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### 1. Geographical location

Johannesburg is the largest city in South Africa, with a population of more than 4 million. Located at Highveld which is also the eastern plateau area of South Africa. The northern part of the city is drained by the Jukskei River and by the Klip River in the south. The city is located at an altitude of 1765 metres and just witnesses moderate winters. Flanked by the mountains on the north and the west and flatter lands in the east, Johannesburg is characterised by a diverse topography.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Major Cities Close To Johannesburg, South Africa Are Westonaria (42 Kilometres) In South Africa, Soweto (27.2 Kilometres) In South Africa, Krugersdorp (41.8 Kilometres) In South Africa.



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### 3. Significance

Johannesburg is the hub of culture in South Africa. It is the home to a number of cultural venues and is also a significant area for creative and cultural industries. Johannesburg is home to more than 6 prominent museums that cover subjects from Africana to gold mining and apartheid. It is also a hub for growing public art in the world. Vibrant pieces of work range from sculpture, murals and a lot more.



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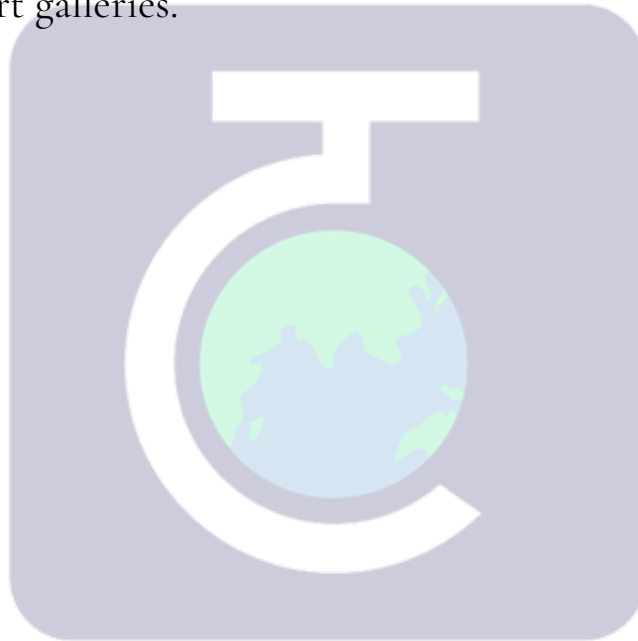
### 4. History

The history of Johannesburg can be dated back to as early as the pre 13th century when the surrounding regions were inhabited by the San people. Post that, the Bantu-speaking started encroaching on the San population and by the 18th century a large portion of this area became settlements for Sotho-Tswana communities. These settlements were destroyed majorly during the wars that originated in Zululand and set up a kingdom near Johannesburg. The Dutch arrived during the beginning of the 19th century and claimed sovereignty over the present day Johannesburg. Gold reefs were first discovered in 1886 which led to rapid immigration from surrounding areas and thus by the end of the 19th century it became the fastest growing cities. The most union Johannesburg saw major building developments during the 1930s and 1940s and continued till a major part of the 20th century to make Johannesburg a global city.



**Index****5. Cultural identity**

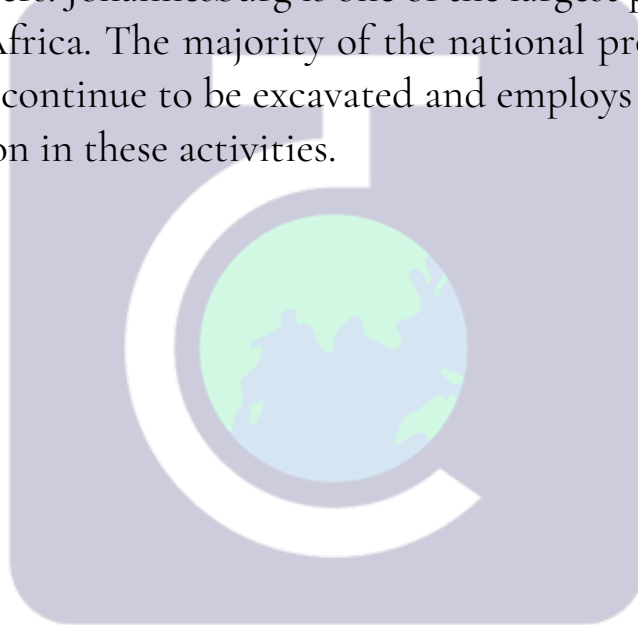
The city is known for its rich cultural life. By virtue of its colonial past, South Africa has a large number of Afrikaans and the English speaking population who were result of the British colonisation that began in the 1800s. The rich cultural heritage of the city is showcased in its various aspects. Through its cultural and the architectural offering. Johannesburg is also home to a number of renowned theatres and public art galleries.



