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Vibrant, ever-changing, multi-faceted Johannesburg flings contrast at you from every angle. Trees line streets where houses hide their manicured gardens and pristine blue swimming pools behind high white walls, miles of shacks tell of the effects of the apartheid years — still to be overcome. The air of Africa's most dynamic city vibrates with music and buzzes with business while its stylish restaurants, elegant shops, art galleries, and theatres delight the international visitor.

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Cosmopolitan Johannesburg (also known as Jo'burg or Jozi) sprawls for miles, sprouting upper-income suburbs like satellite towns — one of them, sophisticated Sandton, is the business and economic capital of South Africa. Soweto, home to most of Johannesburg's black population, lies to the southwest, a 20 square km conglomeration of townships with homes that range from millionaire mansions and neat middle-income housing to the tin shacks of squatter camps.

The city built on gold has seen its landmark yellow mine dumps recycled and replaced by highrise buildings and glitzy shopping malls, and its recent apartheid history remembered in superb new museums. Soaring chrome and glass buildings, housing opulent international hotels and corporate giants, pepper the leafy streets of a string of exclusive northern suburbs — among them, the rich Rosebank, elite Sandhurst, bohemian Melrose Village and foody Greenside. Across a canopy of green, the horizon is spiked by the outline of downtown Johannesburg, slowly stirring from its no-go dilapidation. Six-lane highways and swirling freeways indicate the importance of the car.

DO & SEE



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Apartheid Museum



The Johannesburg Apartheid Museum details the events of the 20th century, a notoriously dark time in South African history

when a system of racial segregation and oppression was in place in the country. A visit to the museum helps shed light on the past, as well as the state of the nation's society today.

Photo: jasonwhat/cc by 2.0/wikimedia (upscaled) Address: Northern Park Way & Gold Reef Road, Johannesburg Opening hours: Wed-Sun 9am-5pm, Mon & Tue closed Phone: +27 11 309 4700 Internet: www.apartheidmuseum.org

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Joziburg Lane



Joziburg Lane, the hip space in the ground floor of One Eloff building, is a modern development and cool hangout space frequented by Joburg

residents. Filled with art galleries, eateries, coffee shops and bars, it's a great place to be any time of day. JoburgPlaces walking tours start from here Tuesday through Saturday at 9 am.

Photo: Jack Frog/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Eloff Street, Salisbury Claims, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-10pm, Sat 7am-10pm, Sun 10am-5:30pm Phone: +27 64 700 1637 Internet: www.instagram.com/joziburg_

Old Fort & Constitution Hill



The site of an infamous prison reborn as the superb Constitutional Court, art gallery and museum. The history of Constitution Hill dates

back to 1892; a prison turned military defence post during the South African War. These buildings were known as "the Fort", and have through the years incarcerated the likes of Mahatma Gandhi. In 1964 the Fort was declared a National Monument, and in the late 90's it was chosen the new Constitutional Court.

Photo: Steamhunter/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: 11 Kotze Road, Johannesburg Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm Phone: +27 11 381 3100 Internet: www.constitutionhill.org.za Email: info@constitutionhill.org.za

Museum Africa



From rock art to the struggle against apartheid, Africa's history is well presented at Museum Africa, taking visitors on a journey

through the creation of the first civilizations and places like Kemet (Egypt), Punt (Somalia), Kush (Sudan) and Nubia (southern Egypt).

Photo: South African Tourism/cc by 2.0/Flickr Address: 121 Bree Street, Johannesburg Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-5pm, Mon closed Phone: +27 11 833 5624

Soweto Township



This township is a must for anyone visiting the city of Johannesburg. Major sights include Vilakasi Street, where the Mandelas once lived —

their little house is now a museum. Check out Archbishop Tutu's home, the Hector Pieterson Museum, dedicated to the 1976 student uprisings, and Regina Mundi church, which also bears its resistance scars. Eat at Sakhumzi's, the Italian-style Nambitha, or trendy Wandi's Place. An overnight stay in one of the excellent B&Bs could prove the highlight of your trip.

Photo: Michael Schofield/unsplash Address: 124 Main Street, Johannesburg Internet: soweto.co.za

Gold Reef City



The Gold Reef City is a theme park with a casino, rides and a giant roller coaster, all on a former gold mine. Museums and craft shops are housed in

replica buildings of the 1890 gold rush days, tours go deep into the tunnels around the Number 14 shaft. See traditional miners' gumboot dancing in the theatre.

