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Johannesburg

- WHERE TO STAY -

In the City:

Braamfontein (*Vibey centre in the heart of the Johannesburg CBD*)

Maboneng (*Vibey centre in the heart of the Johannesburg CBD*)

Sandton (*Johannesburg most popular tourist spot, close to shopping and transport*)

Rosebank

In the Suburbs:

Parkhurst (*Bustling street cafe atmosphere and close to bars and restaurants*)

Parkview (*Lovely quiet, tree lined streets. An old village feel*)

Melville (*Student town of Johannesburg, lively bars and restaurants*)

Parktown North

Melrose

Illovo

On the fringes:

Hartbeespoort - *90 minutes out of Johannesburg*

Magaliesburg - *60 minutes outside of Johannesburg*

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- WHERE TO EAT -

Best Seafood:

The Fishmonger Illovo (*This is the place to go if you are looking for fresh seafood and a long liquid lunch.*)

Best steak:

Local Grill, Parktown North (*Steak done right! Every steak cut imaginable, complimented by a wonderful wine list*)

Trendy spots for a bite:

Moderna

Kolonaki

Hudsons Burger Bar

DW Eleven-13 (*Fine dining, consistently one of the top 10 in South Africa*)

Momo Soko Illovo or Momo Kura Rosebank (*BYOB, best Asian fusion in the city*)

La Parada

Ghazal Melrose Arch (*For when the curry craving becomes too much*)

A local's favourites:

Marble – *Rated the best restaurant in Johannesburg currently, this is a fine dining experience like no other.*

Franco's - *Tiny Italian in Parkhurst. The restaurant is family run with Franco at the helm. Order off their specials board.*

Espresso - *A local institution, this bistro has a diverse menu and is the place to be seen on the Parkhurst 4th Avenue strip*

Parea - *Hearty, traditional Greek fare in Illovo, go on a Friday evening for the belly dancing and plate smashing*

Turn and Tender - *Great value for money steakhouse in Parktown North. Order the onion rings*

Trabella - *An intimate, quirky pizzeria in the Parkview Village*

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- WHERE TO EAT -

For the hangover after the big game, head to one of the following breakfast/brunch spots:

Pablo Sandton – *Have the Bloody Mary*

The Whippet – *Best coffee in town*

Salvation Café – *Breakfast Burrito is the winner here*

Nice on 4th – *For mimosas and egg baskets*

Croft and Co – *Vibey and full of Jozi runners and cyclists*

Local food you should try:

Biltong, droerwors - *obviously*

Babotie - *delish mince dish*

Melktert - *very traditional SA desert*

Steri Stumpie - *Chocolate flavour milk is great*

Pap en Vleis – *meat and traditionally cooked maize meal side*

Cape Malay Curry – *beautifully sweet and spicy South African style curry*

Don Pedro – *alcoholic milkshake served with whisky, Amarula, Kahlua or Amaretto*

Top Deck - *best type of Cadbury chocolate*

Malva Pudding- *better version of sticky toffee pudding*

Ouma rusks - *must drink with your tea or coffee*

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- WHERE TO DRINK -

Sunsets:

The Westcliff Hotel (Panoramic view of the Northern Suburbs and great cocktails.)

Marble (The place to be seen and one of the Best spots in the city for a sundowner.)

Sir James van der Merwe (Super trendy and located in Kramerville. The view of Sandton and the decor is exceptional.)

The Living Room (A rooftop oasis made up of ever-changing vertical gardens. Swing in a hammock or sip a beer surrounded by greenery and a spectacular view of the inner city.)

Trendy Spots:

A Street Bar Named Desire
Hudsons Burget Joint, Parkhurst

Mad Giant (Huge craft brewery filled with vibrant wall art. Their Killer Hop beer recently won the best beer in Africa!)

86 Public and Hoggshhead

SinTax (Offers a world-class cocktail experience without the pretension: home to South Africa's best mixologist, Julian Short.)

A local's favourites:

The Jolly Roger - A local institution known the world over for its pizza, chili and hand grenade shooters.

Giles - A favorite with the working crowd in the evenings, this is a quintessential British pub in the heart of the suburbs.

Radium Beer Hall - One of the oldest pubs in Jozi, great for a pint and live music.

Blind Tiger - The Bermuda Triangle of bars. You have been warned.