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### 6. Natural resources

South Africa is the continent's largest producer of gold and also the fifth largest producer of diamonds in the world. This also contributes to a large part of their exports. Some of the key natural resources include gold, diamonds, silver, phosphate, iron ore, manganese and phosphate. This has led to the blossoming of many industries including mining of gold and platinum, petroleum refining, chemicals and fertilizers. Johannesburg is one of the largest producers of diamond and gold for South Africa. The majority of the national production comes from the dated mines that continue to be excavated and employs a huge portion of the employable population in these activities.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Carlton Centre

Recognized as the tallest building in Africa, this structure offers you the best views of Johannesburg. It is home to Transnet's head office which is 223 meters tall. It overlooks the magnificent gold reef, soccer stadium and Gandhi Square. It is also home to one of the most vibrant shopping centers in Johannesburg. The 50-storey center provides a 360-degree-view of the city of gold and was once the tallest building in the southern hemisphere.

Address : 150 commissioner St, Johannesburg, 2001, South Africa

Zipcode : 2001

Location : -26.20568, 28.046822499999962

Contact : +27 (0)11 308 1331

Website : <https://www.hrad.cz/>

Nearest Public Transport : Johannesburg CBD bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: R15 Children: R10

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 09:00hrs-14:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Gold Reef City Casino

Located between the inner-city and Soweto, Gold Reef City is a hotel and amusement park. Among its attractions is the Gold Reef City Theme Park and a replicated historic village and live mine. Travelers can experience the time and era of the 19th century. It also holds performances of local brands during spring and summer. Located 8 kilometers from the city center, it is made of pure gold and is one of the country's most well-known family attractions.

Address : Northern Pkwy, Ormonde, Johannesburg, 2159, South Africa

Zipcode : 2159

Location : -26.238491, 28.012021000000004

Contact : +27 11 248 6800

Website : <http://tsogosun.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : booysens train station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: R190 Children: R120

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Sunday: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs Monday & Tuesday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Constitution Hill

This is the home to South Africa's constitutional court and contains a range of historic buildings. It also accommodates prison number 4 that held several prisoners during the apartheid era including Nelson Mandela, Albertina Sisulu, Joe Slovo and Mahatma Gandhi. The museum depicts the country's journey to democracy. Constitution Hill is a place of contrasts: of oppression, justice, injustice and liberation. It is an educational and heritage precinct that depicts the values of South Africa's constitution.

Address : 11 Kotze Street, Johannesburg, 2017, South Africa

Zipcode : 2017

Location : -26.189135, 28.042493000000036

Contact : +27 (0) 11 381 3100

Website : <https://www.constitutionhill.org.za/>

Nearest Public Transport : hillbrow bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: R55 Seniors: R27.50 Students/Children: R22

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday & Sunday: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.4. Apartheid Museum

This is one of the best-maintained facilities to explore the apartheid days of South Africa. Displays and film footages reflect the regime of racial discrimination. This place shows historic photos of the negotiations that led to

the first democratic elections in the country. The displays in the museum have been arranged by a team of designers, historians and curators. The exhibits in the museum consist of film footage, infuriating text panels, and pictures depicting the events and stories that were a part of the apartheid.

Address : Northern Parkway and Gold Reef Road, Johannesburg, 2001, South Africa

Zipcode : 2001

Location : -26.2378709, 28.008371300000002

Contact : +27 (0)11 309 4700

Website : <http://apartheidmuseum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : booysens train station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: R80 Seniors/Students/Children: R65

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Origins Centre at Wits

This museum is part of the University's archaeology department and is dedicated to exploring the history of mankind. The state-of-the-art displays at this museum aim at restoring the African continent to its rightful place in history. The centre is dedicated to celebrate and explore the background of the humankind that narrates the story of growing human beings and the humanity they resonate in the country. The Origin Center also houses a sizeable collection of rock art from the Rock Art Research Center at Wits, allowing tourists to view some of South Africa's richest visual heritages and learn about their meaning and history.

Address : Yale Road and Enoch Sontonga Avenue, Johannesburg, 2050, South Africa

Zipcode : 2050

Location : -26.1926984, 28.028305499999988

Contact : +27 11 717 4700

Website : <http://www.origins.org.za/>

Nearest Public Transport : Braamfontein Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults-R80 Children-R40

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.6. Mandela House Museum

Also known as the Mandela Family Museum, this property was the residence of the former President of the country. This has now been converted into a full-fledged museum by the Soweto Trust and is adorned with memorabilia and paintings from his life. The museum is very popular among tourists for the preservation of the legacy and background of the Mandela family. It provides a meaningful experience to all its visitors by telling them about the story of Nelson Mandela that exemplifies mutual respect, tolerance and human rights among the people of the country.

Address : 8115 Vilakazi St & Ngakane St, Johannesburg, 1804, South Africa

Zipcode : 8115

Location : -26.2384925, 27.908815900000036

Contact : +27-119367754

Website : <http://www.mandelahouse.co.za/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pfefeni train station

Entry Fee : Adults: Resident: R40 Non-Resident: R60 Seniors/Children/Students: R20

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Orlando Towers

Located in Soweto, Orlando Towers were used by a coal-burning plant to provide electricity to the northern region of Johannesburg. The people in this region became victims of the vicious smoke that was emitted from these towers. The towers were left unused and neglected after 1998. In 2007, they were converted into an entertainment area that later became a landmark for tourists. Today, Orlando Towers are known for adrenaline junkies who want to experience

different adventure sports in the city. The lifestyle of the town is depicted by the artwork on the towers.