Photo: Bruna Falvo Fugulin/Shutterstock.com Address: Corner Northern Parkway & Data Crescent, Ormonde, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 248 6800 Internet: www.goldreefcity.co.za

Wits University Origins Centre



This enlightening museum centre tells the story of early humans settling South Africa. Here you will find interesting exhibitions

about various historic events, as well as various artefacts dating back to prehistoric times. Audio guides are available.

Photo: lakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com Address: Corner Yale & Enoch Sontonga, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 717 4700 Internet: www.wits.ac.za/origins

Liliesleaf Farm



Once the hidden seat of the African National Congress (the South African social democratic party which has been in power post-apartheid),

the building has now been transformed into a high-tech, interactive museum dedicated to the

nation's struggle with racial equality.

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Address: 7 George Avenue, Rivonia, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9am-4pm Phone: +27 11 803 7882 Internet:

www.sa-venues.com/attractionsga/liliesleaf-farm.php

Bushbabies Monkey Sanctuary



Bushbabies Monkey Sanctuary is a lovely multi-species primate rehabilitation centre which provides shelter for animals that have been

abandoned or abused. Come here and watch them going about their daily lives in a natural environment. Another on-site attraction is an elephant sanctuary.

Photo: VarnaK/Shutterstock.com Address: R104, Hartbeespoort, Johannesburg Phone: +27 12 258 9904 Internet: www.monkeysanctuary.co.za Email: info@monkeysanctuary.co.za More Info: The sanctuary is located in the foothills and gorges of the Magaliesberg mountain range, close to Hartbeespoort Dam

FNB Stadium



This football and Rugby union stadium plays host to both sporting and cultural events, such as different concerts. Whichever one brings you

here, you will not get disappointed in this incredible venue. Have a look at their webpage for more information on what is on while you are visiting.

Photo: Andreas Wulff/cc by 2.o/flickr

Address: First National Bank Stadium, Nasrec, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 247 5300 Internet: www.stadiummanagement.co.za Email: enquiries@stadiummanagement.co.za

Sci-Bono Discovery Centre



Sci-Bono Discovery Centre is a fun-filled centre for both adults and children. Have a look at the many cool exhibitions on display or see a

science show while you are here. Either way, you cannot go wrong visiting this place; it is an attractive experience to visitors of all ages.

Photo: Mariia Golovianko/Shutterstock.com Address: Corner of Miriam Makeba & President Street, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4:30pm, Sun 9am-3:30pm Phone: +27 11 639 8400 Internet: www.sci-bono.com Email: info@sci-bono.co.za

Botanical Gardens & Emmarentia Dam



Get away from the bustling city and take a relaxing walk in the lush, tranquil environment of the Johannesburg Botanical Gardens. Enjoy

different areas in the gardens or feed the ducks by the Emmarentia Dam nearby. Located north of the city centre.

Photo: NJR ZA/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: Olifants Road, Emmarentia, Johannesburg Opening hours: Daily 6am-6pm Phone: +27 11 712 6600 Internet: www.jhbcityparksandzoo.com/services-facilities/bot anical-gardens/about

Johannesburg Zoo



This is one of the most popular attractions in Johannesburg for both locals and tourists. The zoo has over 320 species of animals; amongst these

you will find the endangered White Rhino and the Wattled Crane. Enjoy a cooling drink while watching the chimpanzees from the cafe.

Photo: Patrick Rolands/Shutterstock.com Address: Jan Smuts Avenue, Parkview, Johannesburg Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-5:30pm Phone: +27 11 646 2000 Internet: www.jhbcityparksandzoo.com/services-facilities/zoo/about

Kwa Mai Mai Traditional Market



Kwa Mai Mai Traditional Market is a vibrant and bustling market, known for its traditional African crafts, art and souvenirs, and visitors can find a

wide range of items, including beaded jewellery, wooden carvings, traditional clothing, and much more. In addition to the shopping opportunities, Kwa Mai Mai also offers a unique cultural experience, with live music and dancing performances, as well as a variety of traditional food and drink stalls.

If you're planning a visit to Kwa Mai Mai Traditional Market in Johannesburg, it's important to keep in mind a few tips. Dress casually and comfortably as the market is quite busy and can get hot. Bring cash as it's the only accepted form of payment at all stalls. Going with a local who knows the market well can also be helpful. Lastly, if you're interested in taking photos, it's important to ask permission first,

especially in the muthi market where the traders are more conservative.