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- THINGS TO DO -

Tours

The Red City Bus - *The best way to discover Joburg is on the roof of a shiny red city sightseeing bus. Hop on, hop off the red bus and choose how you spend your time. The City Sightseeing tour also comes with audio commentary. This tour is a great way to get the best views and vibes of the City of Gold. You should definitely add it to your Johannesburg itinerary.*

SAB World of Beer – *A SAB (Now AB InBev) World of beer tour is a must for anyone fond of a cold one or just interested in the fascinating political and economic history behind our beloved brewery.*

Past Experiences Walking Tour - *Experience Jozi on the ground. The original inner-city walking tour company, Past Experiences, has a Braamfontein Art tour, architecture tours, graffiti and historical tours and many other authentic Jozi experiences on offer.*

The Orlando Towers- *Get your adrenaline fix here by doing a bungee between the two cooling towers. Follow this up with a cold zamalek and freshly braai's shisha nyama at the restaurant Chef Pozi below the towers.*

Constitutional Hill - *This the site of Johannesburg's notorious Old Fort Prison Complex, commonly known as Number Four. Many of South Africa's leading political activists, including Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, were detained here and there are a variety of exhibitions and features to see.*

Apartheid Museum – *Documenting a dark time is SA's history, the Apartheid Museum exhibits film footage, photographs, text panels and artifacts illustrating the events and human stories throughout the Apartheid years. One is taken on an emotional journey that tells a story of a state sanctioned system based solely on racial discrimination.*

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- THINGS TO DO -

Markets and Shopping

Arts on Main

Neighbourgoods Market

The Linden Market

Fourways Farmers Market

Rosebank African Market

Sandton City Shopping Centre

Mall of Africa

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- DAY TRIPS -

Pilanesberg National Park

As a Big 5 Reserve – only 2.5 hours from Johannesburg – the Pilanesberg National Park is the perfect destination for travellers wanting a safari experience, but who are pressed for time. A one day safari allows you to enjoy a scenic game drives and a light lunch before you're transported back to the city. Pilanesberg is home to more than 7,000 animals, including the Big 5, and 360 species of birds and promises thrilling game viewing in a malaria-free environment.

Hartebeespoort Aerial Cableway

The fun doesn't begin and end with the cable car ride itself. A trip to the top of the mountain will quickly turn into a day of enjoyment away from the pressures of rugby supporters life. On top, you feel as if you are in another world, and there is plenty to enjoy in this small paradise. There is a restaurant at the top of the cableway where you can buy light meals to enjoy on the terrace or at one of the viewing decks. You may also want to sip on a cocktail at the bar while admiring the view from the terrace.

Soweto Tuk Tuk Tour

Lebo's Soweto Backpackers tuk tuk tour is an interactive tour experience that takes you through the back streets of Soweto as well as the famous historical sites around. Move easily from neighbourhood to neighbourhood in your tuk tuk three-wheeler while you easily meet and greet people along the way and step out in the various areas to take in the culture, life and history. A deliciously home cooked lunch is included. You can chose between a 2.5 or 4 hour tour.

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- PLACES JUST OUTSIDE JHB TO STAY -

Magaliesburg

A 1 hour drive westward from the bustle of Johannesburg, this small village lies at the heart of a beautiful region of mountains, valleys, rivers and indigenous woodland - home to a variety of birds. But it is not all natural bushveld. Here you will also find a wealth of hospitality - country guest houses, hotels, lodges, stores, art and craft studios, working farms, horse and mountain bike trails and much more.

<http://www.magaliesburg.co.za/>

Dullstroom

A charming village nestled in the Mpumalanga Highlands, is a 2.5 hour drive from Johannesburg. Given its altitude at 2100m above sea level, it is the highest village in South Africa. Dullstroom is known for its crystal clear dams, perfect for trout fishing and popular outdoor activities include not only fly-fishing but also hiking, mountain biking and an array of other adventure sports. The town also boasts an Ernie Els designed championship golf course. Numerous excellent restaurants, coffee shops, craft-beer brewery, and a world-renowned whiskey bar and eclectic pubs all form part of this relaxed village.

<https://dullstroom.co.za/>

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- GENERAL TIPS -

1. Tip everyone, wherever you park there will always be a 'car guard' very loose term for people who claim to watch your car and help you park (some of them actually do to be fair) R5 is always enough..
2. In South Africa, the accepted restaurant tip is 10%.
3. We have petrol attendants here so you don't full up your own car. Tip these guys a minimum of R5 and get them to check your oil and water and wash your windows if necessary.
4. Don't walk around at night unless you are on buzzy roads like 4th Avenue.
5. Never leave your phone on a restaurant table if you are sitting outside - especially in street cafes.
6. Uber works fine in JHB, don't use the local taxi's they will rip you off when they hear your accent. If you do want to support local then use an app called Taxify.
7. Most house wines will be delicious
8. Crisps are called chips here
9. Peak traffic in JHB is between 7-9am and 4-6pm
10. Buy a pay as you go sim card when you get to the airport for your phone. Most areas are 3G not 4G.

- EMERGENCY CONTACTS -

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