Address : Chris Hani Rd, Johannesburg, 1809, South Africa

Zipcode : 1809

Location : -26.2543031, 27.926721899999996

Contact : +27 71 674 4343

Website : <http://orlandotowers.co.za/>

Nearest Public Transport : Nancefield train station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : R60 per person

Open & Close Timing : Thursday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs Friday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday to Wednesday: Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.8. Hector Pieterse Memorial

The memorial was built in the memory of a 12-year-old named Hector Pieterse who was the second school child shot down by police during the Soweto Student Uprising in 1976. The memorial was built to honor the young who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for democracy and freedom. Alongside the memorial, is the Hector Pieterse Museum, a center that highlights the events leading to the incident of 16th June that changed the way the country is governed, thereby changing the entire course of South African history.

Address : 8287 Khumalo Rd, Johannesburg, 1804, South Africa

Zipcode : 8287

Location : -26.2352175, 27.908013500000038

Contact : +27 11 536 0611

Nearest Public Transport : Pfefeni train station

Entry Fee : Adults: R30 Students: R10

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday & Sunday: 10:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.9. Johannesburg Zoo

Located in the northern suburban region of the city, the Johannesburg Zoo was founded in 1904 and covers over 55 hectares of land. The zoo is a part of the Community Development Structure of the city and is managed by the Johannesburg City Parks & Zoo entity. The zoo has over 320 species of animals and is internationally recognized and respected for its practices of maintaining a high standard of nutrition, ethical conduct, and animal welfare, ensuring the psychological and physiological well-being of its animals.

Address : Jan Smuts Ave & Upper Park Dr, Parkview, Johannesburg, 2193, South Africa

Zipcode : 2193

Location : -26.1665777, 28.037637899999936

Contact : +27 11 646 2000

Website : <http://www.jhbzoo.org.za/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rosebank train station (not recommended)

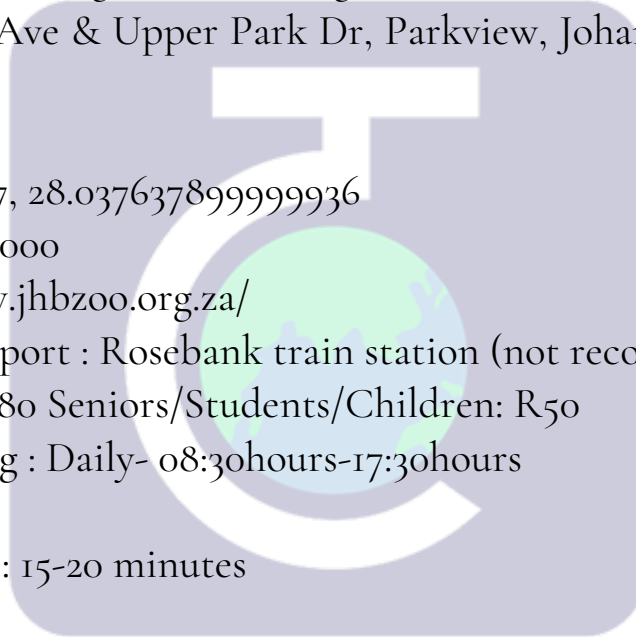
Entry Fee : Adults: R80 Seniors/Students/Children: R50

Open & Close Timing : Daily- 08:30hours-17:30hours

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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## 7.2. Free

### 7.2.1. 7th Street

Seventh Street is home to second-hand bookshops.

Address : 7th St, Johannesburg 2092, South Africa

Zipcode : 2092

Location : -26.1750109, 28.0090460000000012

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.2. Grant Avenue

Grant Avenue in Norwood is a favoured territory for antiques.

Address : Johannesburg 2192, South Africa

Zipcode : 2192

Location : -26.1595546, 28.0762588000000005

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Mai Mai Flea Market

Mai Mai Flea Market is an ideal location for picking up local artefacts, regional craftwork, and other native products. Flea markets are a popular phenomenon in Johannesburg.

Address : 264 Fox St, Johannesburg, 2000, South Africa

Zipcode : 2000

Location : -26.2045597, 28.057904600000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Market World

The Bruma Market World is a collection of 600 stalls selling an eclectic mix of things.

Address : 39 Ernest Oppenheimer Ave, Johannesburg, 2026, South Africa

Zipcode : 2026

Location : -26.17976, 28.1081500000000023



Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Rosebank mall

Location : -26.1466128, 28.041599799999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Hyde Park Corner

Location : -26.1252453, 28.033334800000034

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. James Hall Museum of Transport

If you are a motor enthusiast, this attraction can be the highlight of your Johannesburg journey. James Hall Museum of Transport represents how transport technology has changed and developed over the years. Exhibits and displays range from bicycles, carts, wagons, motorbikes, locomotives and much more. Built in 1964 by Late Jimmie Hall, the museum is extremely intriguing and the largest museum of land transport in South Africa. The museum gives tourists a rare view of the city's transport history with exhibits and thematic displays in the various exhibition halls.