Photo: Thomas Sly/cc by 2.0/Flickr

Address: 14 Berea Road, City & Suburban, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat & Sun 8am-6pm Phone: +27 71 791 3754

Internet: www.inyourpocket.com/johannesburg/kwa-mai-mai-market_62272v

More Info: The best time to visit the market is on a weekend afternoon, when it's at its liveliest.

Bothongo Wondercave



The Wonder Cave is the third biggest cave in South Africa. After taking the 90 steps below ground level, you transfer onto an elevator to be

lowered another 60 meters underground. See many fossils, rhinestone pools, cave pearls and much more. This is an amazing sight.

Photo: Bothar/public domain/wikimedia(image cropped) Address: 520 Kromdraai Road, Kromdraai, Krugersdorp Phone: +27 11 957 0106 Internet:

www.rhinolion.co.za/visitors-guide/wonder-cave-index More Info: Located within the Bothongo Rhino & Lion Nature Reserve and uses the same entrance

DINING



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This cosmopolitan city will spoil you for choice: Greek, Italian, Indian, Chinese, Argentinean, just to name a few. South Africans are great meat-eaters, so steak houses abound. Greenside is packed with smart restaurants, but all the northern suburbs have their stars. Melville, Parktown North, Melrose Arch, and trendy Parkhurst are particularly good locations.

The Grillhouse Rosebank



Despite its straightforward name, Grillhouse's menu caters to both meat and plant-based eaters. Their specialty is, of course,

steaks and ribs, but they also have vegetarian options, as well as chicken and seafood. The meat is prepared to perfection — you simply cannot go wrong dining here.

Photo: Fanfo/Shutterstock.com Address: Corner Oxford Road & Bierman Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-5pm Phone: +27 11 880 3945 Internet: www.thegrillhouse.co.za Email: rosebank@thegrillhouse.co.za

Hell's Kitchen



Hidden in plain sight, this 1920s New York speakeasy-style restaurant and bar serves up delectable burgers, pizza, tacos, and other

foods, all accompanied by a refreshing pint of beer or other drinks of your choice. The rock'n'roll attitude is almost tangible.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: 4 7th Street, Melville, Johannesburg Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm Phone: +27 79 980 9591 Internet: www.hellskitchen.co.za

Carnivore



Ravenous meat eaters sit around a big open fire and tuck into wild game — eland, zebra, springbok, kudu and crocodile — carved off

Masai spears. The Carnivore in Johannesburg is a franchise of the equally famous counterpart in Nairobi, and it has received awards such as Best Restaurant to Take Tourists To and Best Traditional Restaurant.

Even if you're not a carnivore, you can still come here and dine on fish and veggie dishes, and have your dinner accompanied by fine wine.

Photo: Sopotnicki/Shutterstock.com Address: 69 Drift Boulevard, Muldersdrift Estate, Johannesburg Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm Phone: +27 11 950 6000 Internet: carnivore.co.za

The Butcher Shop & Grill



The Butcher Shop & Grill boasts some of the best steaks in town — game, ostrich, pork, lamb and beef. The atmosphere is laid back and inviting.

Booking is absolutely essential if you want a table. It is a great place to indulge in South Africa's favourite grills.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton, Johannesburg Opening hours: Daily noon-10:30pm Phone: +27 11 784 8676 Internet: www.thebutchershop.co.za Email: reservations@thebutchershop.co.za

Sakhumzi Restaurant



Sakhumzi Restaurant offers traditional African food served to trestle tables on the grass. The restaurant is located in a historic area, where

Nelson Mandela once had his original home. Located west of the city centre, in the Gauteng township of Soweto.

Photo: mezzotint/Shutterstock.com Address: 6980 Vilakazi Street, Soweto, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 536 1379 Internet: sakhumzi.co.za Email: dine@sakhumzi.co.za

Tortellino d'Oro



This deli is a great place for Italian classics and specialities such as Parma ham, salami, antipasti, homemade pasta, and of course,

delicious Italian ice cream. You can choose from

hazelnut, amaretto, pistachio, and Stracciatella flavours, among others.

Photo: Luboslav Tiles/Shutterstock.com Address: Pretoria Road & Victoria Street, Oaklands, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 483 1249 Internet: www.instagram.com/tortellino.doro More Info: Located in Oaklands Shopping Centre

Ristorante La Trinita



Ristorante La Trinita in Kyalami Downs is a cosy Italian restaurant with beautiful decor and good service. On the menu you will find hand-made

pasta, risotto and delicious salads, as well as regularly updated weekly specials. Live music performances are hosted frequently.

