEMIST
11 Main Rd, Melville, tel. +27 11 726 8014. Open 08:00–21:00, Sun 09:00–14:00, 17:00–21:00.

SWIFT CARE CLINIC
Walk-in private clinic for minor injuries and illnesses.
• Netcare Rosebank Hospital, Basement Level, 14 Sturdee Ave, Rosebank, tel. +27 11 328 0511, swiftcareclinic.co.za. Open 08:00–18:00. Sat, Sun public holidays 09:00–16:00.

NETCARE MILPARK HOSPITAL
Has a 24-hour accident and emergency unit.
• 9 Guild Rd, Parktown West, tel. +27 11 480 5600, netcare.co.za. Open 24/7.

NETCARE SUNNINGHILL HOSPITAL
Has a 24-hour accident and emergency unit.
• Cnr Witskoppen and Nanyuki Rds, Sunninghill, tel. +27 11 806 1500.

POSTAL SERVICES

DHL
Leading international express courier service with a range of options including same-day and next-day delivery, plus other slower options. Prices depend on size, weight, speed of delivery and destination. Maximum weight of parcels is 30 kilograms.
• Tel. +27 860 345 000, +27 11 921 3600, dhl.co.za.
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POSTNET
South Africa’s biggest private postal and courier service. Packages are costed according to weight or volumetric measurement. See the Postnet website for tariffs as these differ depending on territory.
- Tel. +27 860 767 8638, postnet.co.za/postnet-courier. Postnet has more than 100 branches in and around Joburg including at Rosebank Mall, Sandton City, Cresta, Fourways Mall and Melrose Arch.

SPEED SERVICES
Speed Services is the South African Post Office’s independent courier service and offers a range of flexible tariffs and delivery options that include overnight door-to-door services.
- Tel. +27 860 023 133, speedservices.co.za.

SOUTH AFRICAN POSTAL SERVICE
Branches of the South African postal service can be found in most major shopping malls as well as at OR Tambo International Airport. The Post Office offers a Parcel Plus service which allows you to send parcels between Post Offices nationwide for collection. Items can be insured up to the value of R5,000.
- Tel. +27 860 111 502, postoffice.co.za.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2017
Whenever a public holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday following it is also declared a public holiday. Most public holidays are treated as shopping days.
- January 1 New Year’s Day.
- March 21 Human Rights Day
- April 14 Good Friday
- April 16 Family Day
- April 27 Freedom Day
- May 1 Workers’ Day
- June 16 Youth Day
- August 9 National Women’s Day
- September 24 Heritage Day
- December 16 Day of Reconciliation
- December 25 Christmas Day
- December 26 Day of Goodwill

SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES
Safety in any major city is about common sense, information and awareness, and Joburg is no exception. Be aware of your surroundings, keep your valuables close by and try and look like you know where you are going. If you are driving keep any valuables safely locked away in the boot. Also be aware of ATM card cloning scams. Don’t accept help from strangers at ATMs and try to use machines which are located inside banks. If taking a tour of the city, use registered and accredited tour guides.

Police Department (IPMD), Gauteng Traffic Department and SA Police Service (SAPS) wear service and rank insignia as well as a name badge. If approached you have the right to request to see the officer’s identity card. From a cellphone dial 112 (toll-free) to be connected to a national 24-hour emergency call centre who will connect you to the service closest to you. You can also call 10111 for emergencies requiring immediate police assistance or 10177 for emergency fire and ambulance services (toll-free call from a landline, cellphones charged at normal rates). For private emergency medical services dial 082 911 for Netcare 911’s 24-hour operations centre, or 084 124 for ER24.

TIME ZONE AND LOCAL OPENING HOURS
Joburgers like to wake earlier and the roads are usually already jammed with traffic by 08:00 on weekdays. The city’s fast pace slows in the evening, and many restaurant kitchens close relatively early (usually by 22:00), while most supermarkets close at 19:00 or 20:00. Many restaurants, galleries and museums are closed on Mondays, and Saturdays are also a quiet time. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings are the busiest time of the week for Joburg restaurants and bars and it is advisable to make a reservation if you are going out for dinner.

Convenience stores at petrol stations are the best places to get basics like airtime for your cellphone late at night. South Africa is UTC/GMT +2 hours, and the entire country is in the same time zone. Some electronic devices pick this up as ‘Happy time’. There is no daylight savings time.

TIPPING
For good service at restaurants, 10 percent of the bill is the minimum tip. It is also expected to tip parking guards (who will watch your car if you are parking on the street), baggage handlers and streetside newspaper sellers. For this R5 is an acceptable tip. It is also usual to tip petrol attendants at petrol stations – R10 is usually a fair amount.

WATER
The tap water provided by Joburg Water, is among the cleanest, safest and healthiest in the world.

JOBURG TOURISM HOTEL PARTNERS

THE CAPITAL EMPIRE
This stylish apartment and hotel complex in central Sandton offers fully-serviced executive apartments and hotel facilities and amenities.
- Tel. +27 911 5000, thecapital.co.za.

HILTON SANDTON HOTEL
This luxury hotel in the heart of Sandton offers complimentary shuttle services to the Gautrain station and Nelson Mandela Square and has state-of-the-art conferencing facilities.
- Tel. +27 11 322 1888, sandton.hilton.com.

THE MASLOW HOTEL
Just a few blocks away from the Gautrain station, this 280-room stylish business hotel has a high-tech gym, conference centre, ballroom, the Africology Spa and a complimentary Gautrain shuttle service.
- Tel. +27 10 226 4600, suninternational.com/maslow.

REEF HOTEL
This 4-star hotel in downtown Joburg has 120 rooms and caters predominantly for business travellers. On the ground floor is the Gold Mine Café and on the 16th floor is the stunning Elevate rooftop bar where you can enjoy impressive views.
- Tel. +27 11 689 1000, reefhotels.co.za.

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