Address : Johannesburg South, 2197, South Africa

Zipcode : 2197

Location : -26.2338199, 28.053699999999935

Contact : +27 (0) 11 435-9718

Website : <http://www.jhmt.org.za/>

Nearest Public Transport : Booysens train station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 09:00 hrs-16:30 hrs Saturday to Monday: Closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes



Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Newtown Precinct

The Newton Precinct is Johannesburg's cultural center that is made up of the SAB World of Beer and the Worker's Museum. The World of Beer gives you an insider's view of the brewing of beer and conducts regular beer tastings. The Worker's Museum, on the other hand, exudes a sense of the migrant labor class that was subjected to harsh working conditions. Located in the downtown of the city, the cultural center has an amazing seasoned vibe. It is a hotbed of poetry, music and theatre because of the underlying trendy cafés, restaurants and galleries in the similar front-line attitude.

Address : Scibono Discovery Centre, Miriam Makeba Street, corner of President Street, Johannesburg, South Africa

Location : -26.2002396, 28.032969000000012

Contact : +27 21 833 4053

Website : <http://newtown.co.za/>

Nearest Public Transport : Newtown bus station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-16:00hrs Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Mining District Walk

Located in the heart of Johannesburg's mining district, the Mining District Walk showcases some of South Africa's rich mining history. This is also where the corporate headquarters of a number of global mining companies are located. A museum that depicts the background and legacy of mining in the country is situated along the street. This walk also takes you through Impala Stampede sculpture, Hollard Street, City Perk Café, Standard Bank Art Gallery and the magnificent bear and bull sculpture.

Address : Fox Street, Johannesburg

Location : -26.2048536, 28.052833800000003

Nearest Public Transport : Rea vava bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily- Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Johannesburg Art Gallery

Located in the center of Joubert Park in downtown, Johannesburg Art Gallery was built by a British architect named Edward Lutyens and it holds one of the biggest art collections in South Africa. This gallery is a point of interest for history and art lovers, something that the country offers in abundance. The gallery holds an extensive collection of art from Britain, Scotland and other European countries along with a large number of artworks depicting South Africa's cultural heritage. The cultural gardens and the contemporary arts housed here make this place a must-visit.

Address : Cnr Klein and King George Streets, Joubert Park, Johannesburg, 2044, South Africa

Zipcode : 2044

Location : -26.197039, 28.047103999999999

Contact : +27 11 725 3130

Nearest Public Transport : Joubert Park bus station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hours-17:00hours Monday: Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Johannesburg is a dream destination for adventure lovers. By virtue of its natural reserves and the surrounding geographies a lot of activities are conducive to Johannesburg. Some of the common adventure sports in Johannesburg are:

- **Skydiving -**

Address : Carletonville, 2495, South Africa

Location : -26.366977,27.350099

Contact No : +27 73 145 6017

Website : <http://www.jsc.co.za/pricing.asp>

Nearest Public Transport : spanuit train station (not recommended)

Entry Fees : R2160 (with video), R1850 (without video)

Open / Close Time : Saturday: 08:00hours–18:00hours Sunday:  
08:00hours–14:00hours Monday to Friday: Closed

Time Required : 4.00

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Abseiling -**

Address : Krugersdorp, 1739, South Africa

Location : -26.03553,27.73842

Contact No : +27 11 956 6197

Website : <http://www.wildcaves.co.za/index2006.php?var=home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Krugersdorp train station

Entry Fees : R250 to R900

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

- **Scuba diving -**

Address : Suite 80, 2nd Floor, Prism Business Park, Ruby Cl, Fourways,  
Johannesburg, 2069, South Africa

Location : -26.017578,28.008799999999999

Contact No : +27 11 465 0902

Website : <http://www.oceanexplorers.co.za/>

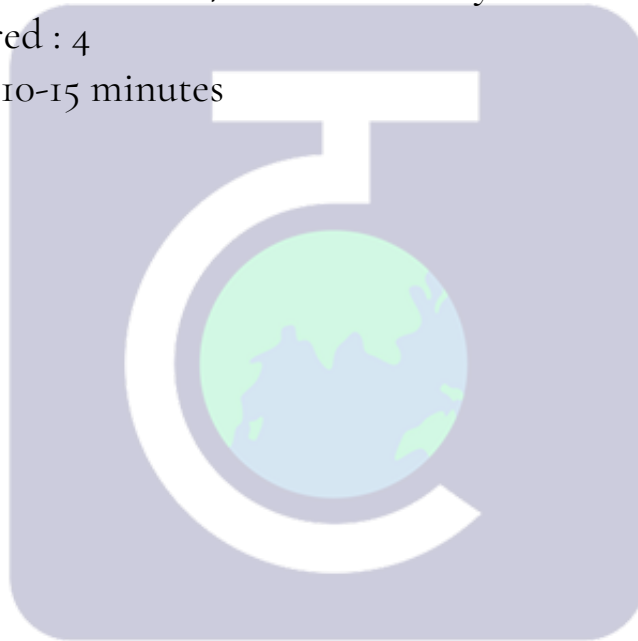
Nearest Public Transport : Beverley estates bus station

Entry Fees : R5000 per person

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 10:00hours-16:00hours Friday  
& Saturday: 10:00hours-14:00hours Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 10-15 minutes