Photo: qanatstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kyalami Boulevard & Main Road, Kyalami Park, Midrand Opening hours: Wed-Sat noon-3pm / 5:30pm-10pm; Sun noon-3pm; Mon & Tue closed Phone: +27 11 466 7949 Internet: www.latrinita.co.za Email: latrinita@mweb.co.za

More Info: G1A, Kyalami Downs Shopping Centre

CAFES



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Joburg's coffee culture is booming, with hip cafes (some with on-site stores and even book shops) and casual eateries aplenty. Having brunch is in, so finding a suitable venue in your neighbourhood shouldn't be hard.

Nice on 4th



The Nice brunch essential is its signature "toast basket" — toast bread filled with eggs, bacon and tomato relish, or go for the gusto with a

smoked salmon basket. Vegetarian options are available, too. Meals are accompanied by great coffees and even better books from the on-site Nice Bookshop.

Photo: Olga Nayashkova/Shutterstock.com Address: 37 4th Avenue, Parkhurst, Sandton Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-4pm, Sun 7:30am-5pm Phone: +27 11 788 6286 Internet: niceon4th.co.za

City Perk Cafe



The popular City Perk Cafe is a great choice for both a filling breakfast and a casual lunch. Choose from gourmet sandwiches, Turkish thin pita bread sandwiches called 'tramezzinis', wraps, salads, and more substantial options such as meat and seafood grills.

Photo: Alex Couto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 70 Fox Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 838 9755 Internet: cityperkcafe.co.za

The Whippet



The Whippet takes on an innovative approach to cooking, fearlessly experimenting with flavours, ingredients, and textures. Come here for a

change of breakfast routine and try one of their creations paired with an above-par coffee. There is also an on-site shop.

Photo: Alexey Lysenko/Shutterstock.com Address: 34 7th Street, Linden, Randburg Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-4pm, Fri & Sat 7am-5pm, Sun 8am-2pm Phone: +27 79 711 5604 Internet: thewhippetcoffee.com

Living Room Jozi



Wood furniture and an abundance of greenery distinguish this rooftop terrace, one of Joburg's favourite haunts. Live music and stand up

comedy events are hosted here, and the vibe is eco-friendly and relaxed. Serves bar foods and along with cocktails and beer.

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Address: 20 Kruger Street, 5th Floor, Main Change Building, Maboneng Precinct, Johannesburg Phone: +27 82 370 9284 Internet: www.livingroomjozi.co.za Email: info@livingroomjozi.co.za More Info: Living Room Jozi is a cash free establishment

Lattelicious



Lattelicious might not be for you if you're looking for a quick caffeine fix on the go: they take their coffee very seriously, and customers are

encouraged to adapt an attitude to match. The atmosphere is inviting and the venue is small and charming.

Photo: All kinds of good/Shutterstock.com Address: Bedford Centre, Bradford Road, Upper Level, Shop U5 & 6, Bedfordview, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:45am-6pm, Sat 6:45am-5pm, Sun 7:45am-3pm Phone: +27 11 622 5182 Internet: www.lattelicious.co.za More Info: Lattelicious has four locations in Johannesburg

Tortellino d'Oro



This deli is a great place for Italian classics and specialities such as Parma ham, salami, antipasti, homemade pasta, and of course,

delicious Italian ice cream. You can choose from hazelnut, amaretto, pistachio, and Stracciatella flavours, among others.

Photo: Luboslav Tiles/Shutterstock.com Address: Pretoria Road & Victoria street, Oaklands, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 483 1249 Internet: www.tortellino.co.za More Info: Oaklands Shopping Centre

Tasha's



At Tasha's, you almost always have to wait for a table, which is a telltale sign of an excellent local eatery. This is a perfect place to go to for brunch:

they have a varied contemporary menu, with an extensive selection of desserts and pastries to complement the main menu.

Photo: Michele Joanne Schoeman/Shutterstock.com Address: Oxford Road, Rosebank, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 447 7972 Internet: www.tashas.co.za Email: rosebank@tashascafe.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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From the sleek bars of top-notch hotels to shebeens (informal drinking places, usually in someone's front room) in Soweto, Jozi boasts a very lively nightlife. Melville's Seventh Street is popular with night owls, while Rosebank, Rivonia, Norwood and Orange Grove attract the more affluent party crowd. Soweto has crowded bars and live jazz, but it is only advisable to go there on an organised tour.