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## 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football, cricket and boxing are most popular sports in Johannesburg. The national cricket team is one of the best teams in the world of cricket and Johannesburg is home to Wanderers, one of the best venues of world cricket. Some of the key stadiums in Johannesburg are:

- **Ellis Park Stadium:**

Address : South Park Ln, Johannesburg, 2094, South Africa

Location : -26.1975466,28.06088019999993

Contact No : +27 860 562 874

Website : [http://www.joburg.org.za/index.php?option=com\\_content&id=5308&Itemid=168&limitstart=1](http://www.joburg.org.za/index.php?option=com_content&id=5308&Itemid=168&limitstart=1)

- **Bidvest Wanderers Stadium:**

Address : Corlett Dr, Sandton, 2196, South Africa

Location : -26.131189,28.057387199999994

Contact No : +27 11 340 1500

Website : <http://www.wanderers.co.za/>

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### 10. Spas and relaxation

After an adventurous day at Skydiving and visiting the historical places in Johannesburg, unwind yourself and relax your mind and body at the number of Spa in the city. From peaceful spa treatments to rejuvenating body massages, Johannesburg makes sure you are well rested and prepared to venture into its enigmatic bosom. A few of them are as follows:

- **Amaani African Spa:**

Address : Hyatt Regency Johannesburg, 191 Oxford Rd, Rosebank, Johannesburg, 2132, South Africa

Location : -26.1435837,28.043310300

Contact No : +27 11 327 5671

Website : <http://www.amanispas.co.za/spa-treatments/treatment-hyatt-regency-johannesburg/>

- **Camelot Spa:**

Address : 18 The High Street, Medical Centre, 3rd Floor, Melrose Arch, Johannesburg, 2173, South Africa

Location : -26.133095,28.067823999

Contact No : +27 11 684 1392

Website : <http://www.melrospaspa.co.za/>

- **DaVinci Spa & Gym:**

Address : 5th St, Johannesburg, 2146, South Africa

Location : -26.107453,28.052774999999997

Contact No : +27 11 292 7200

Website : <http://www.davincispa.co.za/>

- **Octavias Day Spa:**

Address : 64 Jones Rd, Kempton Park, 1627, South Africa

Location : -26.1442565,28.221118700000034

Contact No : +27 11 928 1815

Website : <http://www.octavias.co.za/>



## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### Mercedes Benz Fashion Week

Shows Africa's leading fashion retail and the premier fashion event is organized at the Nelson Mandela square in Sandton City

#### Joburg Shopping Festival

It is a 2-week affair with fabulous deals and prizes. Some of the most prominent partner malls are: Sandton City, Eastgate Shopping Centre and Plaza Gauteng Motor Fest

The annual event is one of the most action-packed events and attracts petrol head from all across the country.

#### Johannesburg Food and Wine show

Organised in the Coco Cola Dome is homecoming of sorts with some of the most famous chefs cooking with amazing antics.

#### Joburg Art Fair



**The fair showcases some of Africa's best contemporary art and design.**

### **Soweto Wine Festival**

**The festival showcases the finest wines that the country offers to the world and has transformed how wine is consumed in South Africa.**

### **Johannesburg International Motor Show**

**A 12-day event that is graded at par with international motor shows like the Paris, Geneva and Frankfurt motor shows.**

### **The Whisky Live Festival**

**It is a three-night event that attracts more than 10000 whisky lovers and global whisky brands to Johannesburg.**

### **Gauteng Sansui Summer Cup**

**It is one of the oldest running and respected first grade horse race.**

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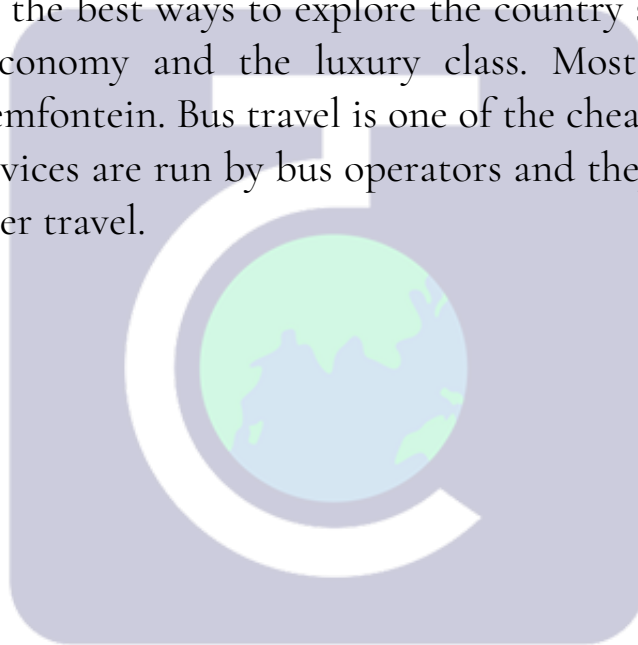
### 12. Key local guides and tours

Although Johannesburg is a huge metropolis, some of the key tourist sites are located close to the city centre. These sites are best visited on foot. For the natural reserves located majorly at an hour's drive from the main city is best taken with a car rental and a local tourist guide. Some of the famous local guides in Johannesburg are Mark P, Mmesi K, Nathan N and Lesley O.



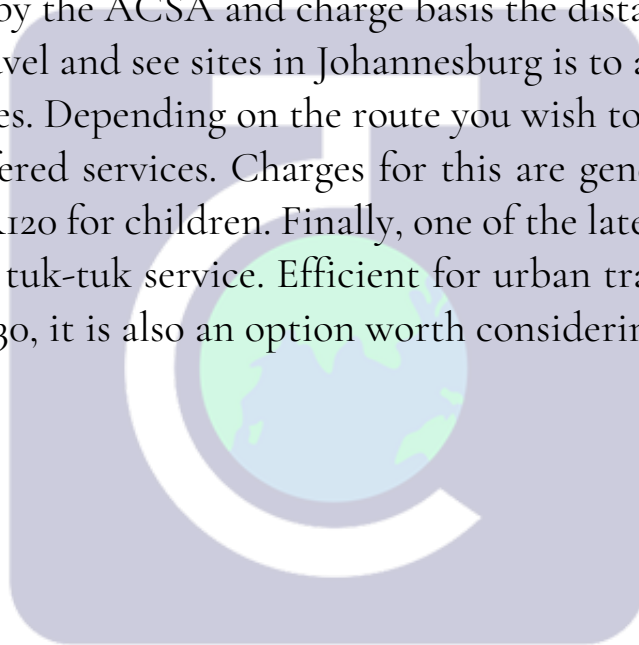
**Index****13. Transportation hubs**

O.R. Tambo International Airport is located 22 kilometres (30 minutes) away from the City Centre. Tourists can opt for services that range from scheduled shuttle to pre-arranged set-ups. Gautrain is a public transport facility that connects the airport to some of the major centres in Johannesburg. Travellers can also avail ACSA approved metred taxis outside the arrival terminals. South African rail is one of the best ways to explore the country side. Options include choosing between economy and the luxury class. Most trains depart from Johannesburg or Bloemfontein. Bus travel is one of the cheapest ways to travel in South Africa. Bus services are run by bus operators and they offer both intercity travel and cross-border travel.



**Index****14. Transportation cost**

The Gautrain is an excellent, efficient and inexpensive way of travelling within Johannesburg. A 25 minute ride on a Gautrain costs about R12. The service is linked within a number of feeder services that offer subsidised rates if availed within one hour. Bus fares range from R1 to R6 if taken within one hour of your Gautrain, otherwise costs about R14 to R19. Taxis are available in plenty on the streets are approved by the ACSA and charge basis the distance travelled. One of the better ways to travel and see sites in Johannesburg is to avail the hop-on-hop-off bus or tour services. Depending on the route you wish to take and the timings avail one of their offered services. Charges for this are generally in the range of R170 for adults and R120 for children. Finally, one of the latest additions to urban transportation is the tuk-tuk service. Efficient for urban transport and with low costs of starting at R30, it is also an option worth considering.



**Index****15. Baggage allowance**

There is enough space in local trains for standard luggage to fit in and while there is no set limit on the amount of baggage you can carry on public transport in Johannesburg, it is recommended that you travel light. Backpacks are most convenient to carry around the city.



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### 16. Must try food and local savouries

The following are the must try dishes when you visit Johannesburg: 1. Boerewors: Traditional South African sausage made with various types of protein and is shaped in a coil and cooked on a barbecue. 2. Malva Pudding: It is a sweet sponge pudding based with apricot jam served with a hot sauce. 3. Amarula Don Pedro: It is a cream liqueur made from the home grown marula fruit and ice-cream. It is served as a cocktail cum dessert and is one of the most bought souvenirs back home. 4. Bobotie: An Asian import into South Africa, this is now one of the most consumed dish. Cooked with minced meat, spices, dry fruits and baked until everything sets.



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### 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

While in Johannesburg, South Africa one must definitely visit Richmond and the area around the Constitution Hill for the best restaurants and nightclubs in the city. Following are few of the restaurants and nightclubs in Johannesburg: Johannesburg is a have-it-all in terms of nightlife. The offerings range from hipster bars, dancing clubs to historic pubs and bar precincts. It is highly lively and offers some sort of a set up for everybody. The major areas for enjoying Johannesburg's nightlife include Melville, Rosebank, Orange Grove and Newtown near the Central Business District.

#### Food -

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- **The Butcher Shop & Grill:**

Address : 30, Nelson Mandela Square, 5th St, Sandton, Johannesburg, 2031, South Africa

Location : -26.1071384,28.055163399

Contact No : + 27117848676

Website : <http://thebutchershop.co.za/>

Open / Close Time : Daily- 12:00hours–22:30hours

- **District Six Eatery:**

Address : 42B Greenhill Road, Johannesburg, 2195, South Africa

Location : -26.1617059,28.011680699

Contact No : +27 11 486 7226

Website : <http://districtsixeatery.co.za/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Sunday: 02:30hours-14:30hours and 18:00hours-21:00hours Monday: Closed