Mad Giant Brewery



Mad Giant specializes in local craft beers and shares a space with Urbanlogi, a stylish Asian fusion restaurant that serves bite-size Asian

fusion foods along with beer pairing classics such as burgers and fries. The outdoor terrace boasts a buzzing atmosphere.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 1 Fox Street, Ferreiras Dorp, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 492 0901 Internet: www.madgiant.co.za More Info: Mad Giant's new taproom can be found at Delta Corner, 96 Conrad Drive, Blairgowrie

Carfax



The longstanding live music and events venue in a converted industrial loft, managed by a tightly knit team of enthusiasts, still attracts crowds at

times when local and international artists perform on its stage. Check the schedule to see if any headliners catch your eye. Plays house and hip-hop.

Photo: melis/Shutterstock.com Address: 39 Gwigwi Mrwebi Street, Newtown, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 834 9187 Internet: carfaxnewtown.wordpress.com

Radium Beerhall



Radium Beerhall is one of the city's oldest pubs, noisy and full of character. The locale's history makes itself known through the

striking memorabilia adorning the walls. They

serve authentic food, a myriad of beers and have live jazz fill the air.

Photo: BlueSkyImage/Shutterstock.com Address: 282 Louis Botha Avenue, Orange Grove, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 728 3866 Email: manny@theradium.co.za

Beach Blanket Bohemia



Beach Blanket Bohemia is a bar and restaurant with a Mediterranean menu of dishes served on a sun-filled terrace. The lounge area makes for a

relaxing evening with live music or a skilled DJ playing in the background. Located at the Sunninghill Village Shopping Centre in Sandton.

Photo: bikeriderlondon/Shutterstock.com Address: Corner Maxwell Drive & Edison Street., Sunninghill, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-10pm, Sun 7:30-3pm Phone: +27 11 234 2714 Internet: www.beachblanketbohemia.co.za Email: rjdrosario@gmail.com

Montecasino



This is a replica of a Tuscan village with restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs and a casino. Montecacsino has been given many awards

including Best Casino, Best place to take out-of-towners and Best Entertainment Complex. Located north of the city centre in Sandton.

Photo: Andy Mitchell/cc by-sa 2.0/wikimedia (upscaled & cropped)(image cropped) Address: Montecasino Boulevard, Fourways, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 510 7000 Internet: www.montecasino.co.za

SHOPPING



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From upmarket malls to street markets, via designer fashion, crafts, curios and lovely things for the home, Johannesburg is a paradise for shoppers. Mall culture distinguishes this city of dedicated shoppers. Sandton City and its adjacent Nelson Mandela Square is one of the largest shopping centres in the southern hemisphere. The packed African Crafts Market lies next to the stylish Mall of Rosebank, which takes on new vibes on Sundays and public holidays when the lively Rooftop Market is in full swing.

Norwood's Grant Avenue is good for antiques and Parkhurst's Fourth Avenue for collectables and interior design. Go to The African Toyshop on Stanley Avenue, Milpark, for toys as works of art. Art Africa on Tyrone Avenue in Parkview boasts a dazzling array of ethnic arts and crafts, and Kim Sacks Gallery in Parkwood for excellent tribal African art.

Keep all the receipts of your purchases, as visitors can reclaim the tax paid on departure at the airport.

The Playground Market



If you happen to be in town on a Saturday, do step by the hip community market occupying two floors of an old warehouse. The

market is fit for dining just as much as (if not more than) shopping — local creators showcase and sell their culinary inventions, with a few clothing stands thrown into the mix. For brunch, head to the second-floor terrace.

Photo: Josep Suria/Shutterstock.com Address: 73 Juta Street, Johannesburg Opening hours: Sat 10am-6pm Phone: +27 60 890 4501 Internet: www.theplayground.co.za More Info: The Playground Market used to be called the Neighbourgoods Market

44 Stanley



44 Stanley might just be one of the most unusual shopping malls you've yet encountered. It occupiees a re-developed old building, the mall is made

up of multiple almost irritatingly stylish shops and boutiques, with hip cafes inviting shoppers to a quaint break in the shaded courtyards.

Photo: Diego Cervo/Shutterstock.com Address: 44 Stanley Avenue, Braamfontein Werf, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm Phone: +27 11 482 4444 Internet: www.44stanley.co.za

Market on Main



The Sunday Market on Main epitomizes what Joburg does best — urban redevelopment and gathering local talent under one roof. Held

inside Arts on Main, the market heavily leans onto deli and culinary delights, but also features design and fashion outlets.