- **Six Cocktail Bar:**

Address : 7th St, Johannesburg, 2092, South Africa

Location : -26.1765988,28.008790900

Contact No : +27 11 482 8306

Open / Close Time : Daily- 12:00hours-02:00hours

- **BEERHOUSE Fourways:**

Address : cnr Witkoppen, 1 Sunset Ave, sandton, 2191, South Africa

Location : -26.0214372,28.013623700

Contact No : +27 11 465 2402

Website : <http://beerhouse.co.za/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00hours–00:00hours

Thursday to Saturday: 11:00hours-02:00hours

- **Anti Est:**

Address : 10 De Beer St, Johannesburg, 2000, South Africa

Location : -26.1942635,28.035130900

Contact No : +27 11 403 1954

Website

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/AntiEst.SA/about/?tab=overview>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Wednesday: Closed Thursday:



16:00hours-02:00hours Friday & Saturday: 10:00hours-02:00hours

- **Churchills Bar:**

Address : Shop 52HL, Melrose Arch Piazza, Melrose Blvd, Johannesburg, 2196, South Africa

Location : -26.133301,28.068768999

Contact No : +27 11 684 1040

Website : <http://www.churchillsbar.co.za/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Sunday: 15:00hours-02:30hours Monday: Closed

- **Assaggi Deli:**

Address : Post Office Centre, 30 Rudd Road, sandton, 2196, South Africa

Location : -26.1290363,28.050208500

Contact No : +27 11 268 1370

Website : <http://assaggi.co.za/>

Open / Close Time : Monday: 18:00hours-22:30hours Tuesday to Saturday: 12:00hours-15:00hours and 18:00hours-22:30hours Sunday: Closed

- **Abysinia Restaurant:**

Address : Langerman Drive, Johannesburg, 2198, South Africa

Location : -26.189176,28.108024

Contact No : + 27 72 918 8824

Open / Close Time : Daily- 10:00hours-22:00hours

- **Adega:**

Address : 71 Central Rd, Fordsburg, Johannesburg, 2033, South Africa

Location : -26.2030684,28.022043499

Contact No : +27 11 838 0751

Website : <http://adegas.co.za/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 10:00hours-21:00hours Saturday  
& Sunday: 10:00hours-22:00hours



**Index****18. Average meal cost**

A three-course meal in Johannesburg costs as following: • Inexpensive restaurant: R110 • Mid-range restaurant: R400 • Big Mac or similar: R50 • Average alcohol price: A beer pint in Johannesburg costs between R15 to R30



**Index****19. Shopping**

Shopping in Johannesburg offers huge options from upmarket style boutiques and mammoth shopping centers to road markets, merchants and interest shops. Modern ways of shopping are blossoming in and around Johannesburg fast. The Rosebank Mall, Hyde Park Corner are some of the biggest and best malls in the city.



## 20. Tourist benefits

VAT in South Africa is at 14% of purchases and services. Foreign tourists are allowed to reclaim their value added tax on a collective purchase of more than R250 at multiple offices for refund in the city. The VAT office for refund is also set up at the Johannesburg International Airport.



**Index****21. Essential local apps**

One should have these following apps for sure with them when travelling to Johannesburg- Uber to book a taxi on the go, Aweza is a multilingual app which has audio and text phrases in 10 local South African languages. The main aim of the app is to get the South African talking to each other.



## 22. Driving

Every person who drives a motor vehicle in South Africa must carry either a driver's license issued by South Africa or an international driver's license that is accepted in the South Africa including one from his/her home state.



**Index****23. Travel essentials**

The standard electricity supply in the Johannesburg is 230 volt – 50 Hz AC and plugs have two round pins. The weather in Johannesburg is pleasant throughout the year. However the months of July and August are characterised by sudden strong winds. If you are travelling in the summer months please make sure that you carry sufficient sun screen with you.





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**Index****25. Local currency**

The official currency of South Africa is the South African Rand. The current exchange rate in South Africa is 1 USD= 14 ZAR.



**Index****26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

The network of commercial banks in South Africa is highly developed and have ATM machines across the country. You'll also find South Africa an easy destination to navigate. From the moment you step off the plane, you'll start seeing banks, bureaux de change, and automatic tellers. All shopping centers, fuel stations have ATM machines in their convenience stores. Banking hours are between 09:00hours to 15:00hours during the weekdays.



**Index****27. Staying connected**

Most hostels, hotels, cafes and restaurants in Johannesburg offer free wi-fi facility to their customers. As far as cell phone connectivity goes, the city is covered by the GSM 900/ 1800/ GPRS/ HSPDA network. There are three main operators in the city i.e MTN, Cell C and Virgin Mobile and Telkom.



## 28. Time Zone

Johannesburg observes SAST. It is CET (UTC+2)



**Index****29. Languages**

The most commonly spoken language in Johannesburg is Afrikaans, English is also commonly understood. The localites have a number of colloquial words for a number of things. Although English is one of the 11 official languages in South Africa, it could become a problem communicating with the locals in the language. However the friendly nature of the city should help you with it.



**Index****30. Political Scenario**

The ruling party in South Africa, the African National Congress is the responsible for administration in the Johannesburg. The opposition is made up of big and small parties like the Democratic Alliance who also have a substantial number of elected seats especially in the northern part of the city.



**Index****31. Economic Scenario**

Johannesburg contributes 16% to the national economy. The average annual income per household in Johannesburg is R31050 which is about 60% higher than the country average. The city economy is driven by the following four major sectors, mostly services. 1. Finance and business services 2. Retail 3. Manufacturing 4. Social services





**Index****32. Religious belief**

Christianity is one of the most dominant religion in South Africa. The census report of 2001 showed a total of 80% of the entire population to be Christians. Islam comprises of about 2 % of the population and is a distant minority. Hinduism makes up about 1.2% of the South African population.



**Index****33. Visa requirements**

The visa requirements are different for different countries of residence of the traveller. Visa requirements depending on the country of residence can be found on: <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries> It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



**Index****34. Essential vaccination**

One does not need to take any specific vaccination before entering this country. Advice: There is no risk of yellow fever in South Africa. The government of South Africa requires proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever. This does not include the US. If you are traveling from a country other than the US, check this list to see if you may be required to get the yellow fever vaccine: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2016/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/yellow-fever#4728>



**Index****35. Theft and Safety**

Safety is a concern while visiting Johannesburg. Muggings and burglaries especially aimed at travelers and expats are common. It is highly recommended that one must not venture out to late in the night on unknown routes. It is also advised that you do not carry massive amounts of cash on you. Take proper caution while accessing an ATM and ensure you are not tailed into an ATM at any point.



**Index****36. Embassy/Consulate**

A list of foreign embassies and consulates of Johannesburg, South Africa can be seen online at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/south-africa>



**Index****37. Accessibility**

Johannesburg is disabled-friendly in terms of accessibility. The City Manager of the CoJ embarked on a project of making the city infrastructure disabled friendly with solutions ranging from accessibility to information transmission to public transport. The law enforcement agencies were also trained to handle such people with efficiency.



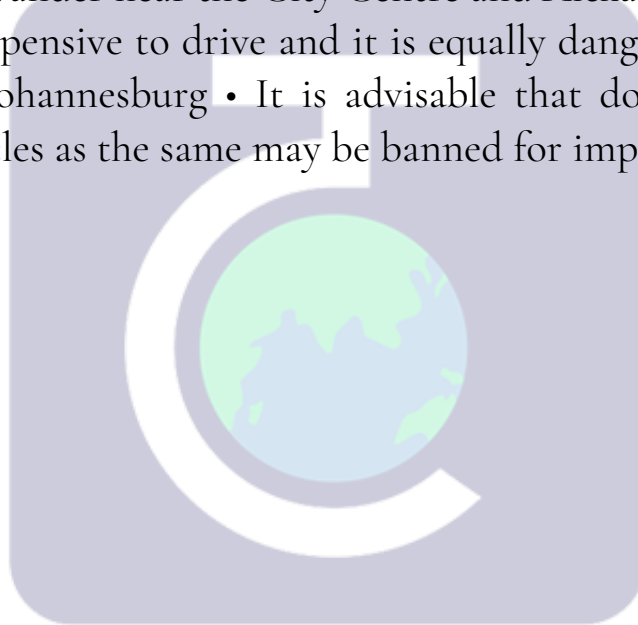
**Index****38. Emergencies**

The Emergency Management Services (EMS) of the city of Johannesburg is the body that handles all emergencies. Calls are made to 112 or 10177 to the control centre. The EMS has 28 base stations and is one of the largest in the continent. Headquarter in the Metropolitan Police Department building, it has five directorates to address any and all emergencies. Most hospitals in Johannesburg cover you under your International Medical policy, it is recommended that you check on with your insurance providers to check the extent of their coverage within the sovereign territory of South Africa. Some of the local medical centres and hospitals in Johannesburg are: • Netcare Milpark Hospital • The Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre



**Index****39. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's • Do keep an eye on your belongings at all times, especially in the tourist areas. • Haggle for the best price in Johannesburg • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. Don'ts • Never count/ exchange your money on the street. • Don't flag down a taxi on the street buy book it from a reliable source beforehand. • Don't wander near the City Centre and Alexandra at night • Hire a self-drive car. It is expensive to drive and it is equally dangerous. • Carjacking is pretty common in Johannesburg • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.





**Index****40.Tipping basics**

Tipping and rounding up of restaurant bills and taxi fares. A ten percent tip is a standard in restaurants. Porters can be paid between R5 to R10 per baggage depending on the size and weight of the luggage.



**Index****41.Pet info**

South Africa has set regulations for pets entering the mainland. All animals are microchipped with a 15 digit ISO microchip. It requires an application submitted to the Director of Animal Health, post which a Veterinary Import permit is issued.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Johannesburg is one of the fastest growing cities in the world. It is a young city and has a rich history and legacy to fall back on. The Dutch colonization, then the British rule and the discovery of gold in Johannesburg all contribute to the rich cultural history of this place. It is flanked by some of the world most pristine natural reserves that hosts thousands of species of flora and fauna especially wildlife. Through the years, it has grown significantly as the centre point of global business in the world especially for banking services and has led to a lot of expats settling down in South Africa. Johannesburg thus is a perfect blend of history, culture, nature and contemporary aspects of travel.*



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