Visit every Sunday, as well as every first Thursday night of each month (besides January and April) from 7 pm to 11 pm.

Photo: lamblukas/cc by 2.0/Flickr (cropped)(image cropped) Address: Arts on Main, 264 Fox Street, City & Suburban, Johannesburg Opening hours: Sun 10am-3pm Phone: +27 82 868 1335 Internet: www.instagram.com/marketonmain

Nelson Mandela Square



Located right next to another shopping destination (Sandton City Mall), Nelson Mandela Square has a buzzing, restaurant-filled plaza as

its centrepiece. There is plenty of retail therapy to be had, and the Nelson Mandela statue out front is an added-bonus local attraction.

Photo: Anagoria/cc by 3.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: 5th Street, Sandown, Sandton Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-7pm, Fri & Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-6pm Phone: +27 11 217 6000 Internet: nelsonmandelasquare.co.za

Rosebank Mall



For the greatest retail variety, head to the Rosebank Mall complex. Apart from the shops and boutiques operating during regular hours, the

area plays host to the Rosebank Sunday Market and Rosebank Art & Craft Market. The latter operates daily and specializes in African art.

Photo: Adamina/cc by 2.0/wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped) Address: 15A Cradock Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-7pm, Sat & Sun 9am-9pm Phone: +27 11 788 5530 Internet: www.rosebankmall.co.za

Oriental Plaza



Johannesburg's Oriental Plaza offers an assortment of goods different to what one would perhaps find in shopping centres

elsewhere in town. Most shops sell Indian and Arabic spices, garments, accessories, and several casual eateries function on-site as well.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 38 Lilian Ngoyi Street, Fordsburg, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-3pm, Sun closed Phone: +27 11 838 6752 Internet: www.orientalplaza.co.za

Bryanston Organic & Natural Market at Michael Mount



Held on Thursday and Saturday mornings, the Bryanston Organic & Natural Market at Michael Mount sells only handcrafted goods and

organically produced foods, and its tea garden is

restful. Local musicians and bands play live in the background.

Photo: Goran Bogicevic/Shutterstock.com Address: Culross Road, Off Main Road, Johannesburg Opening hours: Thu & Sat 9am-3pm Phone: +27 11 706 3671 Internet: www.bryanstonmarket.co.za Email: enquiries@bryanstonorganicmarket.co.za

Xarra Books



To browse through literature dealing with all things Africa, as well as check out the art and music sections of this well-regarded local book

and music/art shop, head to the Johannesburg area of Midrand. There are readings and book launches every week.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com Address: 264 Turbit Avenue, Halfway House, Midrand Phone: +27 11 312 7582 Internet: xarrabooks.com More Info: Extension 12

Eastgate Shopping Centre



This first-class shopping centre has been around since 1979, and remains a prime shopping venue in the area to-date. Once the largest shopping center

in the southern hemisphere, it may have lost the flashy title, but still remains a great one-stop location for shopping, dining, and entertainment.

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Address: 43 Bradford Road, Bedfordview, Johannesburg Opening hours: Sat-Thu 9am-7pm, Fri 9am-9pm Phone: +27 11 479 6000 Internet: eastgatemall.co.za

TOURIST INFORMATION



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O. R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)



O.R. Tambo International Airport is Africa's busiest airport with 24-hour facilities. It's located 25 km east of the city. The cheapest way to reach

the city is use the public transportation: buses and minibuses depart from just outside the international and domestic terminals. Please mind, however, that these may not be either convenient or easy to navigate for first-time visitors.

Another way to reach the city is by rail: the Gautrain system connects the airport to multiple suburbs (Sandton, Rosebank, Pretoria, Hatfield and Rhodesfield). Travel time between the airport and Sandton is 12 minutes.

Minibus shuttles and metered taxis can be booked in the baggage claim area. The hotels of Rosebank and Sandton are a 30-45 minute drive from the airport. Most hotels offer shuttle services (inquire with your hotel in advance).

Train service now runs between the suburbs of Sandton and Pretoria and the airport.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/unsplash Address: O.R. Tambo International Airport, 1 Jones Road, Kempton Park, Johannesburg Phone: +27 11 921 6262 Internet: ortambo-airport.com More Info: Johannesburg has a second, private airport — Lanseria International Airport (HLA)

Passport / Visa



Citizens of multiple world countries do not require a visa for stays of up to 90 days. These include: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria,

Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Monaco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Citizens of a further 28 countries do not require a visa for stays of up to 30 days: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Eswatini, Gabon, Guyana, Hong Kong, Hungary, Jordan, Lesotho, Macau, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Peru, Poland, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey.

For nationals of countries not listed above, visa requirements apply. Please contact your local consulate for further details on required documentation.

Passport holders of Cameroon, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Uganda can apply for eVisas online provided they will land at O. R. Tambo International Airport.

Travellers aged less than 18 years old must provide a birth certificate complete with both parents' details and, if flying with only one of the parents, a parental consent statement signed by the other parent.

Photo: ConvertKit/unsplash Internet: www.dha.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa

Public Transport



While most locals use minibuses to get around the city, flagging one down and figuring out its final destination may prove daunting to

first-time visitors. Instead, make use of the public buses. Rea Vaya buses were introduced during the 2010 World Cup and remain in operation to-date; they are a relatively reliable means of transport.

Another convenient, safe way of getting around are the trains of the Gautrain system. They connect the stations of Sandton, Rosebank, Pretoria, Hatfield, Rhodesfield and the airport. There is a bus service run by Gautrain from some stations onward. Buy and top-up the Gold Card to use Gautrain.

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Taxi



Metered taxis and rideshare apps like Uber are the safest ways to travel if you are not hiring a car. Taxis are available at major hotels;

otherwise you have to phone for pickup. The fare should be confirmed with the driver at the outset. Inquire with a local what an average fare for your drive distance would be.

One reliable taxi company is Rose Taxis.

Photo: Art Markiv/unsplash Phone: +27 11 403 0000 Internet: www.rosetaxis.com

Post



Postal services within and from South Africa are cheap and efficient. Valuables or important documents should be sent by registered post. The

post boxes are red, and there are multiple post offices around the city.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash

Address: Carlton Centre Post Office, 150 Commissioner Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm, Sun closed Phone: +27 11 331 1057 Internet: www.postoffice.co.za

Pharmacy



Popular and trusted pharmacy chains in South Africa are Dis-Chem and Clicks. Pharmacies have a rota system for out-of-hours service. Most

hospitals and clinics with an ER will also have a



24/7 pharmacy on-site.

Photo: Vladislav Bychkov/unsplash Internet: www.internationalinsurance.com/hospitals/south-africa

Electricity



You might encounter four types of power plugs in South Africa: types C, D, M and N. The power grid operates on a 230V supply voltage and

50Hz.

Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins.

Plug type D is the plug which has three round pins in a triangular pattern. Plug types M and N both have three round pins.

Photo: Steve Johnson/unsplash

Telephone



Country code: +27 Area code: 11

Photo: cottonbro/pexels

Population 5.6 million

Currency 1 Rand (ZAR) = 100 cents

Opening hours

Mall shopping hours are generally from 9 am until 5 pm from Monday to Saturday, and from 9 am 2 pm on Sundays. Most museums and galleries are closed on Mondays.

Internet

www.joburg.org.za

Newspapers

The Star (Johannesburg's oldest English-language daily

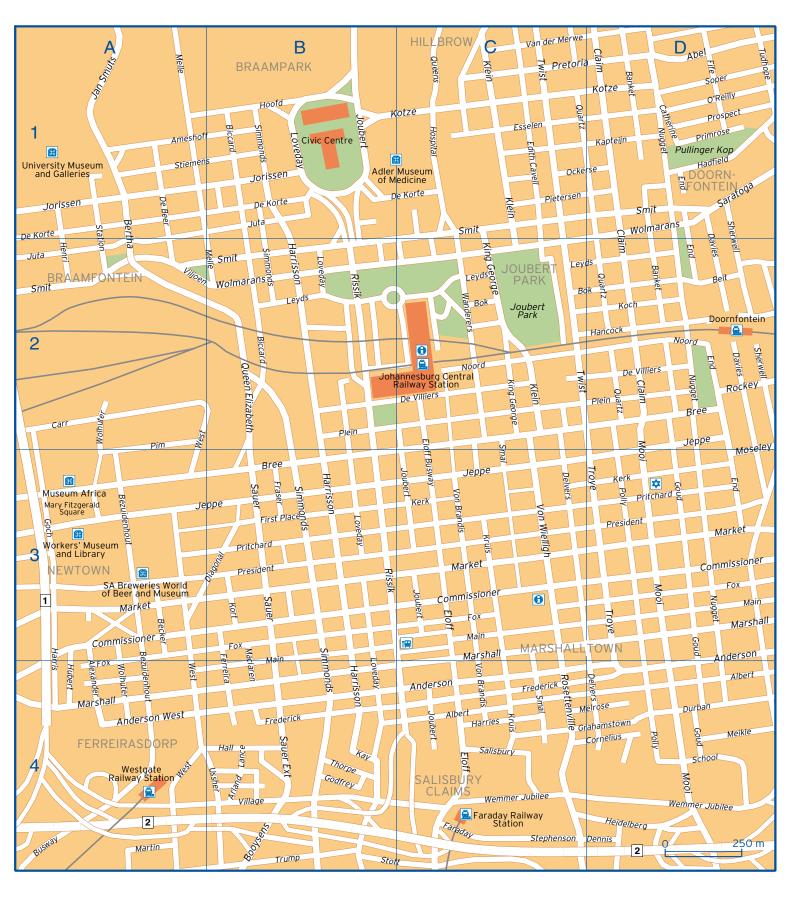
newspaper, has a Tonight listings supplement) www.iol.co.za/the-star Mail & Guardian (has extensive What's On listings) mg.co.za The Sowetan — www.sowetanlive.co.za City Press — www.news24.com/citypress Business Day — www.businesslive.co.za

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Albert	C4 D4	Hadfield	D1	Plein	B2 D2
Alexander	A3 A4	Hall	B4	Polly	D3 D4
Ameshoff	A1 B1	Hancock	D2	President	B3 D3
Anderson	C4 D3 D4	Harries	C4	Pretoria	C1 D1
Anderson West	A4	Harris	A3 A4	Primrose	D1
Arland	B4	Harrisson	B2 B3 B4	Pritchard	B3 D3
Banket	D1 D2	Heidelberg	D4	Prospect	D1
Becker	A3	Henri	A2	Quartz	C1 D2
Beit	D2	Hoofd	B1	Queen Elizabeth	B2
Bertha	A1 A2	Hospital	C1	Queens	C1
Bezuidenhout	A3 A4	Hubert	A4	Rissik	B2 B3
Biccard	B1 B2	Jan Smuts	A1	Rockey	D2
Bok	C2 D2	Jeppe	A3 B3 C3 D2	Rosettenville	C4
Booysens	B4	Jorissen	A1 B1	Salisbury	C4
Bree	B3 D2	Joubert	B1 C3 C4	Saratoga	D1
Busway	A4	Juta	A2 B1	Sauer	B3
Carr	A2	Kapteijn	D1	Sauer Ext	B4
Catherine	D1	Kay	B4	School	D4
Claim	D1 D2	Kerk	C3 D3	Sherwell	D1 D2
Commissioner	A3 C3 D3	King George	C2	Simmonds	B1 B2 B3 B4
Cornelius	D4	Klein	C1 C2	Smal	C2 C3 C4
Davies	D1 D2	Koch	D2	Smit	A2 B2 C1 D1
De Beer	A1	Kort	B3	Soper	D1
De Korte	A1 A2 B1 C1	Kotze	B1 C1 D1	Station	A1 A2
De Villiers	C2 D2	Kruis	C3 C4	Stephenson	C4
Delvers	C3 D4	Lance	B4	Stiemens	A1 B1
Dennis	D4	Leyds	B2 C2 D2	Stott	B4 C4
Diagonal	B3	Loveday	B1 B2 B3 B4	Thorpe	B4
Durban	D4	Maclaren	B3 B4	Troye	D3
Edith Cavell	C1	Main	B4 C3 D3	Trump	B4
Eloff	C3 C4	Market	A3 C3 D3	Tudhope	D1
Eloff Busway	C2 C3	Marshall	A4 C3 C4 D3	Twist	C1 C2
End	D1 D2 D3	Martin	A4	Ussher	B4
Esselen	C1	Mary Fitzgerald Square	A3	Van der Merwe	C1
Faraday	C4	Meikle	D4	Viljoen	A2
Ferreira	B3 B4	Melle	A1 B2	Village	B4
Fife	D1	Melrose	C4 D4	Von Brandis	C3 C4
First Place	B3	Mooi	D2 D3 D4	Von Wielligh	C3
Fox	A4 B3 C3 D3	Moseley	D3	Wanderers	C2
Fraser	B3	Noord	C2 D2	Wemmer Jubilee	C4 D4
Frederick	B4 C4	Nugget	D1 D2 D3	West	A3 A4 B2
Goch	A3	Ockerse	C1 D1	Wolhuter	A2 A4
Godfrey	B4	O'Reilly	D1	Wolmarans	B2 D1
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